

## # 211 COURTLAND AVE.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Rudd House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

211 Courtland Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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

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 #: 5240

Folio #: 339

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**

<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>Summer, 1978</u>

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

There are three longitudinally planned houses in a row on Courtland Avenue, each characterized by being a two story frame structure with a finished attic resting on a high foundation. The gable-end roof has deeply corniced eaves with block brackets. This building is two bays wide, four bays deep and is covered with asbestos shingles. The fenestration is a regular 1/1 sash.

The street facade faces West and features a single story porch. This porch is characterized by classical details which include a shed roof simulating a half pediment on its end, and supporting fluted doric columns.

An entrance door occupies the north bay of the first level. A pair of 6/6 sash windows vent the gable end.

The fenestration of the south facade is regular, however, there are only three evenly spaced windows on the first level while a window occupies each bay of the second level. A centrally located corbeled brick chimney exits the roof south of the ridge.

The fenestration of the north facade differs from the south in that the westernmost bays are windowless with the exception of a single light casement window in the east bay lighting a staircase within.

Upon entering the house one finds a main parlor to the south and a staircase along the north wall. This stair has closed string steps with a minimum of decoration, and square newel post and balusters.

The main parlor leads to the dining area which leads to the third division occupied by a kitchen to the south and a bathroom to the north.

The moldings are plain, rectangular in shape with square corner blocks. The solid doors have five lateral panels and glass knobs with oval metal plates and embossed beads.

The upstairs is defined by the side hall plan, containing three bedrooms and a bathroom. The hallway has a curvilinear wall to accommodate a banister. There is a closet at the west end of the hall.

Details include corner guards and hot water radiators.

The attic has a false knee wall and trapezoidal ceiling. There are two rooms of equal size lighted by the windows in the gable ends.

**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

1915

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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	WAYNE L. NIELD, II HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.	
ORGANIZATION	D. Owings	DATE Summer 1978
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.

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 # 211 COURTLAND AVE.

Liber 5240, Folio 339 December 3, 1971  
Grantor: Elizabeth Rudd Plate (Rep. of Estate of Pauline M. Rudd)  
Grantee: Baltimore County

"Beginning...east side of Courtland Ave....79'4" from southeast corner or intersection of Courtland and Susquehanna Aves....east side of Courtland Ave. 35'4"....112½'...known as # 211 Courtland Ave."

Liber 4854, Folio 413 February 17, 1968  
Grantor: Rita Rudd Carroll et. al.  
Grantee: Pauline M. Rudd

Liber 4658, Folio 142 May 6, 1966  
Grantor: Charles L. Rudd & wife  
Grantee: Rita Rudd Carroll & Elizabeth Rudd Plate (as joint tenants)

Liber 566, Folio 585 January 18, 1923  
Grantor: George F. Hokemeyer & wife  
Grantee: Charles L. Rudd & wife

Liber 559, Folio 2 August 3, 1922  
Grantor: W. Gill Smith & wife  
Grantee: George F. Hokemeyer & wife

Liber 558, Folio 108 July 6, 1922  
Grantor: Lida W. Yoder  
Grantee: W. Gill Smith

Liber 512, Folio 243 June 3, 1919  
Grantor: George C. Tracey et. al.  
Grantee: Lida W. Yoder

Liber 511, Folio 27 April 28, 1919  
Grantor: William P. Cole  
Grantee: George C. Tracey

Being parts of lots #4 & #5 Plat Book 3/138

Liber 466, Folio 309 August 31, 1916  
Grantor: Marion H. Merryman  
Grantee: William P. Cole

Liber 390, Folio 386 February 17, 1912  
Grantor: Franklin J. Morton  
Grantee: Marion H. Merryman

"Beginning...south side of Susquehanna Ave....150'...150'..."

