

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1782
1101 West Lake Avenue
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Ca. 1850
Private

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Set back from the road, the dwelling faces north along West Lake Avenue in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the house rises two-and-a-half stories in height. Constructed of random rubble stone, the house has been reclad in asbestos shingles. The stone construction with stone quoins is visible on the rear or south elevation. The façade or north elevation is three-bays wide with a full-width front porch. The porch has a half-hipped roof that is supported by square wood posts and scroll-sawn brackets. The centered single-leaf, six-panel door features a pedimented lintel and is flanked by 6/6 windows with round-edged wood surrounds and sills. These openings are mimicked at the second story by three 6/6 windows; the center window appears to be a replacement window for a previous door opening that would have led to the roof of the porch. A round-arched 2/2 window pierces the center gable. The hipped roof, clad with asphalt shingles, has two parged interior chimneys rising above it. The house is two bays deep with a two-story gabled ell on the rear elevation.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1782

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 1101 West Lake Avenue __ not for publication

city, town Baltimore __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karyn A. Meriwether

street and number 1101 West Lake Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21210

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11247 folio 398

city, town Towson tax map 79 tax parcel 101 tax ID number 0910453150

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
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		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1850 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Baltimore West Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling is located at 1101 West Lake Avenue in the Bare Hills vicinity of the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The house has been associated with Tax Map 79, Parcel 101 since its construction circa 1850.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich, A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 31, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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Account Identifier: District - 09 Account Number - 0910453150

Owner Information

Owner Name: MERIWETHER KARYN A Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 1101 W LAKE AV Deed Reference: 1) /11247/ 398
BALTIMORE MD 21210 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Legal Description
1101 W LAKE AVE 1101 W LAKE AVE
432 E ALTAMONT PL

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
79	10	101						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1893	2,186 SF	20,905.00 SF	04
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	ASBESTOS SHINGLE

Value Information

	Base Value	Value			Phase-in Assessments		
		As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of
Land:	74,220	01/01/2002	07/01/2004	07/01/2005	74,220		
Improvements:	97,270				97,270		
Total:	171,490		171,490		171,490	NOT AVAIL	
Preferential Land:	0		0		0	NOT AVAIL	

Transfer Information

Seller: MYERS DOROTHEA E Date: 10/06/1995 Price: \$167,500
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: /11247/ 398 Deed2:
Seller: HEEGAN GERARD E Date: 09/18/1987 Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 7675/ 399 Deed2:
Seller: Date: Price:
Type: Deed1: Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2004	07/01/2005
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO Special Tax Recapture:
Exempt Class: * NONE *

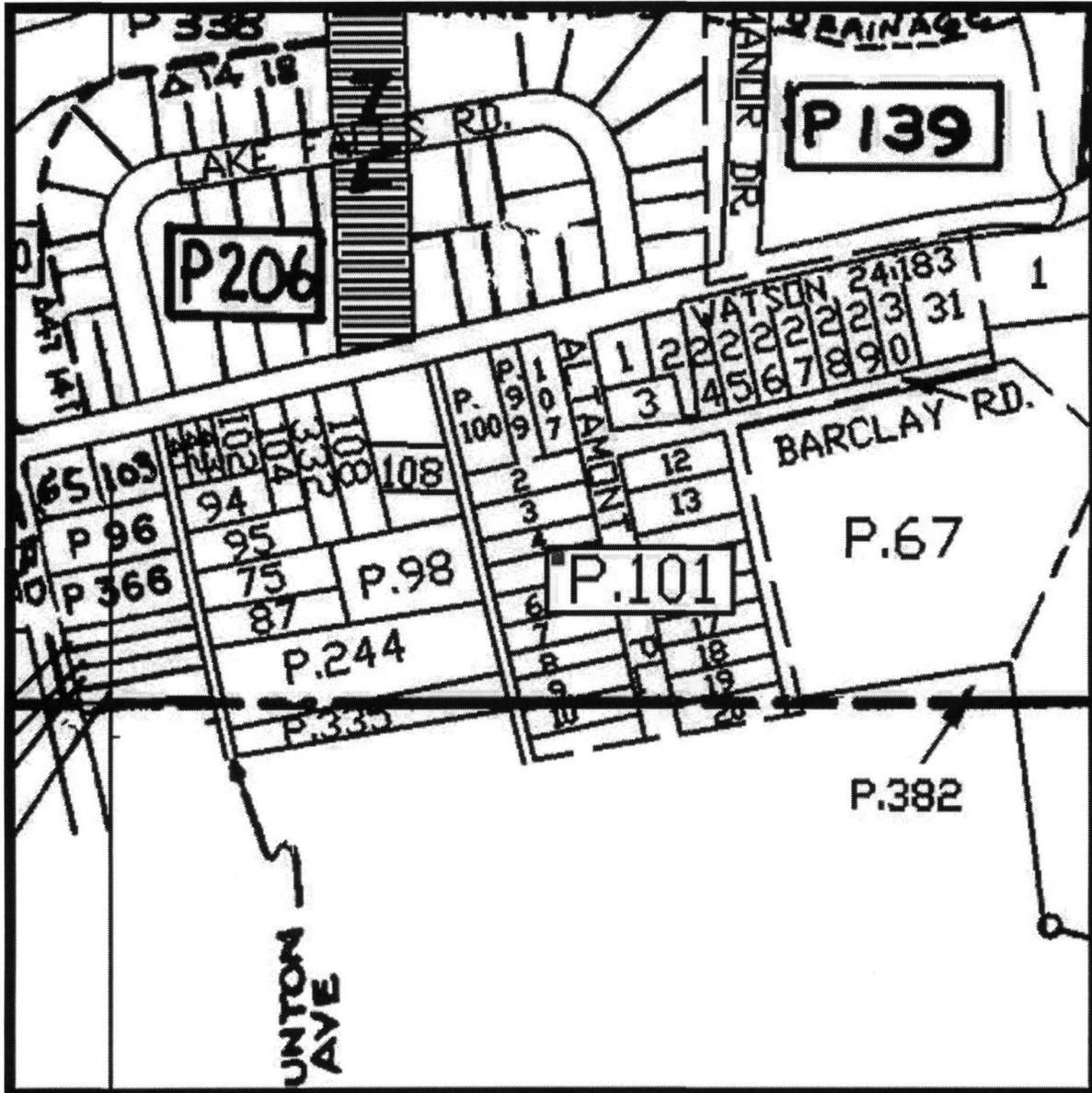
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BALTIMORE WEST QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND

