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RUTLEDGE-LEIB HOUSE

1845-1850

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This house forms part of the town street but until 1964 was part of a larger agricultural parcel located to the rear of the town lots. It is a two-segment, two-story brick house of vernacular design, probably one of the crowded symbols on the 1850 map, probably one of the improvements charged to Thomas G. Rutledge in the 1852 tax ledger. Court testimony proves that this was the principal residence of the leading citizen of New Market, Judge T.G. Rutledge. In 1901, the house and contiguous farm were sold to John H. Leib. David G. Bennett bought the residential parcel in 1964. The house is well built, but fairly low in height, lacking the decoration of its period.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC RUTLEDGE-LEIB HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Bennett House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21,428 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

David G. Bennett, et al.

Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21120

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building

Liber #: RRG 4345

Folio #: 113

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rutledge-Leib House or Bennett House is a two-story brick dwelling of two segments, vernacular in style, almost two houses in a row, each segment with a different height, each with a separate porch.

Main Block. The main block is a rectangular house, two stories, gable-roofed, its twin entrance doors set in the inner bays. The south (left) door is paneled with a single large rectangular light. The north (right) door is similar, but is protected by a contemporary glass and frame storm door. The doors are topped by rectangular transoms of three lights each.

The front porch is shed-roofed, three bays across. The four roof support posts are of wood, square in cross section (but probably hollow), tapering from bottom to top in a design found in some Colonial Revival houses. The posts stand on brick piers. The porch is only a low step above grade.

The two windows at first-story level and the four at the second-story level are double-hung sash types, 6-over-6 in layout. Window frames are topped by brick jack arches. There is a modillion cornice across the main facade. The end rafters of the roof are flush with the brick walls. At the north (right) end of the house, there is a broad, rectangular brick inside end chimney; on the south, the chimney is similar, an outside type, but after construction was apparently swallowed up by the house segment tacked on at the south. Foundation is brick.

The South Segment. The south or left addition or house segment is also brick, three bays wide, two stories, about a foot lower than the main block. There is a one-bay centrally located, hip-roofed entrance porch. The outer door is a contemporary glass and frame storm door with eight lights. Windows are found on both sides of the door and in each of the bays of the second floor, their design the same as in the main block. The two porch supports are similar to those on the main block. The roof is gabled and the end rafters on the south are flush with the exterior wall. A narrow cornice extends across the street facade. On the south end of this segment, there is one 6-over-6 window at each story in the only bay. At attic level is a small square window with four lights. Just west of this gable window (going west, away from the street facade) is a square, outside end chimney of concrete block. At the rear of this wing is a one-bay deep, one-story extension topped by an open, railed porch.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1845-50

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Bennett House stands on a town lot, but until 1964, it was part of a much larger agricultural parcel of which it was apparently the principal residence, giving its owner the advantages of farming space plus a house neatly lined up with the main street of New Market or Maryland Line. (1)

The 39-acre farm parcel to which this house had been attached can be plotted out and shown to lie on the westside of York Road in the rear of the present church and in the rear of the houses in the 21,500 block of York Road, excluding both the present post office and the Maryland Line Hotel. (2)

Title searching proves that Thomas G. Rutledge acquired this 39-acre parcel from Nicholas Day McComas and wife in 1845. (3) We are unable to separate the individual structures owned by Rutledge from the tax ledgers of 1852, where only "Improvements" are evaluated. (4) The 1850 map seems to indicate a structure here, but the scale is too crowded to make a certain match. (5) Rutledge had \$300 worth of improvements in the 1852 tax ledger.

Certainly this was the principal residence of Thomas G. Rutledge, the leading citizen of Maryland Line. The only town history ever written said of him:

Judge Thomas G. Rutledge, a man of calm manner and more than usual worth, heads the list of 19th Century first townsmen. "None knew him but to admire him and none named him but to praise." All matters of every sort received the last word when the judge spoke, and like Pericles of old he did not show himself too often lest people tire of him. His tenure of office was 1867-75. The 33rd degree in Masonry was conferred on him in England. He died in 1883 at the age of 76 years. (6)

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The 1876 Tax Ledger showed \$800 worth of "Improvements."
(7) This house is clearly indicated by the 1877 atlas as T. G. Rutledge's.

