

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Regester House Survey Number: BA-2430

Project: MD 7 Road Widening at Rossville Blvd Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

According to the MHT form prepared and presented to MHT as part of this review, The Regester House is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The house is located near the intersections of MD 7 and Rossville Boulevard, in Rossville, a suburb of Baltimore, and faces a heavily commercialized area characterized by strip malls and fast food restaurants. The building was constructed as a single-family dwelling ca. 1930 at the time that the commercialization of this area began. Constructed of rusticated concrete block, the house is executed in a bungalow-type form, characterized by the encompassing jerkin-head roof and dormers, and features classical details, such as the Scamozzi Ionic porch columns and corner quoining. The house is a good example of the use of rusticated concrete block and a good example of its building type, but has been significantly compromised by its setting. Further, this type of house form is better represented in several Baltimore neighborhoods such as Overlea, Parkville and Hamilton, which still retain their integrity of setting. The property is therefore considered not eligible under Criterion C.

The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past, nor to have any archeological potential and is thus not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A, B, or D.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance

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Elizabeth Hannold & Kim Williams 2/5/1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Orlando Pedraza March 8, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use: Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence

Known Design Source: None_

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA2430
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic
and/or common Regester House

2. Location

street & number 8872 MD 7 N/A not for publication

city, town Baltimore (Rossville) — vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Baltimore

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name George Marmaras

street & number 9217 Cornflower Road telephone no.: Unlisted

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21236

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber 8347

street & number folio 670

city, town Towson state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date — federal — state — county — local

pository 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 type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

See Continuation Sheet 7.1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1932 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet 8.1

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Continuation Sheet 7.1
Description

The Regester House is located in Rossville, a suburb of Baltimore located to the east of the city near the intersections of MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) and Rossville Boulevard. Rossville originated well southeast of this location near the junction of the Philadelphia/Wilmington Railroad and the headwater of the Northeast Branch of the Patapsco River in the mid nineteenth century. The area has become heavily commercialized since 1932 when the house was constructed. The Golden Ring Mall is a short distance to the west from the Regester House and the stretch of MD 7 on the opposite of the street is the location of fast food restaurants, dairy stores, strip shopping centers and the VFW Hall, in addition to truck staging and storage areas, etc. The Regester House and its immediate neighbor to the east (Banks House, BA-2431) are sandwiched between a doctors medical building and contemporary brick rambler on the west and the Adrian Square commercial building (BA 2432) at Ridge Road and MD 7 on the east.

The Regester House is a variant on the bungalow style, with porch roofs integral to the broadly pitched front and rear gable roof, which parallels the south entrance elevation (although the plane of the porch roof varies somewhat from that of the main roof). Two very large dormers (the rear larger than the one in the front) are centered in the front and rear slopes of the gable roof, each with jerkin heads. In turn, the gable ends of the main roof are of jerkin head design.

The entrance, located in the east bay of the south (entrance) facade is distinguished by transom and sidelight of art glass. Another window of the same style of art glass is located around the southeast corner, and two smaller versions frame the chimney on the opposite (or west) end wall. Entrances to the first level and the basement are located on the east end wall.

The building is further characterized by its execution in concrete block--rusticated block for the walls themselves, and smooth concrete block approximating dressed stone masonry for the angle quoins. This stylistic reference to the classical articulation of surfaces is carried over into the decorative treatment of the porch which features Ionic columns, topped with a variant of a simplified Composite style capital and square concrete planters on plinths on each side of the porch stair.

This type of house form, executed in concrete block and articulated with a classically derived decorative treatment was extremely popular in the early to mid-twentieth century. There were numerous houses of concrete block with this stylistic treatment in the eastern area of Baltimore, as there were local sources for concrete block and many proponents of this material among contractors and builders in the area. Baltimore neighborhoods such as Overlea, Parkville and Hamilton have entire

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Description

neighborhoods filled with houses not unlike the Regester House.

Concrete block, produced by a new technology, advertised in new national magazines and catalogues, was extraordinarily popular in the early twentieth century. It was cheap, quick and easy, and no small part of its appeal was that it was ornamental, and could be molded into any number of shapes and made to look like older, more traditional materials. With the improved firing methods for Portland cement, concrete block became standardized around 1900, resulting in the proliferation of concrete block companies in the early decades of the century. Machines were available enabling people to make and assemble their own structures. The artificial stone pattern proved to be the most popular of the seemingly endless style variations available.

