

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-111

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Trumph-Renz House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Lane off Hill Top Ranch Road

CITY, TOWN Colora CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

STATE Maryland  VICINITY OF

COUNTY Cecil

**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	<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 George Renz  
Edward L. Murray

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
P.O. Box 78

CITY, TOWN Colora  VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21917

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the circuit court

Liber #: WAS 298  
Folio #: 421

STREET & NUMBER  
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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Triumph-Renz House c. 1831 is a two story four bay by one room fieldstone house with two story two bay by one room ell kitchen wing. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south. The house is located on a sloping lot down a lane off of Nesbitt Road. The lane is known as Boxwood Lane.

The ell plan main block appears to have been built at approximately the same time with a probably contemporary kitchen single story addition. The house rests on a full fieldstone foundation and is laid in local fieldstone with quoins and supportive window lintels. The roof has a steep pitch and is covered with seamed tin. The eaves to the roof are extended and soffits sloped.

The east elevation is four bays across with an entrance in the second bay from the south. The nine panel front door is framed by a four light transom and five light side-lights with two panels below. The entrance is covered by a single pane shed roof porch which is supported by turned posts with small decorative coner brackets. 6/6 sash windows with a corner head on the surround light the first floor rooms on either side of the central hall. Three 6/6 sash light the second floor and an oval 1831 datestone with the names M & R. Triumph is set between the second and third bays. The fourth bay from the south has a single opening on each floor which provides for an even appearance since these windows illuminate a built in side porch that faces north and conceived when the house was first built. The stonework is all correctly closed and access to the porch is gained through doorways on both floors. The porch is two bays across and then the exterior wall resumes its expected depth. Each supportive corner is correctly quolined especially the front wall. The porch is supported by tuscan columns and has been enclosed on the first floor. A seven panel door with four light transom occupies the eastern of two bays and a 6/6 sash window occupies the other opening. The main (east) roof slope and north slope have two gabled 2/2 sash dormers with extended eaves and weatherboard sides.

The rear ell resumes the full depth of the house and is two bays across with side six panel door entrance and three light transom. An adjacent 6/6 sash lights the first floor and two 6/6 sash light the second. Brick chimneystacks rise out of each gable end and against the porch wall which protrudes at the turning of the ell shaped roof. Two 6/6 sash windows flank the interior end stacks on each floor along with four pane attic lights. The south gable end has a exterior basement entrance and adjacent basement window since the house is set into a southern slope. The inside walls of the ell contain identical sash windows. An off axis central 6/6 sash lights the main stair in the corner of the ell. Two 6/6 sash windows light the second floor. A shed roof addition covers the first floor.

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What appears to be an attached single story two bay by one room kitchen wing extends westward from the rear gable end. It is fully stuccoed and covered by a seamed tin roof. An interior gable end wall brick chimney supplies the required heat source. Recently, a further extension of the house has been built and continues the same roof slope as the previous kitchen.

The interior of this structure was not seen but it is evident that a central stair is flanked by two rooms and the northern room having access to the porch through its end wall. The rear wing probably consists of two rooms in the main block and a back stair.

**3 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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	
<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 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 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 *1891*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Triumph-Renz House in general massing is fairly typical but the integrated two story porch under the main roof is a very unusual feature for Cecil County. Washington County buildings incorporate two story porches into their houses and western Maryland may be the place to find antecedents for this feature.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County committee

DATE

11/09/81

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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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