

## CAPSULE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

308 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 son-in-law

and daughter of Sophia E. Stieber

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

308 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building

Liber #: 962

Folio #: 444

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<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"/> MOVED	DATE <u>May, 1979</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

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

# 308 W. Pennsylvania Avenue is a collection of contrasting materials and projections typical to the Queen Anne style.

This 2½ story structure is rockface formstone on the first level, with the second level being stucco.\* The gable roof accentuates this combination by being covered with multi-colored slate. The fenestration is a regular 1/1 sash with louvered shutters.

The south facade is the main facade, is four bays wide and has a single story extension to the west.

The rockface formstoned first level has a large entranceway in the third bay from the west. The large glass door here has stained glass and tracery as do the side lights and transom. There is a slight bay window projection in the west half of the facade.

The extension has a window with a nine light transom.

A single story porch covers both the main block and extension. The roof, which has a greenish-blue tongue-and-groove ceiling is supported by six truncated doric columns.

The stuccoed second level has a bay projection in the easternmost portion containing a 1/1 sash window on the outer sides and a small horizontal stained glass casement in the center.

The roof has an unusual arrangement of dormers.

The wide, shallow dormer in the easternmost bay is covered by a stuccoed pedimented roof. The sides of the dormer itself are covered with brown wooden shingles. The roof is supported by the same type column as the main porch roof. A partially enclosing stuccoed railing takes the shape of the bay window below.

The west end contains one small hipped roof dormer which has deep eaves.

The west facade is a smaller four bays wide.

The south bay of the first level has a hipped roof enclosed porch area. The second level contains an unusual 1/1 sash, with the upper one third being stained glass and the lower two thirds being regular glass.

The north end is composed of a swell front, the first level with two windows and the second with two windows with a hood mold incorporated into the pedimented gable end,

The gable is lighted by two 1/1 sash windows.

The first level of the north facade has an enclosed hipped roof porch, (the roof is the same multi-colored slate) the eastern one-half of which is stuccoed.

Fenestration is regular on the east facade with the exception of one small stained glass casement on the second level. This has been placed in relation to the brick chimney located off center to the north. The south bays are windowless.

\* (The stucco is not original, as reported by the present owner)

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A nearly square rockface formstone one car garage stands near the north-west corner of the house. The walls are topped with a slate hipped roof, the deep eaves of which have tongue-and-groove soffit. Most interesting is the arrangement of horseshoe-like hooks evenly spaced along the outside top edge of the walls.

Fenestration includes two casements in the north side, a garage doorway with vertical board frame on the west side, a central door (raised panel and glass) with flanking double nine light casements, and a windowless east side.

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 1903 - 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mr. Thomas

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records

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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. O. Schultz      WAYNE C. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

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

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 308 W. PENNSYLVANIA AVE.  
Parcel 279, Map 70-A

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
962	444	November 18, 1935	G. William Parker	Sophia E. Stieber et al
Beginning at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Central Ave. Easterly along the north side of Pennsylvania Ave. 75 feet, Northerly 150 feet to the south side of an alley, Westerly 75 feet, Southerly 150 feet to the beginning.. Containing .259 acres.				
962	443	November 18, 1935	Sophia E. Stieber	G. William Parker
326	4	March 2, 1908	Arthur L. Bosley et al Trustee	George H. Stieber

Grafton M. Bosley appointed Arthur L. Bosley and Richard H. Pleasants as trustees of his estate by way of Last Will & Testament recorded in will book 12/111, January 14, 1901.

## TAX ASSESSMENT RECORDS

George H. Stieber

1911:

Lot North side of West Pennsylvania Ave. 75'  
Frame House  
Household Furniture  
Vehicles  
Live Stock

1918:

Lot 75' x 150' Pennsylvania & Central Ave.  
House 30' x 30'  
Other building

## MORTGAGE RECORD

Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

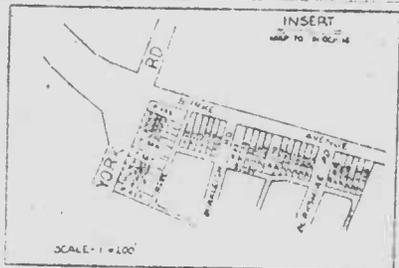
Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company  
for \$11,500

Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with  
the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following  
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

Chesapeake Avenue  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Allegheny Avenue  
Highland Avenue  
Bosley Avenue

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TOWSON  
SCALE 1" = 200'



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 TAX MAP DIVISION

MAP NO.  
70A

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SOUTH FACADE  
308 PENNSYLVANIA  
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II  
MARCH 1979