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John N. Souder House
Brunswick vicinity
Private

1914

The John N. Souder House is a rusticated concrete block Four-square house with a one-story porch with rusticated Ionic columns. A rear one-story section was originally an attached ice house, for which the loading doors are still in place. The Souder House is an excellent example of the Four-square type with Classical Revival details popular in the early 20th century, executed in an industrial material, concrete block, which became increasingly common in the first quarter of the century.

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Brunswick
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John N. Souder House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1530A Souder Road not for publication

city, town Brunswick vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 W. and Emogene S. Wenner

street & number 1530A Souder Road telephone no.:

city, town Knoxville state and zip code Md. 21758

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 619

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 523

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-67

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The John N. Souder House is a 1914 concrete block four-square house with rusticated exterior and a one-story porch with concrete Ionic columns located on the northeast side of Souder Road (Maryland Route 464), the boundary of the city of Brunswick, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is set back from Souder Road about 40 yards with a lawn extending to the edge of the road and a tree-lined driveway leading past the north west elevation of the house. The principal elevation faces southwest.

The Souder House has two stories and three bays on the principal elevation. The one-story porch wraps around to the north elevation. The standing seam metal pyramidal roof has two shed dormers, each with a pair of 3/3 windows. The rafter ends are exposed in the eaves and a single chimney is located near the junction of the main section and a one-story rear extension. The first story windows are 2/1 and there are polygonal bays on this level flanking the center entry. The sash on the second story and on the north and south elevations is 3/1. The doorway has a transom and sidelights. The porch columns have alternating rusticated and smooth sections terminating in Ionic capitals. The side elevations on the north and south have four bays each. The rear or northeast elevation has a two-story open porch with turned wood columns. The one-story rear extension was built at the same time as the main section as an attached ice house, according to the owner, Mrs. Wenner who is John Souder's daughter. A double tongue-and-groove paneled door on the east end of the ice house leads to a chute into the lower level of the extension. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey.

The house has several small outbuildings on the rear which are non-contributing. The original farm at the end of the driveway near the center of the property was not surveyed, but Mrs. Wenner said the main house was brick and may date from the mid-19th century.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1914 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The John N. Souder House is an excellent example of the Four-square type house which was common in the United States from the late 1890's to the 1930's. Its rusticated concrete walls and rusticated Ionic porch details exemplify the popularity of Classical Revival references in the early 20th century. The Four-square type is very common in the southern part of Frederick County, reflecting the building boom brought on by the expansion of the railroad yard at Brunswick in the late 1890's. The Souder House is one variation on the basic square plan house with a pyramidal or hipped roof which is the most recognizable feature of the type. The use of an industrial material, concrete block, for a domestic structure was increasingly common in the first quarter of the 20th century.

The farm property on which the Souder House stands was one of the many Wenner family farms in the vicinity of Brunswick. It was sold to Millard Shafer in 1897 and to John N. Souder in 1908. The concrete block house was built in 1914 as the principal residence, replacing the still-extant original farmhouse, which became the secondary residence and is now a tenant farm.

#65 1530A Souder Rd. M92 R90

LIBER/FL JO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
619/523 16 Jun 58	Eugene Souder Werner + George W. Werner, husband	H. Kieffer DeLanter	122.75 A. P. 1 #380	#38,000	
619/522 16 Jun 58	H. Kieffer DeLanter	Eugene Souder Werner et al + Fannie B. Souder, dea.			
STM 232/476 8 Apr 1908	John Mevin Souder + Fannie Rhoads Souder	Millard F. Shafer + Mullien A. + Marge Shafer	122 A.	#10,000	
JLJ 14/723 6 Mar 1897	Millard F. + Mm. S. Shafer	Leroy B. Werner			

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John N. Souder House
Frederick County
USGS Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.
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