

# 111 E. Pennsylvania Ave

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

111 E. Pennsylvania 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

Dorothy E. Sadler

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #:

Folio #: See Attachment

STREET & 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Winter, 77/78</u>

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

The L-shaped two story building at # 111 E. Pennsylvania Ave. has been very much altered but there is still much structural evidence existing that proves this was one of Towson's 19th century residences. The 1877 Atlas suggests that this little building was here then and that Daniel Lee, owner of the large stone dwelling on the opposite side of the street, owned this parcel as well. It is probable that Lee rented or leased the property to a tenant. We see from the Bromley Atlas that the property was still part of the Lee estate in 1898.

Modern shopfronts and wooden shingles obscure the fact that this dwelling in its original state is two bays wide and one bay deep with a projection to the north on the west side. It is frame-and-clapboard and may be characterized by its simple gable-end roof. The 1 1/2 story projection to the North, which is perceived to be an addition has a shed roof.

The south portion or the wing that is closest to the street is perceived to be the front of the house and beneath it there is a basement which measures approximately 12' x 20'. It has uncoursed stone walls which incorporate a wedge shaped chimney buttress on the east end. An interior chimney exits the roof on the east end of the house.

The shed roofed north wing has no basement and rests on a low brick foundation.

The first level of the structure has been altered considerably. It is assumed that there were two front rooms plus the kitchen in the rear. The upstairs appears to have been divided into four rooms. The southeast room is still papered, has a flue chimney on the east wall, and is characterized by the trapezoidal ceiling common to the half-story. The walls of this story are only five feet high.

What was probably the east parlor on the first floor was examined and although modern paneling covers all original fabric, an interior chimney projection was observed which is 54" wide and 23" deep.

**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 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

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 &amp; 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.

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

## TITLE SEARCH for # 111 E. PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

Liber 2964, Folio 16 June 28, 1956  
 Grantor: Frederick McDaniel & wife  
 Grantee: Dorothy E. Sadler & Mary C. Appel

"Beginning for the outlines to include the same at a pipe set for the beginning of that parcel of land mentioned in a Deed from Maude R. Thomas to Elizabeth M. Waltrick, dated May 26, 1944, recorded... RJS 1449/304...said pipe is at a point 30' Northerly of center line... Pennsylvania Ave. and...southeasternmost corner of property...South... West 70.8' to place of beginning...Containing 99/1000 of an acre (0.099) of land...known as No. 109 E. Pennsylvania Ave."

Liber 1954, Folio 469 April 24, 1951  
 Grantor: Frances J. Doyle & Husband  
 Grantee: Mary C. Appel

Liber 1799, Folio 478 December 9, 1949  
 Grantor: Thomas D. Cooney, Trustee  
 Grantee: Edward J. Appel & Mary C.

Liber 1449, Folio 304 May 25, 1944  
 Grantor: Maud R. Thomas  
 Grantee: Elizabeth M. Waltrick

"Beginning...North side Pennsylvania Ave. at southwest corner of Mrs. M. Gallagher's lot...on the north side of said Pennsylvania Ave. 42' to southwest corner...lots of said Hines & Gallagher to place of beginning..."

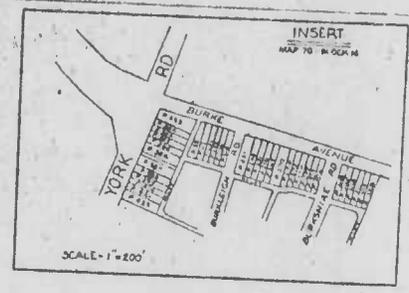
Liber 1347, Folio 443 May 22, 1944  
 Grantor: James G. O'Neill  
 Grantee: Maud R. Thomas

Liber 658, Folio 111 September 4, 1928  
 Grantor: James C. L. Anderson, Trustee  
 Grantee: James G. O'Neill, Trust Estate of Daniel Lee

Liber 84, Folio 24 November 22, 1873  
 Grantor: R. R. Boarman et.al. Trustees  
 Grantee: Daniel Lee

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5. Pennsylvania Ave  
# 111



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**TOWSON**  
SCALE 1" = 200'

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TAX MAP DIVISION

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111 E. PENNA. AVE.  
N.

W. NIELD  
SPA. 78



The Spence  
Sales & Rental Co.  
Floors

The Spence  
Sales & Rental Co.

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# 111 W. PENNA. AVE.

S.E. CORNER

W. Nield  
SPR. 78