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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

*Bosley Duplex West*

AND/OR COMMON

*Private offices*

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

*111 Susquehanna Ave.*

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	<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

*H. Francies LeBrun*

Telephone #: *823-6340*

STREET & NUMBER

*637 Chestnut Ave.*

CITY, TOWN

*Towson*

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21204*

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*New Courts Building*

Liber #: *See Attachment*  
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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Summer, 1978</u>

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

# 111 Susquehanna Ave. is a two story duplex with a finished attic and a longitudinal plan. It has a slate gable-end roof with dormers. The building is four bays wide and six bays deep. The first story is of different sized red sandstone blocks laid with an attempt at coursing, with beaded grouting. The upper stories are frame covered with asbestos shingles which replace the original brown wooden shingles.

The west facade, or main facade contains a shed roofed porch, 3/4 of which has been enclosed. The fenestration of this asbestos shingled enclosure is a regular 8/8 sash. The original entrance has been blocked, however an original 1/1 sash window remains. The windows have louvered shutters and architrave-like trim. The gable-end has deep cornices, and deep eaves of tongue-and-groove soffit. This end is vented by two pairs of 1/1 sash windows.

The north facade is dominated by a pair of two large pedimented dormers which repeat the motif of the deeply corniced gables. Casement windows have been inset between these dormers. The regular fenestration on the first level has been interrupted with the addition of an entrance-way above which is a pedimented roof supported by two doric columns. Between each column and wall of the facade exists a wooden bench.

The south facade repeats the appearance of this north facade.

The west end is a collection of geometric shapes. A pair of two story wings project and are nestled beneath the large gable-end of the main block. The continuous cornices, foundation, joists, etc., suggest these wings are original. The interior bays of the first level are enclosed as is the entire second level. An open porch on the south corner and an enclosed porch on the north corner both give access to entrances. The northern porch is enclosed with casement windows and a doorway with a three light transom.

The central bay provides an exterior entrance to a full basement below.

The full basement under each side of the house is constructed of long concrete blocks measuring 2 feet long, 8 inches in height and 7 inches thick. A solid masonry wall bisects the building and each side has an interior access. The circular sawn joists run transversly with a 14 inch spacing.

It is observed that the building is of four different types of masonry - block, poured concrete and rubble walls, brick, and sandstone.

The interior has been altered for commercial purposes. A hall runs along a bisecting wall connecting three rooms and a bathroom per floor on each side.

The upper level contains the most original fabric. Details include three-quarter round corner guards, plain mouldings, bulls eye corner blocks and interior doorways with transoms. Also observed are solid four-panel doors which vary with porcelain knobs and metal box locks or metal plated oval knobs with beads. Additional details include claw-footed tubs, early porcelain fixtures, and cast iron hot water radiators with embossed floral designs.

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 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 &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

## TITLE SEARCH for # 111 SUSQUEHANNA AVE.

Liber 3700, Folio 402 May 10, 1960  
Grantor: Calvert Land Grants, Inc.  
Grantee: Betsy W. LeBrun

"Beginning...intersection of south side of Susquehanna Ave. with  
the east side of Courtland Ave...West 19' 1 3/8"...109'8"..."

