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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Towson Catholic School

AND/OR COMMON

Immaculate Conception Elementary School

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

114 Ware Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                           |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Archbishop of Baltimore

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #: 1442

Folio #: 302

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

|  |                                       |   |   |                                |                   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <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"/> MOVED | DATE Summer, 1978 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED |   |                                |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |                                |                   |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Located adjacent to Immaculate Conception Church is a rectangular structure, three stories high, featuring a flat roof and glazed, light brown brick exterior. The south facade, which faces Ware Ave., is part of a modern addition that is four bays wide and has modern 1/1 sash windows. The facade features a contrast of light brown brick with marble panels between and around the windows and a flat roof with overhanging eaves.

The eastern facade is characterized by the main block of the original building and the addition and breezeway which extend the building 35' to the south. The original building is five bays wide, of glazed beige brick, with the classrooms being lit by large 6/6 sash windows, existing in pairs and triplets of nine bays, five bays in width. In order to accomodate a gymnasium, the first floor is almost two stories in height, however the structure maintains the visual quality of three stories. The original portion is capped with a cornice projecting at least four feet with at least a four foot frieze panel.

The south facade of the original building was the most formal side of the building, featuring a centrally located double door decorated with Corinthian pilasters and a marble belt course. Also visible was a huge transom over the door. The roof of the original building features a flat, asphalt surface finished with a parapet and screen of pressed metal. The parapet of the south wall ascends to a curvilinear peak in the jacobean style. It contains a marble crucifix.

All facades of the original building correspond to one another. The west facade, like the east, has the appearance of three courses on a high basement. Visible are 6/6 light wavey panes with a flat arch which assumes a decorative role by surrounding the windows for 1/4" on either side. In addition to the belt course there are four more brick courses.

The north facade is characterized by an addition bearing a 1928 dated cornerstone above the belt course. This facade also corresponds to the others.

Upon entering the central doorway of the original building, a secondary entrance creates a foyer. Also apparent is a paneled transom with six lights. The first level consists of a gymnasium/ auditorium which include a basketball court and stage. Among the decorative details noted here are, in both corners of the room and along the south wall entrance are steps paneled in tongue-and-groove with square newells.

Visible in the second story are pressed metal ceilings in the stairwells and suspended steel staircases with steel safety wire. Pressed metal decorative motifs included rectangular impressions with "egg and dart" cornice.

Each of the upper floors of the 1921 original portion contains five classrooms with two doors and windows trimmed with natural wood. Each door contains a large transom and four lights, the lower two of which are frosted. Each classroom also features a tall oak cabinet in one corner. Also noted in the second floor closet is a pressed metal ceiling with

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"egg and dart" molding.

The pattern of rooms on the second floor is repeated on the third floor. At the south end of each hall is located a double door with four lights and transom leading to the staircase.

| 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             |
| <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 checked="" 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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Summer 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

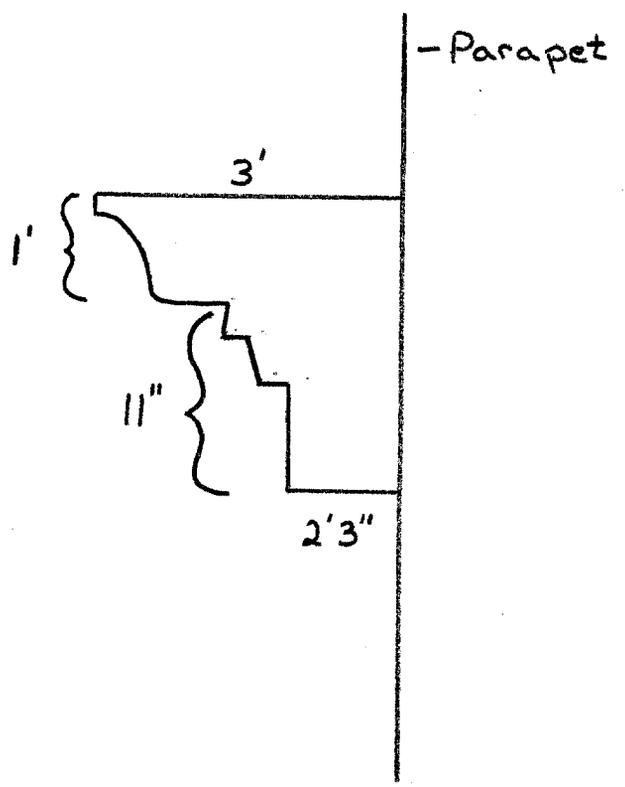
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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c. 1921

