

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-1042**  
**John Conniff House**  
**423 Jefferson Avenue**  
**Towson, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1869**  
**Private**

The dwelling at 423 Jefferson Avenue was one of the first buildings erected along Jefferson Avenue following the 1869 platting of this section of East Towson in Baltimore County. Benjamin N. Payne, who utilized the property as farmland, leased the subdivided lot to John Conniff, an African American who was responsible for the construction of the frame structure sometime prior to 1877. Conniff's wife was one of the first teachers in the neighborhood's school. East Towson, among of the oldest ethnic enclaves in Baltimore County, illustrates the pre-Civil War development of an African American neighborhood in a predominately white community. The history of East Towson dates from the purchase of land in September 1853 by Daniel Harris, who is the first documented African-American landholder in Towson. The dwelling is representative of the housing constructed during the middle part of the 19th century in East Towson, which was largely populated by manumitted slaves and/or descendents of former slaves.

Constructed circa 1869 as a single-family dwelling, the frame structure stands two stories in height with a rear ell (an addition constructed between 1977 and 1898) that is augmented by a one-story 20th-century side addition. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the main block of the structure is three bays wide and one room deep with a central chimney. Now clad in aluminum siding, the log structure of the building is visible from the interior only. The hewn logs are square with V-notched joints and lime-based chinking. The house is covered by a side gable roof, now clad in asphalt shingles, and has wide overhanging eaves with no applied cornice. A brick chimney, extant on the interior of the structure, originally projected from the center of the roof. A full-width one-story porch that has been enclosed augments the façade. The interior of the main block consists of a hall/parlor plan with a central chimney.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1042

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Conniff House  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 423 Jefferson Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
 city, town Towson \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity  
 county Baltimore

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

name 424 VA/Towson Limited Partnership  
 street and number 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue telephone unknown  
 city, town Towson state MD zip code 21286

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: M. 70A P 50  
 city, town Towson liber SM 8 folio 472

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other Balt County Office of Planning

### 6. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Current Function                                      | Resource Count   |                 |
|---|---|---|--|-----------------|
|   |   |   | Contributing   | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture                  |  |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade               | <u>1</u>   |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense                      |  |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic                     |  |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary                     | <u>1</u>   | <u>0</u>        |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government                   |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care                  |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry                     |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape                    |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture           |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                     |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> social                       |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress             |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown                      |  |                 |
|   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use |  |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |  |                 |
|   |   |   | <b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> |                 |
|   |   |   | <u>1</u>   |                 |

## 7. Description

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### Condition

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered                 |

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

The vernacular building at 423 Jefferson Street in East Towson, Baltimore County, was constructed circa 1869 as a single-family dwelling. The frame structure stands two stories in height with a rear ell (an addition constructed between 1877 and 1898) that is augmented by a one-story 20th-century side addition. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the main block of the structure is three bays wide and one room deep with a central chimney. Now clad in aluminum siding, the log structure of the building is visible from the interior only. The hewn logs are square with V-notched joints and lime-based chinking. The house is covered by a side gable roof, now clad in asphalt shingles, and has wide overhanging eaves with no applied cornice. A brick chimney, extant on the interior of the structure, originally projected from the center of the roof. The façade is augmented by a full-width one-story porch that has been enclosed. The interior of the main block consists of a hall/parlor plan with a central chimney.

### EXTERIOR:

The façade of the vernacular dwelling, facing east, is three bays wide. The first story is largely sheltered by a full-width front porch that was enclosed with a solid balustrade and screens (that are no longer present). The balustrade of the porch and end of the shed roof are clad in aluminum siding. The square posts are constructed of wood, set on a concrete pad. An opening has been created at the center of the porch. The shed roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The central entry, which leads into the hall (north room), has square-edged surrounds. The opening is flanked by single window openings that held 6/6 double-hung, wood sash. The window and entry openings are presently covered with plywood and the status of the window sash and door have not been ascertained.

Above the shed roof of the porch are three window openings symmetrically placed over the first story openings. These second-story windows are presently covered with plywood, covering the status of the original 6/6 windows. The wide sills and square-edged surrounds, noted in a July 2001 survey photograph archived at the Baltimore County Office of Planning, are clad in aluminum siding and presently obscured by plywood.

