

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Hereford Lodge No. 89, I.O.O.F. Inventory Number: BA-2034

Address: 16908 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21111

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Francis H. Miller, Jr.

Tax Parcel Number: 416 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_

Criteria: X A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? X no \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ Determined eligible? X no \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This 2½-story brick public building is a rectangular, front-gabled Greek Revival hall constructed on a masonry wall foundation. The building measures three bays by four bays and there is a concrete block, gable-roof rear addition. The building has wood double-hung sash (6/6 lights) windows in square surrounds with jack arches and there is a transom with stained glass above the front entry. The roof is clad by standing seam metal and has cornice returns. Alterations and additions include a wood ramp leading to a door in the north side of the building, signage, and the removal of the date stone or lodge symbol from the principal façade. There is a concrete block garage and shed located in the northern portion of the property.

Built in 1855 by the International Order of Odd Fellows, the building was home to Lodge 89. According to the MIHP form, the lodge remained active until 1950. The building was purchased by the Monkton, Maryland Corporation of Jehovah's Witnesses and was used as a Kingdom Hall. The property currently is used by an art glass studio and animal grooming salon. The property appears to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A because it represents a fraternal organization that was part of Hereford's nineteenth and early twentieth century community fabric. The property furthermore appears to be eligible under Criterion C because it is an ~~outstanding~~ example of plain Greek Revival institutional architecture.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended <u>6</u>
Criteria: <u>X</u> A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D ___	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
Comments: <u>Integrity is marginal - alterations to first-floor fenestration - no information re interior fabric, condition.</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date <u>4/16/01</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>6/21/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2034

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hereford Lodge No. 89, I.O.O.F.  
 other Odd Fellows Lodge

### 2. Location

street and number 16908 York Road not for publication  
 city, town Monkton vicinity  
 county Baltimore

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Francis H. Miller, Jr.  
 street and number 16908 York Road telephone  
 city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-416  
 city, town Towson liber 8135 folio 787

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	other:
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	

Specific dates	1855-1950	Architect
Construction dates	1855	Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Built in 1855 by the International Order of Odd Fellows, the building was home to Lodge 89. According to the MIHP form, the lodge remained active until 1950. The building was purchased by the Monkton, Maryland Corporation of Jehovah's Witnesses and was used as a Kingdom Hall. The property currently is used by an art glass studio and animal grooming salon. The property appears to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A because it represents a fraternal organization that was part of Hereford's nineteenth and early twentieth century community fabric. The property furthermore appears to be eligible under Criterion C because it is an ~~outstanding~~ example of plain Greek Revival institutional architecture.

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Name Hereford Lodge No. 89, I.O.O.F.

Continuation Sheet

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of surveyed property	<u>3,223 sq. ft.</u>		
Acreeage of historical setting	<u>3,223 sq. ft.</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, Parcel 416.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

