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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bosley Duplex East

AND/OR COMMON

Private offices

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

214 Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21204

COUNTY

Baltimore

**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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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

H. Francies LeBrun

Telephone #: 823-6340

STREET & NUMBER

637 Chestnut Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**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

# 214 Washington Ave. is a two story duplex with a finished attic and a longitudinal plan. It has a slate, gable-end roof with dormers. The building is four bays wide and six bays deep. The first story is of different sized red sandstone blocks laid with an attempt at coursing with beaded grouting. The upper stories are frame covered with brown wooden shingles.

The east facade, or main facade, contains a shed roofed porch supported by clusters of thin doric columns. This porch is enclosed by a railing with square balusters. The regular fenestration is a 1/1 sash, although the even number of bays is upset on the first level by the addition of an entrance on each outer-most bay. The windows have louvered shutters and architrave-like trim. The gable end has deep cornices, and deep eaves of tongue-and-groove soffit. This end is vented by two pairs of 1/1 sash windows clustered beneath a curvilinear swell.

The north facade is dominated by a pair of two large pedimented dormers which repeat the motif of the deeply corniced gables. Casement windows have been inset between these dormers. The regular fenestration is interrupted. Where one might expect an opening on the first level there is none, and directly above on the second level exists a window somewhat smaller than the others. There are also window wells.

The south facade repeats the appearance of this north facade.

The west end is a collection of geometric shapes. A pair of two story wings project and are nestled beneath the large gable-end of the main block. The continuous cornices, foundation, joists, etc., suggest these wings are original. The interior bays of the first level are enclosed as is the entire second level. An open porch gives access to entrances on each corner. The southwest entrance has a single pane glass door and a double light transom. The central bay provides an exterior entrance to a full basement below.

The full basement under each side of the house is constructed of long concrete blocks measuring 2 feet long, 8 inches in height and 7 inches thick. A solid masonry wall bisects the building and each side has an interior access. The circular sawn joists run transversely with a 14 inch spacing.

It is observed that the building is of four different types of masonry- block, poured concrete and rubble walls, brick, and sandstone.

The interior has been altered for commercial purposes. A hall runs along a bisecting wall connecting three rooms and a bathroom per floor on each side.

The upper level contains the most original fabric. Details include three-quarter round corner guards, plain mouldings, bulls eye corner blocks and interior doorways with transoms. Also observed are solid four-panel doors which vary with porcelain knobs and metal box locks or metal plated oval knobs with beads. Additional details include claw-footed tubs, early porcelain fixtures, and cast iron hot water radiators with embossed floral designs.

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 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		

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

D. Owings

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.

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

## TITLE SEARCH for # 214 WASHINGTON AVE.

Liber 5905, Folio 46 February 8, 1978

Grantor: Henry F. LeBrun & Gillian D. LeBrun, wife

Grantee: Gillian D. LeBrun

"Beginning...west side of Washington Ave...at a distance 20.66'  
Southerly from corner formed by intersection of south side of Susquehanna  
Ave. with west side of Washington Ave...partition wall...known as # 214  
Washington Ave."

"Beginning...second...formed by intersection of south side of  
Susquehanna Ave. with west side of Washington Ave. 20.66'...partition  
wall...known as # 216 Washington Ave."

Liber 5762, Folio 685 June 8, 1977

Grantor: Marguerite B. Pilling et. al.

Grantee: Henry F. LeBrun & wife

Liber 3700, Folio 402 May 10, 1960

Grantor: Calvert Land Grants, Inc.

Grantee: Betsy W. LeBrun

Liber 3700, Folio 398 May 10, 1960

Grantor: Emma F. LeBrun

Grantee: Calvert Land Grants, Inc.

"Beginning...south side of Susquehanna Ave. at a distance 109.67' from  
corner or intersection of the south side of Susquehanna with the east  
side of Courtland Ave...West...20.15'..."

Liber 1332, Folio 582 June 21, 1944

Grantor: Beatrice R. Bosley et. al.

Grantee: Harry A. LeBrun & wife

Liber 409, Folio 155 March 26, 1913

Grantor: Marion H. Merryman et. al.