The north elevation of the main block has no fenestration, save a metal bulkhead entry to the basement. A survey of the property in April 1998, documented on a MIHP form that is archived at the Maryland Historical Trust, states the basement was not original to the house, having been dug later and secured by concrete walls. The north elevation of the rear ell is dominated by the one-story addition. This addition, constructed of wood frame, has a sloping shed roof covered in asphalt shingles. The east elevation of the addition is pierced by a single entry opening now covered with plywood. A square window opening is located to the north and is now covered with plywood. This opening is framed by square-edged aluminum surrounds. The north elevation of this addition is also pierced by a square window opening secured by plywood. The west elevation of the addition, which projects a single bay beyond the west elevation of the rear ell, has an entry opening covered in plywood. The second story of the rear ell has single openings with a 6/6 double-hung, wood sash window.

The west elevation of the ell, which served as a kitchen on the first floor, has two

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window openings in the northern bay. The first-story opening is presently covered with plywood, while the second-story opening displays the 6/6 double-hung, wood sash. The south elevation of the ell has two openings on each story, symmetrically placed. The first-story openings are covered in plywood and the second-story openings have 6/6 wood sash windows. Similarly, the west elevation of the main block, which is largely obscured by the rear ell, has a single opening on each story. The second-story window holds a 6/6 sash and the first-story window is covered with plywood.

The south elevation of the main block has no fenestration, save the two-light basement opening in the stone foundation.

#### INTERIOR:

The interior of the building presents a hall/parlor plan with a central interior chimney of brick. The main entry on the east elevation accesses the hall, or north room. The central brick chimney serves both the hall and parlor with openings on each side. The hall has a "simple mantelpiece that includes quirk ogee-chamfer moldings. The hearth is covered in plaster, which is now falling off to reveal the lathe." As stated in "Parker house interior" description archived at the Baltimore County Office of Planning, "the architectural details in the south room mirror those in the north room, including the fireplace and mantelpiece."

An enclosed winder stair, leading to the second floor, is located in the southwest corner of the hall or north room. The stair is obscured by a wooden door with two vertical panels. A small cupboard is located under the stair. The first floor of the rear ell serves as the kitchen. A fireplace is located on the west wall of the ell, although no indication of a flue or chimney stack is visible from the exterior of the structure. The kitchen mantel has chamfered pilasters typical of the late-19th-century Victorian era.

The second floor provides three bedrooms, two in the main block and one in the ell. The basement is accessed from the interior of the structure by a small opening adjacent to the fireplace in the hall. The walls of the basement expose the random rubble stone foundation with concrete.



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Architecturally, the property illustrates distinctive vernacular characteristics of a particular architectural style and period, specifically the Queen Anne and Gothic Revival styles of the late 19th century and the Craftsman style of the early 20th century. East Towson as a whole is representative of an important phase of architectural development in Baltimore County, illustrating the dilution of popular architectural styles to more efficiently meet the needs of the neighborhood, and the builders' untrained abilities to execute the fashionable ornamentation. Several of the freestanding structures in East Towson are twin dwellings, surreptitiously providing multiple-family housing on narrow rectangular building lots typically occupied by single-family houses. Thus, East Towson provided lower cost housing in a more suburban neighborhood, rather than the urban setting their economic status typically perpetuated.

#### 423 JEFFERSON AVENUE:

The property presently denoted as 423 Jefferson Avenue was located on a farm owned by Benjamin N. Payne in the 1850s. Payne offered a portion of his property on the east side of York Road in 1853 as the possible site of the proposed Baltimore County courthouse. The 1877 atlas indicates Payne's property extended from York Road eastward to the present Black and Decker land. With the simultaneous development of the neighborhood to become known as East Towson taking place, Payne began to subdivide his landholdings, creating Jefferson Avenue in the late 1860s. The subdivided lots were initially utilized as rental property, with the leasee required to construct a building on the parcels within a stipulated period of time. The property designated now as 419 and 423 Jefferson Avenue, with a wide of 100 feet and depth of 121 feet, were leased to African American John Conniff for an annual ground rent of \$25 for 99 years. The deed was dated June 4, 1869. Conniff was responsible for the construction of the two-story frame structure at 423 Jefferson Avenue in the period between 1869, when he leased the land, and 1877, when the building is first noted on G.M. Hopkins' Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Denoted as Lot 21, the building was recorded as the home of J. Conniff on the 1898 G.W. Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County.