In a 1916 lawsuit involving a house across the street (Standiford House), T. Wilson Meads testified that his grandfather was Judge Rutledge, "who owned 40 acres and a brick house ... right in New Market." Meads stated further that his uncle, John Rutledge, owned 35 acres with a brick house, "This was right in New Market about opposite the property involved in these proceedings." (8)

The property owned by the witnesses' uncle was the Maryland Line Hotel, which briefly belonged to Judge Rutledge, before he sold it to his son. (9)

Scharf's 1881 county history added that Judge Rutledge was born on September 8, 1828, the son of Thomas Rutledge. He taught school before being elected a judge of the Orphans Court. (10)

The 1896 tax ledger showed the property in the account of the second Thomas G. Rutledge, with an 8-acre residential parcel and a house worth \$1,000; also a barn (\$300), and 32 acres adjoining with only a hay house worth \$30 as its improvements. Another quarter acre in town was improved with \$300 of structures, not specified as houses or barns, etc. (11)

It was still the T. G. Rutledge house on the 1898 Bromley atlas (Plate 31) but in 1901, the executors of Thomas G. Rutledge (2nd) under his will of 1896 sold the 39 acres containing the brick house to John H. Leib. (12) Leib's name appears in the 1915 atlas between the dwellings of "M. S. Cabbin" and "Wilson." The 1911 tax ledger valued the house at \$800 and by 1918, Leib had acquired a second dwelling—across the street, and the house on the agricultural parcel (36 acres plus 3 acres) was entered as:

Dwelling	18 x 22		
	30 x 36	2 stories	\$1,064
Barn	28 x 50 + 16 x 39		415
Outbldg			<u>204</u> (13)

Leib was listed with the notation "blacksmith and carriages" in the 1915 State business directory. His will of 1934 mentioned "my lot containing one-half acre of land more or less on the eastside of the York Road, in the village of New Market, improvements consisting of a black-smith shop and other buildings." (14)

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John F. Leib inherited this property from his father, and Mrs. John F. (Margie O.) Leib, widow, conveyed 39 acres plus land across the road to John Edward Yarema in 1952. (15) In 1964, John Edward Yarema and wife sold the small parcel nearest the road, the portion with the house, to David G. Bennett, retaining the agricultural area, which is still theirs on current tax maps. (16)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, GLB 2132:165.
2. Plat made by J. McGrain, 1980, from metes and bounds in deeds of 1952 and 1900.
3. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 353:384.
4. Assessment, District 7, 1852, Hall of Records, #8256.
5. J. C. Sidney and P. J. Bowne, "Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys," (Baltimore, 1850).
6. Chauncey C. Day, "Maryland Line (Originally New Market)," ms., no date, p. 1.
7. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
8. Judicial Records, WPC 281:86-87.
9. B.C. Deeds, JB 103:212.
10. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County (Philadelphia, 1881), p. 873.
11. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #494-111.
12. B.C. Deeds, NBM 249:423.
13. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 627.
14. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1075.
15. B.C. Wills, JPC 31:253.
16. B.C. Deeds, RRG 4345:113.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Chauncey C. Day, "Maryland Line (Originally New Market)," ms., n.d.

Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Ledgers, atlases.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.68

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION			
Beginning on westside of York Road:			
N13° 39'W	108.90	feet along York Rd.	S74° 16'W 50 ft.
S77 12 20"W	168.3		S22 21'50"E 250.71
N14 32 20"W	37.95		N75° 6'E 199.65
S77 12 20"W	16.5		
N14 59 50"W	95.70		

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE	
John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor		May 13, 1980	
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE	
Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning		494-3495	
STREET & NUMBER		STATE	
401 Bosley Avenue		Maryland 21204	
CITY OR TOWN			
Towson			

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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RUTLEDGE-LEIB HOUSE BA 1971
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (E) and south facades fr. SE



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RUTLEDGE-LEIB HOUSE BA 1971
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (east or street) facade