

22 ALLEGHENY AVE.

Except for the 23 story condominium next to it this frame cross-gable is the only structure on its side of the street in this block designed as a residence. The cross-gable itself with its decorative fishscale shingles was an important stylistic element in both local and national architectural history.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Parks House

AND/OR COMMON

Auman and Werkmeister

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

22 Allegheny Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

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 checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" 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

Auman and Werkmeister

Telephone #: 825-4311

STREET & NUMBER

22 Allegheny Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

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STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #: 4413

Folio #: 151

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

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

This is a two story frame house which rests on an uncoarsed stone foundation. The siding is clapboard and the roof is made of shingles. There is a one story addition to the southwest of the original building.

The south or main facade of the building is two stories high with the small single story addition to the western corner of the facade. The main facade is three bays wide and the addition is also three bays wide.

A cross-gable with sawtooth details and round arched 4/4 windows is the most striking feature of this facade. The clapboards decrease in size, bottom to top.

The first story has a double door entrance with 1/1 sash windows on either side. There are Victorian shutter locks on the sides of the windows, but the shutters have been removed.

The second story is three bays wide with 1/1 sash windows. These have shutters which are held back with the Victorian shutter locks.

The one story addition has been constructed with modern materials. It has modern clapboard siding, a cement foundation, and a shingle roof. There is a double door in the center of the addition, and again, 1/1 sash windows on either side of the door. The shutters have been taken down.

The east facade is two bays wide. Both windows are 6/6 sash. These windows are located in the second story. There is a small round arched 4/4 casement in the gable end.

The north facade is two bays wide. In the northwest corner of the building there is a 6/6 sash window in the second story. The first floor has two outside doors in the main part of the building.

On the north facade of the addition there are two large 16 light casement display windows on either side of another double door. There are shutters on either side of these windows which are held back by shutter locks.

The west facade is very plain. There is a concrete foundation which is an alteration. There are no windows.

The full basement with uncoursed stone walls reflects the L-shape plan of the house. There is an irregularity of joists. For example, there are split log joists resting on masonry buttresses, and those of the southernmost section run north to south while the others run east to west. There is bracing with cut nails, and tongue and groove flooring.

The interior space of the first level has been greatly altered for commercial purposes. There are four turned columns used for display inside that may have originally been supports for the porch.

A stairway with closed string steps and raised panels runs along the west wall and leads to the second level, which contains three rooms and a bathroom.

The southwest room is characterized by a trapezoidal ceiling which contains a centrally located cast-iron grating of floral design. There is also random width flooring.

The vertical tongue and groove wainscot in the bathroom rises 41" to a 2 1/2" chair rail projecting 1 1/2" from the wall.

Special features on this level include a claw-foot bathtub, plain window moldings with a single bead on the inner edge, and four-panel doors with

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metal box locks and glass knobs.

The unfinished attic is lit by a round arch window in the front cross gable. Features include vertically sawn materials, machine cut lathing nails and a mitered principle rafter pole.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 22 Allegheny Avenue is significant because it is the last early residential structure in this block on this side of Allegheny Avenue. The house is also significant because its architectural features, such as the cross-gable with the decorative shingles, lend variety to the streetscape and because the cross-gable facade was an important architectural element in Towson.

The cross-gable was an important architectural element as witnessed in the survey thus far and by photographs in the book, Towson: A Pictorial History of a Maryland Town by George Hahn and Carl Behm III. Both the survey and the book give numerous examples of cross-gable structures that have been built throughout Towson's history. Bosley's Hotel, the gate house a Sheppard-Pratt and other structures on Pennsylvania Avenue all demonstrate the importance of the cross-gable in Towson.

22 Allegheny Avenue is significant because of its architectural style and because of its ability to document the earlier scale and skyline of Towson. By comparison to the other residential structures on this side of Allegheny Avenue, for example Towson Towers, one different in scale, building materials, and in their functions.

Towson Towers is an extremely large residential structure, whereas 22 Allegheny Ave. is very small and the cross-gable house is constructed of frame, the Towson Towers of concrete.

22 Allegheny Ave. was built to house a single family and Towson Towers was built as a multi-unit structure that was capable of housing many families.

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 E. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

Melanie Butler - Student Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic Towson Inc.

DATE

January 19, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Goucher College

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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.

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

Title Search for 22 Allegheny Avenue

Liber 4413, Folio 151 January 14, 1965
grantor-Alvin B. Friedman and Betty L. Friedman
grantee-Motor Equipment Inc.

Liber 4283, Folio 245 April 6, 1964
grantor-Towson Investment Corporation
grantee-Alvin B. and Betty L. Friedman

Liber 3793, Folio 79 December 19, 1960
grantor-Frank J. Maxwell and Hattie C. Maxwell
grantee-Towson Investment Corporation

Liber 2075, Folio 342 February 14, 1952
grantor-Lillian A. Kelly
grantee-Frank J. Maxwell and Hattie C. Maxwell

Being all the same property which by deed of even date herewith and recorded or intended to be recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County immediately prior hereto was granted and conveyed by Frank J. Maxwell and Hattie C. Maxwell, his wife, unto the said Lillian A. Kelly, in fee simple.

