

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: BA-2403

Construction Date: circa 1920

Name: Wayside Cross

Location: York Road and Shealey Avenue, Towson, Baltimore County

Public/Commemorative/Good/Unrestricted

Description: The Wayside Cross World War I Monument in Towson is located at the intersection of York Road and Shealey Avenue. The original elements of the monument were a granite cross, four bronze plaques, one with a dedication and three listing 204 names of individuals from Baltimore County who died while serving in the Armed Forces during World War I, and the granite pedestal and base of the monument. The design of the monument is a simplified form of a Celtic Cross. Other elements were subsequently added to the site including the band around the plinth at the base of the cross to support wreaths, two flagpoles which flank the rear of the cross, the spotlights and landscaping (ivy and palms) surrounding the monument, and a low, wrought iron fence which encloses the monument.

Significance: The Wayside Cross is a rare example of a European wayside cross war memorial and is one of three known Celtic cross war memorials in Maryland. The memorial possess high artistic value and embodies the distinctive characteristics of European war memorials through its cruciform expression and its site at the intersection of the two main routes through Towson.

Property Address <u>York Road and Shealey Avenue, Towson, Baltimore County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Baltimore County, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1920</u>

Description:

The Wayside Cross World War I Monument, located at the intersection of York Road and Shealey Avenue in Towson, Baltimore County, was erected circa 1920 to honor individuals who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War I. In the tradition of European wayside cross war memorials, the monument was erected at the principal intersection in the community, where York and Joppa Roads crossed. At the time of its construction, the Bosley Hotel was located immediately to the north of the Wayside Cross, and the Towson Hotel was to its immediate south.

Forty historic photographs from 1920 to 1996 were examined to determine the age and the importance of the distinct elements of the Wayside Cross World War I Monument. These items include the cross, its four bronze plaques, the band around the plinth at the base of the cross, the flagpoles which flank the rear of the cross, the lights and the landscaping surrounding the memorial, and the wrought iron fence which encloses the monument.

A circa 1921 postcard of the Hotel Towson and York Road shows the original elements of the circa 1920 Wayside Cross, including the granite cross and its four bronze plaques, along with its supporting granite pedestal and base. The granite memorial was surrounded by grass, and was bounded by a concrete curb. The triangular piece of land upon which the cross was erected was surrounded on all sides by roadway, to the west by York Road, to the north by Joppa Road, and to the east by a short road connecting York Road to Joppa Road. The intersection changed substantially between 1963 and 1970 when the roadway was converted to a sidewalk.

The memorial has bronze plaques on four sides. The dedication plaque is on the south face of the monument; the other three plaques have 204 names of individuals and the branches of the armed forces in which they served during World War I. (See the National Register Form, Section 7 for further information.) The historic patina of the plaques was removed when they were treated with muriatic acid in 1993 by Baltimore County personnel. The Maryland Military Monuments Commission repatinated and waxed the bronze tablets (originally produced by the Gorham Company, New York) in 1994. The Maryland Military Monuments Commission plans to repaint the monument's granite in the future.

The iron band which encircles the faceted plinth at the base of the cross was added between 1936 and 1938. The band was black in photographs from 1938 to 1992. Baltimore County personnel painted the band white in 1993 (as well as the straps which radiate from it to support wreaths), and it appears as such in a photograph from 1996. While there were originally eight straps for wreaths, there are currently (March 1997) only five straps.

Flagpoles flanking the rear of the cross were added to the site between 1936 and 1938. From research conducted, it is unclear if these are the extant flagpoles.

While the previous lighting arrangements of the monument are difficult to determine, a photograph from 1977 shows a spotlight placed to the right of the monument's entrance, similar to one of the four current locations of lights. The cross is currently framed by pairs of spotlights at the four corners of the monument. Four of the eight lights appear to be broken.

The landscaping surrounding the Wayside Cross has changed over time. Originally, like European wayside cross memorials, there were no ornamental plants around the monument, which was surrounded by grass and enclosed by a concrete curb. The earliest photograph which shows shrubbery around the cross is from 1936. Yews, and other varieties of shrubbery appear at various heights and sizes in photographs of the cross from 1936 to 1996. The Wayside Cross is currently surrounded by ivy, palms, and grass.