Metal Cornice-



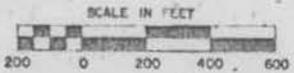
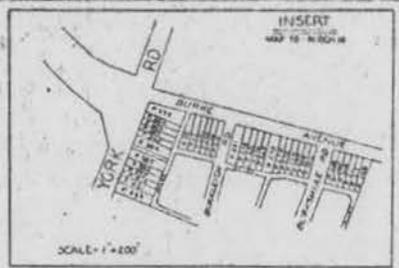
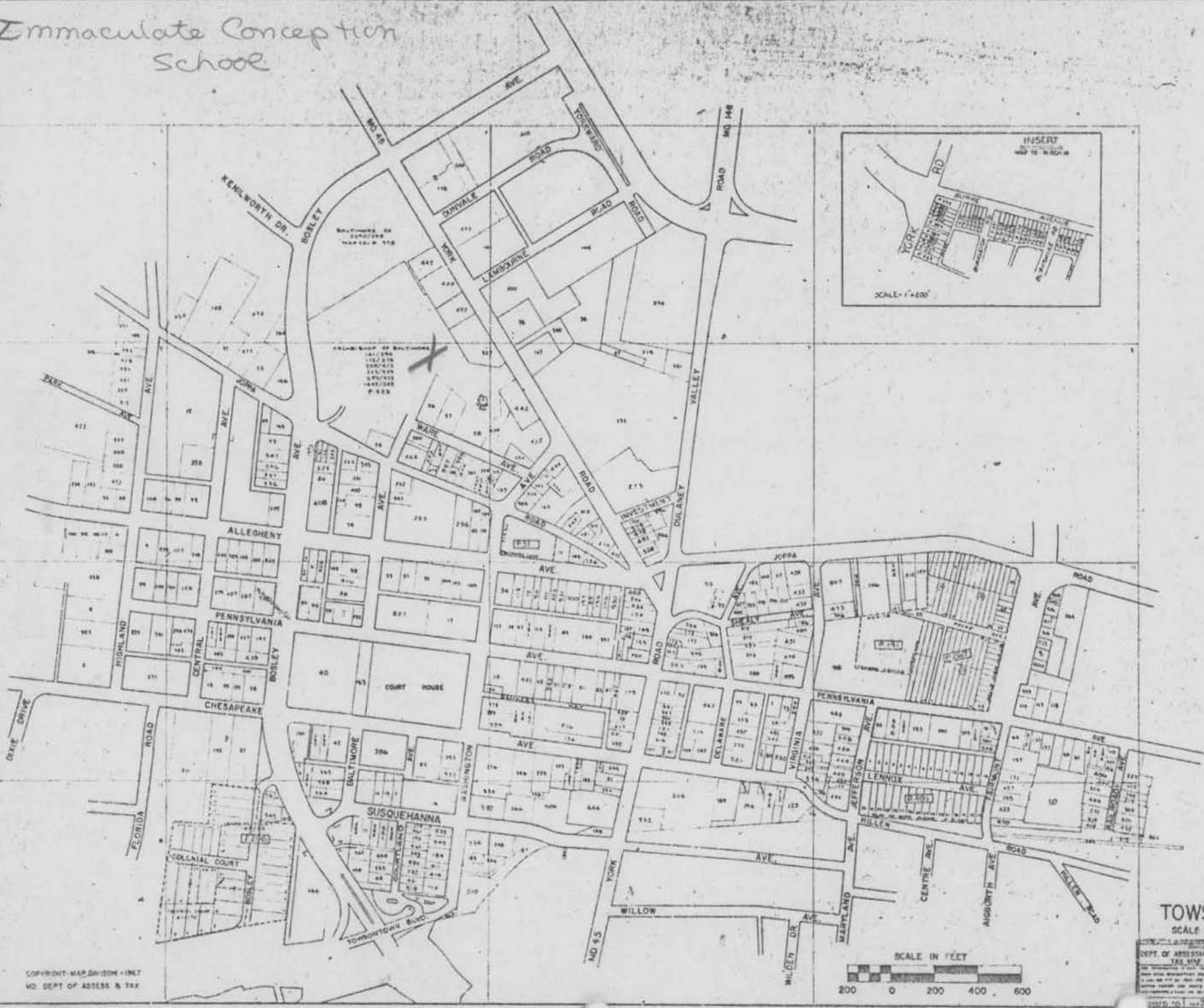
## TITLE SEARCH FOR IMMACULATE PROPERTIES

