

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA-2750

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Allen House

2. Location

street & number 6901 Wardman Road

not for publication

city, town Towson,

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John G. and Shirley Allen

street & number 6901 Wardman Road

telephone no.: (410)377-8981

city, town Baltimore (Towson)

state and zip code Maryland 21212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore Cty Land Office (Courts Bldg) liber 5103

street & number 401 Bosley Ave.

folio 315

city, town Towson, Maryland

state 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date of move _____

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

See attached Summary

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

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.

See attached Summary

7.1 Description

The Allen House (c. 1920) is located at 6901 Wardman Road, a single lot, at the northeast corner of Wardman Road and Kingston Road in the Stoneleigh development, Baltimore County. It is a detached, two story and attic frame dwelling on a rubble foundation. It has a rectangular plan with two story wings on both the south and east facades. The main house has a slate hip roof with overhanging eaves. A two car garage is located on the northeast corner of the property,

Facades are stucco with the exception of the second story of the east wing which is weatherboard and a sunroom on the north facade which has weatherboard gables and aluminum siding. A stucco covered watertable is on all facades except on the main building in the enclosed sunroom. Unless otherwise noted, windows throughout the house are original 6/6 wood sash.

The house appears to have been built in one stage with three exceptions. The second floor of the east wing was added at a later date. According to the present owner, the second floor of the south wing may have been added at a later date. Certain features such as the design of cornice moulding, soffit construction, slate deterioration/coloration suggest that it may have been a modification to the original plan during initial construction. The sunroom maybe a modification of an original open air porch.

The principal facade (west) is three bays wide and symmetrical around the central main entrance, with a window of each side of the door on the first floor and three windows on the second floor. The window directly over the entrance is an insulated replacement window with removable mullions. Each window has a simple molded architrave. Paired louvered shutters are found on each window. The front door has 20 lights over a single panel. The entrance is protected by a semi-elliptical hood, with a gable roof, supported by consoles. The entry porch is stone and mortar.

The main building portion of south facade, approximately 1/3 of the facade, has two windows, one on each floor, symmetrically placed. The wing on this facade is approximately 5 feet by 11 feet. The west facade of the wing has a single window on the second story--offcentered toward the main building. The south facade of the wing has two windows symmetrically placed--the first floor window is an insulated replacement. The east facade of the wing has a single window on each story (first floor insulated replacement) symmetrically placed. There are

attic ventilators in the soffit around the wing. The wing has a slate covered hip roof. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the north/south axis of the main building.

The main building portion of the east facade, approximately 2/3 the length of the facade, has three windows and a door. Two windows, one on each floor, are located four feet from the southeast corner of the main building (2nd story is an insulated replacement). The third window (a pair), is located directly above the rear entrance door and has no shutters. The rear door, located next to the east wing, is directly below this window. The door has four lights over a single panel with a modern screen door. There is a single basement window centered on this facade. This entry is protected by a simple shed roof, not of original construction

The east wing is original on the first floor. The south and north facades of the wing have no fenestration. There is a insulated window (center panel with exterior casements) centered in the east facade, 1st floor, of the wing. The second floor is weatherboard on all three facades with a single window (centered--insulated replacement) on the east facade. The second story wing is slightly smaller than the first and the original 1st floor cornice has been retained. The second story has a shed roof. There is a basement window centered in the east facade of the wing.

The north facade has three windows. One on the first floor just east of the sunroom addition and two on the second floor (symmetrically placed). There is a basement window in the northwest corner of the main building.

The sunroom covers a portion of the east wing and 3/4 of the north facade of the main building. The fenestration includes two pairs of insulated casement window on the east/west facades of the sunroom and two pairs of insulated windows (center panel w/flanking casements) on the north facade of the sunroom. There is also a insulated sliding door on the east end of sunroom (north facade). Gables of the sunroom are weatherboard. Foundation of sunroom appears original in that it retains the watertable from the main building. The roof is fiberglass with a centered skylight.

There is a single outbuilding--a two car stucco garage that has been extended to accommodate modern automobiles. There are two 6 over 6 windows (centered)--one each of the north (shutters missing) and south facades. The garage has a slate covered hip roof, with plain fascia and soffit. There are two wood garage doors, each has four lights over eight panels.

The interior was not accessible for the purpose of conducting this survey..

The lot is essentially flat with a slight rise from the SW to the NE corner. Two mature oaks flank the front entry. The garage is located in the NE corner of the lot with driveway running parallel to the north property line.