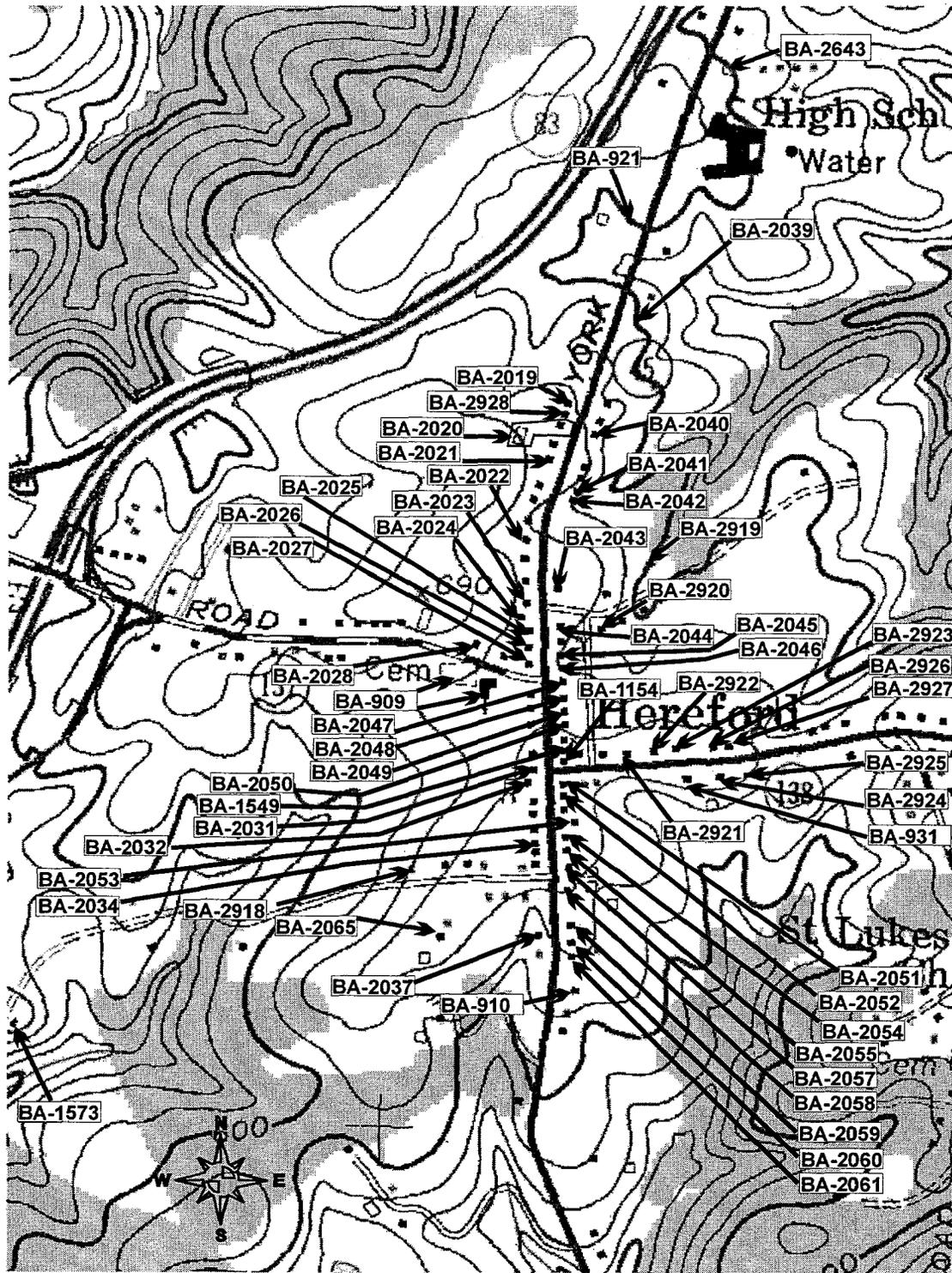
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name/title	David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian		
organization	URS/Dames & Moore	date	09/07/2000
street and number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700	telephone	301-652-221
city or town	Bethesda	state MD	zipcode 20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600





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Hereford Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F.  
Odd Fellows Lodge

16908 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/23/2000

MD SHPO

View of Odd Fellows Lodge, to the  
southwest.

044 NNNN --- 09.06.00



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Hereford Lodge No. 89, I. O. O. F.

Odd Fellows Lodge

16908 York Road

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View of Odd Fellows Lodge, to the  
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044 NNNN --- 09.06.00

BA 2034

HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89, I.O.O.F.

1855

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This plain but solid meeting hall a was built by Hereford Lodge No. 89 of the Odd Fellows, beginning in 1855, the hall dedicated in May of 1856. The chapter became defunct in 1950 and the adjoining land owner, Howard Leonard Miller, bought the property, and in 1957 sold to Monkton Maryland Corporation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc., which used it as a Kingdom Hall. It is currently used as an art-glass studio. The two-story hall is 50 by 24 feet, with domestic type sash windows. The roof is gabled and eaves overhang the street facade. There are brick jack-arches above the windows. The side walls have a plain architrave and cornice, and a plain cornice follows the roof line in the front pediment. The date stone or oculus symbol of the lodge is missing from a square depression in the pediment.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC    HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89, I.O.O.F.

AND/OR COMMON

Odd Fellows Lodge

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

16,908 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

\_\_\_ 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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

Francis H. Miller, Sr. et al

Telephone #: 252-2187

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21030

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #:    EHK JR. 5668

Folio #:    190

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL    \_\_\_ STATE    \_\_\_ COUNTY    \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 Hereford Lodge No. 89, I.O.O.F., is an uncomplicated brick building in functional style, entirely rectangular in shape, two stories high, its gable end facing the street (i.e. facing the westside of York Road). The hall is three bays wide by three bays deep, dimensions given as 24 by 50 feet at the time of its construction. Entrance is by the center bay, through a contemporary security door with a single rectangular glass panel. The former transom has been blocked with a wooden panel. The door is two steps above grade, its sill a limestone slab.