The low, wrought iron fence currently surrounding the memorial was not part of the original Wayside Cross World War I Monument. The fence was erected by 1936. To the right of the entrance to the Wayside Cross, one gate post and its adjacent bar are bent, and the lower support is broken. The paint around the bent bar has cracked, and the iron beneath the paint has rusted. The black paint of the entire fence is weathered and white streaks are apparent throughout.

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
 March 1997

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Significance:

The Wayside Cross was erected after March 11, 1920 when the land for the memorial was sold by the owners of the Towson Hotel, George and Missouri Price, to the County Commissioners of Baltimore for \$750. The plot of land was transferred "so long as the said ground shall be used as a Memorial Park for a Memorial commemorating the service of persons from Maryland in or connected with the armed service of the United States of America, it being hereby expressly made a condition of this deed that should said ground ever be used for any other purpose it shall at once revert to and become the property of the grantors, their heirs and assigns" (Deed Book 521, Folio 221). The perimeter of the original grant was 24.28 meters (79.66 feet).

At the dedication of the monument on September 12, 1921, it was noted that "the location and design of the memorial were carefully considered ...[and] the intersection of these highways" was deliberately chosen (Wayside 1921, 4). This site is in keeping with the traditional location of European wayside cross memorials at major intersections. At the 1921 dedication, the Wayside Cross stood at the intersection of York and Joppa Roads, with the Towson Hotel located to the south. Ezekiel Towson established the hotel in 1768, and in 1799 he successfully petitioned the Maryland General Assembly to change the proposed route of the York Turnpike, so it would pass by his establishment. The Towson Hotel was replaced by the Towson Theater in 1929. The building is now occupied by a number of small retail establishments. To the north of the cross in 1921 was Bosley's Hotel, which was demolished in 1950 to clear the land for the construction of Hutzler's. The Hutzler's building, now vacant, is located north of the memorial.

National Register Evaluation:

The Wayside Cross, commemorating individuals who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War I, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as research conducted indicates the Wayside Cross is a rare example of a European wayside cross war memorial form and is one of three known Celtic cross war memorials in Maryland. The Wayside Cross in Towson possesses high artistic value and embodies the distinctive characteristics of European war memorials through its cruciform expression and its site at the principal intersection in Towson of two key routes through the community (York and Joppa Roads) "so that all who pass may be reminded of the patriotic and devoted service" of individuals who have served in the United States Armed Services. The Wayside Cross meets Criterion Consideration F, as it expresses the aesthetics and the craftsmanship of the period when it was made. The period of significance for the Wayside Cross World War I Monument extends from 1920 to 1921, encompassing the time during which the memorial was erected and dedicated. The Wayside Cross retains good integrity of design, and the original elements of the memorial (the granite cross, four bronze plaques, along with the granite pedestal and base which support the cross) are in good condition. The bronze plaques were repatinated and waxed by the Maryland Military Monuments Commission, which also plans repointing of the monument's granite. According to Criterion Consideration F, the significance of a commemorative property may not be based upon the event being memorialized, and thus the Wayside Cross does not meet Criterion A. Historic research indicates the monument has no association with people who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the Wayside Cross does not meet Criterion D as it has no known potential to yield information important to history.

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Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
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Comments:	<u>SEE MD 45 FILE IN REVIEWER COMPLIANCE FILES.</u>		
	<u>6/24/98</u>		<u>6/24/98</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program	Date

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
March 1997

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Owner Name/Address Baltimore County, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Year Built circa 1920



Postcard from the collection of the Baltimore County Historical Society (circa 1921)

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Major Bibliographical References:

Baltimore County Historical Society. 9811 Van Buren Lane, Cockeysville, Maryland.