Liber 2075, Folio 340 February 14, 1952
grantor-Frank J. Maxwell and Hattie C. Maxwell
grantee-Lillian A. Kelly

Liber 479, Folio 191 March 26, 1917
grantor-Charlotte Martin
grantee-Frank J. Maxwell

Liber 476, Folio 121 February 26, 1917
grantor-Eva Christ and George Christ
grantee-Charlotte Martin

Liber 354, Folio 574 March 26, 1910
grantor-Edgar C. German
grantee-Joshua M. Parks and Clayetta Parks

Liber 213, Folio 436 October 3, 1895
grantor-John T. Anderson, Trustee
grantee-Clayetta Parks

Liber 150, Folio 241 October 14, 1885
grantor-Sophia Kolb
grantee-Clayetta Parks

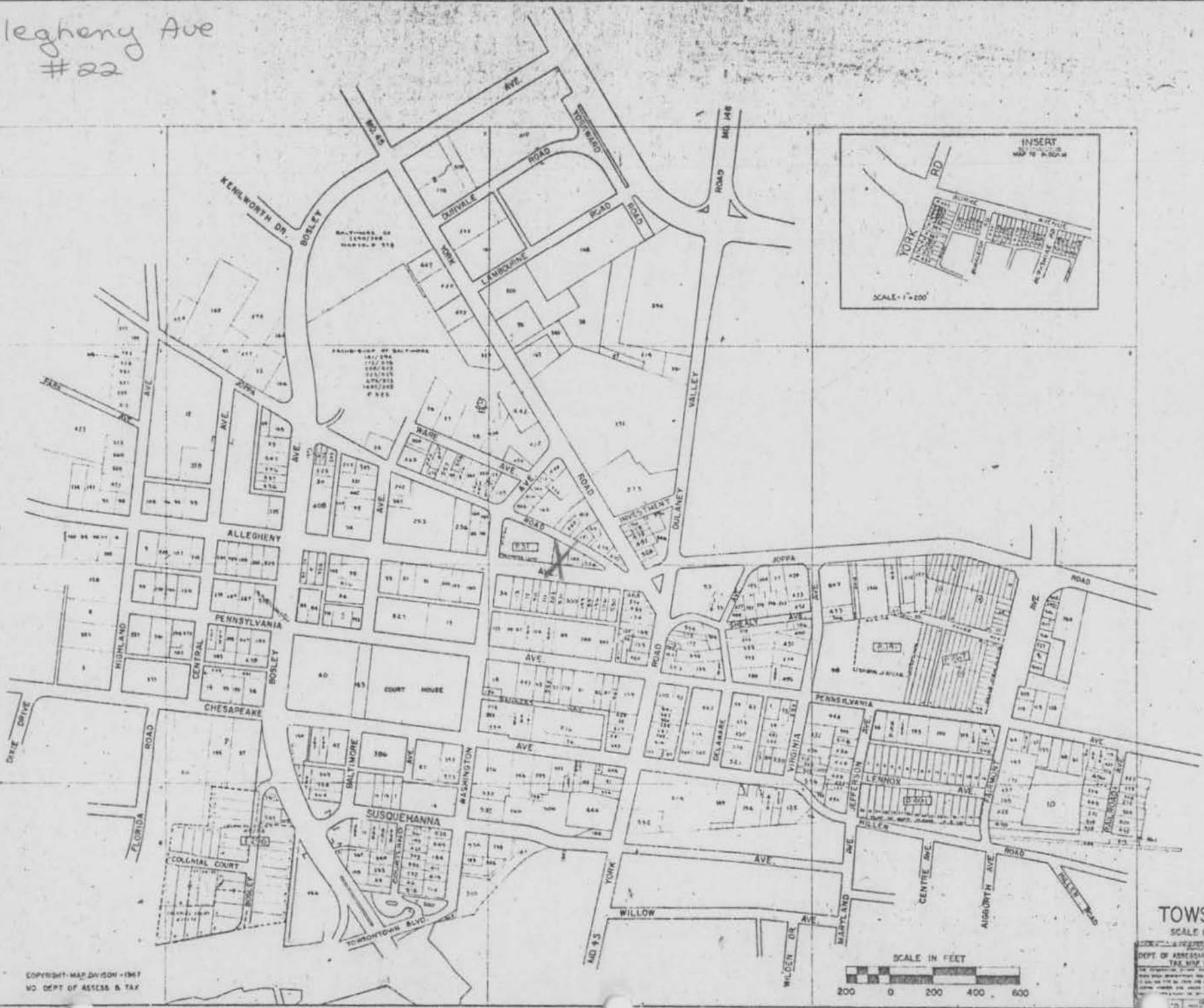
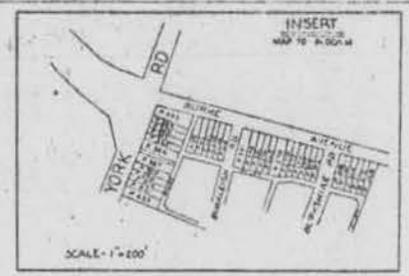
Liber 63, Folio 512 September 10, 1869
grantor-Thomas Murray
grantee-Sophia Kolb

Liber 52, Folio 462 March 1, 1867
grantor-Washington Townsend rented to grantee
grantee-Thomas Murray

Townsend sold to Philip Blottenberger

Allegheny Ave
#22

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SCALE 1" = 200'

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