

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

22 Willow Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

Robert Scherer/Dennis Mathews

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

7 Willow Avenue (Mathews' Home Address)

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 6024

Folio #: 273

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house at 22 Willow Avenue is a two and a half story rectangular shaped frame building. It dates from the early 20th century, as it does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas but record of it is found on the 1915 edition. Compared to the huge cross gable next door at 24 Willow, this gable ended structure is relatively small in size. It rests on a stone foundation and is capped with a slate covered gable roof. Asbestos shingles cover the entire house and a brick chimney flue exits on the west side of the ridge. A small one-story hipped roof addition has been made to the south facade.

The house faces north. One concrete and six wood steps lead to the enclosed front porch which is supported by brick porch piers and displays a blue-grey lattice-like porch base. Screened panels and an asbestos shingled railing enclose the porch. Blue-grey tongue and groove boards appear on the floor and ceiling.

The main entrance is located on the left side and is comprised of a glass paneled exterior wood door opening onto a glass paneled interior door with inset wood panels on the lower half. A glass transom hangs above the door. Fenestration on the main facade consists of an oversized 1/1 sash window on the first floor and two 1/1 sash windows on the second floor. An arched 1/1 sash window appears in the attic.

The west facade shows three elongated 1/1 sash windows on the first floor as well as one small 1/b sash window. The second floor contains three regular size 1/1 sash windows. All of the windows on this facade are encased in plain white trim.

The south facade affords a view of the one-story hipped roof addition. Possibly this addition was constructed by enclosing a rear porch. This addition conceals a 1/1 sash window and a wood paneled door, which are original to the house. Presently from this south facade, one sees a group of three connected 3/3 sash windows and another group of two connected 3/1 sash windows. An entrance to the addition is located on the west facade. The second floor of the south facade contains a single 1/1 sash window. The attic window, an arched 1/1 sash window, is similar to that on the north facade.

The east facade is nearly identical to the west facade. It contains three elongated 1/1 sash windows on the first floor. The second floor displays three regular sized 1/1 sash windows.

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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 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 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 post-1898, pre-1915 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

22 Willow Avenue dates from the early 20th century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas, but record of it is found on the 1915 edition. As such, the house is significant as an example of a turn-of-the-century building type found throughout Central Towson, i.e., the rectangular, gable-ended vernacular.

Aside from its individual architectural merits, however, 22 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. 22 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

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Historic Towson, Inc.

DATE

September, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

120 Allegheny Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE

ADDRESS: 22 Willow Avenue
 PRESENT OWNER: Robert Scherer, Jr./Donna J. Scherer
 Dennis Loring Mathews

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
18 May 1979	Leon D. Brown attn. for Bettie I. Brown	Robert Scherer, Jr. Donna J. Scherer Dennis L. Mathews	6024/273
26 Mar 1946	Evelyn L. Ripple- meyer; Albert E. Ripplemeyer	Leon E. Brown (died 1972) Bettie I. Brown	1435/557
?	Andrew J. German	Evelyn Ripplemeyer	Wills 26/142
	(property German willed to Ripple- meyer was comprised of two lots; the first, measuring 30' x 175', he acquired in 1917; the second, measuring 20' x 175', he acquired in 1923)		

LOT ONE (measures 30' x 175')

5 Sept 1917	Ella A. Bresnon	Andrew German	487/444
	(property Bresnon sold to German comprised of two lots both of which she acquired from McIntosh in 1912)		

Subdivision One of Lot One (measures 5' x 175')

7 Dec 1912	David G. McIntosh	Ella A. Bresnon	404/544
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Subdivision Two of Lot One (measures 25' x 175')