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Major Photo References (continued):

- circa 1940 Photograph in the collection of the Baltimore County Historical Society.
- 1942 Photograph in the collection of the Baltimore County Historical Society.
- 1944 Photograph in the collection of the Baltimore County Historical Society.
- 1951 Photograph in the collection of the Baltimore County Historical Society.
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Property Address York Road and Shealey Avenue, Towson, Baltimore CountyOwner Name/Address Baltimore County, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204Year Built circa 1920**Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:**

The National Register boundaries of the Wayside Cross follow the property lines of the March 11, 1920 deed from George and Missouri Price to the County Commissioners of Baltimore (Deed Book 521, Folio 221). The perimeter of original grant was 24.28 meters (79.66 feet). The contributing elements are the cross, its four bronze plaques, and its supporting granite pedestal and base. The triangular parcel of land is bounded to west by York Road, to the south by Shealey Avenue, and to the north by a sidewalk.

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

- Industrialization / Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Military

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Object

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

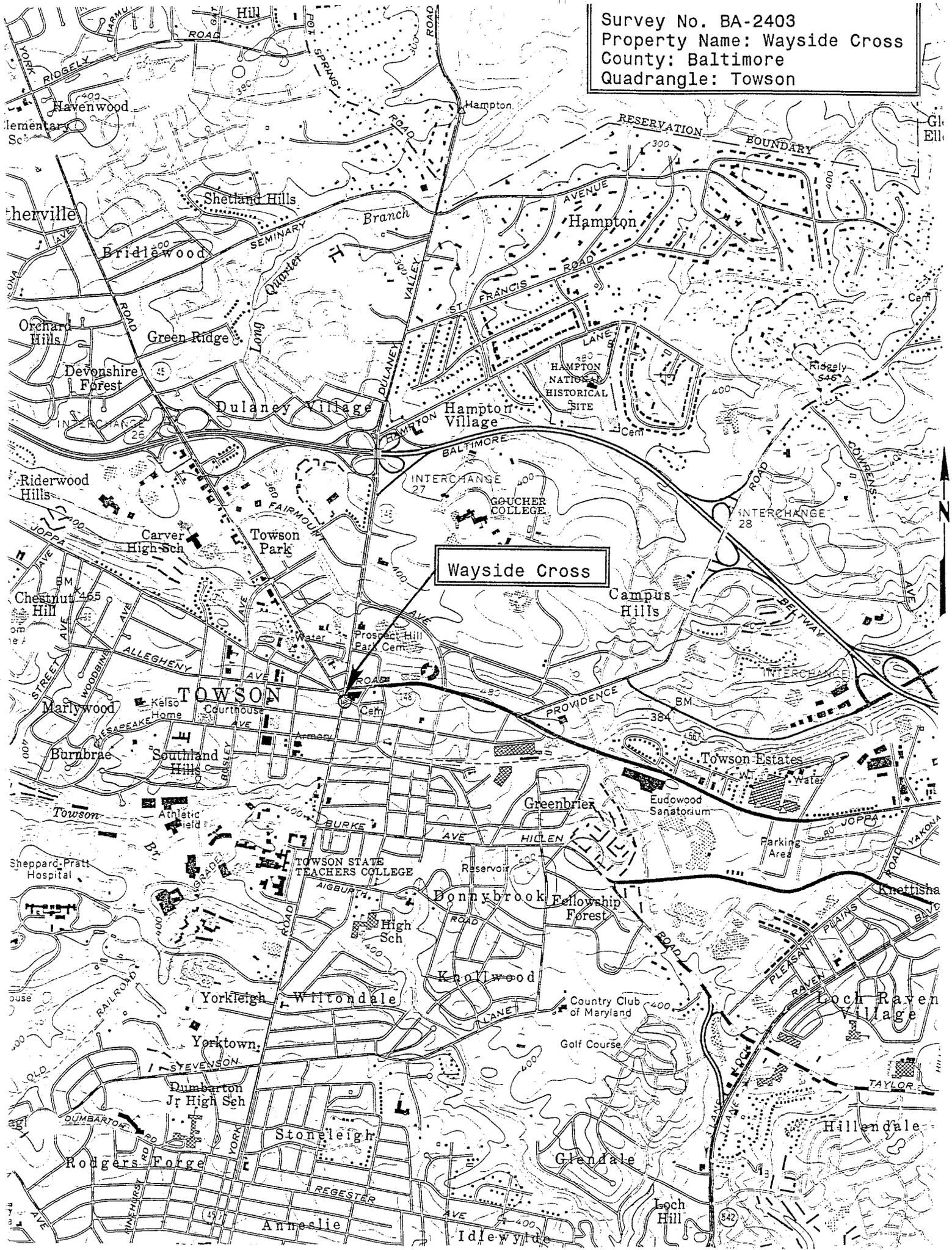
Commemorative

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Survey No. BA-2403
Property Name: Wayside Cross
County: Baltimore
Quadrangle: Towson



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Baltimore County
Capsule Summary

The Wayside Cross World War I Monument in Towson stands in a small landscaped park on York Road at Shealey Avenue, just south of the intersection with Joppa Road. Standing approximately fifteen feet in overall height, the monument is composed of an octagonal granite pedestal topped by a simply-carved granite Celtic cross. The pedestal carries bronze plaques on four sides. The park is bounded by a low wrought and cast iron fence. Two flag poles stand to the rear of the monument.

The Wayside Cross, dedicated on Defenders Day, September 12, 1921, is significant for its commemoration of the citizens of Baltimore County who died in the war. It also embodies the distinctive characteristics of the wayside cross war memorial, one of three known in the state.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. BA-2403

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wayside Cross Monument

and/or common

2. Location

street & number York Rd. and Shealey Ave.

not for publication

city, town Towson

vicinity of

congressional district 2

state Maryland