8.1 Significance

This property is a typical example of the homes found in Stoneleigh, and built in the early 1920s. While there have been some modifications to the main building it has been well maintained.

The Stoneleigh development is located on land that was granted to William Govane, in 1755, by Frederick Calvert, the sixth Lord of Baltimore. For the next hundred years the Govane family sold off portions of the original tract. In 1850, Robert P. Brown bought 230 acres from Govane Howard. Mr. Brown built Stoneleigh House on the tract--from which Stoneleigh derives its name. While the exact derivation of Stoneleigh is not known, it is possible that it comes from the "...stony soil on which the estate was located..."¹ and "...from a family of that name into which the Browns are understood to have married."²

During the last half of the 19th century the Browns sold 100 acres of the original Brown holdings to a member of the family. This 100 acre tract became known as the Anneslie estate. It was separated from the original tract by what is now called Register Road. Register Road is named after John Register, an iron founder, who acquired a right of way to York Road from the Brown family.

At the turn of the century the Brown property was owned by Mary Leigh Brown, one of George Brown's daughters. With the expansion that accompanied the economic growth associated with World War I, the Brown property was an ideal candidate for development. Irvin E. Butler, who had a role in the development of Roland Park and Guilford, acquired the Brown property in 1922. Mr. Butler formed Stoneleigh Corporation.

The corporation prepared a development plan that called for building a residential suburb on 110 of the 130 acres. Ms. Brown and her heirs retained title and use of the remaining 20 acres. The Stoneleigh Corporation built homes and sold lots. By 1927 approximately 100 homes had been built. As a result of this development a public school, at Copeleigh, Kenleigh and fronting on Pemberton Road, was constructed. The ties between the Stoneleigh Corporation and the development were severed when the Corporation went bankrupt in 1931.

1 and 2 Stoneleigh Community Association Handbook; Mr. James C. Mullikin; pg. 4.

Mr. John G. and Shirley Allen House
6901 Wardman Road

Chain of Title (Page 1)

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>
William W. & Elizabeth C. Holzwarth	John G. and Shirley Allen	7/20/70	5103	315
Donald N. & Mary M. Mederas	William W. & Elizabeth C. Holzwarth	6/18/70	5103	313
Riley S. & Doreen Williamson	Donald N. & Mary M. Mederas	8/30/65	4513	308
Frank M. & Doris Vorsee	Riley S. & Doreen Williamson	10/1/64	4370	614
George W. & Marie Snibb(I)e ¹	Frank M. & Doris Vorsee	11/19/52	2207	31
2nd National Bank of Towson	George W. & Marie Snibb(I)e	9/10/47	1600	315
H. Courtney Jenifer (for F.E. Klingberg)	2nd National Bank of Towson	10/24/42	1260	414