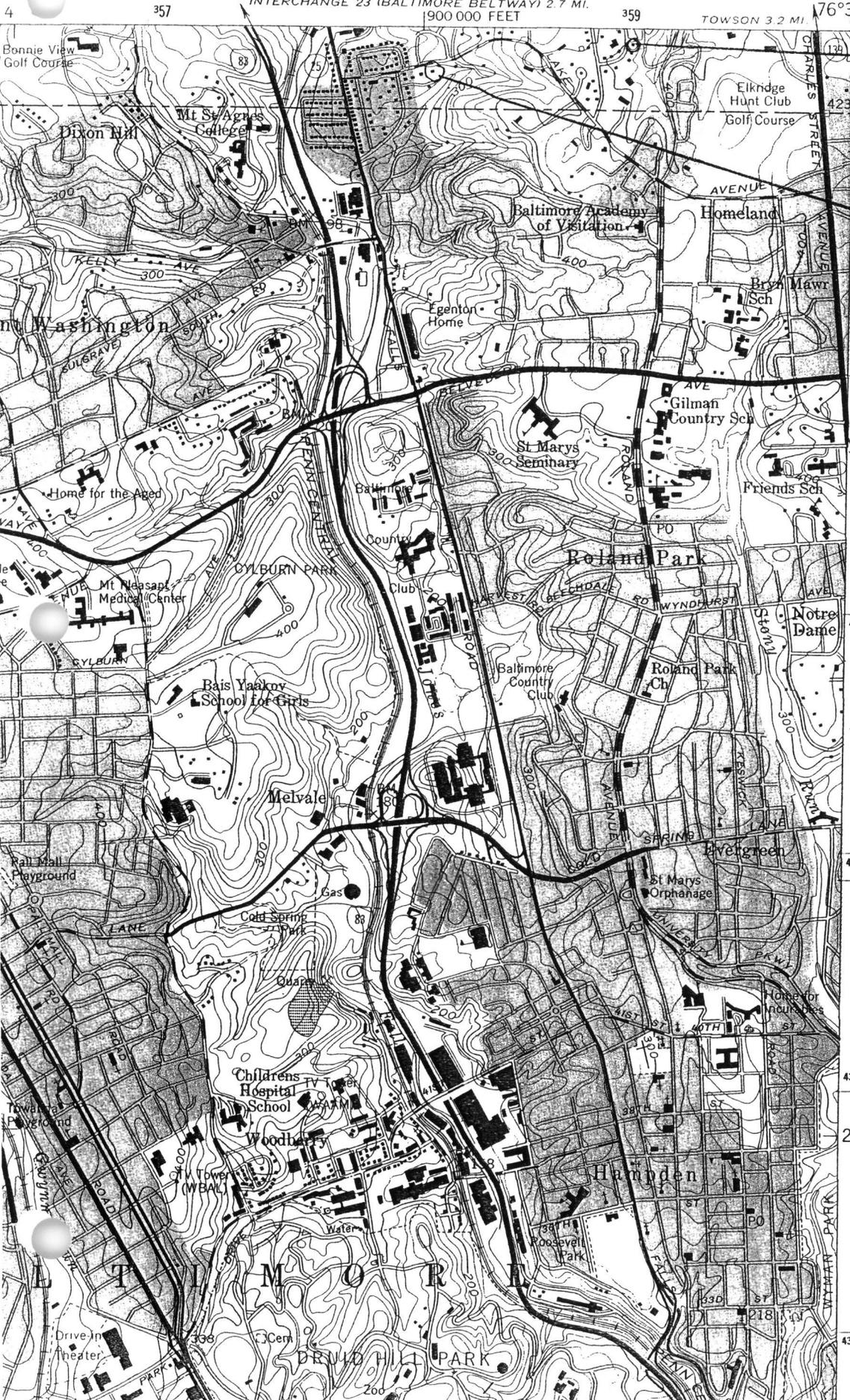
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE

