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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pilson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

409 Delaware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

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 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 checked="" 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 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

Frank C. McCrystle

Telephone #: 823-3164

STREET & NUMBER

1531 W. Joppa Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #:

Folio #: See Attachment

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

Only the exterior of this house was examined. It has been renovated and subdivided into apartments. Much could be learned about the building on the outside, however, as it retains many early features.

This is one of several cross-gable facades facing Delaware Ave. and part of the evidence that this street once had a fashionable Victorian appearance. This particular cross-gable was made fancy by fishscale shingles and it was vented by a square 2/2 window.

This house is a two story frame structure with an attic in the gable-end roof. A two story projection to the rear (West) gives it a T-plan and there is a shorter two-story addition projecting to the West from it. There is a single interior chimney on the south end.

The street facade received the most attention. This facade reveals a centralized plan through the cross-gable and central entrance with a portico. It is three bays wide. The windows are 6/6 and the door has sidelights and a transom. The central gable with fishscale shingles is re-emphasized by the pedimented portico which is decorated with the same shingles. It is supported by four turned columns with rather delicate gingerbread scroll work.

The exterior is covered with rectangular dark brown wooden shingles. On the south end of the building some of these have fallen off revealing simple clapboards underneath. At present, the shingles are a natural wood color and the window frames and pediments are painted.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<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 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 checked="" 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 *Pre-1877*

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

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.

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

Pilson Family

Tax Assessments 1876

f. 117

Clara Pilson:	
Lot on Del. Ave. adj. Samuel Butler	840
Frame dwelling	700
	<u>1540</u>

Ann Pilson:	
Furniture	335
Cows	20
Hogs	8
Silver	8
	<u>371</u>

Tax Assessments 1896

Owners Assessors

Fannie and Annie Pilson:		
One lot 147x150 ft. on Del. Ave adj.		1600
Mrs. Mary Butler		
Improvements - frame dwelling	1700	800
All household effects	200	200

Tax Assessments 1918

Fannie and Annie Pilson:	
Lot 75x150 on Del. Ave. 100 ft. to Ches Ave.	900
House 34x18 , 14x18 ft.	1153
Lot 75x150 on Del. Ave. 125 ft. west Penna. Ave.	900

George W. Pilson, member of the Towsontown Riflemen formed in 1846.
 George Pilson was the first lieutenant. pg. 903 in the
History of Baltimore City and County from Earliest Period to Present.
Day by Thomas J. Scharf

George F. Pilson - painter
 pg. 478 in The State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers
Directory for Md. and District of Columbia, published by
 Sadler, Drysdale and Purnell in Balt. in 1871.

Pilson Family pg. 2

1870 Census Data

Dwelling house #94, family #94 ^{9th district}

<u>Name of everyone living in house</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Personal Estate</u>	<u>Other</u>
Pilson, George W.	60	M	W		2000		male citizen of U.S. over 21
Ann	53	F	W	keeping house			born in England
Emma	26	F	W	teacher			
George F.	21	M	W	painter			male citizen of U.S. over 21
Robert W.	19	M	W	carpenter			
Fanny B.	16	F	W				attended school within the year
Hannah	14	F	W				"
Francis	12	M	W				"
Clara	9	F	W				"

The Pilson family resided at 409 Delaware Ave according to the map of Towsontown in the Hopkins atlas of 1877

TITLE SEARCH for # 409 DELAWARE AVE.

Liber 4927, Folio 315 September 30, 1968

Grantor: Helen D. Waller et. al.

Grantee: Frank C. McCrystle & wife

"Beginning...at a stone marked "B" ...west side of Delaware Ave
East 87'...West 150'...West 147'...West 87'...East 150' to beginning..
known as # 409 Delaware Ave."

Liber 4894, Folio 488 June 24, 1968

Grantor: Barbara Ann Schafer (formerly B. A. Majors)

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 3109, Folio 139

Grantor: Christine Lewis Harris

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 3046, Folio 247 October 26, 1956

Grantor: Franklin Dike Lewis

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 3046, Folio 248 October 26, 1956

Grantor: Earl G. Lewis

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 1346, Folio 217

Grantor: Robert J. Beaver & wife

Grantee: Edward B. Waller

Liber 1271, Folio 284 July 13, 1942

Grantor: B. Gertrude Maxwell

Grantee: Robert J. Beaver & wife

Liber 1271, Folio 283 July 13, 1942

Grantor: Leila M. Beaver et. al.

