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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Church of the Immaculate Conception CCD Center

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

701 Baltimore Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rev. Lawrence J. Shehan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 4298

Folio #: 204

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-1399

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Spring, 1978

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 701 Baltimore Avenue is a two-story frame house with a gable-end roof . It consists of a main block, withn a corbelled chimney located just south of center, and three telescoping projections to the east. The main block is three bays wide and one bay deep with the projection being two bays, one bay and one bay wide to the east.

The main or west facade is characterized by a porch running the full length of the first floor facade. The porch roof is supported by four square columns with chamfered edges and featuring a railing partially enclosed with shingles. The roof of both the structure and the porch are covered with asphalt shingles. The facade features a regular fenestration of three 4/4 sash windows an the second floor and two 4/4 sash windows on the first floor. Also noted are over-sized brackets at the roof between the porch and column. An entrance-way is surrounded by a doorframe with transom above.

The south facade features a visible stone foundation pierced by a single opening. Visible in the gable-end of the main block Characterized by an arched, sash window centrally located in the gable-end. Also notamble is the largest block of a series of telescoping extensions to the east. This western-most extension consists of two storys and appears two bays wide with an entrance in the western bay consisting of a doorway with transom. The first story is covered by a porch ~~supported~~ supported by square columns with the porch floor being supported by square brick piers. Also visible is a chimney at the peak of the roof ridge pole eastern-most bay of the extension. Also visible on this facade is the

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the entrance to the basement, located in the foundation of the western-most bay of the eastern-most extension. This extension features a slightly lower roofline than that of the more westerly extension. Also noted was a smaller, one story addition resembling an enclosed porch or stoop with hip roof and a single, centrally located 2 lite casement window.

The east facade features the gable-end of the eastern-most extension with a centrally located 4/4 sash window. This facade displays a full view of the southern-most bay of the main block and points up the basic L-shape of the structure. Also featured on this facade is what appears to be a one-story addition or enclosed porch with hip roof and centrally located entranceway.

The north facade is characterized by irregular fenestration and window size with 4/4, 3/3 and 1/1 sash. Also visible on this facade are the graduated rooflines of the telescoping extension. The gable-end of the main block visible on this facade, features centrally located 4/4 sash windows in the first and second story. The western-most extension features two 4/4 lite sash windows located on the second story and one in the eastern-most bay of the first story. The eastern-most portion of the telescoping extension is characterized by a slightly lower roofline and a single 6 lite casement window located in the western-most end of the first story. Also visible on this facade is what appears to be an enclosed stoop or porch. This one-story addition is one bay wide and features one centrally located 2 lite casement window.

INTERIOR

Upon entering the structure located at 709 Baltimore Avenue, it can be noted that the transom placed above the door contains a pane of frosted glass. The main or western entrance opens into a side hall containing a stairway featuring an open-string staircase with turned ballisters and scrolled step-ends. Directly to the left of the entrance-way is located a doorway in the northern wall of the hall, leading to the parlor. This northern room features large , floor to ceiling, 4/4 sash windows on the western wall and on the southern wall a centrally located fireplace projecting approximately fifteen inches into the parlor. Also visible is a metal lock box with porcelain door knobs on the door in the eastern wall leading into a dining room. The dining room features an enclosed flue chimney on the western wall. To the east of the dining room are existing a modern kitchen and what appears to be an enclosed porch finished with tongue and groove pine paneling.

The second story is characterized by a short hall at the head of the stairs with one room to the north and a bath room and hall to the south as well as two other modern rooms. Visible in the attic are vertically sawn rafters joined at the ridge pole. Also noted were random width purlins with ribbed shingles. Cut nails are also observable in the attic.

Beneath the structure is a full basement. Accessible only from an exterior entrance located in the foundation of the south facade. The basement features uncoursed stone walls and overhead were visible circular sawn joists.

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"/> 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 _____

DATE OF APPRAISAL

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

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH for # 701 BALTIMORE AVE.

Liber 4298, Folio 204 May 11, 1964
 Grantor: Pearl F. Wheattley, widow
 Grantee: Rev. Lawrence J. Shehan

"Beginning...corner formed by intersection of northeast side of Joppa Rd. with southeast side of Baltimore Ave. as laid down on Plat of "Ware's Additions to Towsontowne"...Plat Book JWS #1/47...East 117'5"... East 90'...West 117'5"...90' to place of beginning known as # 701 Baltimore Ave."

Liber 1074, Folio 429 September 16, 1939
 Grantor: Bettie C. Foster, widow
 Grantee: John W. S. Wheattley & wife

Liber 506, Folio 157 August 30, 1918
 Grantor: George C. Tracey & wife
 Grantee: Milton H. Foster & wife

Mortgage: Liber 514/101 June 12, 1917 George C. Tracey & wife to Milton H. Foster, the land being 90' front on Baltimore Ave. by 117'5" of Joppa Rd.

All these two lots...situate on North side of Joppa...Beginning... East 150'...East 150'to south side of Ware Ave...West 32.5'...West 60'... West 117.5'...90'..."

