

CAPSULE  
# 204 WASHINGTON AVENUE

Although high rises loom nearby these frame houses on the 200 block of Washington Avenue, the avenue itself has not been invaded and the 2½ story scale has been maintained. These houses are a reflection of a time when structures were built in deference to the height of the Courthouse dome.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George B. Ensor House

AND/OR COMMON

O'Meara Construction Co.

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

204 Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY  
Baltimore

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

James E. O'Meara, Jr.

Telephone #: 833-0233

STREET & NUMBER

Railroad & Albright Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Glyndon

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21071

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 4087

Folio #: 315

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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>March, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only

Five steeply pitched gable-end roofed houses stand in the 200 block of Washington Avenue. Each is basically of a longitudinal plan, being a small two bays wide by three bays long, and each appears to rest on cement foundations.

This 2½ story frame structure is covered with asbestos shingles. The fenestration is regular (1/1 sash) with the entrance of the main facade or east facade being located in the southern bay and an opening in the northern bay. The original window has been altered for commercial purposes.

The second level is a regular 1/1 sash, however, the openings are somewhat off center to the South. The gable end contains a small casement window. All doors and windows have wooden lintels and sills.

The gable roof itself has deep bracketed eaves.

This building is characterized by its second story which almost appears as a large dormer. This is due to the fact that the roof of a single story porch extends beyond, and rises on a gabled pitch, along the north and south sides.

**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 1900 - 1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although high rises loom nearby these frame houses on the 200 block of Washington Avenue, the avenue itself has not been invaded and the 2½ story scale has been maintained. These houses are a reflection of a time when structures were built in deference to the height of the Courthouse dome.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

STREET &amp; 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 # 204 WASHINGTON AVE.  
Parcel 419

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
4087	315	December 18, 1962	Jack H. Williams & wife	James E. O'Meara, Jr. & wf.
Beginning...west side of Washington Ave. at a distance 200' southerly from the southwest corner or intersection of Washington Ave. and Susquehanna Ave...southerly 41' westerly 112½' ...to the east line of lot # 13 as laid on the plat of Franklin J. Morton's land (Plat Book 3/138) distant 9' from the corner ...to end of lot # 14...easterly 112½'...being known as # 204 Washington Ave.				
4087	313	December 18, 1962	Elizabeth A. Williams	Jack H. Williams & wife.
3016	136	September 11, 1956	Combine Holding Company	Jack H. Williams & wife
3016	134	September 11, 1956	Jack Williams & wife	Elizabeth A. Williams
Subject to rent				
3016	131	September 11, 1956	Jack H. Williams & wf.	Combine Holding Company
LEASE: Subject to annual ground rent of \$ 90.				
2974	397	July 17, 1956	Nolan V. Rosier	Jack H. Williams & wife
1383	282	April 23, 1945	Wilbert B. Schmidt & wife	Nolan V. Rosier
1372	565	January 5, 1945	Eleanor J. Malkus	Wilbert B. Schmidt & wife
1372	564	January 5, 1945	Wilbert B. Schmidt	Eleanor J. Malkus
1309	477	October 2, 1943	Edward Neuman & wife	Wilbert B. Schmidt
513	385	July 9, 1919	Charles W. Held, Exec.	Edward Neuman
Charles W. Held, Executor of Last Will & Testament of George B. Ensor. Will Book 19/481				
415	214	May 9, 1913	Albert E. Debaugh et al	George B. Ensor
365	528	September 7, 1910	Franklin J. Morton	Albert E. Debaugh et al

# 204 Washington Ave., page 2

333 459 October 7, 1908 Franklin J. Morton & wife Albert E. Debaugh et al

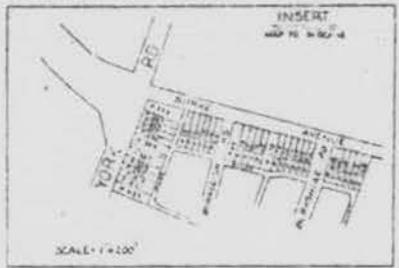
LEASE

Being a part of lot # 14 on plat (mentioned before)

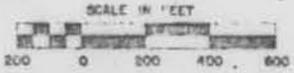
257 357 November 21, 1901 Philena S. Jones et al Franklin J. Morton

Beginning...stone set...at southeast corner of Susquehanna Ave.  
and Baltimore Ave...to stone...southeast corner of Washington and  
Susquehanna Aves...west side of Washington Ave...north side of  
Oak Ave.

94 530 December 6, 1875 John S. Reese & wf Enos Smedley



COPYRIGHT MAR. DAVISON - 1967  
MD DEPT. OF ASSESS. & TAX.



**TOWSON**  
SCALE 1"=200'  
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION  
TAX MAP DIVISION

MAP NO  
7CA



*E. Moore  
Construction  
Company*

BA-1495

# 204 WASHINGTON AVE.  
E. FACADE

J. CORCORAN  
7/79



BA-1495

#204 WASHINGTON AVE  
N. FACADE

J. CORCORAN

7/78