

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

35 Willow Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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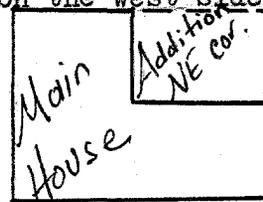
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<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two-story frame structure with attic at 35 Willow Avenue dates from the first decade of the twentieth century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas but record of it is found on the 1915 edition. The house is similar in style and plan to the house adjacent at 33 Willow and the one opposite at 34 Willow. All are cross gable structures which are approximately three bays wide and are covered with wood shingles.

The house at 35 Willow Avenue faces south. It rests on a stone foundation and is capped with an asphalt shingled cross gable roof. It is approximately three bays wide by two bays deep. Wood shingles cover the original german siding. The shingles on the first floor of the main (south) facade are painted white while those on the rest of the house remain unpainted. A partially enclosed hip roof porch flanks the main facade. A chimney flue, covered with plaster, exits the roof behind the east-west wing on the west side of the house.

The original sections of the house formed an L, as indicated on the sketch to the right. A small addition has been made by enclosing the northeast corner of the original L-shape.



Three concrete steps lead to the front porch which has been enclosed on the west or right side. Two wood Doric columns support the porch roof on the remaining open section. Tongue and groove boards floor the porch. The main entrance is centrally located and consists of a wood door constructed of eight small rectangular inset wood panels. A small rectangular glass transom hangs above the door. To the right of the door is a floor length 4/4 sash window with plain white trim. To the left of the door is the enclosed section of porch which shows five rectangular casement windows on the main facade and three on the east and west sides. These casement windows contain eight lights each and are encased in plain white trim. Above the porch on the second floor are three 2/2 sash windows with plain white trim. The attic contains an arched 2/2 sash window.

The east facade shows one 2/2 sash window in the original section and a 4/4 and 2/2 sash window on the addition. A 2/2 sash window appears on the second floor of the original section, while a slightly larger 2/2 sash window appears on the second floor of the addition.

The north facade shows the rear of the addition as well as the rear of the north-south original wing. The addition contains a 2/2 sash window and a wood paneled door on the first floor. The door provides a rear entrance to the structure and is constructed of four inset wood panels. To the right of the door, in the original section of the house, is a 2/2 sash window on the first floor. The second floor displays two 2/2 sash windows in the addition and one 2/2 sash window in the original section.

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION continued...

The west facade contains a side entrance to the house. This door consists of two rectangular wood panels on the lower half with four panes of glass in the upper half. A casement style cellar window flanks each side of the door. First floor fenestration consists of a [2/2 sash window] on each side of the side entrance. Two [2/2 sash windows] appear on the second floor.

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 post-1898, pre-1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

35 Willow, an L-shaped cross-gable, represents a significant building type that appeared in Maryland and many parts of the East Coast throughout the mid 19th and early 20th centuries. Quite typically, an arched window rests below the cross gable and fenestration is symmetrical throughout. The house, although it does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas, is very similar to 34 Willow Avenue which dates from 1883 and which does appear on the aforementioned map. This is indicative of the cross-gable's endurance as a style and the consequential difficulty of dating them without written documentation.

Aside from its individual architectural merits, however, 35 Willow is significant as an integral part of the surrounding residential neighborhood. In recent years, increased commercialization has threatened Towson's residential character. Many of the private residences which once typified Towson's built environment have been either demolished or altered in such a manner as to destroy their architectural and historic significance. The houses on Willow Avenue and Linden Terrace constitute one of the few relatively unchanged residential areas left in Central Towson. 35 Willow together with the other vernacular buildings on the street provide a visual representation of Towson's earlier character.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia, 1898.  
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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.

