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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Will House

AND/OR COMMON

Baltimore Co. Aging Programs & Services

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

121 Susquehanna Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Baltimore County

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The houses on the one-hundred block of Susquehanna are alike in that they are all bungalows and share many features typical to that style. These characteristics include a large oversized dormer, and a single story porch which incorporates its roof into the roof of the main block thus creating a catslide roof.

Generally, this building is a 1½ story frame structure covered with brown wooden shingles, resting on a high rock-face formstone foundation rising 36" off the ground. It is three bays wide and the equivalent of three bays deep. The gable-end roof is accentuated with deep overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends.

The north side of the house facing the street is the main facade. The most prominent feature is the oversized dormer, now covered with modern asbestos shingles, centrally located above the porch roof. This dormer is vented by a pair of 6/1 sash windows and has a gable-end roof.

The porch, an essential part of the bungalow style, rests on rock-face formstone piers. The space between the porch and ground is filled with lattice. The railing is partially enclosed with brown shingled panels. The roof of the porch, which has a tongue-and-groove ceiling, is supported by clusters of square columns, three per cluster.

A glass entrance door occupies the westernmost bay of the first level, while a pair of 6/1 sash windows occupy the easternmost bay.

The west facade is characterized by the irregular fenestration. There is a single 6/1 sash in the upper south bay, a casement window on the first level providing light for the staircase within and a single casement for the cellar. The difference between this house and the others is that it has a pedimented and bracketed hood covering the cellar entranceway, with a tongue-and-groove ceiling. This may be original.

The overhanging eaves of this gable-end contain tongue-and-groove soffit. A corbeled brick flue chimney rests on a formstone block foundation and pierces the eaves of the roof just south of the ridge.

The south facade is similar to the north facade in that it is approximately three bays wide and contains an oversized dormer.

However, a rear entrance occupies the middle bay somewhat off center to the West. This entrance is covered by a simple bracketed hood, and is reached by five steps leading to a platform porch.

The fenestration is regular in that it is composed of 6/1 sash windows, although a kitchen window in the western corner is somewhat smaller.

Unlike the west facade, no chimney exists on the east facade, therefore a pair of centrally located 6/1 sash windows vent the gable-end on the second level.

The strongest feature of this facade is a projection two bays wide (suggesting a bay window) on the first level measuring 10'2" wide and projecting 16". This projection has its own bracketed shed roof.

It should be noted that this building, as well as five other bungalows on this block, are owned by Baltimore County and have received a uniform exterior coloring which is not original.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Continuation Sheet

Item # 7

The interior space of this bungalow is similar to the others on this block.

In the full basement it can be seen that there are transverse joists (lap joined and toe-nailed) and a laminated "summer beam" 10" wide supported by two 6" x 8" posts. The block walls are penetrated by casement windows.

This house is two rooms deep and the equivalent of two rooms wide.

The northernmost portion is occupied by the main parlor. A staircase runs along the west wall.

The dining area and the kitchen share the southernmost portion of this house, East and West respectively. It is the dining area which contains the slight bay projection.

The second level contains a central hall with three bedrooms and one bathroom.

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 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

D. Owings

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

TITLE SEARCH for # 121 SUSQUEHANNA AVE.

CONDEMNATION CASE # 1270:

Baltimore County Vs. Towson Bureau of Business Services, Inc. and Towson Federal Savings and Loan Association

Land Records:

Liber 4254, Folio 82 January 15, 1964

Mortgage between Towson Bureau of Business Services, Inc. and Towson Federal Savings and Loan, Association

Liber 3938, Folio 559 December 19, 1961

Grantor: William Martin Donshue

Grantee: Towson Bureau of Business Services, Inc.

"Beginning...south side of Susquehanna Ave. at distance 55.6' southeasterly from intersection of south side of Susquehanna Ave. with east side of Baltimore Ave....South 40'...West 140'...40'...140'..."

Liber 3616, Folio 357 October 7, 1959

Grantor: Julia E. Smith, Trustee

Grantee: William Martin Donahue

Liber 959, Folio 518 September 5, 1935

Grantor: Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore

Grantee: Martin J. Donahue

Liber 959, Folio 517 July 8, 1935

Grantor: Carl J. Parker & wife

Grantee: Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore

Liber 944, Folio 322 November 9, 1934

Grantor: Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore

Grantee: Carl J. Parker & wife

Liber 916, Folio 175 July 18, 1933

Grantor: George W. Newton

Grantee: Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore

(Liber 916/173 July 18, 1933 Jesse N. Brown, Atty. to George W. Newton.)