(Church accumulated many parcels over a period of time. Tax map is not specific in locations)

| <u>Liber</u>  | <u>Folio</u> | <u>Date</u>       | <u>Grantor</u>           | <u>Grantee</u>                                      |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1442  | 302          | March 13, 1946    | Frank W. Proctor & wife  | Archibishop of Baltimore                            |
| Two parcels: 1) .82 acres (reciprocal)  |              |                   |                          |   |
| 2) .42 acres Liber 1420/79 December 7, 1945   |              |                   |                          |   |
| Grantor: Eliza Ridgely  |              |                   |                          |   |
| Grantee: Frank W. Proctor & wife  |              |                   |                          |   |
| See Plat Book 6/82, George B. Ensor   |              |                   |                          |   |
| 377   | 559          | May 2, 1911       | Eliza Ridgely            | Towson & Cockeysville<br>Electric Railway 66' strip |
| Judicial Records: Liber 209, Folio 235 November, 1904   |              |                   |                          |   |
| John Ridgely of Hampton vs. Otho E. Ridgely et. al.   |              |                   |                          |   |
| See lot # 16 in Ridgely division shown on plat on p. 322.   |              |                   |                          |   |
| 208   | 403          | April 27, 1893    | George E. Reardon & wife | Archibishop of Baltimore                            |
| Four lots - two lots obtained from Pinkerton Feb. 3, 1893 JWS 179/377   |              |                   |                          |   |
| two lots obtained from Valverde A. P. Ware April 17, 1893 96/194  |              |                   |                          |   |
| 172   | 375          | December 18, 1888 | Henry B. Chew et. al.    | Rev. James Gibbons                                  |
| "Beginning at...first line of 3rd lot mentioned in division of Charles R. Chew's property (January 18, 1867)...end of 2nd line of tract indentured by Josiah Marsh to Henry B. Chew (January 31, 1834) ...touching west side of York Turnpike...containing 9 acres, 2 rods and 4 square perches." |              |                   |                          |   |
| Being the 3rd lot of land described in Chew partition and part of land mentioned in 19/540 September, 1857.   |              |                   |                          |   |

Immaculate Conception  
School

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**TOWSON**  
SCALE 1" = 200'  
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION  
TAX MAP 70000  
MAY 1968

MAP NO  
70A

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TOWSON CATHOLIC Sch.  
S.W. CORNER

W. NIELD  
SUM-78



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TOWSON CATHOLIC SCH.  
S. PARAPET

W. NIELD  
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S. PARAPET

W. NIED  
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TOWSON CATHOLIC Sch.

N. SIDE OF S. PARAPET

W. NIELD

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TOWSON CATHOLIC SCH.

S. SIDE OF METAL CORNICE  
ON S.E. CORNER

W. NIELD

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