Liber 449, Folio 497 September 28, 1915
 Grantor: J. Frank Parks & wife
 Grantee: George C. Tracey

Liber 287, Folio 394 July 3, 1905
 Grantor: David G. McIntosh, Atty.
 Grantee: George C. Tracey

Liber 248, Folio 13 October 9, 1900
 Grantor: David G. McIntosh & wife
 Grantee: Samuel E. Lloyd

Liber 246, Folio 489 August 23, 1900
 Grantor: Peter E. Torre, Atty.
 Grantee: David G. McIntosh

June 18, 1900 Public sale Mortgage from Benjamin F. Bayne & wife to Jacob Torre June 5, 1895 Mrotgage Records 176/261

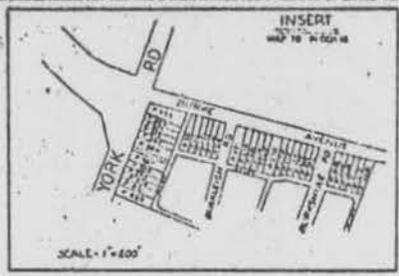
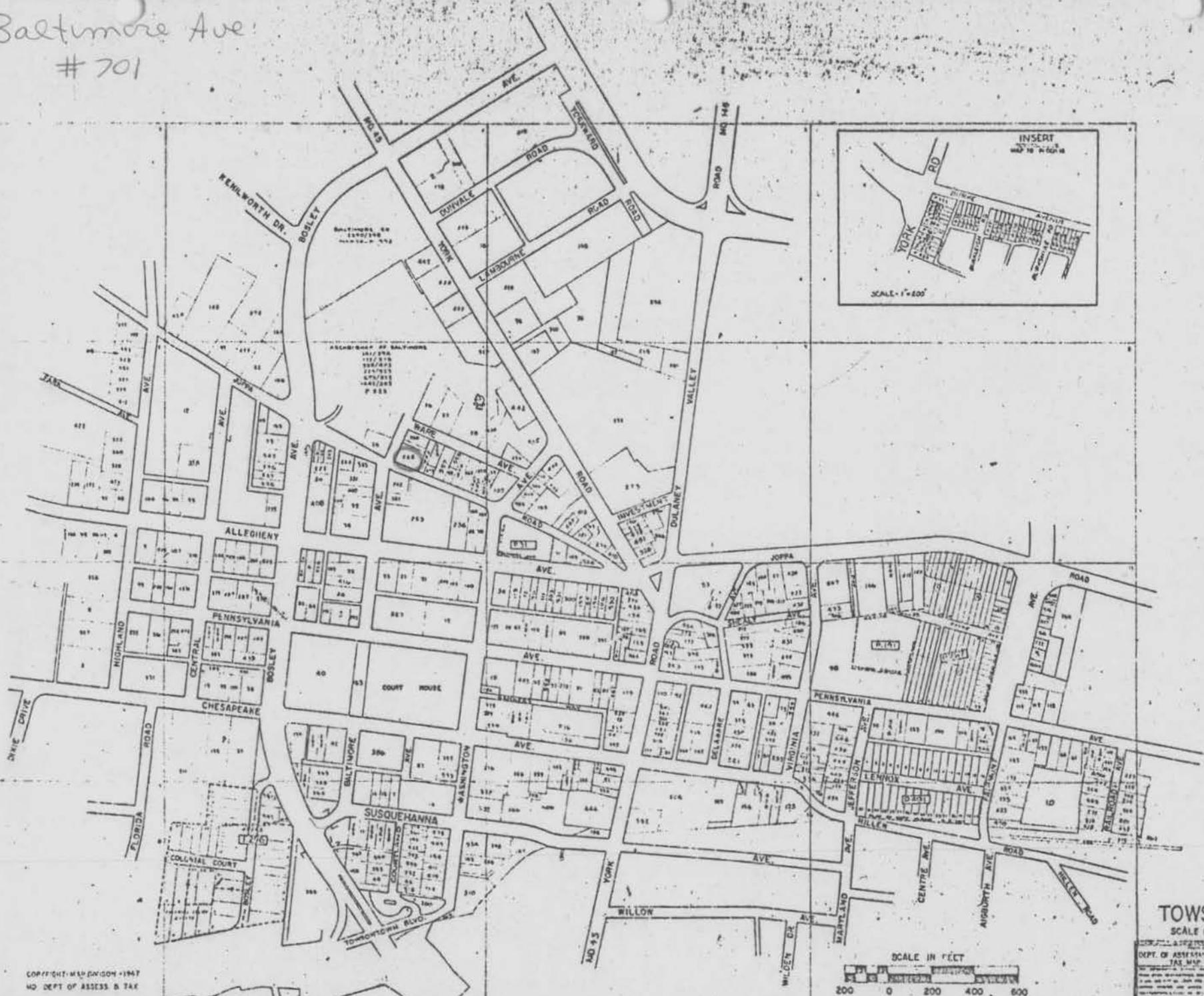
Liber 144, Folio 214 January 23, 1885

Grantor: William A. Lee & wife

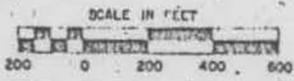
Grantee: William P. Cole

...and part of lot # 6 and # 8 on Plat of "Ware's Addition to Towson-towns" recorded in Liber 96, Folio 186 January 5, 1895 William P. Cole to Benjamin F. Bayne

Baltimore Ave
701



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TOWSON
SCALE 1"=200'
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TAX MAP 27000A

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MAP NO
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1701 BALTIMORE AVE
S.W. CORNER

W. NIELD
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W. FACADE DETAIL

W. NIELD
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701 BALTIMORE AVE.
N.E.

W. NIELD
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