county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status n/a	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:commemorative

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

name Baltimore County

street & number 400 Washington Ave.

telephone no.:(410) 887-2460

city, town Towson

state and zip code MD 21204

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber WPC 521

street & number

folio 221

city, town Towson

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. BA-2403

Condition		Check one	Check one	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Wayside Cross World War I Monument in Towson stands in a small landscaped park on York Road at Shealey Avenue, just south of the intersection with Joppa Road. Standing approximately fifteen feet in overall height, the monument is composed of a granite pedestal topped by a simply-carved granite Celtic cross. The pedestal carries bronze plaques on four sides. The park is bounded by a low wrought and cast iron fence. Two flag poles stand to the rear of the monument.

The granite cross is eight-sided in section. The head and arms of the cross spring from a circle carved at their intersection and are rounded at the ends, which are set off with double grooves. The circle is embellished with a deeply carved quatrefoil broken by the flat planes of the intersecting head and arms. On the base of the cross are bead and torus moldings above a faceted plinth, which is encircled with an iron band; eight iron straps radiate from the latter to the edges of the pedestal, their pointed ends turned up to hold the occasional wreath.

The tapered pedestal is eight-sided in plan and composed of three stacked blocks. A hipped cap on the uppermost block supports the cross. The pedestal is supported by a granite base, also eight-sided, which consists of two low, broad steps. From a gate in the iron fence, a concrete walk leads to the south (front) side of the monument. Lights are positioned on the ground at four corners of the monument.

The bronze plaque on the front of the pedestal reads:

TO
THE SACRED MEMORY
OF
THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS
OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY
WHO DYING FOR THEIR COUNTRY
IN THE WORLD WAR
GAVE PROOF UNDYING
OF
PATRIOTISM SUPREME
THIS SYMBOL
OF
LOVE VICTORIOUS IN DEATH
IS DEDICATED
BY
THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS
"GREATER LOVE THAN THIS HATH NO MAN"

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Attached to the top of this plaque is a bronze wreath with a bronze ribbon which runs along the top of the plaque; the wreath is centered on the upper block of the pedestal, which is carved to receive it.

The bronze plaques on the other three sides of the pedestal carry lists of names, 204 in total. All four plaques have borders of banded reeds.