Grantee: B. Gertrude Maxwell

Liber 890, Folio 180 October 17, 1931

Grantor: Mildred H. Lips

Grantee: Leila M. Beaver

Liber 890, Folio 179 October 17, 1931
Grantor: Sydney G. Beaver & wife
Grantee: Mildred H. Lips

Liber 506, Folio 69 July 29, 1918
Grantor: Fannie Pilson et. al.
Grantee: Sydney G. Beaver & wife

"Beginning...North 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^o East 90'...West 147'...East 150'..."

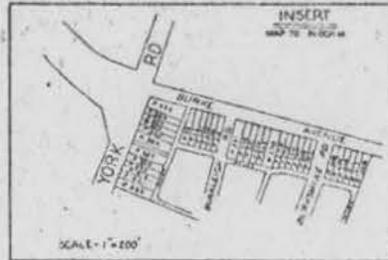
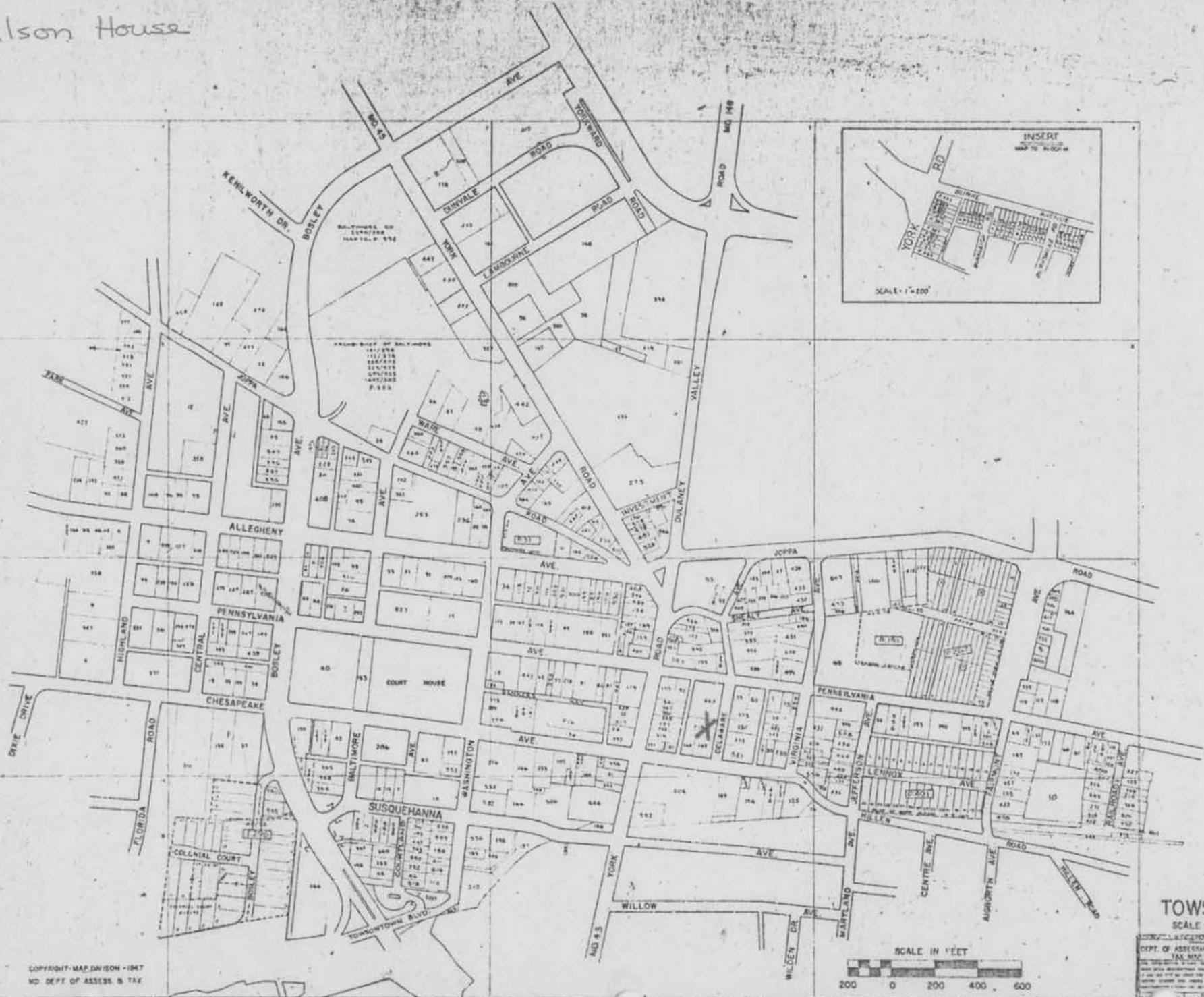
Liber 171, Folio 289 August 7, 1888
Grantor: Willielmina Gill et. al.
Grantee: Anna Pilson