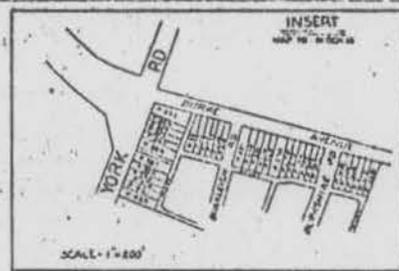
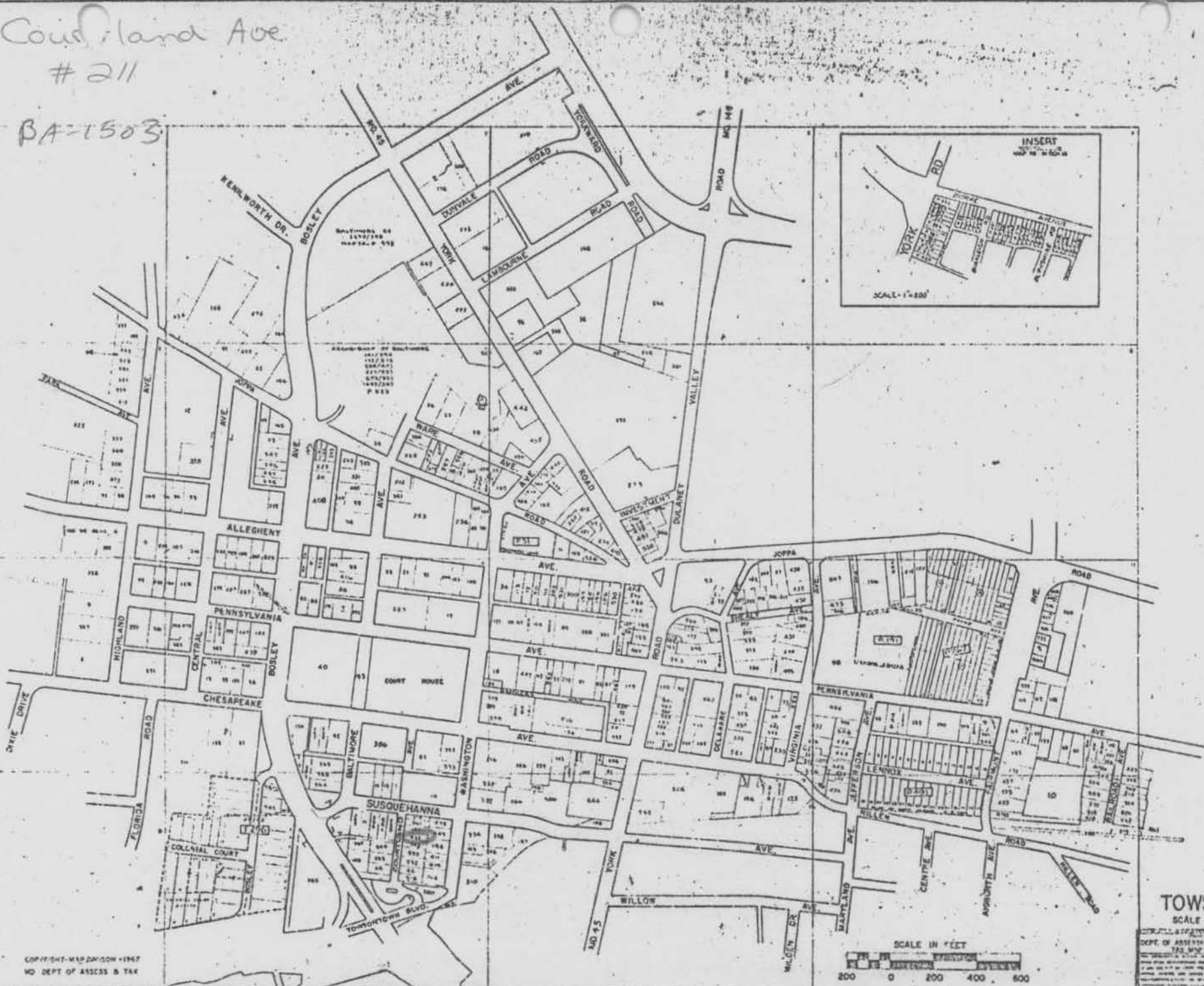
Liber 377, Folio 86 March 24, 1911 Bond of Conveyance  
Grantor: Franklin J. Morton  
Grantee: Marion H. Merryman

The 1911 Tax Assessment Records for Baltimore County record Marion H. Merryman as owning new in 1915 three houses on Courtland Avenue on lots on the southwest corner of Washington Avenue, 35' x 112'. The 1915 Bromley Atlas shows only three houses on Courtland Avenue at this time, one of which occupies the same lot as this house. Therefore, this house was probably built in 1915.

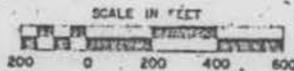
Courland Ave

#211

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**TOWSON**  
SCALE 1" = 200'

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# 211 COURTLAND AVE.  
W. FACADE  
DETAIL

W. NIELD  
9/78



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# 211 COURTLAND AVE.  
S.W. CORNER

W. NIELD  
9/78