

Survey # WA-I-749
Risser House
Street Address 13802 Maugansville Road
Town, State Maugansville, Maryland 21767
private X, public _____

Approximate date Ca. 1911

Located at the corner of Maugansville Road and Maugans Avenue is this two story, three bay side gabled brick house, and a frame stable. The house is constructed in all stretcher bond with segmental arches over the windows and doors. A one story shed roofed brick kitchen extension is located at the southwest corner of the house. A one story wraparound porch extends across the front (east) and south walls. Behind the house and facing onto Maugans Avenue is a frame stable. A poured concrete retaining wall defines the edge of the property in front of the house. In the early 1900s, this property belonged to the Maugans family, and was part of that which was subdivided to form Maugans' Addition to Maugansville in 1909. The date attribution for this house is based on its overall form and particular features, such as the segmental window arches and wraparound porch and the time that the property was sold to Samuel Risser. It is representative of Maugansville's main development period in the early 20th century.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- IV. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling, Stable

Photo Reference: Photo # 10

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Risser House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13802 Maugansville Road not for publication

city, town Maugansville vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
district)	public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	agriculture	museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	unoccupied	commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	government	scientific
	being considered	yes: unrestricted	industrial	transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mr. Robert Holsinger

street & number 13739 Village Mill Drive telephone no.:

city, town Maugansville state and zip code Maryland 21767

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse Liber 742

street & number 95 West Washington Street Folio 1096

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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
excellent	deteriorated	unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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.

Resource Count = 2

The Risser House is a two-story, symmetrical, three-bay brick building dating circa 1911. Located at the intersection of Maugans Avenue and Maugansville Road, the dwelling is sited within a residential block. The site also contains a frame stable.

The rectangular shaped lot is 45' wide along Maugansville Avenue and 180' deep. A short concrete retaining wall lines the corner of the property at the intersection. The building sits back a few feet from the road and a large tree is located on the southwest corner of the lot.

The side-gabled building is constructed in all stretcher bond and has a stone foundation. The windows are 1/1 double-hung sash and all have segmental arches except for paired windows on the first floor of the south elevation. Asphalt 3-tab shingles cover the roof and paired brick chimneys with corbelled caps are located within the interior of the gable ends. The overhanging eaves have a plain frieze.

The facade, fronting Maugansville Avenue, features a wrap-around porch on the facade and the south wall. Sitting only approximately one-foot off the ground, the flat roof porch has a cement floor, no railing and is supported by round posts leading to a plain frieze. The central half-glass door has a flat light transom and is flanked by two windows. The second floor contains three evenly-spaced windows.

The south elevation consists of paired windows on the east side of the first floor, which replace a former window as evidenced by a brick arch over the eastern-most window of the pair. Two windows on the second floor are located towards the ends of the wall. A small window is located to the east of the center line of the gable end. A one-story shed roofed brick kitchen extension is located at the southwest corner of the house and contains a door in the east elevation and a window in the south elevation. A wood sided addition has further been added to the west of the addition and contains a rectangular 1/1 window.

The west rear elevation has a new two-story stairway on the north end. The shed roof addition has a half-glass door to the south. At least one window has been closed in on the first floor based on the change in mortar color. One window is located on the south side of the second floor.

The north side elevation has two 1/1 windows in the first floor and two in the second, the window on the west side of the second floor is apparently a replacement window that filled in an original opening as evidenced by the new brick work under the window. The side gable has a cornice return and an off-center small square window to the east.

The frame stable is a side gable with a forebay covered with corrugated metal roof panels. A vertical sided double door is located on the east end of the facade and a single door is near the center of the facade. On the west side, facing the alley is a beaded board door on pulleys, and two openings in the upper story; one on strap hinges and a one that has been enclosed. A chimney is located in the center of the roof on the north side and one window is located on this wall. The east side of the house contains five windows of various sizes with one in the gable, and the rest on the lower level. One door is also located on this side at its north end. Due to the number of openings and the chimney it may be possible the building served other functions.

Alterations to the building include the concrete porch, which the owner reports is new, the rear addition, and the stairway. The rear addition has altered the original wall. However, despite these alterations the building maintains its ability to convey its original early 20th century design.

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with a railroad laborer, the Risser House is an example of the type of dwelling lived in by the working class of Maugansville. Its stable is reflective of the large number of support buildings contained in the community that enhance its rural atmosphere.

