

CAPSULE
MT. OLIVE PARSONAGE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Olive Parsonage

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

726 Bosley 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

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 440

Folio #: 20

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE: June, 1979

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Olive Parsonage is one of two remaining structures of a black community known as Sandy Bottom which has been totally wiped out by commercial growth and development. The parsonage has been moved from its original site on the southeast corner of Bosley Avenue and York Road to a location on Bosley Avenue West of the church. Although it is no longer used as a parsonage, the western one-half of the duplex houses Mr. Walter Mack and his wife, Mr. Mack being a deacon of the church. The couple and their family have lived here for over forty years. According to Mr. Mack, who has lived in the area for over seventy years, the house was a duplex for the purpose of housing the minister in one half and renting the other half to help maintain the parsonage.

The main facade of this two story frame duplex faces South. It is four bays wide, five bays deep, and is topped with a gable-end roof. The fenestration is regular, which includes an entrance door with transom in the outer bays of the first story with 6/1 sash windows in the other bays. The gable end, however, is vented by a pair of casements.

A full hipped-roof porch covers the first level. Truncated columns with inset panels support the roof. The porch itself is trimmed with a railing composed of rectangular posts, the end posts of which have ball tops.

Purlin ends are exposed beneath the deep eaves of the asphalt covered roof, the gable being decorated with verge boards.

The east and west facades are similar, being the equivalent of five bays wide with a tripartite division of the openings. The outer bays are a regular 6/1 sash (with the exception of the 6/6 sash window in the southernmost bay of the east facade's upper story) with a pair of the same type in the middle. Both sides also have small centrally located gabled dormers as well as brick interior flue chimneys exiting the roof to the south of the dormer.

The north facade has a full shed roof porch, the central bay of which is enclosed. A flue chimney exits the ridge.

Access to the interior was somewhat limited, having seen only portions of the western one-half of the building. It is revealed, however, that each side has a longitudinal arrangement of rooms.

The entrance leads directly into the "front" or living room which has features such as channeled mouldings which are repeated throughout the first level. Ceilings measure 9 feet high. Other features include early electrical fixtures such as chain lamps and push button switches.

The following room is the dining room which contains a typical Victorian closed beaded string stair to the second level. The stair is against the inner wall and has rectangular balusters and newel post that has inset panels.

The "back" room is the kitchen, thus giving a three room plan on the first level. However, there was not permissible access to the upper levels.

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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 checked="" 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 1900 - 1914

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

D. Owings Schultz

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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CHAIN OF TITLE FOR MT. OLIVE PARSONAGE

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
440	20	November 27, 1914	Milton H. Pinkerton	Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Sandy Bottom

Beginning at a distance of 258 feet North $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West from the southwest corner of Lot # 6...Northeast 307 feet to the west side of York Road, Northwest 64 feet, Southwest 100 feet, Northwest 64 feet, Southwest 100 feet, Northwest 34 feet, Southwest $198\frac{1}{2}$ feet, Southwest 100 feet to the beginning.

249	212	February 1, 1901	Milton H. Pinkerton	Eleanor L. Pinkerton
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Last Will and Testament:

Will Book 12, folio 81 January 8, 1901
Julia Ridgely Pinkerton to Milton H. Pinkerton