The two bays flanking the door and the openings at second-story level contain double-hung sash windows with 6-over-6 lights, all windows supplied with louvered shutters. The window frames are topped by jack arches, as is the door frame.

The roof eaves overhang the front wall of the lodge and a plain cornice follows the eaves to the gable peak. The architrave and cornice of the sidewalls wrap around the ends of the front wall for a short distance, resembling eave-returns.

A square depression in the front pediment shows where there had been a date stone or the oculus symbol of the former fraternal order.

The sidewalls contain three bays. On the northside, the two ground-story windows nearest the street have been reduced in size by bricking up the upper portion, leaving windows of nine lights each visible. The bay farthest back from the street has a contemporary glass and panel door with four lights; this side entrance is reached from a small unsheltered porch four steps above grade; the rear porch is railed with contemporary wrought ironwork. The three second-story windows on the northside contain double-hung sash windows of 1-over-1 format. All five windows and the side door have louvered shutters. This sidewall has a plain architrave and cornice as mentioned before in describing the street facade.

The southside is also three bays in depth. There is a door with a three-quarter length glass panel located in the bay nearest to the street. The two remaining side windows at ground level have been bricked up to reduce their area, and the three second-story windows are 1-over-1 types as on the matching side to the north. However, not all windows are equipped with shutters.

The gable roof is covered with a light grey asphalt or rubber tile material. The brick walls are coated with cream-

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HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89, I.O.O.F.

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colored paint. Foundation is stone, some of it exposed on the northside of the hall.

The interior of the building was adapted for church purposes in the 1950s. The lower floors, originally designed "to be rented out" in 1855 are still in commercial use as a stained-glass assembly shop.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
EHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 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      1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Local papers carried the news of a new organization at Hereford in early February of 1855:

New Hall. The Odd Fellows of Hereford are about to build a Hall, of brick, two stories high, 50 by 24 feet, the lower floor to be rented out, and the upper one used for the meetings of the Lodge." (1)

The founders wasted little time constructing their home: as Scharf recorded in his 1881 history of the county:

Hereford Lodge, No. 89, I.O.O.F., was chartered Feb. 9, 1855, and on May 31, 1856, its handsome hall was dedicated by Grand Master G. W. Mowbray, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Besides Hereford Lodge, there were in the procession Ridgely Encampment No. 15, and Towson Lodge No. 79, from Towsontown, Cockeysville Lodge No. 80, Middletown Lodge No. 92, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 143, of Shrewsbury, Pa. Rev. A. S. Pigott delivered an address, and the ladies of Hereford presented the lodge with a valuable chandelier. (2)

The ground on which the building stood was acquired after the structure went up, two small parcels purchased from Abraham C. Hicks and Jane Tipton Hicks for \$10 and another 30 by 80-foot parcel from John and Maria Coggins. (3) The trustees who took title in June and July of 1855 were Thomas Hale, Thomas Taft, and Abraham Hicks.

The "Furniture of the Lodge" was assessed at \$1,000 in the 1876 tax ledger. (4)

The Hereford Lodge became defunct and surrendered its charter on August 28, 1950. The Grand Lodge of Maryland of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows sold the property to the adjoining landowner, Howard Leonard Miller, who thus acquired a parcel, 45-foot front, on the York Road and 81.65 feet in depth. (5)

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In 1957, Miller and various family members conveyed the parcel to the Monkton, Maryland, Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc. (6) Later, legal complexities record that Miller, a truck driver, lived next to the "Kingdom Hall." (7)

## NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Advocate, February 3, 1855, p. 2.
2. Thomas J. Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County (Philadelphia, 1881), p. 875.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, HMF 17:265, 267.
4. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
5. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2727:499.
6. B.C. Deeds, GLB 3274:121.
7. Judicial Records OTG 719:569, 590, 591, 595, 598.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Advocate, February 3, 1855, p. 2.

Thomas J. Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County  
(Philadelphia, 1881), p. 875.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.74

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The Lodge Hall portion of overall deed fronts 45 feet on York Road, with a rectangular depth of 81.65 feet (Map 22, p. 416).