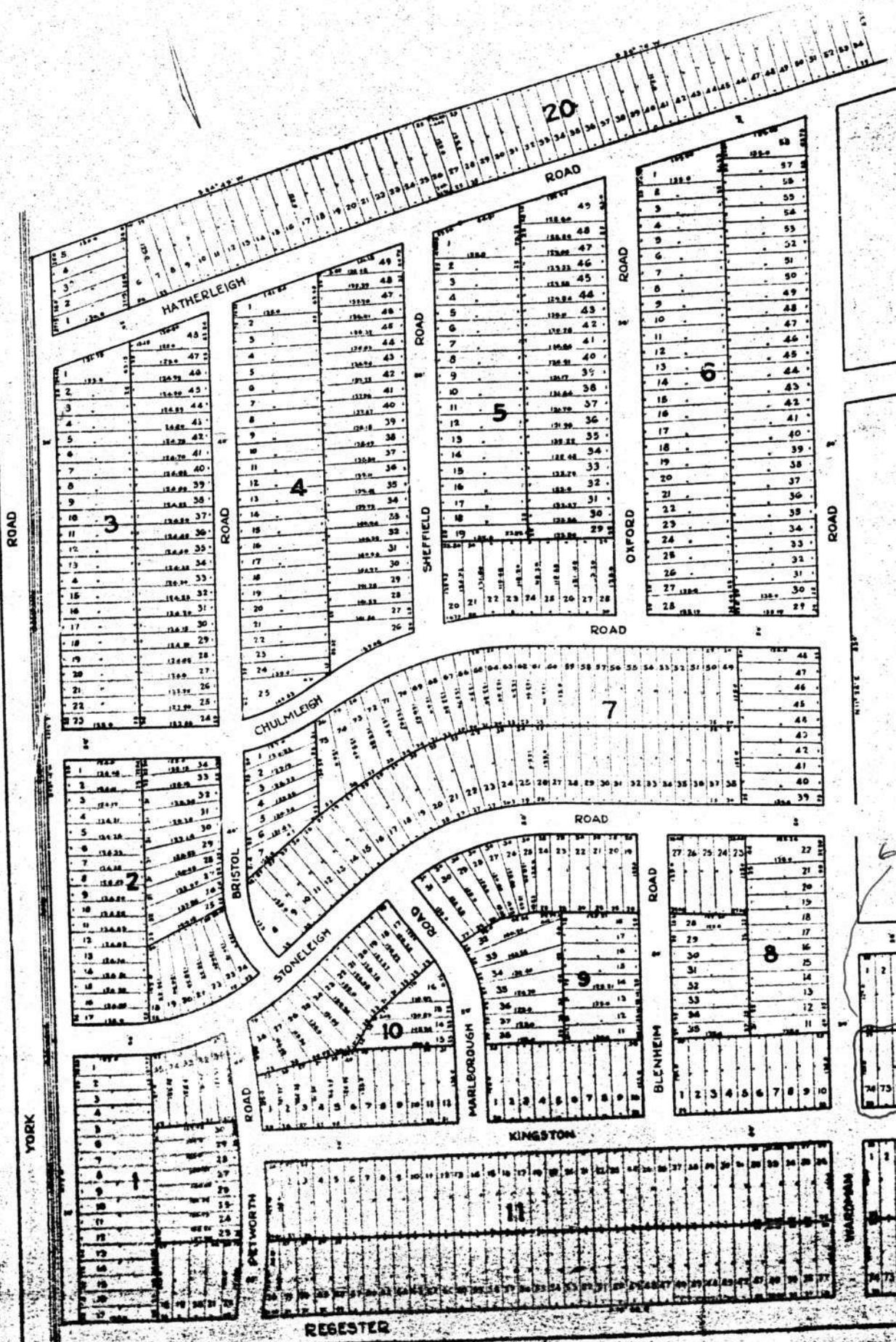
6901 Wardman Road
Baltimore (Towson), Maryland 21212

Chain of Title (Page 2)

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Frances E. Klingberg	H. Courtney Jenifer ²	8/12/42	1240	280
Saratoga Bldg. & Land Co.	Frances E. Klingberg	5/28/35	956	214
Stoneleigh Corp.	Saratoga Bldg. & Land Co.	9/26/35 ³	914	304
Mortgage Guaranty Co.	Stoneleigh Corp.	9/29/32	892	211
Stoneleigh Corp.	Mortgage Guaranty Co.	4/4/28	808	126
Elsie E. Hoch	Stoneleigh Corp. ⁴	-	-	-

NOTES

- 1 Records indicate spelling with and without the "l" in each of two recorded transactions.
- 2 Default on property and transfer to Attorney-at-Law.
- 3 Date appears to be wrong given the Liber/Folio numbers.
- 4 Could not identify date and Folio/Liber transferring property to Stoneleigh Corp.



RES ANNIE S VON KA...

6001 Woodman Road

WELLINGTON

AVE

NOTE: ...

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BLOCKS No. 1 to 13 incl

AND

PART OF BLOCK No. 20

"STONELEIGH"