A Baltimore News American photograph of a Memorial Day ceremony in 1936 shows that the monument did not originally have the iron bands. In August 1992 the monument was in fair condition. There was extensive staining of the granite from the iron bands and at least one of the bands was broken. Mortar was missing from many of the joints. The plaques were dark green with some light green corrosion. The fence was in need of rust removal, priming and repainting. Hinge pins were missing from the right side of the gate and a section of fence adjacent to the gate was severely bent, as was one gate post. The park was landscaped with yews and ivy. The following year county personnel cleaned the granite of iron stains and painted the black bands white. The fence was repaired and repainted black. The plaques were treated with muriatic acid, which removed all historic and weather related patina, and were coated with lacquer. In November 1994 the monument was washed and the bronze tablets were repatinated and waxed by the Maryland Military Monuments Commission. The granite was still in need of repointing.

8. Significance

Survey No. BA-2403

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1921 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wayside Cross World War I Monument in Towson is significant for its commemoration of the citizens of Baltimore County who died in the war. It also embodies the distinctive characteristics of the wayside cross war memorial, one of three known in the state.

The monument was dedicated on Defenders Day, September 12, 1921, to all soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses who died in the war. The memorial committee consulted all available records and published requests to families and friends of the deceased to send in names for listing on the monument. The cost of the monument was paid by the people of the county.¹

The monument was proposed for the Court House Park in 1919, but the York Road location was deemed more appropriate.² The parcel was deeded to the County Commissioners on March 11, 1920 by George M. Price, owner of the Towson Hotel, for \$750.³ During the dedication ceremony the monument was presented by the committee to the county commissioners, "in whose care and safekeeping it will hereafter remain."⁴

The design of the monument is a simplified form of Celtic cross. Judge N. Charles Burke, chairman of the memorial committee and a speaker at the dedication, remarked that the

¹The New Era, 17 September 1921.

²Jeffersonian, 12 July 1919.

³Baltimore County land records, Plat Book WPC 6, folio 221 (Deed Book WPC 521/221), as cited by John McGrain in unpublished Baltimore County Planning Department notes.

⁴The New Era.

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wayside cross, common in Europe, was typically placed at an intersection "so that all who pass may be reminded of the patriotic and devoted service of our glorious dead."⁵

Stone crosses are found by the hundreds at road intersections in Great Britain and Europe; the tradition dates back at least 1,000 years. The earliest are Celtic in design; the circle and the woven interlocking motifs were appropriated by Christians as symbols of eternity. First employed to mark sites for outdoor religious services, the crosses also served as landmarks. Eventually the form evolved into commemorative use.

The Wayside Cross Memorial is one of three known Celtic cross war memorials to stand in the state. Victory Cross, dedicated in 1921, is an ornately carved Celtic cross which stands on the grounds of Episcopal Cathedral at Charles Street and University Parkway in Baltimore. Peace Cross, the World War I memorial designed in cast concrete by John Joseph Earley, was dedicated in 1925 and stands in Bladensburg, Prince George's County, at the intersection of MD 450 and U.S. 1.

⁵Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Towson, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The monument is bounded by a triangular park of approximately 28' on each side, at the intersection of York Road and Shealey Avenue.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Crownsville
state	Maryland 21032

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban
Dominance, A. D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Military and
Social/Educational/Cultural