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TOWSON 3.2 MI

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(TOWSON)



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39°22'30"
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BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Bonnie View Golf Course

Dixon Hill

Washington

Home for the Aged

Mt. Pleasant Medical Center

Fall Mall Playground

Towson Playground

Drive-in Theater

Mt. St. Agnes College

Bais Yaakov School for Girls

Childrens Hospital School

Woodlawn

DRUID HILL PARK

Baltimore Academy of Visitation

Egerton Home

St. Marys Seminary

Baltimore Country Club

Baltimore Country Club

Melvale

Cold Spring

Childrens Hospital School

Woodlawn

DRUID HILL PARK

Elkridge Hunt Club Golf Course

Baltimore Academy of Visitation

Gilman Country Sch

Roland Park

Baltimore Country Club

St. Marys Orphanage

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NORTHEAST CORNER

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CAPSULE

1101 # ~~1113~~ W.Lake Avenue

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It is a fairly large residence constructed of native stone. While it appears to date from the first half of the 19th century the local belief that the house is older is supported by the presence of an unusual and quite large cooking fireplace in the cellar. However, this house does not appear on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1101

~~1113~~ W. Lake Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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

Gerald Higgens

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1101

~~1113~~ W. Lake Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: Plat Book 14

Folio #: 183

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

BA-1782

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>May, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Modern siding obscures the fact that this is a stone building that is two stories in the front (North), three in the rear and is three bays wide and two long bays deep. The high basement is a sloping hillside site results in a foundation that is 2 feet high on the northwest corner and 7 feet high on the southwest corner. The nearly square block is capped by a shallow pitch hipped roof. Two interior chimneys exit at the ridge.

There is fairly regular fenestration throughout except in the back or south facade where there have been alterations. For the most part the original windows are tall and slender 6/6 sash.

The main or north facade is characterized by a steeply pitched cross-gable (possible addition) and the centralized tri-partite division. There are centrally located doors on both the first and second levels suggesting the possibility of an earlier second story porch or gallery. The present single story supported by four square columns and two pilasters covers the entire first level. It has been much altered. The most decorative feature of this facade is the round arch 2/2 sash window which vents the cross gable dormer. The other windows are fitted with louvered shutters.

The west facade has a slightly elongated appearance due to the interior arrangement of the chimneys. The outer bays are vented by 6/6 sash windows on the two principal levels with the basement being vented with similarly placed 2-light casements. That of the north bay has been altered.

The east side of the house is nearly identical to the west except that there is a bulkhead in the north bay. The upper window of the south bay on both facades is an off sized wider opening than the others.

The south facade is the most difficult to describe but is the most interesting in terms of original appearance. It is on this side of the building that one can see the walls are constructed of random sized fieldstones with an attempt at coursing and the use of massive stones as quoins. This facade is a full three stories with entrances on the bottom level. There are full galleries or porches on all three levels with various portions being either enclosed or open.

It is curious how unlike this facade is from its counterpart on the north side. Not only is there a taller massing, but a different plan as well. The entrances of both levels are on the west side rather than in the middle and instead of the Victorian cross-gable dormer there is a centrally placed pedimented dormer decorated with a "broken pediment." The result is that this side of the building is distinctly Federal

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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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Third quarter 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Hopkins Atlas, 1877

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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

WAYNE E. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

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in appearance while the opposite is Victorian.

On the first level within the enclosed area one can see that the exterior stone wall has been stuccoed and painted white. Evidences of whitewash are found in the upper portions of the south wall as well suggesting that the building may once have been painted white.

Portions of a large ovolo cornice moulding survive on the north, south and east sides but stop after wrapping around the southeast and southwest corners. That this facade was left undecorated suggests that when the moulding was applied this was indeed the "back" of the building.

