

CAPSULE  
# 207 WASHINGTON AVENUE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

*Herryman House (site)*

AND/OR COMMON

*Carpet Land Office*

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

207 Washington Ave

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

*Ninth*

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

*Baltimore*

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lawyers Reality Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3471

Folio #: 433

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Towson Maryland

STATE

**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>Jan., 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Washington Ave. is a brick gable roof house comprised of different wings and additions with various storey levels. The west facade is characterised by a two storey plus attic center block and a wing on each of its corners. It is capped by a gable roof which has deep eaves that give the suggestion of a pediment. The first storey of this block is 5 bays wide and seems to be an enclosed porch with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hipped roof that separates it from the second storey. The north and south facades of this enclosure each have 2  $\frac{6}{6}$  light casement windows. The half glass half wood door has a glass transom, one sidelight and occupies the southmost bay. The 4 remaining bays northward have  $\frac{6}{6}$  lights casement windows. The two bays in the second storey and attic have  $\frac{8}{1}$  light windows.

The south two storey brick wing which is attached to the west facade's center block has a wood door in the south bay that has 4 lights and is topped by a flat arch. There is a  $\frac{4}{4}$  light casement window in the north bay of the second storey.

The one storey wing to the north of the center block has a half hipped roof and a door with a 4 light transom. This wing has an arched window in the center bay with two rows of header bricks as lintels in the north facade.

The north facade of the main block has an 1/air conditioner window in the east bay of the first storey and 2  $\frac{8}{1}$  windows in the east and west bays of the second storey which surround an outside end chimney. To the northeast of the chimney sit 2 dormers. The 2 storey east end of this facade extends outward with one  $\frac{8}{8}$  light window in each storey.

In between the south facade of the one storey (west facade) enclosure and partially covered by the corner of the south facade of the main block is an  $\frac{8}{1}$  light window in the first storey. This side of the house shows a flat roof. In the west bay of the basement there is a wood door with a flat arch and a 3 light casement window in the middle and east bays. The first storey has a double hung  $\frac{2}{2}$  light window in the west bay and a recessed arch entrance to its right (east) which has a double row of arched headers above it; the second row is raised. There is a wood door housed in this entrance. Going easterly there are 4  $\frac{8}{1}$  light windows that become progressively longer as they move east. There is a  $\frac{4}{4}$  light casement window in the west bay and 4  $\frac{8}{1}$  light windows in the remaining eastern bays of the second storey.

The east facade is characterised by various roof lines which reveals a gable roof and shingled facade behind parts of the brick facade which seem to be (possibly) part of the original frame house. The south brick projection is two stories high with an  $\frac{8}{1}$  light window in the center bay of each storey. The building wall then reduces to one storey moving north, which is 2 bays wide and has an  $\frac{8}{1}$  light window in both bays.

Behind the brick facades is a 2 storey frame facade that is covered by what appear to be asbestos shingles. The first and second stories of this block, which are separated by a wood railed sun porch each have one  $\frac{8}{1}$  light window. There is a door in the south bay and an  $\frac{8}{1}$  light window in the north bay of the gable.

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A north two storey one bay wide brick wing is attached to the building at the north end of the east facade. It has a half glass half wood door in the first storey that is covered by a shed roof entrance and an 8/8 light window in the second storey. There is a small double hung 3/3 light window that faces north out of this facade placed at a level slightly higher than that of the top of the door.

All of the house's windows and doors except for those in the wood part have flat arch lintels and brick sills. There is a decorative belt course of vertical stretcher bricks that goes around the house about 12 inches from the ground.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <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 1898 - 1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records

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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

Mary Sue Greisman

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

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.

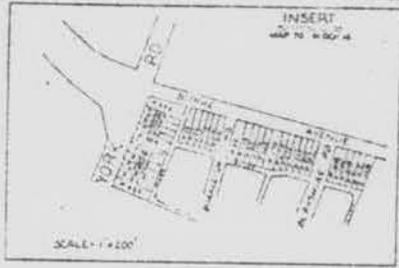
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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207 Washington Ave

Number/Folio	Date	Grantor	Grantee
3471/433	Jan.2,1959	Winfield H Wineholt and wife,Evelyn	Lawyers Reality Inc.
<p>...Being for the same at a iron pipe ..end of 110 ft. Southerly from corner of South side of Susquehanna Ave.and the East side of Washington Ave...binding on East of Washington in a South direction 45 feet to iron pipe then East parallel with Susquehanna 103 feet north parallel with Washington Ave.45 feet to the intersection of the 6th line of property owned by Merryman at a distance of 16 feet one inch from beginning binding on the 6th line....103 feet to beginning.</p>			
1412/485	Dec.4,1945	John H Wolsh and wife Mildred	Winfield Wineholt
1330/518	March 11,1944	Werner G H Olias	John H Wolsh
1231/462	June 27,1942	Loretta C Murphy	Werner Olias
952/372	June 21,1935	Towson Building Assoc. Inc.	Werner Olias
909/513	May 15,1933	Noah E Offut Att.	Towson Bldg.Assoc. Inc
51/34	Oct.22,1928	Lewis C Merryman and Juanita	Marion Merryman
Sold for \$4,200.			
627/492	Nov.27,1925	Marion Merryman	Lewis C Merryman
300/282	June 18,1906	D Sterett Gittings	Marion and Clara Merryman
The lots split and the properties were sold for \$4600.00 They were part of land that was divided into two parcels			
239/231	May 22,1899	Arthur W Machen	D Sterett Gittings
Sold for \$1500.00,being the parcels described in 2 deeds from			
62/407	March 13,1869	Washington Townsend	GeBohn Slinghoff
59/536	Oct.19,1868	Washington Townsend	George Yellott



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**TOWSON**  
 SCALE 1" = 200'

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#207 WASHINGTON AVE.  
N.W. CORNER

J. CORCORAN  
7/79