

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE FISHER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 312 Pennsylvania Ave. second

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 VICINITY OF Baltimore CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 Lucretia Fisher Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 312 Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: Folio #: 4248:354

STREET & NUMBER 401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN Towson Md. 21204 STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

BA-1047 - 312 Pennsylvania

before 1898

This fine house, though of different detailing than its neighbor 308 Penna. (BA-1046) is also large and elaborately finished. It consists of a side stair hall and parlor followed by two rooms, one large kitchen, a shed addition, and a porch. A front porch wraps around the west side. The two-story frame house is two bays wide by five bays deep, with much elaborated exterior woodwork.

PA-104

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

312 Pa. (Pre 1898)

This finely finished two-story frame house appears on an 1898 map along with its neighbor, 308 Pa. The basic shape of the house is a two bay wide by five bay deep rectangle. The gable end, or north, facade faces the street. The floor plan begins with a stair hall to the east and a parlor to the west on the north, followed by side-by-side parlors and then one large room to the south. A one-story shed addition with a porch completes the block to the south. The middle parlors each have a rectangular bay window. A one-story hip-roofed porch runs across the north facade and along the west side to the bay window. Its jigsaw-cut balustrade is divided by turned posts. Brackets with flared ends brace the posts. A three-sided bay window is centered on the second floor of the facade. Its deep cornice overhangs a row of dentil work. Each of its windows contains 2/2 sash; the perimeter of the upper sash is divided into smaller squares and rectangles. The first floor windows in all but the two rear bays of the house are similarly treated.

An arched window lights the attic in the north gable. The scalloped barge board adds a decorative touch. A second floor porch is positioned above the east bay window. Each of the two bays is lit by one window on the north and south, and two windows on the east and west side, respectively. A cross-gable sheltering the west two-story bay window features a scalloped barge board and an arched window. One window lights the west side of the front parlor. A floor-to-ceiling window lights the north side of the parlor. The first floor windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The front door is composed of four panels below four small arched windows, running adjacent to each other. The door is flanked by side lights and topped by a three-pane transom.

A heavy square post with a turned newel cap stands at the foot of the stair. It is followed by turned balusters. The interior architraves features a central point flanked by beads. A diagonal fireplace rises in the southeast corner of the southwest parlor.

The house is covered with green asbestos shingles. It rests on a stone cellar. The many trees and high front hedges lend a secluded air to the house, which is actually set fairly close to the street.

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

Early land records indicate that this property was part of a large tract owned by Benjamin Payne (1853). The property was later conveyed to Emma P. Maddox, who conveyed the property to John Yellot in 1895. Around the turn of the century the Fisher house was constructed. Local history indicates that the house was built by William Robertson. William Robertson conveyed the property in 1898 to Henry Hick. The Hick family continued to live in the house until 1906 where upon the house was sold to John and Mary Shea. The Shea family lived in the Fisher house for thirty-nine years, after which the house was conveyed to Lillian G. Smith. Twelve years later the property was conveyed by Lillian G. Smith to Clairmont Tucker, who lived in the Fisher house until 1961 at which time the Armigers bought and lived in the house until 1963. In 1963 Lucretia Fisher, the present owner, bought the property. She has owned the property for the last fourteen years.

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 E. 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. 21204

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
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The Fisher House

312 Pa. Ave.

Towson, Md.

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Merry Stinson

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