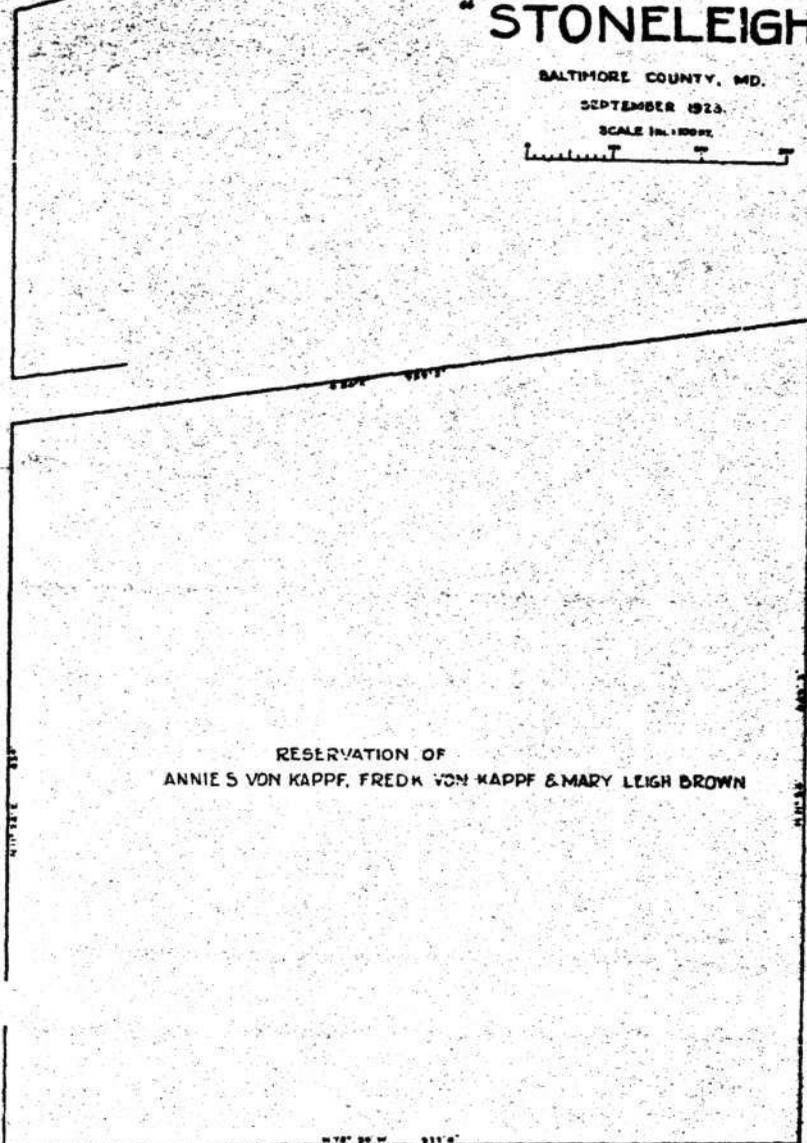
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD.

SEPTEMBER 1923.

