

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

26 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

William H. Mathews

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

17 Linden Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE, zip code 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5214

Folio #: 919

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

Maryland STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story house with attic at 26 Willow Avenue is a nearly square frame block resting on a plastered rock-faced stone foundation. The house is capped with a gable roof aligned so that the ridge runs in a north-south direction. It is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. Little ornamentation is present with the exception of slat shutters on the main facade and a recently landscaped formal garden with iron and brick work at the rear of the house. A shed roof stucco addition is located on the south facade at the back of the house.

The house, facing north on Willow Avenue, rests upon a slight hill. Five wood steps lead to the front porch which is floored with tongue and groove boards. Four Roman Doric wood columns made from slats of wood bound together with a wire band support the porch roof and its tongue and groove ceiling.

The entrance is located on the right or west side of this main facade. It consists of an interior wood door with stained glass transom. The door has two inset wood panels on the lower half and a glass panel on the upper half. Yellow slat shutters flank each side of the door. To the left of the entrance are two 2/2 floor length windows with similar yellow slat shutters. Fenestration on the second floor consists of three 2/2 sash windows with yellow trim and slat shutters. The attic displays a small 2/2 double window.

The east facade shows two 2/2 sash windows with plain brown trim on the first floor and two on the second floor.

The west facade reveals a flight of concrete steps flush with the wall leading to the cellar apartment. A small modern casement window is on the left of the paneled cellar door. The fenestration on the west facade consists of three 2/2 sash windows on the first floor and two on the second.

The south facade consists of a stucco and wood addition housing a kitchen for the first floor apartment. Above this first floor addition, there are two 2/2 double hung sash windows with plain brown trim on the second floor and one double casement window in the attic.

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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

26 Willow Avenue dates from the early 20th century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas, but record of it is found in 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, 26 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. 26 Willow Avenue 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 Janice E. Ruth/Historic Site Surveyor	DATE September, 1981
ORGANIZATION Historic Towson, Inc.	TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER 120 Allegheny Avenue	STATE
CITY OR TOWN Towson	Maryland 21204

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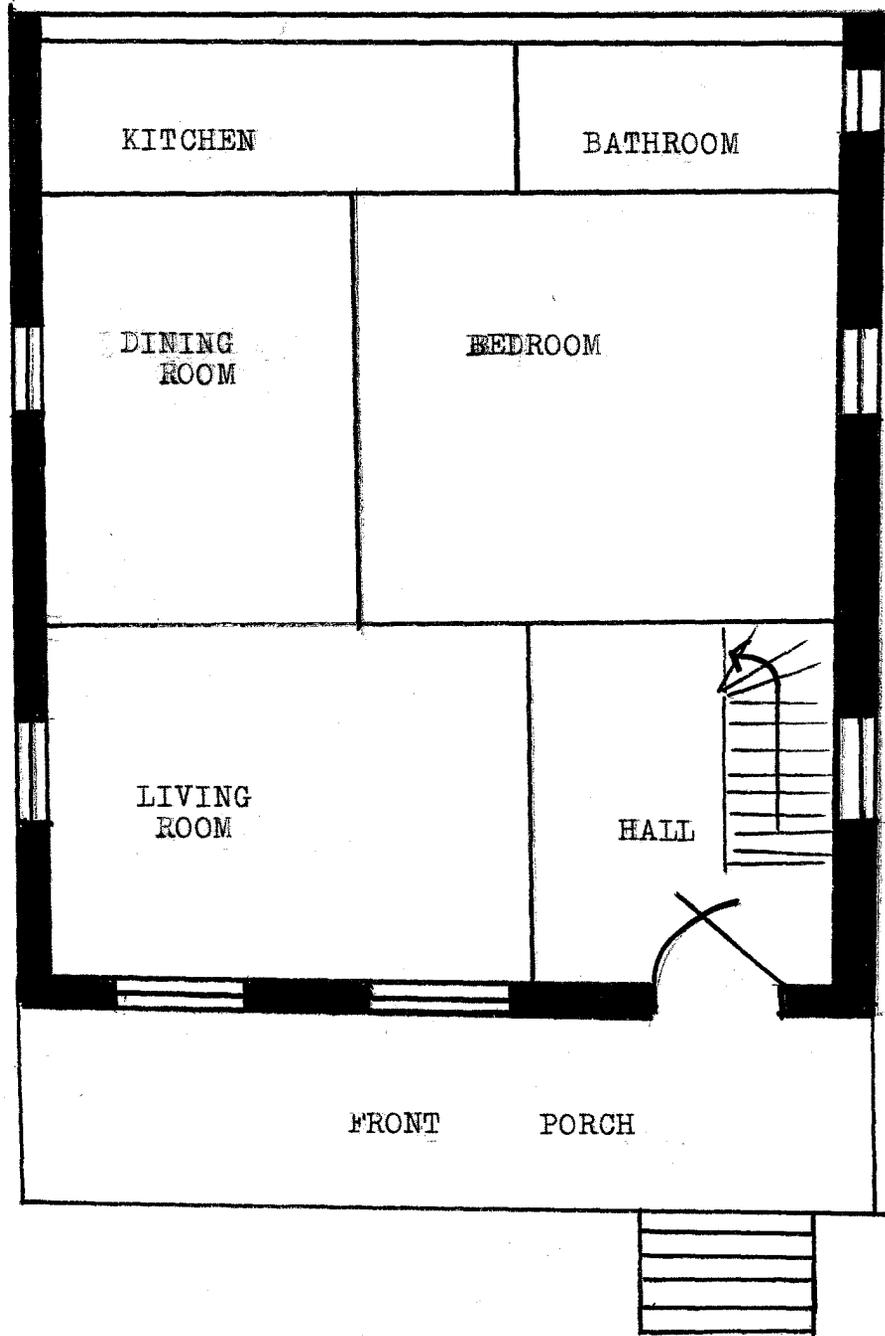
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FLOORPLAN: 26 Willow Avenue (not to scale)