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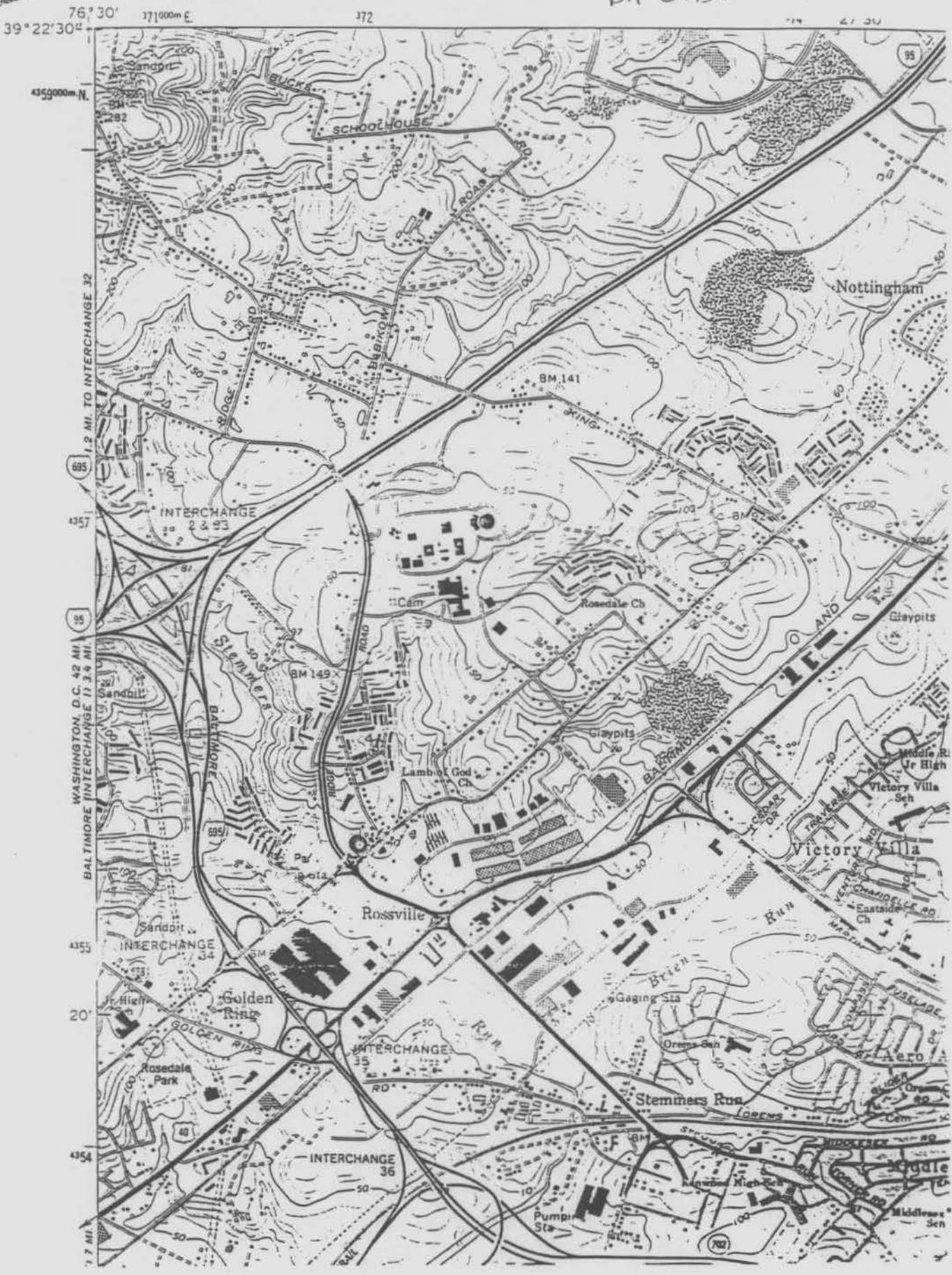
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Statement of Significance

The Regester House is a single family dwelling located in the east Baltimore suburb of Rossville. Constructed of concrete block in 1932, it is embellished by Classical Revival decorative features, and exhibits a variation of the bungaloid style featuring the jerkin head roof configuration. Its type, style and materials is widely represented in numerous intact neighborhoods located in east Baltimore, such as Overlea, Hamilton and Parkville, to name just a few.

The Regester House is isolated in a heavily commercialized area, characterized by huge as well as strip shopping malls, medical complexes, convenience stores, institutional complexes and truck staging areas. Thus the setting of the building has been severely compromised. Given that numerous similar examples of this type of dwelling exist in intact neighborhoods exhibiting integrity and greater cohesiveness, the Regester House is only marginally significant as a concrete block dwelling of the second quarter of the twentieth century.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 42 MI.
BALTIMORE INTERCHANGE 11 3.4 MI.

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List of Photographs

1. South Elevation
2. South Elevation
3. S.W. Corner
4. West Elevation
5. N.W. Corner
6. Rear (North) Elevation
7. N.E. Corner
8. East Elevation
9. S.E. Corner



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