Mortgage 799/571 October 13, 1928 Howard C. Will & wife to Provident Savings
Bank of Baltimore

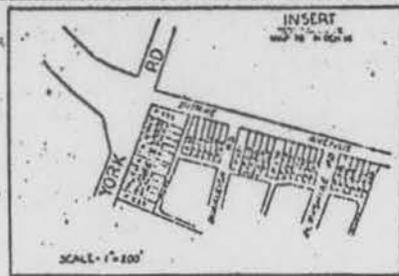
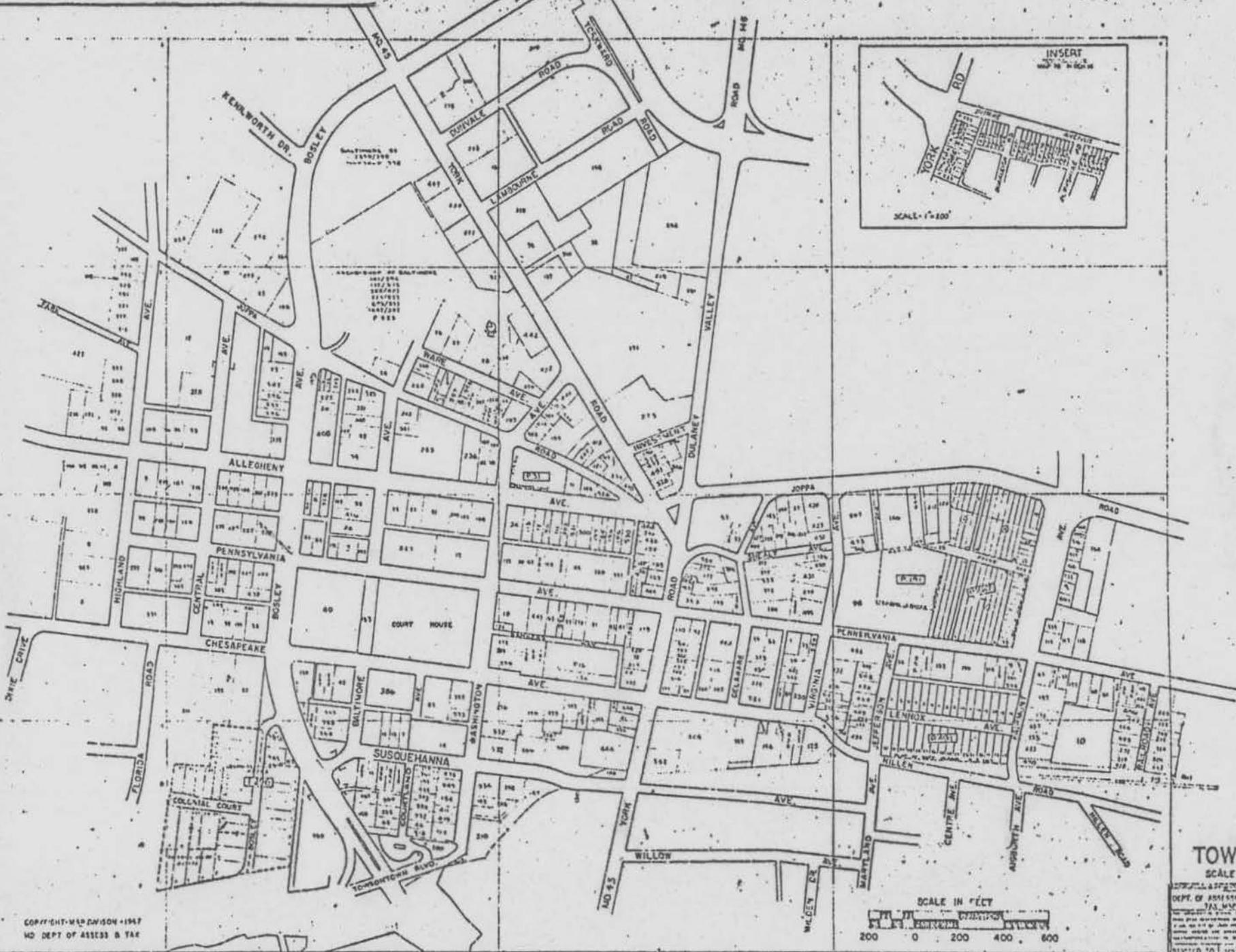
Liber 587, Folio 196 December 29, 1923
Grantor: George H. Stieber & wife
Grantee: Howard C. Will

Liber 566, Folio 224 December 5, 1922
Grantor: Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co.
Grantee: George H. Stieber

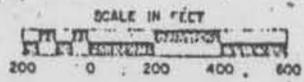
Lot # 1 Plat Book 3/138

Liber 257, Folio 357 November 25, 1901
Grantor: P.S. Jones & Rebecca Scott, Exec.
Grantee: F. J. Morton

Susquehanna Ave.
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