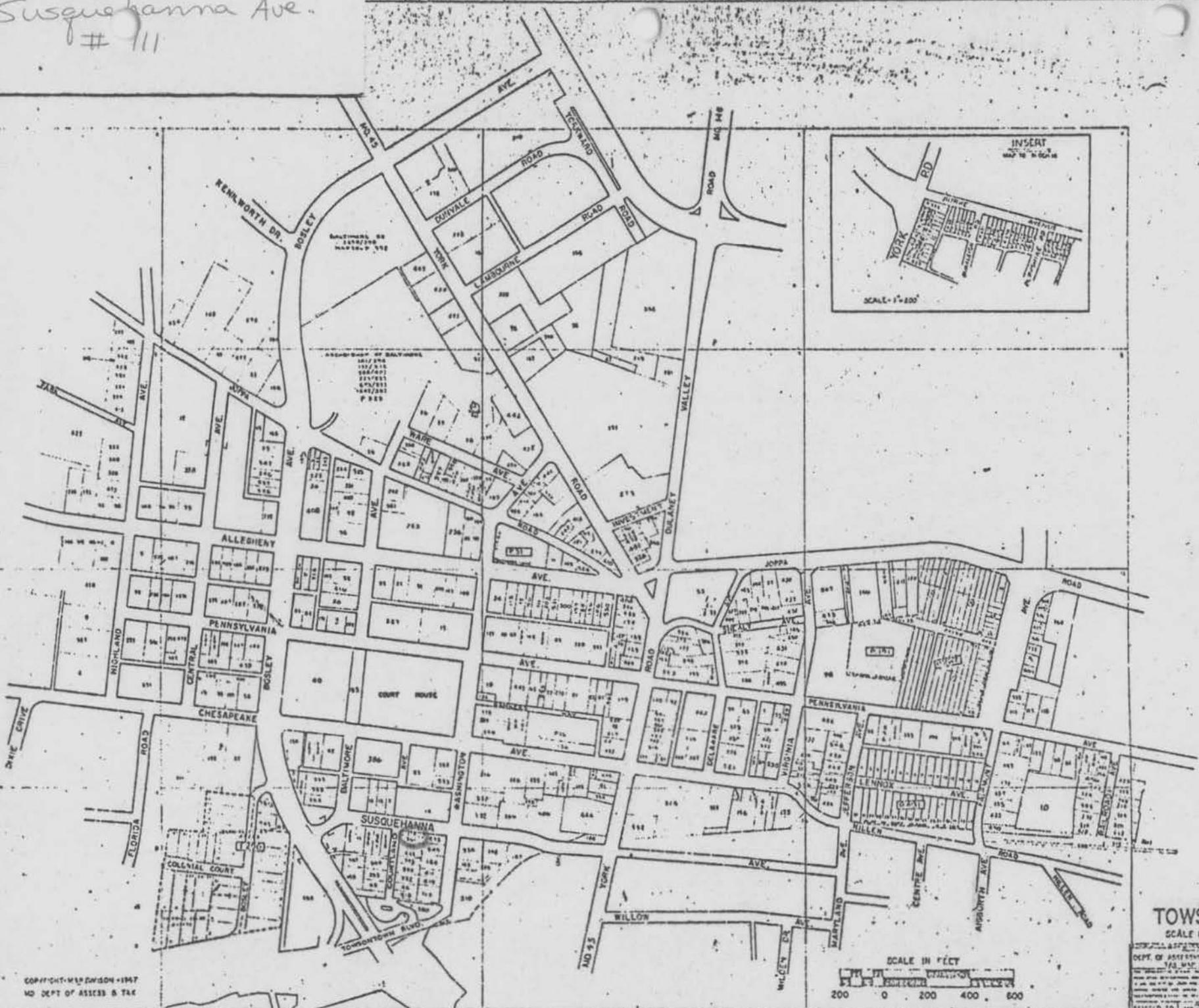
Liber 3700, Folio 398 May 10, 1960  
Grantor: Emma F. LeBrun  
Grantee: Calvert Land Grants, Inc.

Liber 567, Folio 296 February 15, 1923  
Grantor: Beatrice R. Bosley et. al.  
Grantee: Harry A. LeBrun & wife

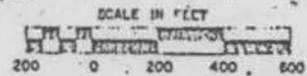
Liber 409, Folio 155 March 26, 1913  
Grantor: Marion H. Merryman et. al.  
Grantee: Arthor L. Bosley et. al.

Four plots of equal dimension two on the west side of Washington Ave.  
and two on the east side of Courtland Ave.

Susquehanna Ave.  
# 711



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TOWSON  
SCALE 1"=200'

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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W. NIELD  
9/78



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