

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA- 651**

**John R. Reese House**

**24 Lastgate Road**

**Owings Mills, Baltimore County**

**1800 ca.**

**Private**

Constructed circa 1800, the early ownership and occupancy of the John R. Reese House are presently unknown. John R. Reese, a native of Frederick County, settled in Baltimore County in 1850. Prior documentation on the building indicates that he purchased two local mills in 1845. The connection between Reese's purchase of these two industrial complexes, his purchase of the John R. Reese House, and his eventual settlement in Owings Mills is unclear. Nevertheless, Reese is labeled as the occupant of the dwelling as it is depicted in the 1850 county atlas. The parcel of land on which the John R. Reese House is located appears to have been largely undeveloped, for few buildings are depicted in this vicinity on the mid-century map. By 1877, a significant amount of development had occurred along the neighboring section of Reisterstown Road, indicating a period of extensive growth in the Owings Mills community. Although Reese's holdings included the two mills, Reese was listed as a farmer with 550 acres in the 1877 county atlas. Between 1877 and 1915, the acreage surrounding the John R. Reese House was reduced to 213 acres, and J.B. Reese took up residency in the house. Over the last fifty years, the acreage has been greatly subdivided for residential development known as Tollgate, and the house is now located on less than one acre of land.

This Federal-style dwelling fronts east on a steep hill at the intersection of Lastgate Road and Millgate Road. The random rubble stone foundation supports a brick structure laid in six-course American bond. Two, interior end brick chimneys flank the asphalt shingle, side gable roof. A central interior brick chimney also pierces the roof crest. The building stands two-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide. Distinguishing the parged central bay of the façade is an inset, two-story porch that is three-bays wide with square posts and new metal balustrades. The second story of the façade, pierced with four 6/6 windows, features two paneled single-leaf doors that serve as side entries onto the inset porch. The first story of the building, pierced by three 6/6 windows, has three paneled single-leaf doors. Two are symmetrically placed with the doors in the second story and serve the same purpose. The third door is centrally placed to serve as the main entry with a two-light transom. While all the windows on the façade have rounded wood surrounds, only the outer bay windows have brick jack-arched lintels. A shed roof addition that has been converted to a garage projects from the south elevation with brick construction over a random rubble stone foundation.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               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		
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**Specific dates** 1800 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1800 ca.

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Although the structure's form dates to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, its six-course American bond brick construction might suggest a slightly later date.

<sup>2</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>3</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>4</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877); see also Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>5</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1800, the John R. Reese House has been associated with the 25,183 square feet of land known as tax parcel 286 of map 58 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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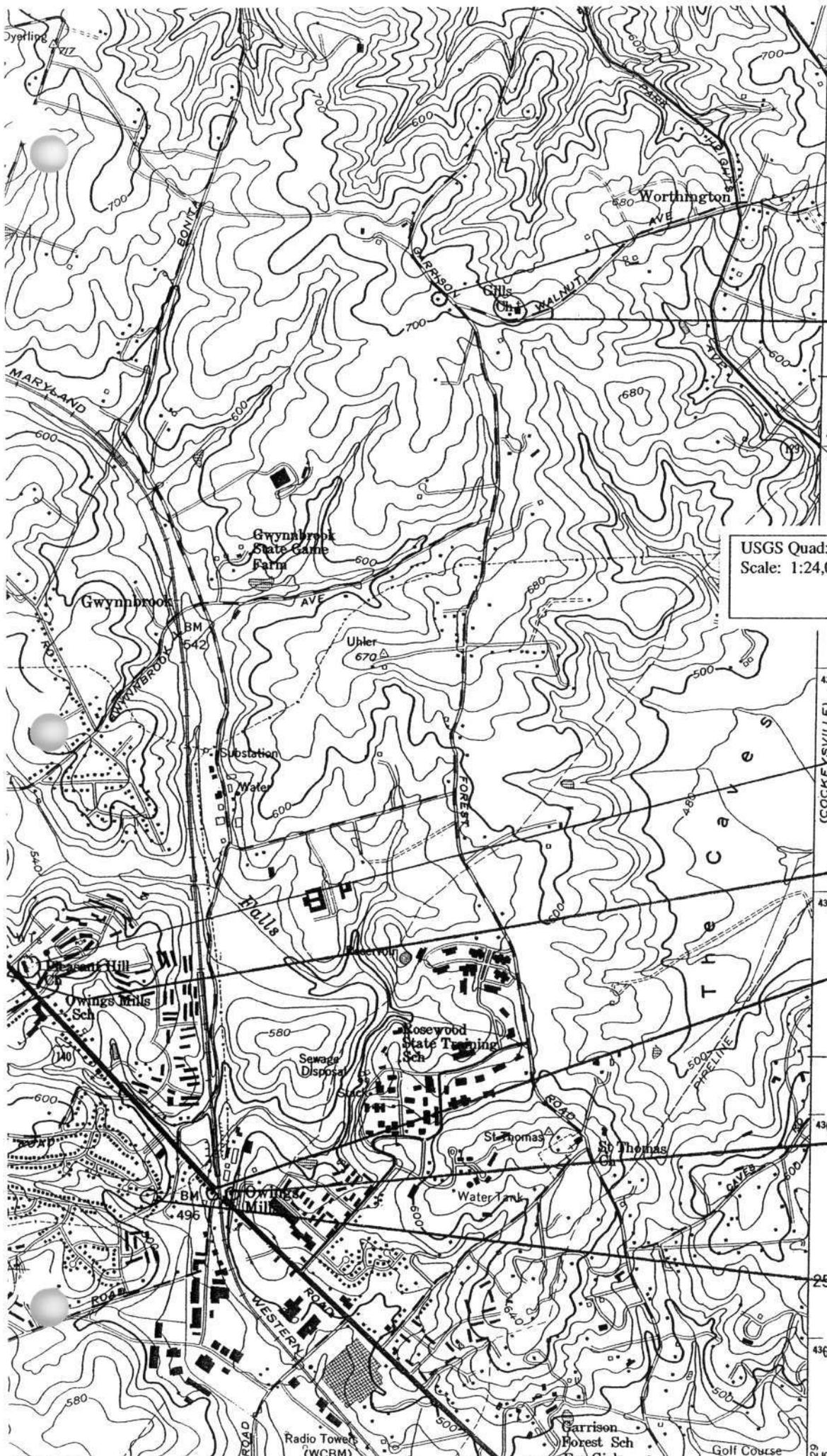
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Reese House  
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pre-1850

The John R. Reese mansion survives in the subdivision called Tollgate. The large, brick, two-story house appears on the 1850 map. Various legends surround its construction, but it was probably not built from the bricks of the Middle Mill. John R. Reese acquired Owings Middle Mill and the adjoining plaster mill in 1845, but the works were by then deteriorated and Reese listed himself as a farmer in the 1877 atlas. (Jean Worthley says they went there in 1849 and moved into a new house.)