*Drawing based on information supplied
by owner - Access to interior restricted



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CHAIN OF TITLE

ADDRESS: 26 Willow Avenue
 PRESENT OWNER: William Mathews

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
27 Aug 1971	Philip G. Mumford II	William H. Mathews	5214/919
15 Aug 1966	May G. Davis	Philip G. Mumford	4659/396
7 Nov 1962	Urban Title Holding Co. - Gertrude N. Davis	May G. Davis	4075/522
7 Nov 1962	A. Harry Davis (d.1950) Gertrude N. Davis	Urban Title Holding Co.- Gertrude N. Davis	4075/521
30 Apr 1947	John T. Waldhauser, Jr.	A. Harry Davis Gertrude N. Davis	1554/401
30 Apr 1947	A. Harry Davis, et al.	John T. Waldhauser, Jr.	1554/400
31 Mar 1923	Ella M. Davis (property Ella M. Davis sold to A. Harry Davis in 1923 was comprised of two lots - one that she acquired in 1912 and the other in 1903)	A. Harry Davis	571/215

LOT ONE

23 Mar 1912	David G. McIntosh	Ella M. Davis	392/136
31 Mar 1877	Valverda A. P. Ware	David G. McIntosh	101/177

LOT TWO

18 Feb 1903	Mathew O'Keefe	Ella M. Davis	267/3
14 Aug 1895	John B. Sanner	Mathew O'Keefe	212/ ?
3 Aug 1895	David G. McIntosh William H. Bosley	John B. Sanner	212/325

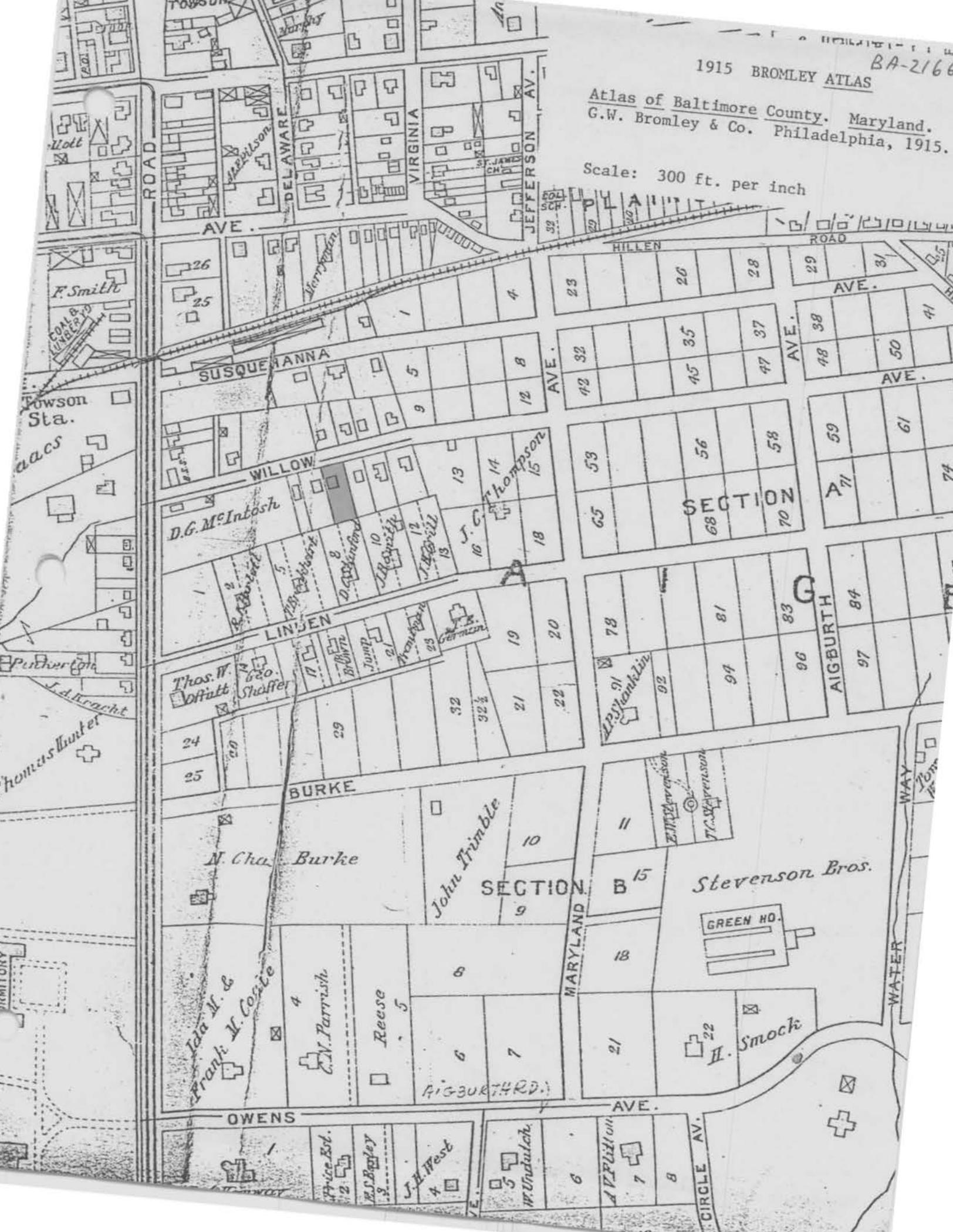
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26 Willow Avenue continued...

