

T-793  
Unionville Odd Fellows Lodge  
Unionville  
Private

c. 1900

The Unionville Odd Fellows Lodge, formally known as the Beautiful Leaf Lodge #2658, occupies a two-story, two-bay frame meeting house supported on brick piers and pierced by six-over-six sash windows that retain louvered shutters highlighted with a faded coat of aqua paint. Built around the turn of the twentieth century, this lodge building is an important remnant of the popular fraternal orders that have been a mainstay of rural communities as places of social gathering and identity.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: UNIONVILLE ODD FELLOWS LODGE

MHT Inventory Number: 7-793

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE  
Social / Humanitarian
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
1870-1930 INDUSTRIAL / URBAN  
DOMINANCE
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
FRATERNAL LODGE

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic UNIONVILLE ODD FELLOWS LODGE #2658

and/or common BEAUTIFUL LEAF LODGE

## 2. Location

street & number South side of Tunis Mills Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Unionville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district First

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court \_\_\_\_\_ liber \_\_\_\_\_

street & number Talbot County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ folio \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Easton \_\_\_\_\_ state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_

pository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-793

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input 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	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

The Unionville Odd Fellows Lodge #2658 is located on the south side of the Tunis Mills Road next to the old school in Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story rectangular frame building faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1900, the two-story, one-bay by two-bay frame building is supported on brick pier foundation, and the structure is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched asphalt shingle roof has extended eaves with sloped soffits.

The north (main) elevation is defined by a center entrance filled with a four-panel door. Fixed above the door is an old faded wood sign with the lodge's initials. The second floor is lighted from the north by a single six-over-six sash window flanked with louvered shutters that retain a faded coat of aqua paint.

The side elevations are two bays across with two six-over-six sash windows on each floor. Each of the windows retain faded aqua shutters as well. A third southernmost first floor bay is defined by a four-panel door side entrance.

Marking the east elevation is a concrete block stove stack that rises between pairs of six-over-six sash windows with blue shutters as well.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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** **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 Unionville Odd Fellows Lodge building is an unaltered two-story, two-bay frame meeting house supported on brick pier and pierced by six-over-six sash windows that retain louvered shutters that the retain a coat of faded aqua paint. Built around the turn of the twentieth century, this lodge building is an important remnant of the popular fraternal orders that have been a mainstay of rural communities as places of social gathering and identity.



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Unionville, Maryland  
Chain of title

383/356                      William B. McLaird, Jr.  
Genevieve C. McLaird of Merrick,  
New York

to

11/23/1962                  Trustees of Beautiful Leaf Lodge #2658  
G.U.O.O.F.

JTB 371/433                  Board of Education of Talbot County,  
et al.

to

1/17/1961                   William B. McLaird, Jr.  
Genevieve c. McLaird

231/167                      J. Kemp Bartlett  
Mary D. Bartlett

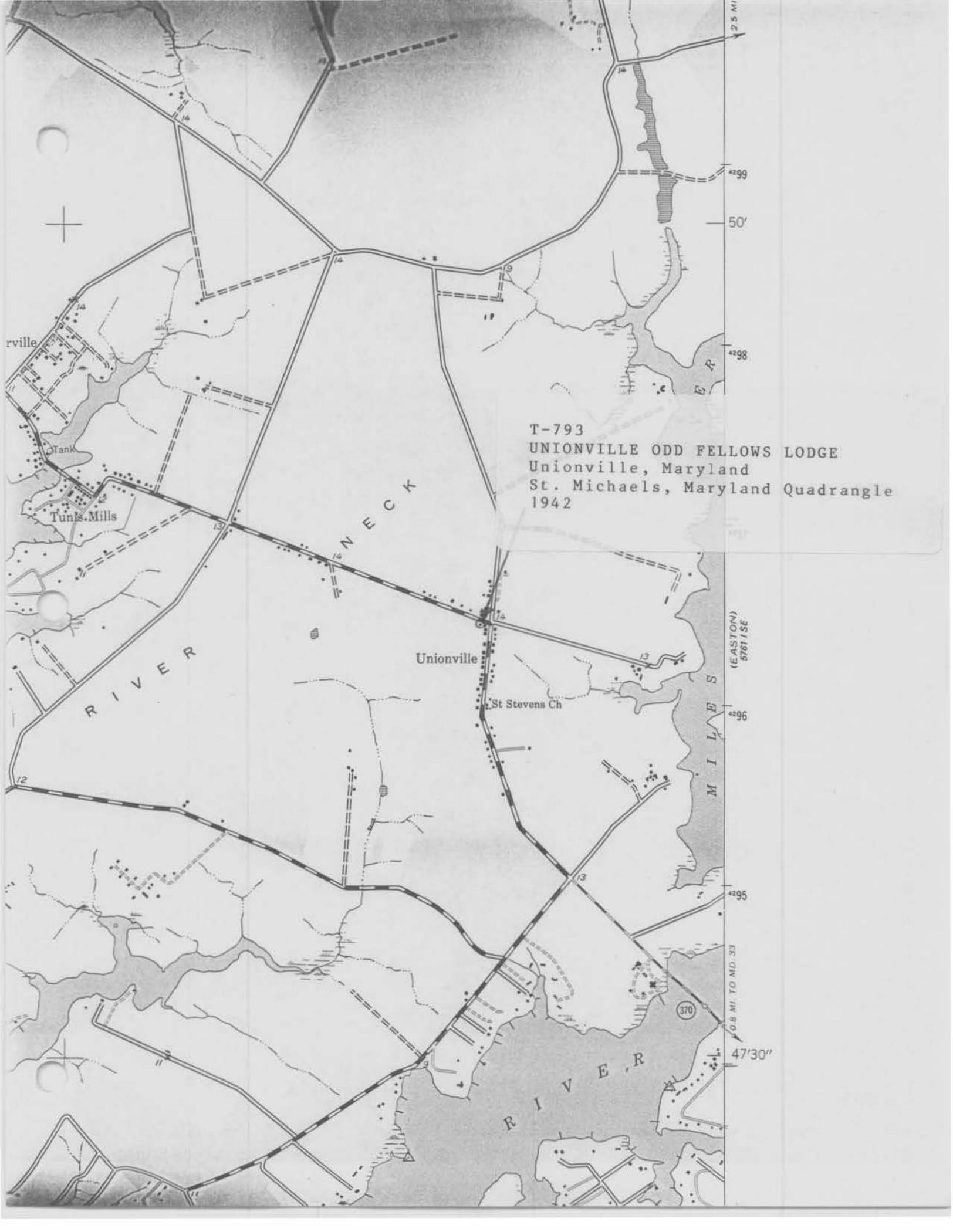
to

6/7/1933                    Board of Education

203/441                      James M. Cowgill

to

9/17/1925                   J. Kemp Bartlett



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Unionville, Maryland  
St. Michaels, Maryland Quadrangle  
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UNIONVILLE ODD FELLOWS LODGE

Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland

Northwest elevation

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historial Trust



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West elevation

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