Whereas by Lease JHL 54/138 Benjamin N. Payne to John M. Wheeler
A/R JHL 56/553 to Lewis A. Dalhoff

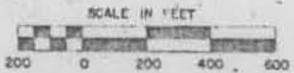
Liber 131, Folio 20
Grantor: Anna Pilson et. al.
Grantee: Fannie and Anna Pilson

Pilson House

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SCALE 1"=200'

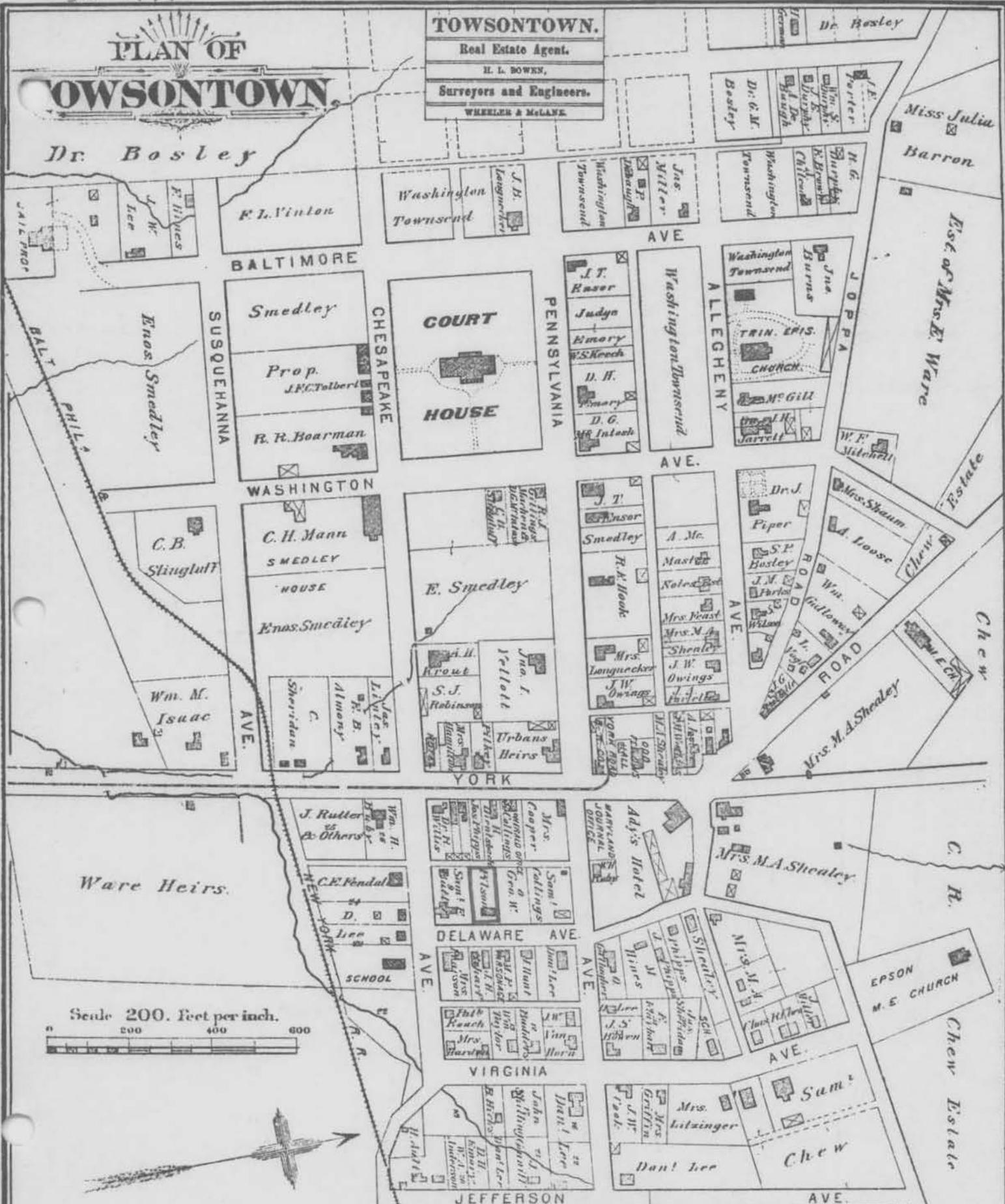
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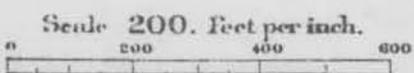
PLAN OF TOWSONTOWN.

TOWSONTOWN.
Real Estate Agent.
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Surveyors and Engineers.
WHEELER & McLANE.

Dr. Bosley



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Spring '78