The second building phase in Maugansville from 1890-1920 is seen in the characteristics of the Risser House as a vernacular, tradition influenced buildings typified by the three or four-bay wide, side gables houses often with an L or shed extension at the rear. Brick examples have stretcher or common bond facades, segmental arches above windows and doors and two-over-two light sash windows. Most of these houses have or had full across-the-front porches. Including both frame and brick examples, this type of dwelling dominates the Maugansville streetscape with approximately 60 houses of this type and period, over half of the 102 dwellings in the village.

The Mennonites, who began settling in the area in the mid-19th century, originally emigrated to America in hopes of religious freedom and economic improvement. Many migrated to Washington County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania because the farm land was lower priced in Washington than Lancaster County. As time went by, many Mennonites settled in town, taking on nonfarming positions or retiring from the farm. The simple and traditional nature of the Risser House is reflective of the conservative values of the Mennonites.

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Chain of Title

- 03/31/1890 Joseph Horst & wife to Mollie E. Maugans
part of original tract - Salem part of Ashton Hall
Liber 98 Folio 505
- 10/31/1911 William C. & Mollie E. Maugans to Samuel E. & Alice B. Risser
Liber 138 Folio 541
- 12/31/1927 Alice Risser, widow to George W. & Mamie F. Petre
Lot #16
Liber 179 Folio 155
(SE corner of original tract of Horst land at intersection of Maugans Ave. & Maugansville Road. On Mamie's death, George got property by survivorship, part of original property of Joseph Horst in 1890.)
- 08/30/1951 George W. Petre, widower to Carrie B. Litton
Liber 265 Folio 307
- 02/02/1960 John Wagaman, Trustee to Carrie B. & Francis P. Litton, Sr.
Liber 354 Folio 725
- 02/02/1968 Carrie B. Litton & Francis P. Litton, Sr. (Husband) to Abel E. & Iva S. Martin
Lots 16 & 17
Liber 47 Folio 345
- 07/15/1977 Abel E. & Iva S. Martin to Michael W. Cook and Kathy E. Cook
Lots 16 & 17
Liber 640 Folio 718
- 05/05/1983 Michael W. & Kathy E. Cook to Robert E. & Regine L. Holsinger, Sr.
Lots 16 & 17 on plat of "Maugan's Addition to Maugansville (#72)
Liber 742 Folio 1096

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Stable

Known Design Source: Unknown

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SEMBLY OF GOD
49/100

PAUL J. WHITE
887/408

MICHAEL W. LORSHBAUGH SR
891/1066

R. E. OCKER
235/375

HARRY F. MOWEN
447/220

EDWARD W BREWER
643/239

166.38'

M CORPORATION
978/837

SAMUEL K. HISER
930/298

EDWARD W. BREWER
438/371
802/765

GARY W. HENDRICKSON
554/124

MARRY E. OBERHOLZER
427/765

AMANDA E. MARTIN
541/489

KENNETH W. WABILIKS
695/51

WILLIAM G. KAPLAN
557/523

DONALD K. ALT
530/93

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ROBERT E. HOLSINGER SR.
742/1096

RUTH R. SHILLING
975/808

MILLARD W. ALLEN
817/859

ROBERT E. HOLSINGER
399/593

BONITA
474/

ROBERT HOLSIN
861/

ZAT
72

EDONARD L. HENSON
431/662

LARENCE BARNHART
547/564

ASH. CO. SANITARY DIST
742/719

GREEN R. WELER
364/78

G. LOUDIN
/323

DONALD W. RIDENOUR
329/596

JOHN E. BARTLES
377/748

ROBERT E. HOLSINGER
378/477

L. ELWOOD HOLSINGER
230/248

LORRAINE LEWIS
156/28

MAMIE I. MARTIN
554/303

MARTIN L. BUMBAUGH
557/715

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MELVIN L. MARTIN
592/42

GOODWILL VOL. FIRE CO.
COMMUNITY FIRE HALL
501/386

GOODWILL VOL. FIRE CO.
INC.
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MAUGANS

