

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

HERRMAN HOUSE I

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

405 Pennsylvania Ave.

second

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

**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"/> 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Agnus Herrmann

823-4236

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

231 Burke Ave

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #: 2462:466

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

BA-1021 - 405 Pennsylvania

before 1898

This attractive frame house retains much of its original woodwork. The house is two stories high and consists of two rooms across the front with a stair along the center wall. Several additions follow to the rear. The main facade is distinguished by a porch and a cross gable.

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

405 Pa.

This two-story frame house has a cross gable featuring an arched 2/2 window. The balustraded porch running across the three-bay facade has a shed roof supported by simple square posts. The central transom-topped door has a 6/6 sash window to either side. Three windows light the second floor on the facade. The gable ends are inferestrated except for cellar lights.

The floor plan consists of a small entry space followed by the central stair, with a parlor to either side. The newel post is square, as are the balusters. The stair is open along its west side. A molding with three beads running lengthwise down its center appears along the framing of the stair. The handrail curves in deeply at the sides and bulges out at the bottom in curves wider than at its top. The interior architraves are curved in the center flanked by double beads. The mantel along the east room's west wall has a shelf which is curved in plan. The shelf support molding is a quirk ogee with chamfer. The mantel pilasters are chamfered. Three raised shield-shaped panels with chamfered edges alternate across the mantel face with two lozenge-shaped panels. Long, thin door panels feature a quirk ogee and astragal molding.

A two-story kitchen addition runs to the northwest. Its room is wainscotted in thin beaded boards. A one-story addition along the kitchen's east side houses two rooms, one on either side of a semi-enclosed porch. An exterior entrance to the stone cellar is located at the northeast corner of the main house. The house is sheathed in grey asbestos shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property is found on the 1898 map of Towson. Early records indicate that Fredruk J. Green Jr. was one of the previous owners of this and two other properties owned by Mrs. Herrmann.

This house is owned by one of the enterprising females of the Towson community. Many of the Towson females continue to manage property left them by their spouses, sometimes under a tremendous financial strain.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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  
Marcus Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION  
Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca DATE  
823-8870

STREET & NUMBER  
600 W. Chesapeake Ave. TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN  
Towson Md. 212 04 STATE

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



BA-1021

The Hermann House<sup>21</sup>

405 Pa. Ave.

Towson, Md.

South

Merry Stinson

1977