9 May 1912	David G. McIntosh	Ella A. Bresnon	393/376
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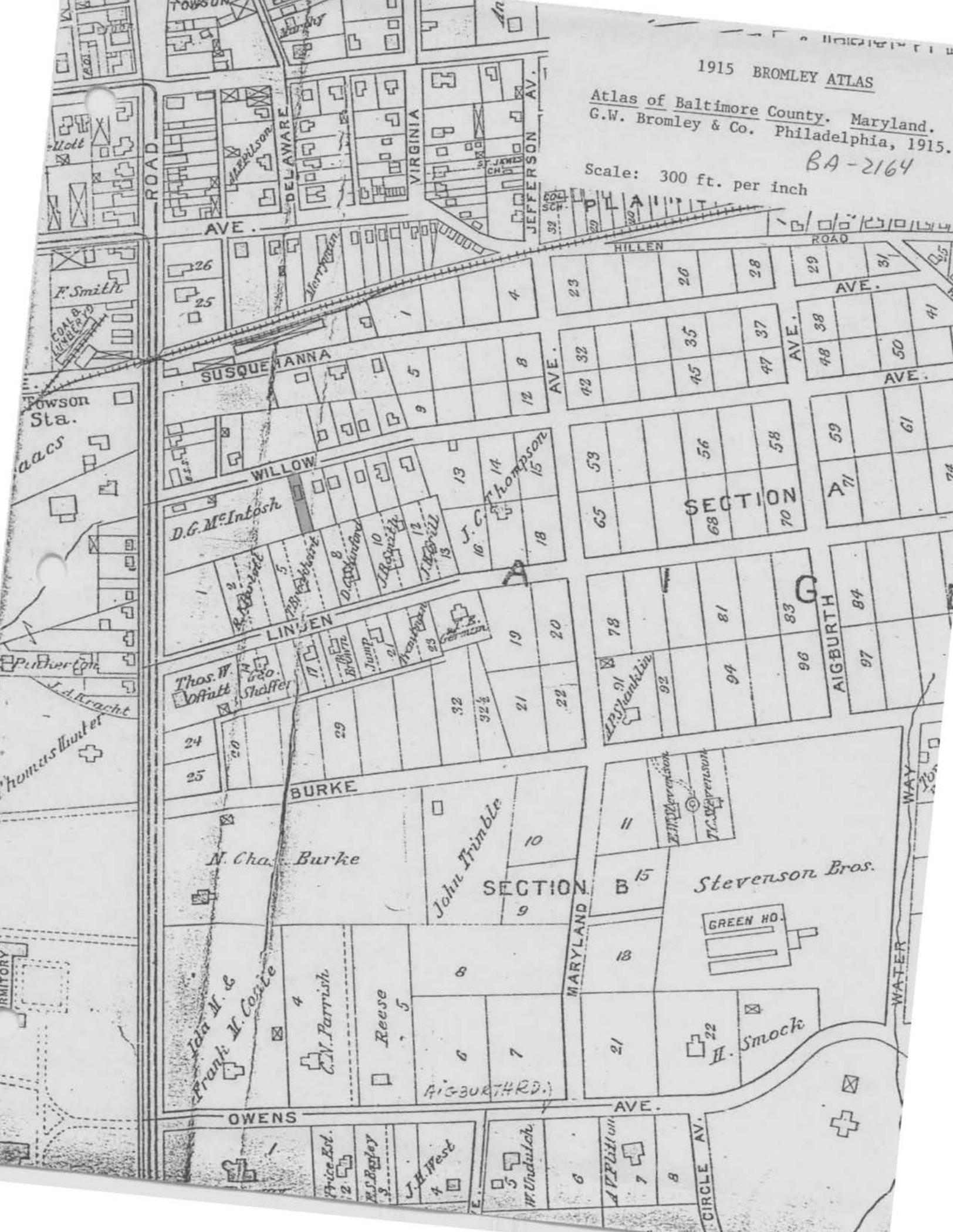
LOT TWO (measures 20' x 175')

20 July 1923	David G. McIntosh, Jr	Andrew German	579/247
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22 Willow Avenue continued...

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
26 May 1921	Margaret McIntosh Morton; W. Walker Morton	David G. McIntosh, Jr.; Charlotte McIntosh	541/53
18 Apr 1920	Virginia P. McIntosh	Margaret McIntosh Morton; David G. McIntosh, Jr.	Wills 19/147
31 Mar 1877	Valverda A.P. Ware	David G. McIntosh Virginia P. McIntosh	101/177



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John Trimble

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 J.S. Bagley
 J.H. West

W. Undulch
 AFFLITION

CIRCLE AV.

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PHOTOGRAPHS: 22 Willow Avenue (Original photos in Historic Towson's Files)



ABOVE: South-west Facade

BELOW: North-east Corner