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
7 June 1893	David G. McIntosh	William H. Bosley (mortgage)	166/51
31 Mar 1877	Valverda A.P. Ware	David G. McIntosh	101/177

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

Scale: 300 ft. per inch



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1967 Tax Map No. 70. Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation, Tax Map Division. Baltimore, MD., 1967 (revised 1980).

SEE SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET

Scale: 1" to 600'

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(inaccurate representation of easternmost section of Willow Avenue)



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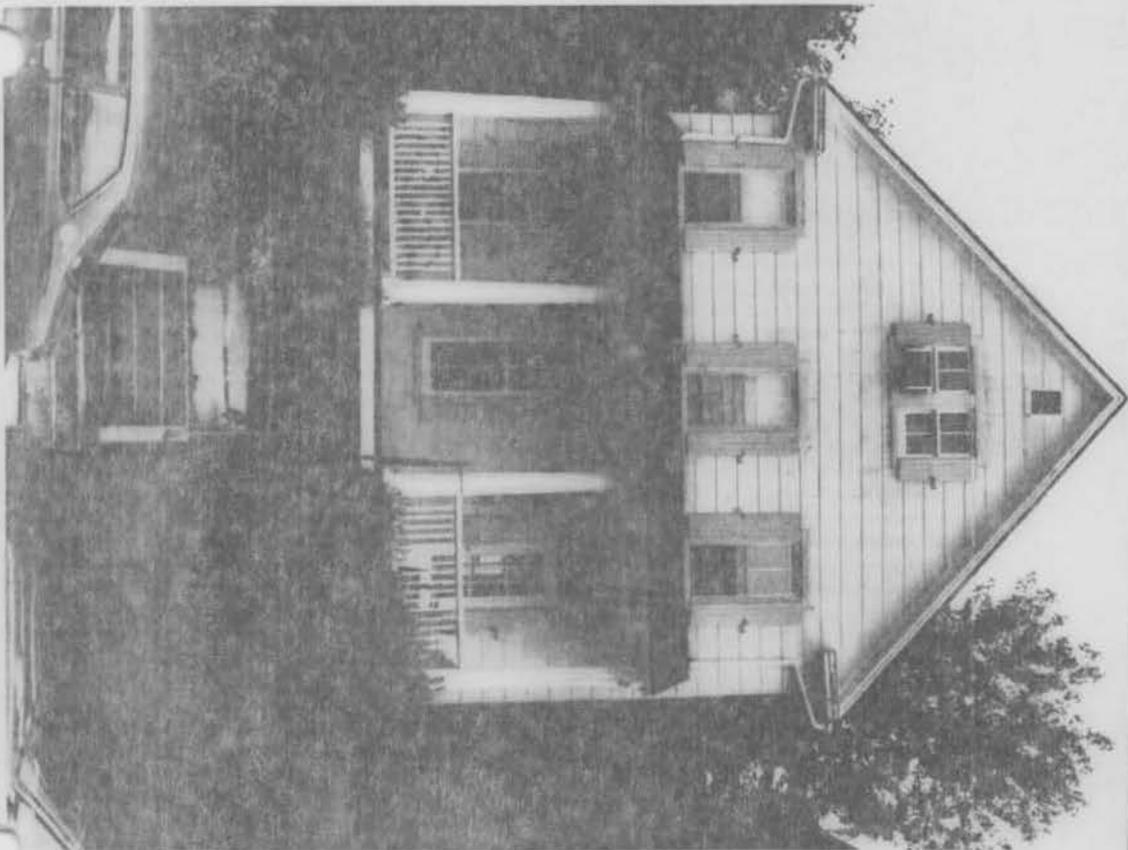
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PHOTOGRAPHS: 26 Willow Avenue

(Original photos in Historic Towson's Files)



ABOVE: North(Main) Facade

BELOW: North-east Corner