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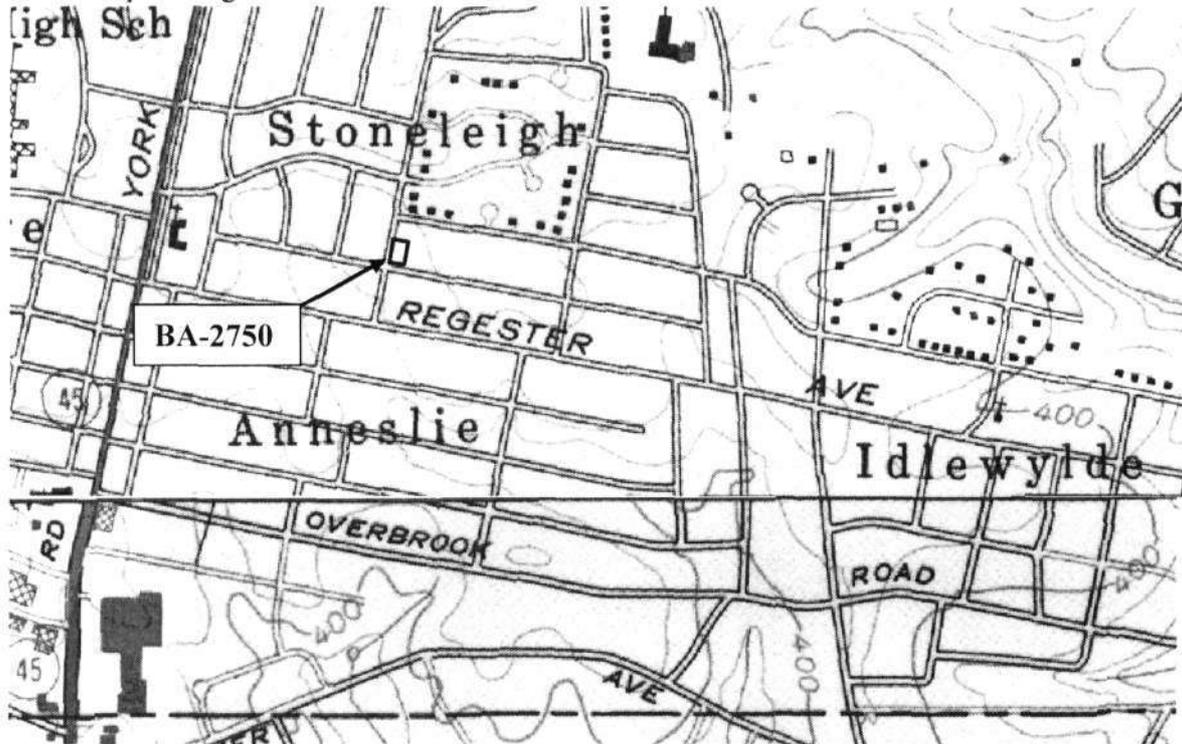
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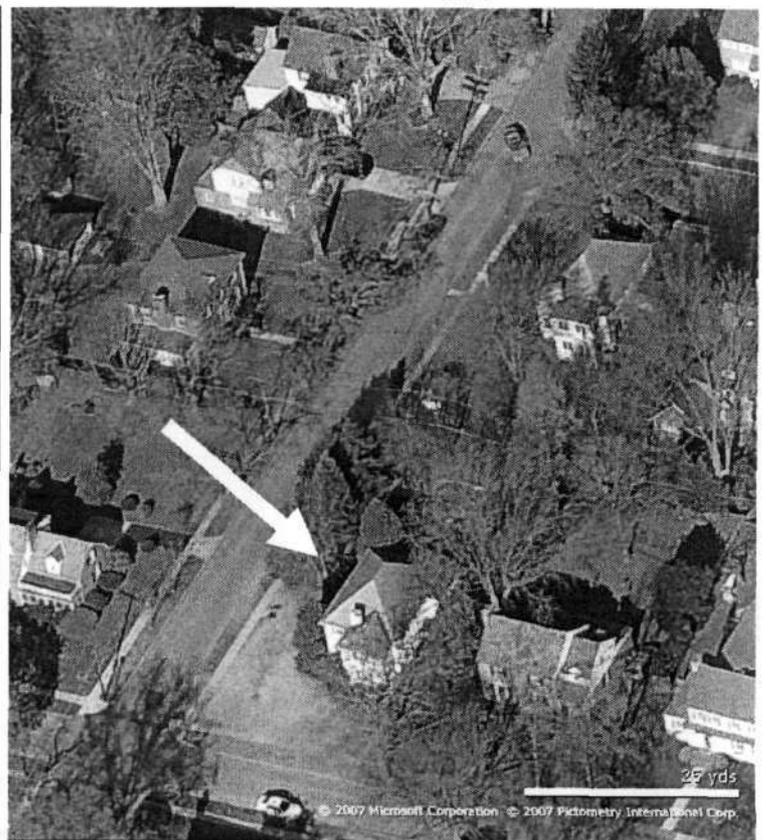
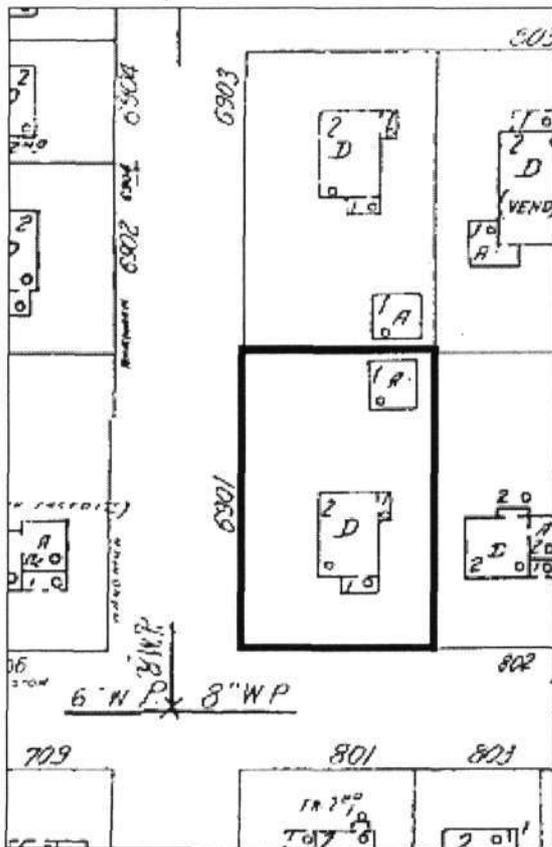
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 Allen House
 6901 Wardman Road, Govans
 Towson quadrangle



Sanborn Map, 1955

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Baltimore City, Md.

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3204 Robtn Hood Ct.

South facade

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Baltimore Cty. MD.

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3204 Robin Hood Ct.

East facade

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Baltimore County, Md.

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3204 Robin Hood Ct.

East facade of East wing
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Baltimore, County, Md.

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3204 Robin Hood Ct.

North facade of East wing
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3204 Robin Hood Ct.

North facade

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Baltimore County

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3204 Robin Hood Ct.

~~North facade~~ NW corner

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3204 Robin Hood Ct.

Gauging from the SW corner

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