

CAPSULE
FRANK SCHULER HOUSE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Frank Schuler House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

309 Allegheny Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank Schuler

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

309 Allegheny Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

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

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 DATE <u>May, 1970</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only:

Allegheny Avenue retains its residential scale, although several structures have been converted for commercial use. One house that has remained residential is # 309. This house sits on the corner of Allegheny and Highland Avenues and is reported by the present owner to have been built in 1910.

This frame 2½ story structure rests on a stone foundation. The walls are covered with the original brown wooden shingles and are topped by a slate hipped roof.

The main facade of the nearly square block faces North. Most prominent is the single story porch and hipped roof which is supported by four full doric columns. It covers a most interesting first level. Features include a large glass door with side lights in the east bay, with a projecting bay window in the west. This window contains narrow 6/1 sash windows on the sides and larger 9/1 sash in the center. All windows have louvered shutters.

The second level has a squared bay projection in the east bay which has two narrow 6/1 sash windows with one shutter per window. The west bay is the same as the first level.

On the east end of the roof is a pedimented dormer vented by a pair of small 4/1 sash windows.

The western one-half of this facade's roof is a pedimented gable vented by similar windows.

A brick chimney pierces the ridge in the northernmost end.

The west facade is a large two bays wide. Fenestration is somewhat irregular in type.

The cellar is lighted by two casements. The north bay of the first level has a pair of nine light casements. The south bay, however, contains a bay projection similar to the ones on the north facade. This bay is covered with a slate hood hipped to relate to the main roof. The second level has 9/1 sash windows in each bay.

The roof here has a centrally located dormer.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Land Records
Baltimore County Tax Assessment 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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. O. Schultz

WAYNE L. 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

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CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 309 ALLEGHENY AVE.

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
939	308	January 4, 1935	John G. Turnbull	Frank Schuler et al
939	307	January 4, 1935	Frank Schuler	John G. Turnbull
Beginning at the south side of Allegheny Ave. with the east side of Central Ave. Easterly along the south side of Allegheny 60 feet Southerly 150 feet Westerly 60 feet, Northerly 150 feet to beginning.				
373	20	December 16, 1910	Arthur L. Bosley et al Trustees	Frank Schuler

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley, by way of Last Will and Testament recorded in Will Book 12/111 appointed Arthur L. Bosley and Richard H. Pleasants his Trustees with power to sell his real estate. Will dated January 14, 1901

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TAX ASSESSMENT RECORDS

F. Schuler

1911:

Lot Southeast corner Allegheny & Central Aves.
Frame House
Household Furniture

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MORTGAGE RECORD

Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

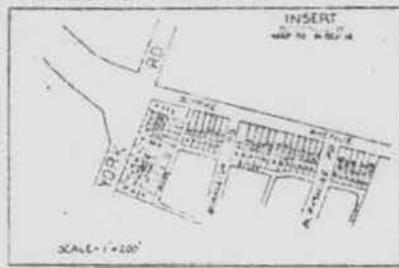
Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company
for \$11,500

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

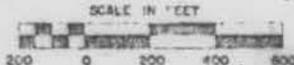
For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

Chesapeake Avenue
Pennsylvania Avenue
Allegheny Avenue
Highland Avenue
Bosley Avenue

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TOWSON
SCALE 1"=200'

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TAX MAP NO. 1727-A
1967

MAP NO
7CA



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ALLEGHENY
309 ~~CHESTERFIELD~~
AVENUE
SOUTH FACADE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979



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309 ALLEGHENY
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979



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AND EAST FACADE
309 ALLEGHENY
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979



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SOUTH FACADE
309 ALLEGHENY
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979



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GARAGE
309 ALLEGHENY
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979



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WINDOWS ON
EAST FACADE
309 ALLEGHENY
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979