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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Smith House & Garage

AND/OR COMMON

Baltimore Co. Legislative Liaison Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

205 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input 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: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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>

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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Only a few residential structures still exist on the east side of Bosley Ave. and this is one of them. This building is now being used for commercial purposes.

A brick facade and alterations conceal the fact that this is a frame structure covered with wooden shingles. The 2½ story, longitudinally planned building rests on a high foundation and has a gable-end roof. It is two bays wide and the equivalent of four bays deep with an additional one bay wing projecting to the east and extending the north facade.

This building shares many features of those in the bungalows on the 100 block of Susquihanna Ave. These include the rock-face formstone foundation, brown wooden shingles, a projecting bay window and 6/1 sash windows. There is also a penetration of the deep eaves by an exterior chimney on the south facade.

The main facade, facing west, has been greatly altered by a brick facing. The upper story has windows in either bay, while the lower story has a 24 light window in the northern bay and an entrance in the southern bay.

The south facade displays an irregular fenestration in the placement, size and type of window. In the westernmost bay exists a 6/1 sash up and down. A window of the same type is centrally located between the first and second level in the second bay. The chimney penetrates the overhanging eaves slightly off center to the east of the ridge. A double four light casement window is just east of this chimney. There are also small cellar windows.

A two story single bay wing projects from the east facade in the northernmost bay, and appears to be original due to the foundation and materials. A single story shed roofed wing projects from it to the south.

The north facade extends the total five bays and contains an exterior chimney in the west bay. The easternmost bay of the second story contains three 6/1 sash windows, and there is one 6/1 sash in the central and easternmost bays of the first story.

The lay out of the interior is based on the shot gun plan of room placement with one long (transverse) room in front (West) which connects to the dining area by a double door 6' high (Middle), and a kitchen, pantry and bath in back (East). The west room contains a brick wood-burning fireplace which may not be original. Cabinets have been built on either side. There is a kitty-cornered closet in the southwest near the main entrance door.

A dog-leg stair runs along the southwest wall and leads to the second story which contains three bedrooms and one bathroom in the main block and one bedroom in the east wing.

The attic is a ½ story with knee walls and trapezoidal ceiling. It contains a hall with a closet and one full bedroom. This westerly located room is unique in that it has built-in natural wood cabinets with solid or glass doors, occupying the entire space of the knee walls and a built-in single bed and window seat, and a sink.

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The full basement which has block walls is also interesting because of the northeast corner being occupied by two full storage lockers with built-in shelves enclosed by tongue-and-groove panel.

**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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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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

D. OWINGS

DATE

Summer 1978

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.

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 # 205 BOSLEY AVE.

Liber 4842, Folio 058 January 15, 1968  
 Condemnation Case # 1409  
 Baltimore County, Md. vs. Blanche M. Ensor, widow

"Beginning...East side of Baltimore Ave. at a distance 200' South-  
 easterly from south side of Susquehanna Ave...Northeasterly 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ '...  
 100' to..beginning being lots No. 11 and 18 on the plat of land of  
 Franklin J. Morton." Plat RW 65-193-1

Liber 3703, Folio 309 May 17, 1960  
 Grantor: Lillian A. Kelly  
 Grantee: Blanche M. Ensor

Liber 3703, Folio 309 May 17, 1960  
 Grantor: Blanche M. Ensor  
 Grantee: Lillian A. Kelly

Liber 604, Folio 518 December 10, 1924  
 Grantor: Leopold Ecker et. al.  
 Grantee: Carvil L. Ensor & B. M. Ensor, wife

Acquired from two deeds viz:

Liber 542, Folio 61 June 6, 1921  
 Grantor: Millard A. Randall & wife  
 Grantee: Leopold Ecker & wife

AND

Liber 545, Folio 81 September 1, 1921  
 Grantor: Martin F. Sloan  
 Grantee: Leopold Ecker & wife

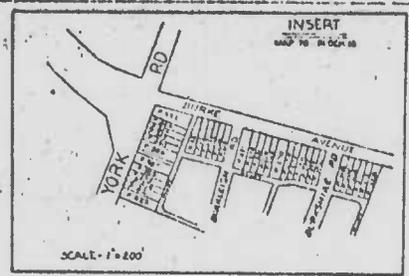
"...East side Baltimore Ave 263'6" Southerly from south side of  
 Susquehanna Ave...219' to West side of Courtland Ave...36'6"...219'  
 to East side of Baltimore Ave...36'6"..."

Liber 491, Folio 511 February 5, 1918  
 Grantor: Elmer R. Haile & wife  
 Grantee: Martin F. Sloan

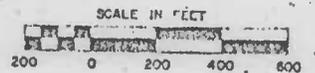
M. F. Sloan as late as 1920 is paying on 219' x 50' lot, recorded  
 in the 1918 Tax Assessment Records.

Bosley Ave  
#205

BA-1507



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SCALE 1" = 200'  
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION  
TAL MSP DIVISION

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N.W. CORNER

W. NIELD

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