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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Weiss House

AND/OR COMMON

Balto. Co. Employees Health Center

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

117 Susquehanna 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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Baltimore County

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #: See Attachment
Folio #:

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

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>Summer, 1978</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The houses on the one-hundred block of Susquehanna Ave. are alike in that they are all bungalows and share many features typical to that style. These characteristics include a large oversized dormer, and a single story porch which incorporates its roof into the roof of the main block thus creating a catslide roof.

Generally, this building is a 1½ story frame structure resting on a high rock-face formstone foundation rising 36" off the ground. It is three bays wide and the equivalent of three bays deep. The gable-end roof is accentuated with deep overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends.

The north side of the house facing the street is the main facade. The most prominent feature is the oversized dormer, now covered with modern asbestos shingles, centrally located above the porch roof. This dormer is vented by a pair of 6/1 sash windows and has a gable-end roof.

The porch, an essential part of the bungalow style, rests on rock-face formstone piers. The space between the porch and ground is filled with lattice. The railing is partially enclosed with brown shingled panels. The roof of the porch, which has a tongue-and-groove ceiling, is supported by clusters of square columns, three per cluster.

A glass entrance door occupies the westernmost bay of the first level, while a pair of 6/1 sash windows occupy the east bay.

The west facade is characterized by the irregular fenestration. There is a single 6/1 sash in the upper south bay, a casement window on the first level providing light for the staircase within and a single casement for the cellar.

The overhanging eaves of this gable end contain tongue-and-groove soffit. A corbeled brick flue chimney rests on a formstone block foundation and pierces the eaves of the roof just south of the ridge.

The south facade is similar to the north facade in that it is approximately three bays wide and contains an oversized dormer.

However, a rear entrance occupies the middle bay somewhat off center to the West. This entrance is covered by a simple bracketed hood, and is reached by five steps leading to a platform porch.

The fenestration is regular in that it is composed of 6/1 sash windows, although a kitchen window in the western corner is somewhat smaller.

Unlike the west facade, no chimney exists on the east facade, therefore a pair of centrally located 6/1 sash windows vent the gable-end on the second level.

The strongest feature of this facade is a projection two bays wide (suggesting a bay window) on the first level measuring 10'2" wide and projecting 16". This projection has its own bracketed shed roof.

It should be noted that this building, as well as five others are owned by Baltimore County and have received a uniform exterior coloring which is not original.

The original brown wooden shingles have been replaced with modern asbestos shingles.

An interesting feature which does not exist in the other building is the lead and stained glass window in which the motif is of a grid pattern

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with a heraldic emblem. The prominent colors are green and yellow with rose colored diamonds.

A single car garage stands behind this building. The frame structure is covered with brown wooden shingles and has a gable-end roof.

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
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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

D. Owings

WAYNE C. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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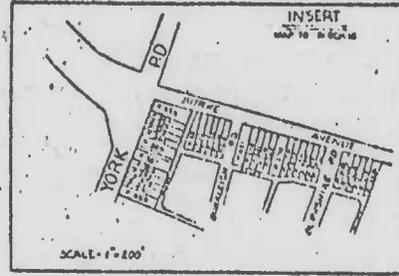
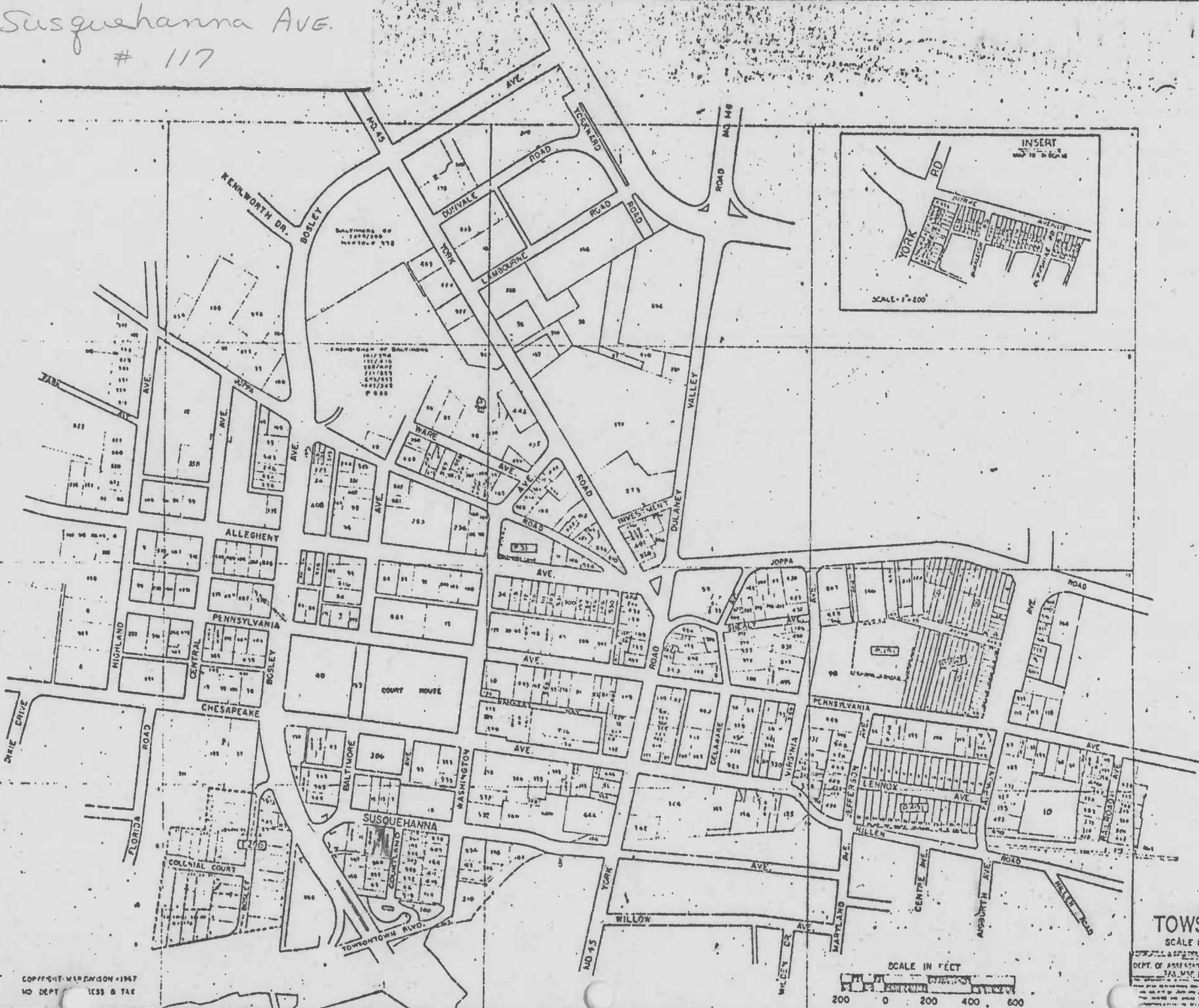
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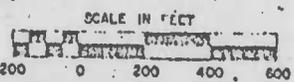
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TOWSON
SCALE 1"=200'

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TWO CAR GARAGE

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N.W.

W. NIELD
9/78



ONE CAR GARAGE
117 SUSQUEHANNA AVE.
S.W. CORNER

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