

221 W. JOPPA ROAD

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mc Guire House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

221 W. Joppa Rd.

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 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	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

Leslie S. Sparks

Telephone #: 825-8165

STREET & NUMBER

433 Range 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 #: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

This nearly square, two story frame structure rests on a rock-face formstone foundation, is covered with brown wooden shingles, and supports an equilateral hipped roof. It is the equivalent of three bays deep and two bays wide although there are four openings on the bottom and two on top.

Along with these features there are other qualities which give this building a distinct character.

The appearance of the north facade (street facade) is dominated by a full single story porch, the roof of which corresponds to the shape of the main roof. This roof with a tongue-and-groove ceiling is supported by rectangular, truncated columns.

The porch itself rests on formstone piers with lattice in between, is enclosed by a wooden-paneled rail, and is reached by four wooden steps.

The fenestration is irregular in placement and type. Two evenly placed 1/1 sash occupy the upper story. However, the first story contains a pair of 1/1 sash in the western bay, a six light casement window in the eastern bay and an off center four-paneled glass entrance door.

The fenestration of the west facade is also somewhat irregular. The upper story contains two evenly placed 1/1 sash windows, whereas the lower story has a pair of 1/1 sash in the southernmost bay.

The foundation tapers from approximately 2 feet in the North to 6 inches in the South.

The south facade has a partially enclosed porch on the eastern half of the first story. There is an open but covered entrance in the easternmost bay and an enclosed pantry area projecting South from the building with casement windows in the western bay.

The most irregular fenestration exists on the east facade. Of the three windows on the second story, the two occupying the south and middle bays are 1/1 sash and one on the north bay is a casement window.

The first story has a single sash in the southern bay, a casement window in the northern bay and an entrance to the cellar in the middle bay. There are also two cellar windows on this facade.

Eight feet South of this building stands a gable-end single car garage running East to West, covered with the same brown wooden shingles as the house. It is characterized by double doors having criss-cross battens over tongue-and-groove panels on the east end. There are six lights per door. The west gable end is lighted by a 2/2 casement window.

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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

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

D. Owings

ORGANIZATION

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 # 221 W. JOPPA RD.

Liber 4325, Folio 393 July 3, 1964
Grantor: George M. Schellenberger & wife
Grantee: Leslie S. Sparks & wife

"Beginning...south side of Joppa Rd....50'...East 51'7"...
West 70'...West 45'...Northerly...94'...beginning...known as
221 W. Joppa Rd."

Liber 3646, Folio 565 December 23, 1959
Grantor: Elva G. Young
Grantee: George M. Schellenberger

Liber 3646, Folio 563 December 23, 1959
Grantor: Marie H. Geckle & G. M. Schellenberger
Grantee: Elva G. Young

Liber 3379, Folio 58 July 9, 1958
Grantor: Agnes S. McGuire
Grantee: Marie H. Geckle & G. M. Schellenberger

Liber 612, Folio 511 June 7, 1925
Grantor: Sarah E. O'Dell et.al.
Grantee: James A. McGuire & wife

Restrictions: 1) That the house to be erected on said lot shall
be at least 25' from the south side of Joppa Rd.
2) That no house shall be erected upon said lot
costing less than \$5,000.

"Beginning...on west side of a 20' alley...West 90'...East 117'on
the south side of Joppa Rd....East 101'7"...West 70'...beginning."