Interior:

This designation is further suggested by evidence of a kitchen in the south half of the basement. While an exposed flat arch chimney support for the west stack is not unexpected, an unusually large fireplace on the south side of the east chimney is somewhat surprising. With no evidence of wrought-technology to be found and only machine cut lumber and nails a mammoth fireplace is unusual.¹ It is constructed of brick with a segmental arch and while there is no mantel as such, a 4 inch shelf is worked into the bricking 67 inches above the floor. The stack is 37½ inches thick and 102 inches wide. The fireplace opening is 73 inches wide, 50 inches high at the center of the arch (48 inches at corners) and there is a 24 inch depth. No evidence of a crane could be seen, the only hardware being what appeared to be 20th century hooks and nails.

The support for the west chimney has a flat arch utilizing iron channel bars and brick piers. The opening is 23 inches wide, 81 inches high and 22 inches deep. The chimneys are the same size. Except for the northwest parlor all the fireplaces above the basement level are closed and concealed. The presence of a hearth support utilizing carpenters joints directly above the large fireplace of the east chimney on the south side of the stack and a similar support seen on the north side of the west stack suggest the possibility of alternate positioning of the fireplaces in the upper rooms.

The basement probably reflects the original interior layout better than any level as the upper levels have been altered greatly by the removal and addition of partitions. A central hall with double parlors on either side sharing the centrally located chimneys of the inner wall yielded a very symmetrical plan that was popular in Maryland in the first half of the 19th century. Because this house is only three bays wide it did not have a totally segregated center hall but the centrally located entrance and physical evidence of all three stairs being in the center of the building is at least suggestive of such a plan.

¹A reinforcement piece in the hearth support above this fireplace contains mostly cut nails. Three nails in this piece have very irregular heads. It was not possible to remove them to determine if they were beaten out of shape by the carpenter or into shape by a nailmaker.

Little original fabric is exposed on the first level. There is a fireplace with mantel in the northwest parlor. A very wide shelf and a surround decorated with door mouldings are early Victorian in character. The moulding is a channeled architrave type with double inner beads, and where the "pilasters" meet the frieze there are plain corner blocks.

An added but authentic pressed metal ceiling decorates the southwest room (dining area).

There is a front and back stairs. The front or main stairs are a straight stairs located against the east wall of the present living room and have a 90° double neweled landing that has an awkward relationship to the entrance. This relationship and the late Victorian appearance of the inset paneled rectangular newel posts suggest an alteration. The back stairs, however, are located against the opposite wall and appear original. They are lighted by a second story round arch 2/2 sash similar to the one in the cross-gable dormer.

The second level has evolved into a somewhat chopped-up space that obscures the original symmetrical lay-out. It was noticed that this level contains several very nice triple cross raised panel doors. The windows of this level have relatively plain exterior mouldings with prominent 3/4 round inner beads that appear original.

The attic is finished with knee walls and a tray ceiling and is pleasantly lighted by a skylight that has been cut through the ridge in between the chimneys. A crawlspace enables observation of the roof framing and like the basement fireplace and plan, the roof is pre-modern. The sides of the hipped roof are extended 2 feet 4 inches by 3" x 7" members fixed to the lateral 3" x 7" joists via mortise-tenon-and-trunnel. These extensions support a 2" x 4" false plate for which the principal rafters are V-notched. The corner rafters have angle braces which are fixed with cut nails.

It was also noticed in the attic that the inner walls of the cross-gable dormer meet the floor at radically different angles unlike the symmetrical opening of the pedimented dormer in the opposite side of the room. It is suspected that the cross-gable is an addition.

Outbuildings:

Directly attached to the southeast corner of the house is a two story gable roofed frame structure that is perceived to be an early garage. It is 12 feet wide and 15 feet deep and extends Southward. The presence of German siding and a 2/2 round arch west window creates the possibility of a carriage house (with a room above), its proximaty to the main house makes it unlikely as a stable. The structure is extended to the East by a modern single story shed roofed addition which was used in recent times as a stable.

Storage cellar -

The next house East of this property is a classic frame picturesque dwelling a la Downing or Vaux which is perceived as being post-bellum. It is surrounded by stone walls and a stone outbuilding which may have been original to # ~~1117~~ W. Lake Avenue. This may not have been the case, however, it was observed that approximately 50 yards East of the stone dwelling there is a stone construction built into the side of the same hill. Access was not gained. A round metal ventilator protrudes from an earth mound whose south side has a triangular shaped stone wall.

The wall is 2 feet thick. It is 5 feet high on its southeast corner. It is gabled and measures 9 feet 6 inches at the midpoint. The total length is 28 feet. A centrally located 3' x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' door provides access.

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TITLE
1101 # ~~1113~~ W. LAKE AVENUE
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The Chain of title was difficult to trace, and has as yet not been completed. However, the following information was found:

William McRoberts is indicated as owner in the 1915 Bromley Atlas. A house is also indicated here.

John Watson, Jr. is shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 4, Folio 183, 1916 with a stone house with frame addition is indicated.

H. Wiedy is shown on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, however, no house is indicated here.



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