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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Milford Smith Double House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

19-21 E. Chesapeake Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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**

NAME

Rowland Wallis

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #: 3901

Folio #: 389

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 DATE <u>Sept. 1978</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This is one of the buildings that suggest that the duplex was a significant type of housing in Towson. It is a two story frame structure which is the equivalent of being three bays wide and four deep. It has a gable-end roof and longitudinal plan with the entrances occupying the interior bays of the south facade.

The fenestration is regular in placement although it is noticed that where most of the windows are 1/1 sash the first story windows of the south end are tall 2/2 sash. A six light casement vents the south gable. The building was only examined from the street although it can be assumed from the fenestration that there is a front room containing a stairs on the inner wall, middle area and kitchen on each side. One of the interior bays on the side wall is windowless because of an interior flue chimney but all of the other rooms are well lighted by at least one but usually two windows. The entrance doors also contain 2/2 panes of glass in their upper half.

The south facade faces the street and is characterized by the larger gable, the entrances and by the full single story porch. Like the rest of the building the porch is divided in half by the same railing that surrounds the whole area. The railing consists of a banister with square balusters fixed in sections between the support posts. The posts are square and decorated with chamfers. Like the rest of the house the porch rests on a rock faced formstone foundation which elevates it the height of four steps above the ground. A small yard (c. 10' x 40') exists between the porch and sidewalk. It is landscaped with shrubbery and flowers and partially enclosed by a block wall which matches the foundation.

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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**

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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

## TITLE SEARCH for 19-21 E. CHESAPEAKE AVE.

Liber 3901, Folio 389 September 29, 1961  
Grantor: Rowland Wallis & wife  
Grantee: Stewart C. Hale Sr. & wife

"Beginning...corner formed by northernmost side of Chesapeake Ave. and center line of 16' alley (being the first alley West of Delaware Ave.)...East 64.04' to a point 1' East of easternmost concrete block wall of garage building erected on lot now being described...East 89.97'...West 63.52'...West 90'...beginning."

Liber 939, Folio 245 November 7, 1934  
Grantor: Milford Smith & wife  
Grantee: Rowland Wallis & wife

Liber 583, Folio 111 October 25, 1923  
Grantor: Harry F. Phipps et. al.  
Grantee: Milford Smith & wife

"...North side of Chesapeake Ave....East 154' to Delaware Ave... East 90'...West 154'...West 90'...containing 13.86 square feet."

Liber 565, Folio 57 November 6, 1922  
Grantor: Clarence A. Hildebrand & wife  
Grantee: Harry F. Phipps

Liber 513, Folio 399 July 12, 1919  
Grantor: David C. Standiford & wife  
Grantee: Clarence A. Hildebrand & wife

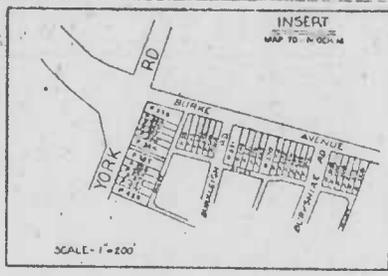
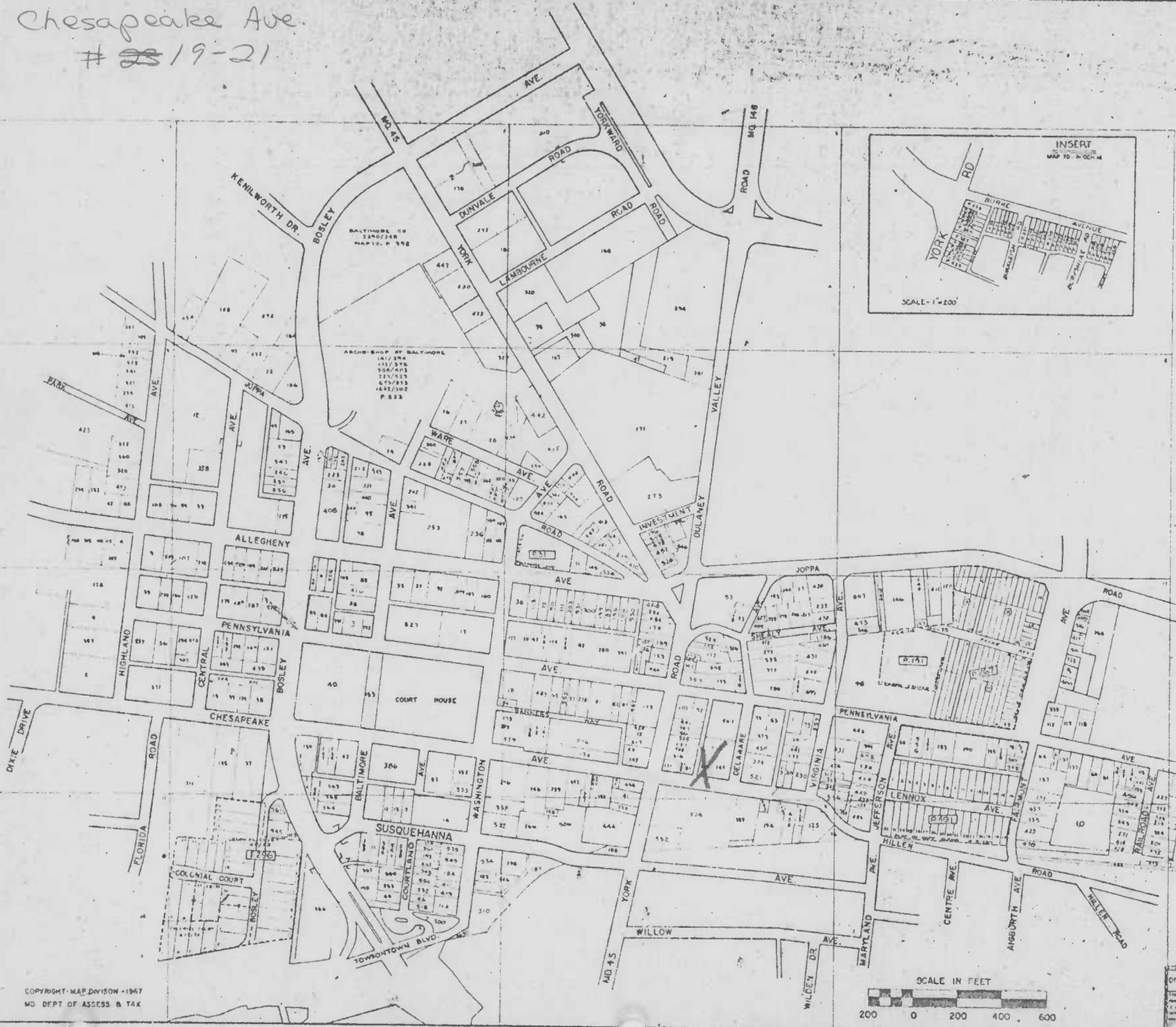
1918 Tax Assessment records show David C. Standiford as owning a house 35' x 18', 18' x 20' on Lot 154' x 90' Chesapeake Ave.

Liber 325, Folio 223 January 25, 1908  
Grantor: Mary Butler  
Grantee: David C. Standiford

Liber 68, Folio 360 November 23, 1870  
Grantor: Mary Payne et. al.  
Grantee: Mary Butler

E. Chesapeake Ave.  
# 19-21

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SCALE 1" = 200'

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# ~~B~~ E. CHESAPEAKE Ave.  
19-21 S.

W. NIELD

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