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CAPSULE  
JOSEPH W. SCOTT HOUSE

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley was initially responsible for the residential development of west Towson. He was a prominent land owner who is especially noted for having donated part of his estate for the site of the Court House and Jail in 1853. By 1899, Bosley Avenue, Allegheny Avenue, W. Pennsylvania Avenue, W. Chesapeake Avenue, Highland Avenue and later Central Avenue were laid out for accessibility to lots ready for public development. Although he died in 1901 before much development took place, Dr. Bosley was represented by his trustees who continued to administer his land.

Presently, areas such as west Towson are seeing the commercial growth of central Towson slowly creeping into their own neighborhoods. However, very few high rises are seen here (existing only on two border areas) and many commercial alterations have been sensitive to the residential quality home owners are hoping to maintain.

One such structure is # 305 Allegheny Avenue. The only basic alterations have been enclosed porches. The main block still looks much as it did when the house was new in 1920, including the characterizing brown wooden shingles.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Joseph W. Scott House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

305 Allegheny Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

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	<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 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

C. Preston Scheffenaeker, Jr.

Telephone #: 825-2300

STREET & NUMBER

305 Allegheny Ave. - Office

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5187

Folio #: 465

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>May, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only:

# 305 Allegheny Avenue has seen some modern alterations but for the most part contains much original exterior fabric. The nearly square main block is a gabled frame structure covered with brown wooden shingles. It rests upon a five foot high stone foundation and measures a very wide two bays by approximately three bays long.

The gabled end facing north is the main facade. The first story gabled roof porch has been enclosed for commercial purposes. The second level, however, remains unchanged and contains a pair of 1/1 sash windows with louvered shutters in each bay. The gable is vented by a smaller pair of 1/1 sash.

The roof has deep eaves with exposed rafter ends.

The east facade displays an irregular fenestration in placement and size. That which is irregular includes an entrance door in the north bay of the first level (alteration), a small window off center to the south between the first and second level, and an unusually large 1/1 sash window in the north bay of the second level.

The eastern one-half of the south facade has an enclosed shed roof porch with an entrance on the east side being covered with a shed roof also.

The high foundation contains an entrance in the west bay.

The outstanding feature of the west facade is the squared bay window with a shed hood in the south bay of the first level. It contains two large 1/1 sash windows.

Square casements flank a brick corbeled exterior-end chimney which pierces the eaves of the roof. This causes the second story windows to be placed unevenly South of the chimney.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records  
Baltimore County Tax Assessment 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 Schultz      WAYNE C. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

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

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 305 ALLEGHENY AVE.  
Parcel 104, Map 70-A

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5187	465	May 24, 1971	C. Preston Scheffenacker Jr.	Russell J. White et al
Beginning at the southside of Allegheny Ave. 125 feet North 76° West from the south side of Allegheny Ave. with the west side of Bosley Ave., the point of beginning being the northwest corner of the lot owned by the Methodist Church North 76° West 65 feet, South 13° 59' West 150 feet, East 65 feet, North 13° 59' East 150 feet to beginning known as # 305 Allegheny Ave.				
4921	631	September 20, 1968	C. Preston Scheffenacker, Inc.	C. Preston Scheffenacker Jr. & wife
3958	359	February 14, 1962	Henry R. McNally, Jr. et al	C. Preston Scheffenacker, Inc.
541	352	June 29, 1921	Joseph W. Scott & wife	Henry R. McNally, Jr. et al
515	57	July 28, 1919	Beatrice R. Bosley et al	Joseph W. Scott & wife

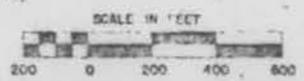
Being part of the property devised to Grafton M. Bosley in trust for his son Arthur L. Bosley and after his death to his children. Arthur L. Bosley died intestate February, 1917 leaving said grantors, his children.

Joseph W. Scott and wife "...hereby covenant that neither they... will erect any dwelling house on said above lot costing less than \$2,500 or within less than 25 feet of Allegheny.

1920 Tax Assessment shows this house to be new in that year  
The house measures 24' x 24' on this list.



**TOWSON**  
SCALE 1" = 200'



DEPT. OF APPLICANTS & TAXATION  
700 W. BALTIMORE ST.  
BALTIMORE, MD. 21201

MAP NO.  
70A

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MORTGAGE RECORD

Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company  
for \$11,500

Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with  
the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following  
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

- Chesapeake Avenue
- Pennsylvania Avenue
- Allegheny Avenue
- Highland Avenue
- Bosley Avenue



BA-1725  
305 ALLEGHENY  
AVENUE  
NORTH FACADE

WAYNE NIELD II  
MARCH 1979