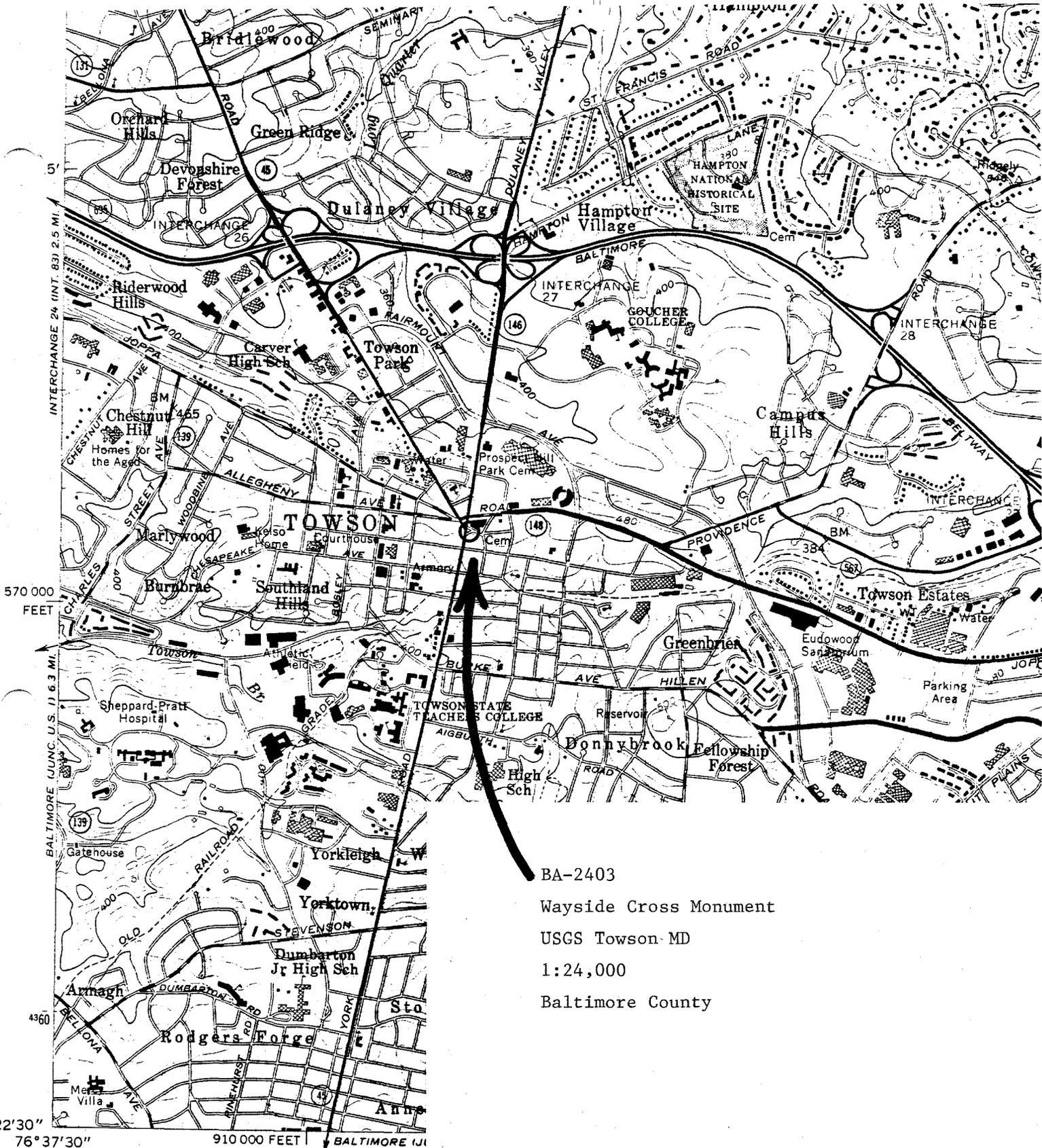
Resource Type:

Category: Object

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): RECREATION AND
CULTURE/monument

Known Design Source(s): None



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 Wayside Cross Monument
 USGS Towson MD
 1:24,000
 Baltimore County

39° 22' 30" 76° 37' 30" 910 000 FEET BALTIMORE (U)

Mapped by the Army Map Service
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and Maryland
 Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps

Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photo
 taken 1943. Topography by planetable surveys 1944
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1957

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only
 landmark buildings are shown

RE WEST
 1 SW



- 1 BA-2403
- 2 Wayside Cross
- 3 Baltimore County, MD
- 4 Paula Spero
- 5 2/97
- 6 MOSHPO
- 7 view northeast from York Road
- 8 1 of 10