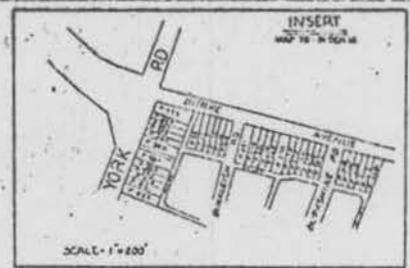
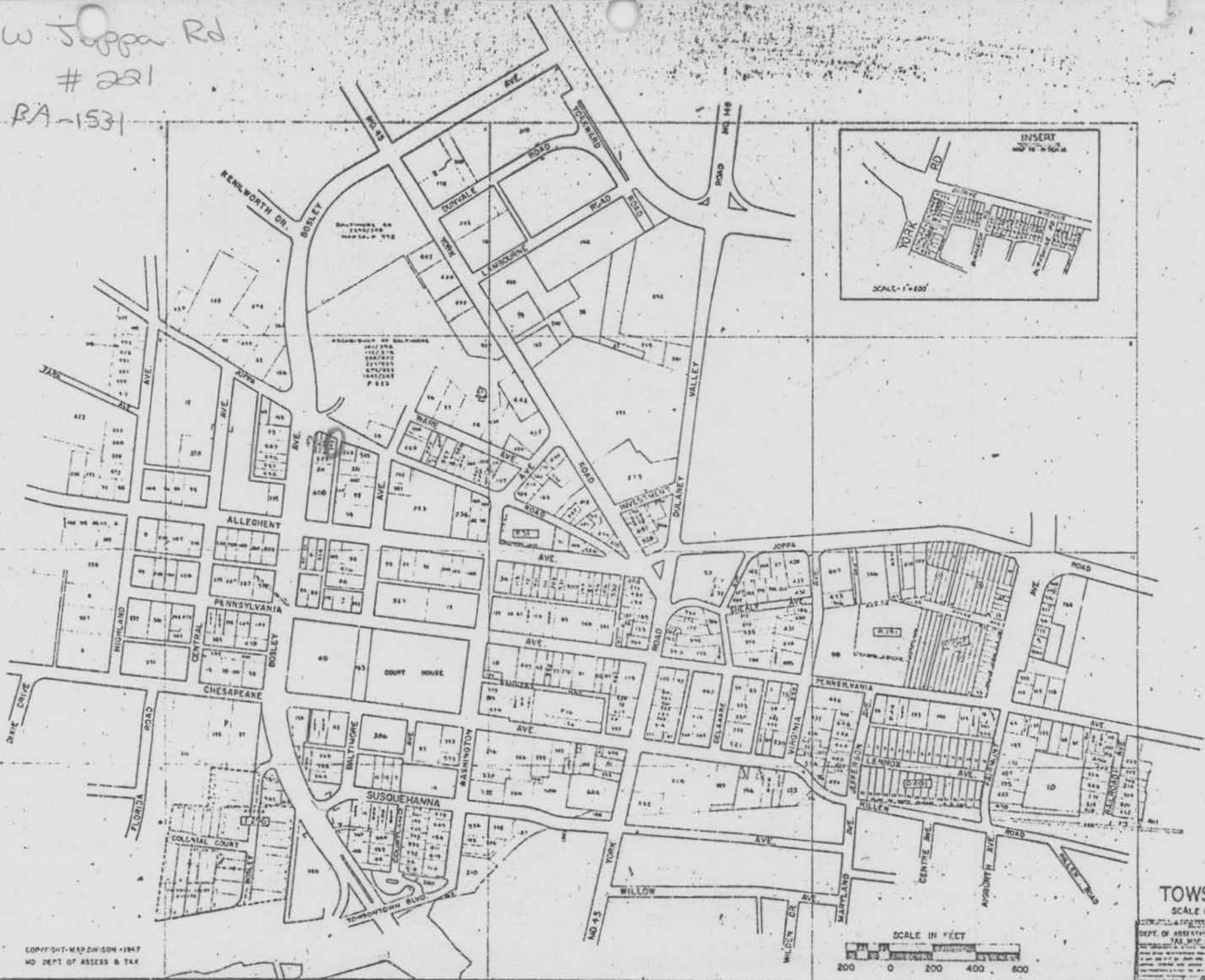
Liber 232, Folio 571 June 1, 1898
Grantor: Home Permanent Mutual Land and Building Association of Balto. Co.
Grantee: Sarah E. O'Dell

OUTBUILDINGS IN TOWSON

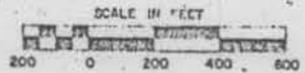
Outbuildings are important in understanding pre-modern lifestyles. In the area of transportation for example it is easy to overlook the number of buildings and other structures which have come into existence with the development of the combustion engine. These would include not only the home garage and gas station but heavier bridges and hard top roads as well as a host of "drive-in" stores and entertainments.

Although not as extensive or explosive, the same may be said of the age of horse travel and its buildings and structures. An understanding of Towson in the second half of the 19th century would be incomplete without realizing the number of stables necessary for housing horses and wagons. Neither the Hopkins nor Bromley Atlases indicate chicken houses, privies, etc., but they do show that quite a few homes had stables and barns behind them. The Hopkins Atlas of 1877, for example, shows over forty stables in central Towson. The Bromley Atlas of 1898 shows most of these still in existence with an additional twenty or so having been built in the meantime. All but one of these outbuildings are indicated as being of wood construction. Most of these were probably frame although it is known that the Bowen House for example had several log outbuildings. In 1850 there were stone outbuildings at Epsom and there was a stone spring-house behind the Towson Tavern but the only masonry barn/stable indicated by Bromley is a large brick structure on the southwest corner of Delaware and Pennsylvania Avenues. Hopkins appears to indicate the same structure in 1877.

W Joppa Rd
 # 221
 PA-1531



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