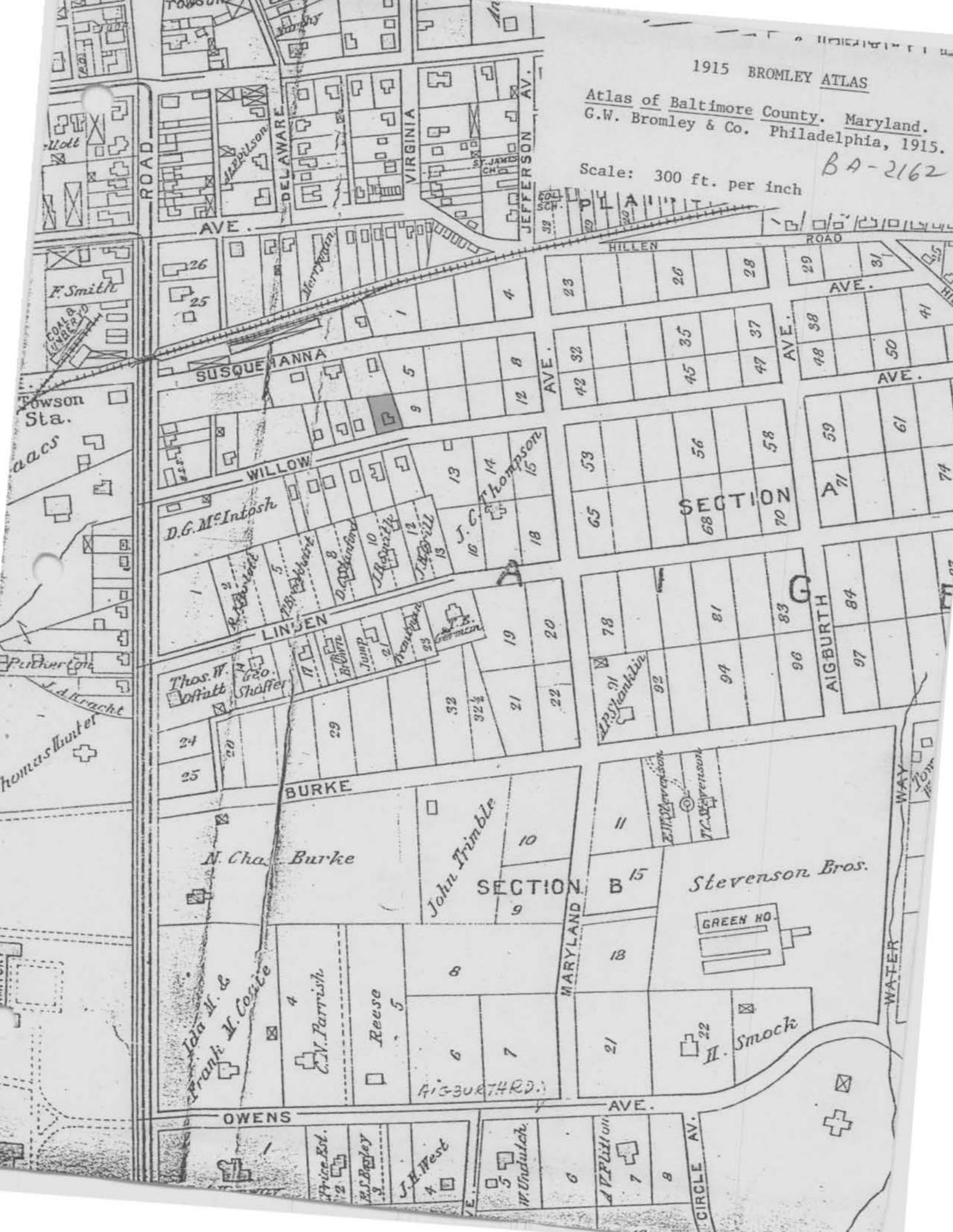
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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.  
G.W. Bromley & Co. Philadelphia, 1915.

Scale: 300 ft. per inch

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PHOTOGRAPHS: 35 Willow Avenue (Original photos in Historic Towson's files)



ABOVE: South (Main) Facade

BELOW: North-west Corner

