

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME THE FRANCIS JOHNSON HOUSE

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 320 Pennsylvania Avenue second

CITY, TOWN Towson Maryland VICINITY OF Baltimore Co. 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 Emily Ruth Morris Harris

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 320 Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN Towson Maryland VICINITY OF Baltimore Co. STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5367:527
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER 401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson Maryland 21204 STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

BA-1048 - 320 Pennsylvania

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The main section of this two-story frame house is three bays wide by one bay deep, followed by a two bay deep, one bay wide kitch to the southeast. A porch and a steep cross gable accent the front of the house.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

320 Pennsylvania Ave.- 1898-1915

This two-story frame house was built before 1915 it is simpler than its neighbors to the west in this block of Pennsylvania Avenue. The house is three bays wide by one bay deep, with a two bay deep by one bay deep southeast. Tow story addition- All the windows contain 2/2 sash and are framed with narrow boards.

A cross gable lit by one window projects from the north side of the east-west gable roof. Three windows light the second floor facade, and one window lights either side of the central door. A window lights each floor and the attic in the east and west ends. The front porch's hip roof is supported by iron post.

The houses is covered with green asbestos shingles and is supported by a cellar. A neat hedge frames the small lot.

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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

The Francis Johnson house has survived two generations of the Johnson Family. Built in the late 1890's this house was initially built by local builders Ben and Willie Johnson. Mrs. Johnson later conveyed the property to Mrs. Francis Johnson (daughter of the elder Johnson). Mrs. Francis Johnson died around the sixties conveying the property to Mrs. Emily Johnson Harris.

Two fires one in the early sixties and then another in the summer of 1976 failed to destroy the property, however in both cases heavy damage was sustained to the right side of the 320 structure. In the 1960 blaze the whole right side had to be replaced.

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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 E. Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION
Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca DATE
5239870

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.

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



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Francis House

320 Pa. Ave.

Towson, Md.

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Merry Stinson

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