

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE COLLINS HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

304 Pennsylvania Ave.

second

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

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"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input checked="" 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 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

Earnest J.W. Collins

823-7388

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

304 Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

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

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #: 1530:471

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

BA-1044 - 304 Pennsylvania

before 1915

The plan of this house, consisting of two crossed gable sections is identical to its neighbor, 300 Penna. (BA-1043). The two-story frame house is three bays wide by four bays deep, with a porch across the front.

7 DESCRIPTION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

CONDITION
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

304 Pa. (1898-1915)

This house was built between 1898 and 1915. It is almost identical to its neighbor, 300 Pa.

The house consists of two gabled sections forming a T, with the gable from the east leg of the T crossing the main gable to roof a shallow rectangular bay on the west. The eaves line and barge boards of the house are finished with a nicely-molded cornice. Each of the four gables is lit by an arched 2/2 window. The house is covered with magenta asbestos shingles and trimmed in yellow.

The house rests on a stone cellar, whose exterior entrance is located at the south end of the main section. Two six-pane cellar lights appear at each end of the west side. A 2/2 window lights each floor above. The bay on this side is lit by two windows on each floor. A window on each floor lights the south gable.

An enclosed porch is located in the east wall. A narrow two-story addition between the porch and the south side of the east-facing section has a window on each floor of its east side. At the first-floor level of the east gable, two attached windows light the stair within. A window appears above this on the second floor.

On the street facade, the second floor is lit by two windows in the north gable and one in the north side of the eastward-facing section.

A one-story hip-roofed porch with turned posts runs across the front of the gable end and back to the side of the east gable. A modern picture window lights the gable end. At the east side of this gable a window lights each floor. The front door, which is topped by a two-pane transom, is located on the north side of the east gable. The architraves are composed of an attractive ovolo and cavetto molding.

The yard is enclosed with a neat hedge.

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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 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

Early land records indicate that James Kelly and Mary Kelly built this house around 1895. Subsequent conveyences involved Sammuell Bayne and Ella Bayne who bought the property from the Kelly's in 1924. Twenty-three years later the house was sold to the present owners, Ernest and Viola Collins.

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 DATE
Committee to Save F. Towson/Towson Ymca 823-3870

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
600 W. Chesapeake Ave.

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Towson Md. 21204

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Collins House
304 Pa. Ave.
Towson, Md.
north

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