Conniff, whose wife was one of the first teachers in the African American school located in East Towson, conveyed the lease with dwelling for \$500 in 1910 to John T. Yellott, a lawyer in Towson. The following year, in April 1911, Yellott acquired title to the property from Roseanna Stewart and Marie Scott, the daughters and heirs of Walter Scott. The deceased Scott, a white real estate investor, had purchased the property from Payne's widow, Mary, in 1881 for \$416.

In less than a month after purchasing the property, Yellott conveyed it to James Reed on May 1, 1911 for \$1,050. The sale included 423 Jefferson Avenue and the property now designated as 419 Jefferson Avenue, which served as the side yard. The property remained in the Reed family for fifty-six years, serving as their primary dwelling. Bessie E. Reed, the widow of James Reed who had died in June 1956, conveyed the property for \$12,000 to William T. and Mary E. Parker. This sale did not include the property denoted as 419 Jefferson Avenue, which had been sold by James Reed in 1951 for \$6,600 to Walter S. and Sarah L. Mack. Historic maps suggest this property was improved by a single-family dwelling soon after the sale.

William T. Parker, owner of the property at 423 Jefferson Avenue, utilized the

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property as rental housing in the 1970s, while living on Paper Mill Road. In 1989, the widowed Mary E. Parker sold the lot and its improvements to the local business partnership, VA/Towson Limited Partnership, for \$110,000. The property is currently owned by this Maryland partnership, and the building is presently vacant.

### Chain of Title

- June 4, 1869: Benjamin N. Payne leased lot to John Conniff  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber EHA 63 Folio 60
- 1910: John Conniff conveyed lease to John I. Yellott  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 371 Folio 223
- June 13, 1881: Mary Payne, widow of Benjamin N. Payne, to Walter Scott  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WMI 123 Folio 208
- April 7, 1911: Rowena K. Stewart and Marie Scott, heirs of Walter Scott,  
conveyed property to John I. Yellott  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 378 Folio 130
- May 1, 1911: John I. Yellott to James Reed  
Land Records of Baltimore County,  
Liber WPC 378 Folio 132
- June 23, 1954: James Reed to Bessie Reed  
Will Records of Baltimore County  
Liber JPC 50, Folio 14
- October 20, 1967: Bessie Reed to William T. Parker and Mary E. Parker  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber OTC 4817 Folio 185
- September 7, 1989: Mary E. Parker to 424 VA/Towson Limited Partnership  
Land Records of Baltimore County,  
Liber SM 8289 Folio 472

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Acreage of surveyed property  | <u>.07 acres</u> |                  |                 |
| Acreage of historical setting | <u>.07 acres</u> |                  |                 |
| Quadrangle name               | <u>Towson</u>    | Quadrangle scale | <u>1:24,000</u> |

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The house at 423 Jefferson Avenue in Towson has historically been associated with Parcel 508 as noted on Tax Map 70A since its construction circa 1869.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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|-------------------|--|-----------|---------------|
| name/title        | Laura Trieschmann, Architectural Historian |           |               |
| organization      | E.H.T. Traceries                           | date      | 6/13/02       |
| street and number | 1121 Fifth Street, N.W.                    | telephone | 202/393-119   |
| city or town      | Washington                                 | state DC  | zipcode 20001 |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032  
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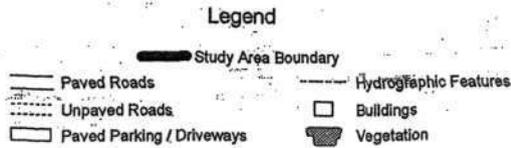
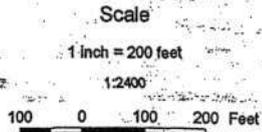
# East Towson: Planimetric Data



BA #: 1042  
 Name: House, 423 Jefferson Avenue  
 East Towson  
 Baltimore County



Prepared by:  
 Baltimore County Office of Planning  
 401 Bosley Avenue  
 Towson, Maryland 21204  
 June, 2001



Data Sources:  
 Planimetric Data: Baltimore County OIT GIS Services Unit (1:2400)  
 Parcel Boundaries: Baltimore County OIT GIS Services Unit (1:2400)  
 Study Area: Baltimore County Office of Planning (1:2400)

