

604 BALTIMORE AVE.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

William Lantz House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

604 Baltimore Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Raymond Rodgers and wife

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

604 Baltimore Ave

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21204, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 1551

Folio #: 345

STREET & NUMBER

Pennsylvania Ave

CITY, TOWN

Towson

Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Spring, 1978</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on 604 Baltimore Ave. is a two story L plan wood frame dwelling resting on a stone foundation. It has a gable end roof with a centrally located chimney. Modern roofing shingles cover wooden ones. The east facade, which is 3 bays wide has a full shed roofed porch which covers the first story. This three bay porch is supported by 4 turned columns. The entrance, which is located in the center bay is flanked on either side by sash windows which have 6/6 lights. These windows have wood sills and louvered shutters with panels in the lower half. The foundation of the south facade houses a small casement window which has 4 lights and a wood sill. The first story of the SW corner has a window which has 6/6 lights and black louvered shutters. In the left bay of the second story there is a window with 6/6 lights and shutters painted black. The right bay houses a small a small window with sox lights. The north facade is one bay deep and is supported as are the other facades by a stone foundation. There is a casement window with wood sills and three lights housed in the foundation. The first story window has 6/6 lights and shutters which are identicle to those in the front of the house. The NW corner of the house is a modern single story shed roof addition which rests on a cement foundation. The shed porch of the first story of the west facade is supported by cement blocks. There is a door in the central bay of the screen porch. In the recessed entrance the left bay houses a 6/6 window and the right bay houses a door with eight lights. The second story of the west facade has a window with 6/6 lights in the central bay. The kitchen wing has two 6/6 windows and one 4/4 window in the corner that disrupts an otherwise regular fenestration.

According to the present owners the northwest addition of the house went from one to two stories in the 1920's. There is a full basement under the front of the house with an uncoursed main block. There are 4 windows in the basement. The second story has batten doors with porcelin door knobs and beaded door moldings. The wood floors have random widths up to six inches. The closedts are constructed of a tongue-and-groove. The six over six lights of the second story have bubbled glass. At the bottom of the stairway ther is a square newal post with inset panels.

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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 checked="" 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 pre-1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
 Beginning for said between on the west side of Baltimore Avenue at the southeast corner of Ezra F Brown's lot and at the end of one hundred and ten feet on the west side of said Avenue from Joppa Road formerly Old Court Road thence running by and with the west side of said Avenue south ten and one-quarter degrees west fifty feet thence north seventy-nine and one quarter degrees west one hundred and seventy-six feet more or less to intersect Bosley Alley thence bounding thereon north ten and one-quarter

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BYWAYNE L. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

NAME / TITLE

Mary Sue Greisman

ORGANIZATION

Historic Towson
Goucher collegeDATE
May 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE
825-3300

CITY OR TOWN

Towson Maryland

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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degrees east fifty feet, to the southwest corner of said Brown's lot thence running by and with the south line of side of said lot south seventy-nine and one-quarter degrees east of one hundred and seventy-six feet more or less to the place of beginning, said lot and the improvements thereon being known as No. 604 Baltimore Avenue.

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>
Washington Townsend & wife	leased to William Lantz	June 29, 1867	56	207
William Lantz	John Ensor	May 24, 1872	75	431
John Ensor	Ellen Miller	Sept. 20, 1874	89	47
Ellen Miller	Francis A. Chilcoat	Sept. 13, 1875	93	508
Francis A. Chilcoat	Mrs. Margaret Galloway	May 28, 1881	123	406
William Galloway & wife	William S Keech	Dec. 6, 1882	132	60
Rae Keech	Bernard P Bruns	July 31, 1914	433	198
Bernard P Bruns & wife	Margaret H. Smith	April 13, 1925	610	380

Mortgage between

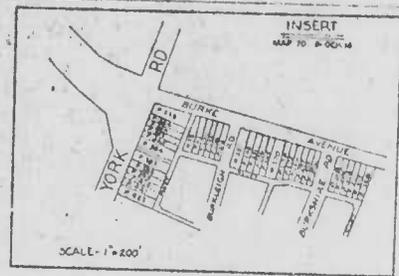
Bernard P Bruns & wife	Margaret Smith	April 22, 1925	708	290
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Lease

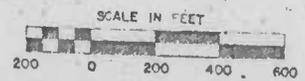
Margaret H. Smith, Sarah E. Bruns to Deaver		April 19, 1947	1551	336
Sadie D. T. Deaver	J. Raymond Rodgers & wife	April 10, 1947	1551	345