MAUGANSVILLE RU
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469/205

DRIVE

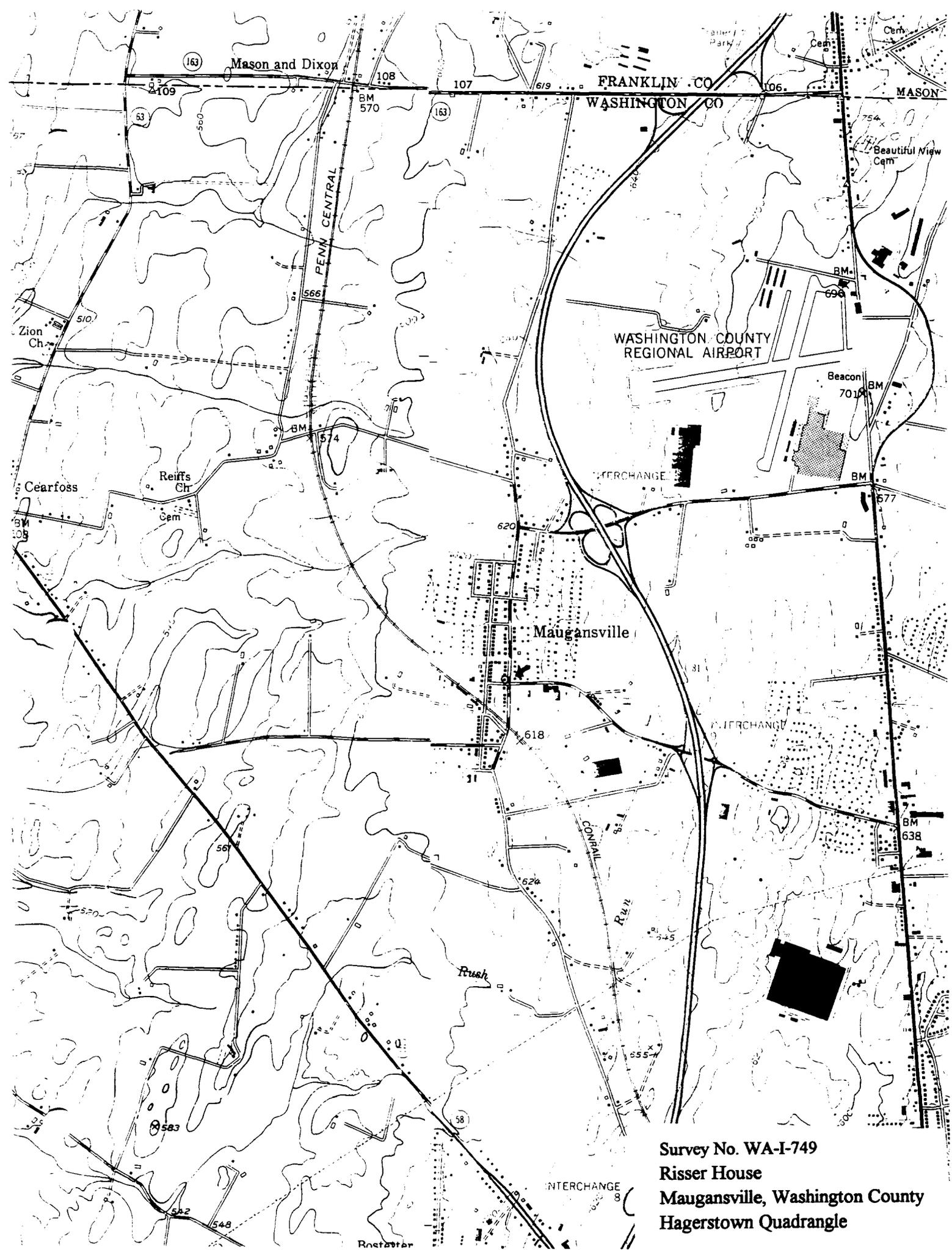
ROAD

MAUG. ELEV. & LUMBER CO., INC

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Hagerstown Quadrangle

Rostrater



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Washington Co MD

C. APPENZELLER

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Neg. MD SAFO

Risser House, 13802 Mangroveville Rd. NW View

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Risser House, Mangrove
Washington, Co MD

SC Salvia

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Neja MD SH00

Risser House 13802 Mangrove Rd, SW view

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Risser House Margonville

SC SALVATORE

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Mrs - MD 5160

Risser House - 15802 Margonville Rd, Eview

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