Coordinate System:  
 - Maryland State Plane: NAD83/91 Horizontal Datum  
 - Elevations in Feet: NAVD89 Vertical Datum

Date of Data Capture: March 1996  
 Scale of Data Capture: 1" = 100'

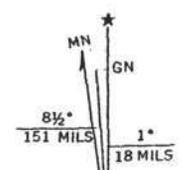


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East Towson  
Towson, Maryland  
Towson USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County

(BALTIMORE WEST)  
5662 (SW)

Mapped by the Army Map Service  
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and Maryland  
 Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps  
 Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
 taken 1943. Topography by planetable surveys 1944  
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1957  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 18, shown in blue  
 Red tint indicates areas in which only  
 landmark buildings are shown  
 Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from  
 aerial photographs taken 1966 and 1974. This information not  
 field checked



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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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MD SHPO

SOUTHEAST CORNER LOOKING NORTHWEST

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HOUSE, 423 JEFFERSON AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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MD SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER LOOKING WEST

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HOUSE, 423 JEFFERSON AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES

10/2001

MD SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER LOOKING NORTHEAST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC THE PARKER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 423 Jefferson Ave. second

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Baltimore

STATE VICINITY OF COUNTY

**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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED          | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                          |
| <input checked="" 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 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 William T. Parker Telephone #: 666-1231

STREET &amp; NUMBER Box 54, Route 2 Paper Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Maryland 21131 STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse Liber #: Folio #: 4817:185

STREET &amp; NUMBER 401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

BA-1042 - 423 Jefferson

3rd quarter 19th century

This two-story log house is one of the oldest and most significant buildings in the East Towson neighborhood. The two front rooms each contain a fireplace backing on the central wall. The stair also runs along this wall. A kitchen to the rear has a fireplace along its west wall. All the fireplace mantels are composed of moldings dating from the third quarter of the 19th century.

**7 DESCRIPTION**

|  |                                       |   |  |                  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|------------------|--|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                              |  | <b>CHECK ONE</b> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |                  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input 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

**423 Jefferson**

This log house is one of the earliest and most interesting buildings in East Towson. On an 1877 map of the area it shows as the dwelling of J. Coniff.

The two-story main block of the house is three bays wide and one bay deep. Its gable roof runs north-south, parallel to the street. A two-story gable-roofed kitchen wing was added between 1877 and 1898 and runs perpendicular to the main block from the southwest corner. This wing is one step lower than the main house. The house rests on a foundation of thin flat stones. The present concrete-walled cellar was either dug out after the house was built, or was originally a dirt-walled cellar. The exterior cellar entrance is at the north end. An interior entrance was cut through later under the main stair.

Three 6/6 windows light the second floor of the street facade. A 6/6 window appears to either side of the central door on the first floor. The shed roof of the semi-enclosed porch shading the street facade is supported by square posts. A two-pane cellar light appears in the south wall. A 6/6 window lights each floor of the west wall to the south, where it is not covered by the kitchen wing. The south wall of the kitchen is lit by two 6/6 windows on each floor, and one window lights each floor on the west. A mid 20th century addition runs northward from this wing. One 6/6 window is visible in the north wall of the wing on the second floor.

The main block of the house is divided into two rooms, with a central chimney serving both of them. The front door leads to the north room. An enclosed stair turns in the southwest corner of this room. The stair door has two long panels. A small cupboard appears under the south wall of the stair. The adjacent fireplace displays a simply-finished mantelpiece which includes quirk ogee-chamfer moldings. A similar fireplace heats the south room. A fireplace in the west wall of the kitchen features chamfered pilasters.

The house is located within a few feet of the street. It is presently covered with tan aluminum siding.

**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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The local history has it that this house was one of the earliest houses constructed in E. Towson. (1877 G. M. Hopkins indicates that the building was owned by the Coniff's)

This building was owned by the Coniff's, Mrs. Coniff was one of the first teachers of the colored school in E. Towson. Subsequent owners of this house were James and Bessie Reed, Walter S. Mack 1951-1967 and the present owner William T. Parker. William T. Parker has owned the property since 1967. William T. Parker leases the property to Robert Miller

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Marcus Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca 823-8870

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

600 W. Chesapeake Ave.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Towson Md. 21204

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