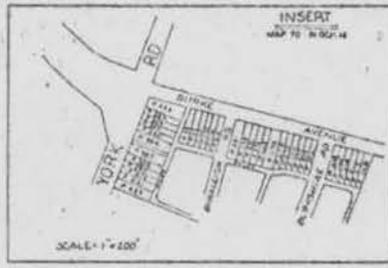
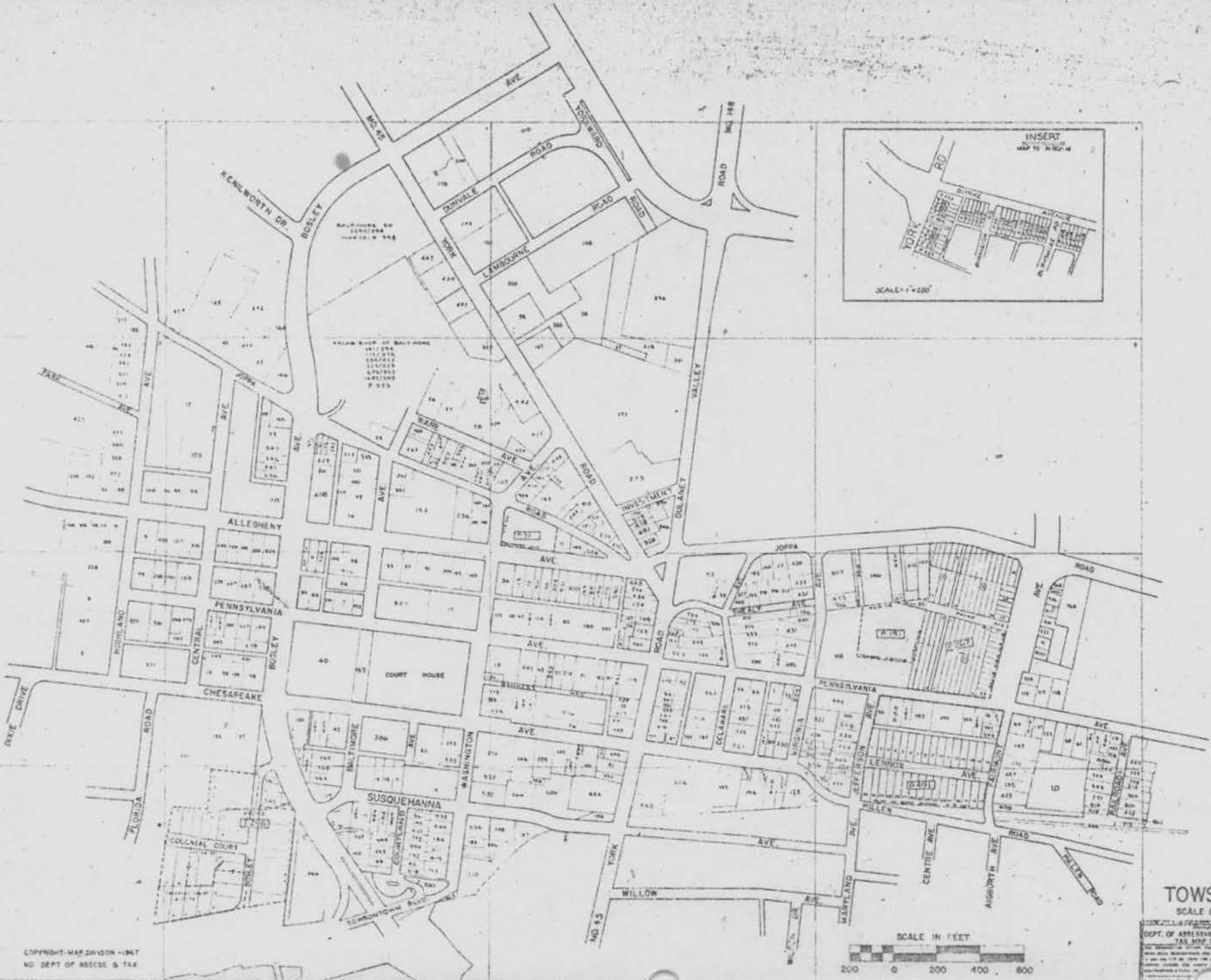
Last Will and Testament:

Will Book 11, filio 116 April 2, 1897
Samuel Pinkerton to Julia Ridgely Pinkerton

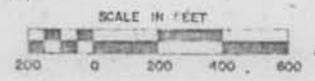
160	482	June 7, 1887	William B. Ware	Samuel Pinkerton
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Containing .7 acres

98	97	May 1, 1876	V. A. P. Ware et al	William B. Ware.
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