

CAPSULE
JAMES KELLEY HOUSE

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Kelley House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

406 W. Pennsylvania 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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

A. Marie Kelley

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Unknown

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 1801

Folio #: 438

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

BA-1736

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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>May, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only:

The 2½ story three bay wide stucco house that stands at # 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue has a gable roof and a high stucco foundation. The south facade possesses a centrally located entrance which is shielded by a gable hooded roof supported by square columns resting on stuccoed piers with brick tops. The east and west bays have 6/1 light sash windows on the first story. The fenestration of the second story is the same excepting the central window which is smaller. There are two evenly placed slate shed-roof dormers in the slate roof, each one lighted by a 8/1 sash window.

The first story of the west facade has a wood door with 15 lights occupying the central bay. Two small 4/4 sash windows are located on either side of this door. The flat-roof porch has four rounded wood columns with a wood railing. The floor of the porch has tongue-and-groove boarding and there is lattice work under the porch floor. The central bay of the second story has a wood door with 15 lights which is smaller than that of the first story. The sash windows in the north and south bays have 8/1 lights. This story has a sun porch which is surrounded by a wrought iron railing.

The west half of the north facade's first story has a half hipped roof entranceway with a small porch and enclosure. The sash window in the enclosure has 6/1 light sash window. There is a bulkhead located between the enclosure and the east bay. Between the first and second stories there is a 6/1 light sash window in the center bay which probably is a light for a staircase within. The sash windows of the second story have 6/6 lights. The dormer in the center of the roof has a hipped slate roof and its sash window has 8/1 lights. To the east of the dormer there is a brick chimney. The north and south bays of the first story have 8/1 lights sash windows but the north bay window is the smaller of the two. The windows in the north and south bays of the second story are the same as the first, but the central sash window is much smaller and has 6/1 lights. Like the west facade, there is a grouped window in the gable whose two sash windows have 6/1 lights.

Behind the house there is a slate hipped-roof stucco garage. The west facade has two wood doors that seem barn doors. They have four windows with 8/8 lights. There is a door in the west bay of the south facade and a 6/6 light sash window to the east of it. Almost without exception, all windows have wood lintels, brick sills and louvered shutters.

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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 1924 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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	WAYNE L. NIELD, IV	DATE
ORGANIZATION	HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.	
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 # 406 W. PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
Parcel 99, map 70-A

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
1801	438	December 16, 1949	Milton R. Smith, Exec.	A. Marie Kelley
(Mary C. Kelley by way of Last Will & Testament 41/333 appointed Milton R. Smith Executor of her will with power to sell)				
Beginning at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Highland Ave., Northerly on the east side of Highland 150 feet to the south side of an alley, Easterly 100 feet, Southerly 150 feet, Westerly 100 feet to beginning known as # 406 W. Pennsylvania Ave.				
472	407	November 27, 1916	Arthur L. Bosley et al Trustees	James & Mary C. Kelley

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley, by way of Last Will and Testament recorded in Will Book 12/111 dated January 14, 1901, appointed Arthur L. Bosley and Richard H. Pleasants as trustees of his estate.

TAX ASSESSMENT RECORDS

James Kelly

1919:

Lot 100' x 150' Northeast corner Pennsylvania & Highland Aves.

1923:

Lot 100' x 150' Northeast corner Pennsylvania & Highland Aves.
Brick Touring in 1916

1924:

NEW - House 28' x 24'
Garage
Durant Touring 1922

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MORTGAGE RECORD

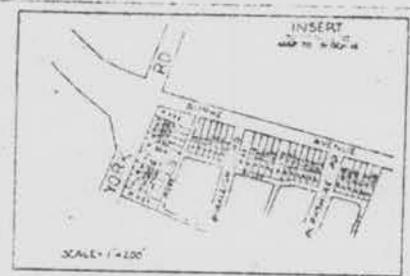
Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

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

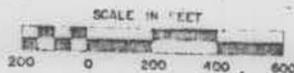
Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with
the mortgage.

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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 70A



BA-1736 SOUTH FACADE
408 PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979