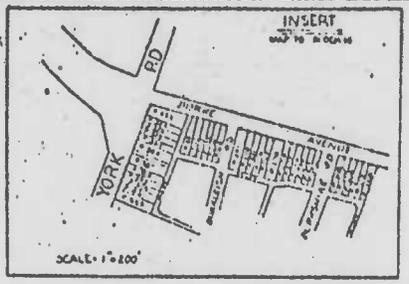
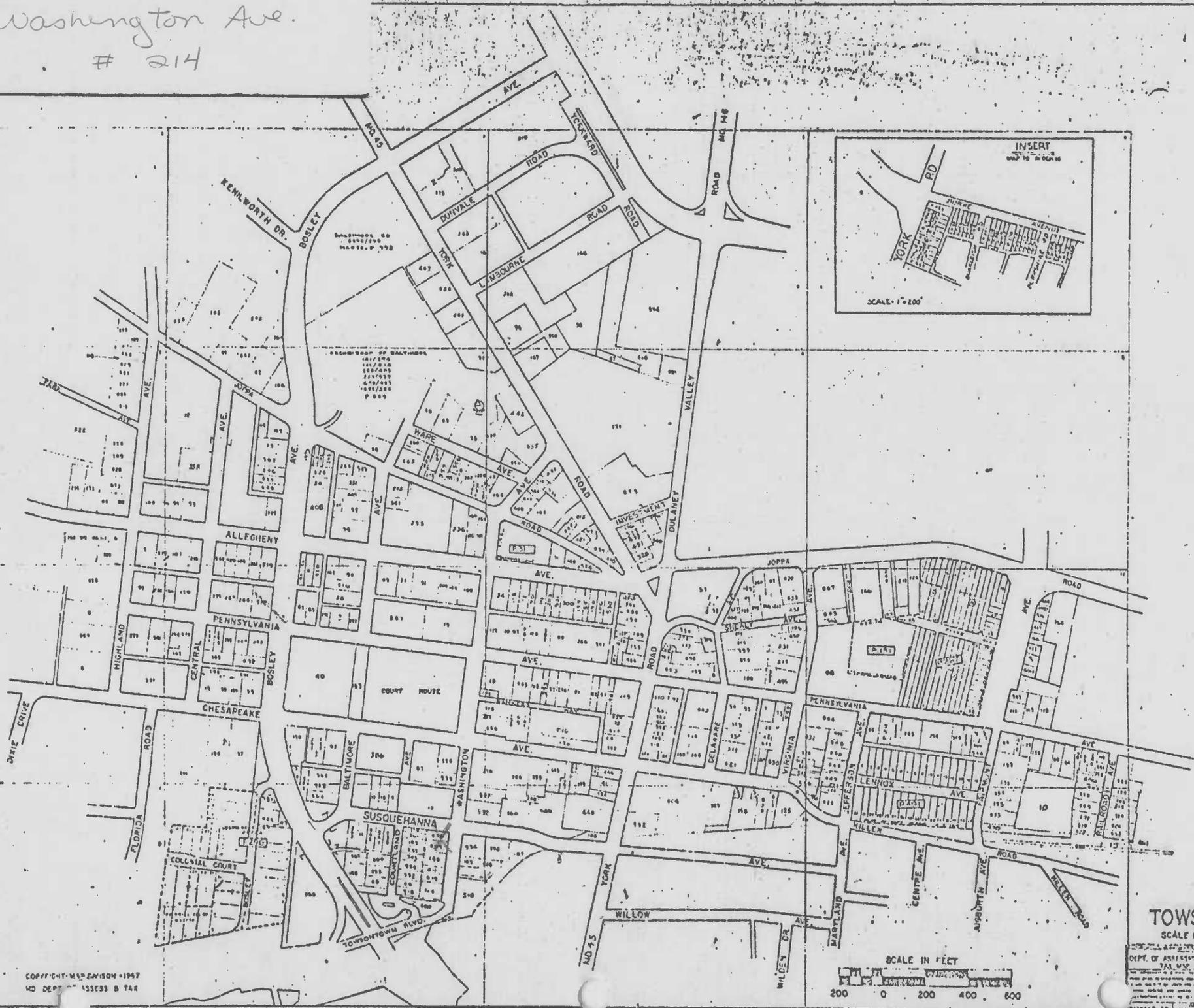
Grantee: Arthur L. Bosley et. al.

Four plots of equal dimension, two on the west side of Washington  
and two on the east side of Courtlan

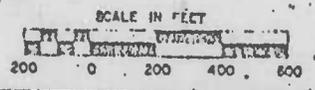
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SCALE 1" = 200'

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