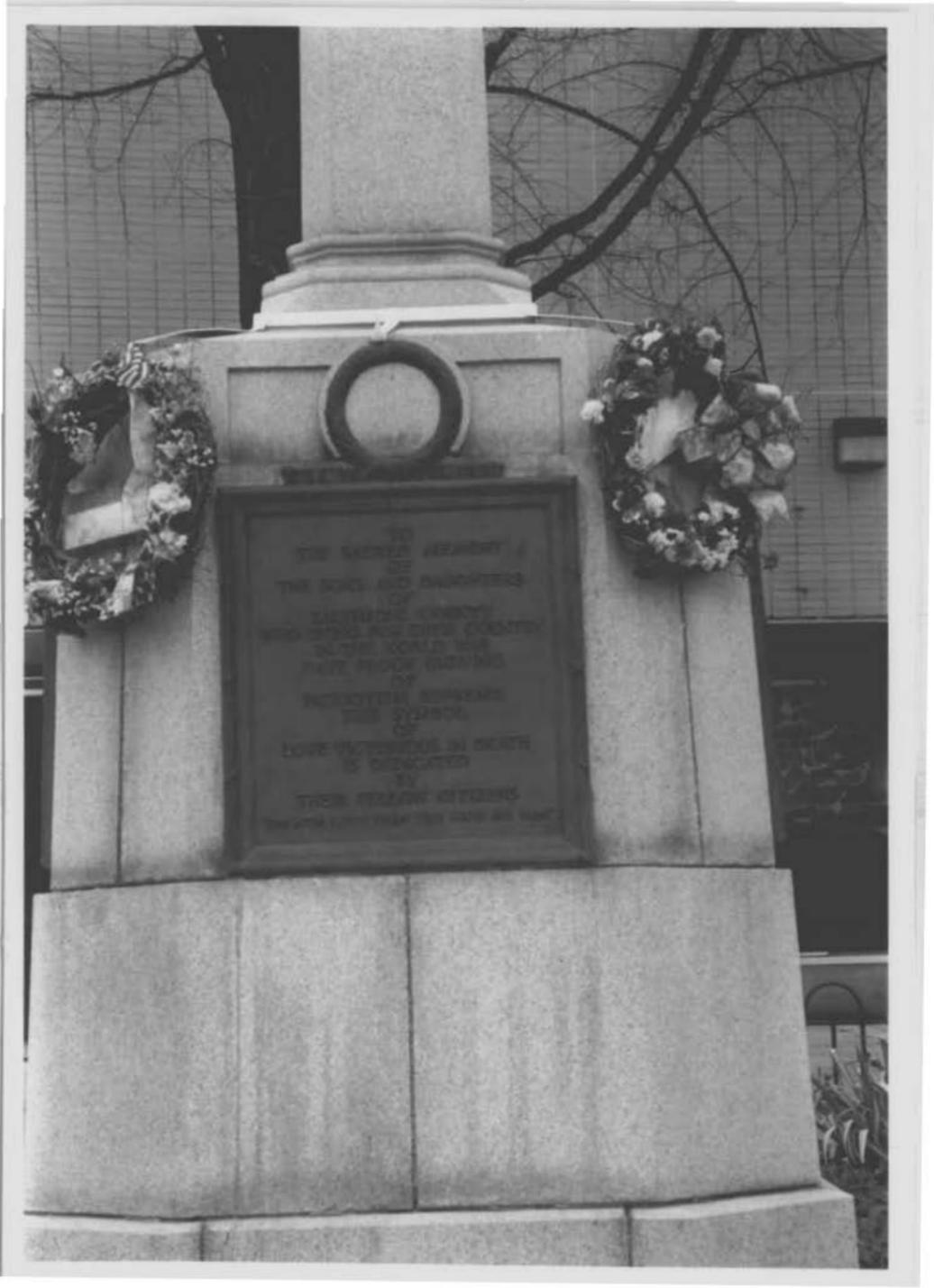
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- 7 View north from York Road
- 8 2 of 10



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- 2 Wayside Cross
- 3 Baltimore, MD
- 4 Paula Spero
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- 6 MOSHPO
- 7 view northeast from York Road
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FIRST FLOOR REAR WALL
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