Baltimore Ave.
604

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SCALE 1" = 200'

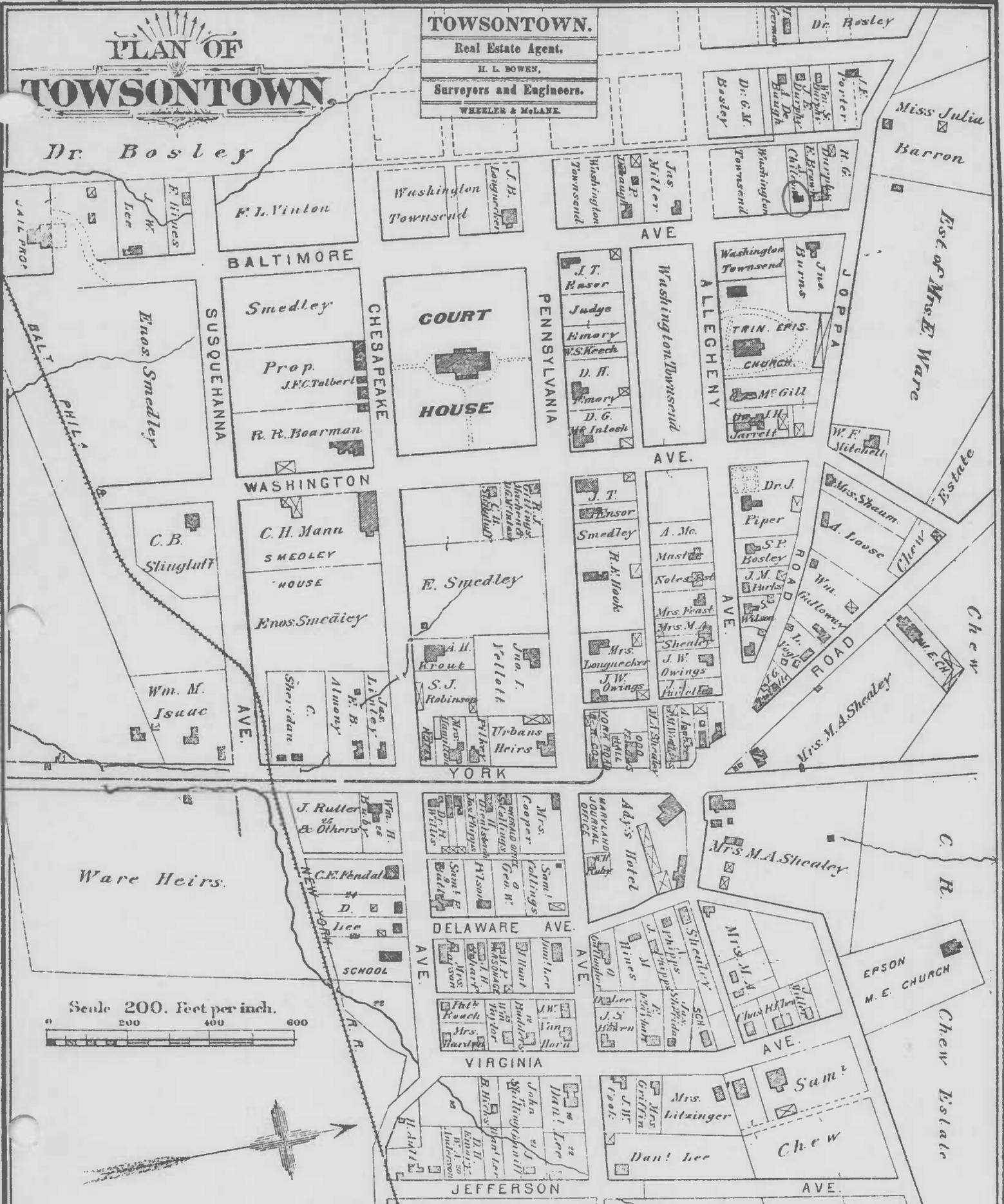
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PLAN OF TOWSONTOWN.

TOWSONTOWN.
Real Estate Agent.
H. L. BOWEN,
Surveyors and Engineers.
WHEELER & MOLANE.

Dr. Bosley



Scale 200. feet per inch.
0 200 400 600



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WILLIAM LANTZ HSE.
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W. NIELD

WINTER 77-78