**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

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 26, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

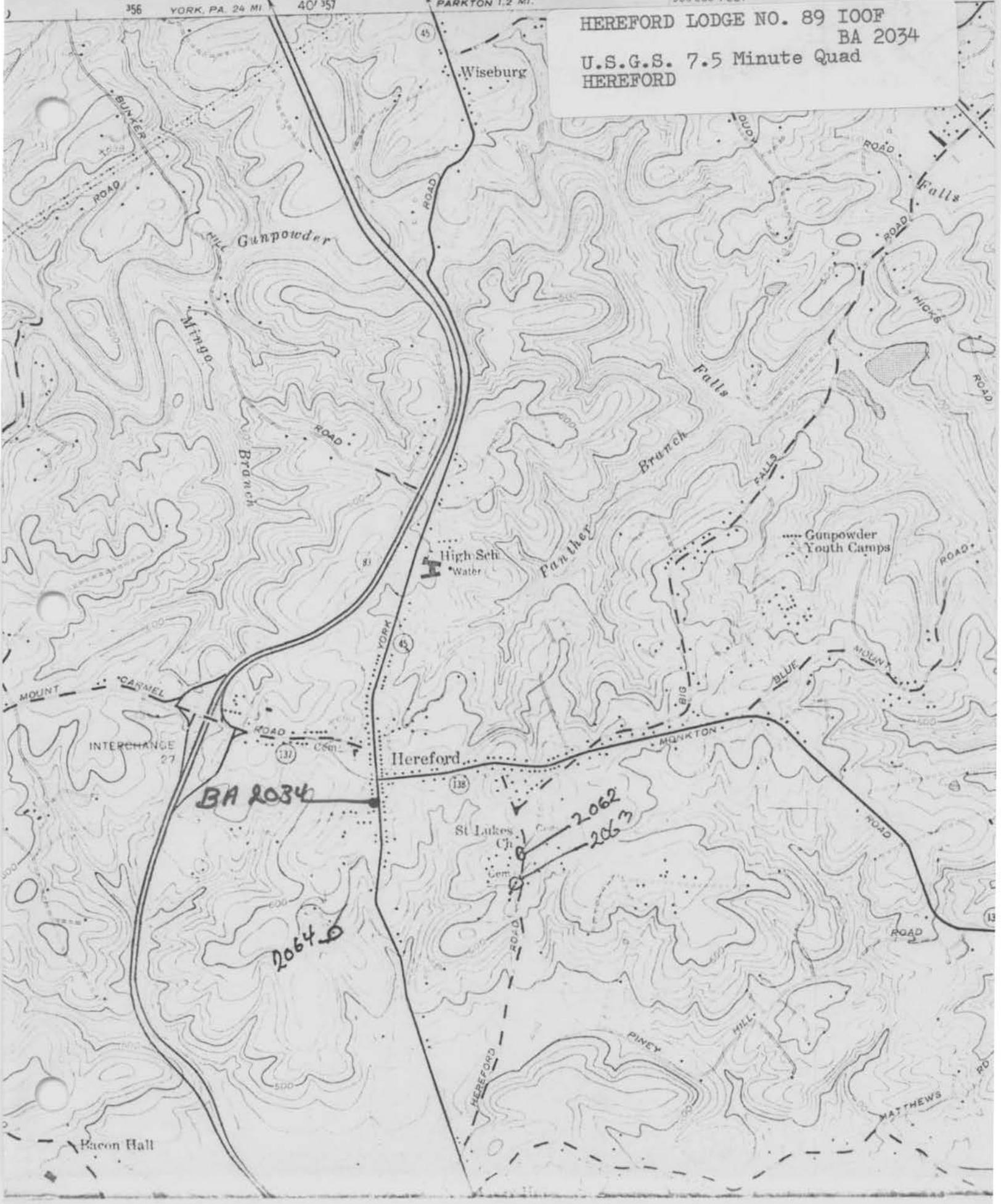
Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89 IOOF  
 BA 2034  
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
 HEREFORD





HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89 I.O.O.F.  
Baltimore Co., Md. BA 2034  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (E) & north facades fr. NE



HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89 I.O.O.F.  
Baltimore Co., Md. BA 2034  
J. McGrain, OCT, 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (EAST) facade



HEREFORD LODGE NO. 89 I.O.O.F.  
Baltimore Co., Md. BA 2034  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (E) & south facades fr. SE