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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Carver Annex School Survey Number: BA-1075

Property Address: Lennox and Jefferson Streets, Towson, Maryland

Project: Renovation of Carver Annex School Agency: Balt Co/CDBG

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

District Name: East Towson Historic District Survey Number: BA-2564

Listed Eligible _____ Comment _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

The resource contributes/ _____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

Location Design Setting Materials

Workmanship Feeling Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Carver School contributes to the East Towson Historic District, a predominantly residential area that is significant as a community built by freed blacks. East Towson's greatest growth was from c. 1870 to 1920. Although the Carver School was constructed after this period - based on its appearance, the Carver School was built in 1937, the date given by Baltimore County, although the district inventory form gives a construction date of 1908- it was undoubtedly of great importance to the community as an educational institution. In addition, it is representative of the segregated nature of American society in this period and of the Towson community in particular.

Documentation on the property is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory Form #2564 (no inventory form exists for #1075)

Prepared by: Merry Stinson

Elizabeth Hannold June 29, 1993
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Sam [Signature] 6.29.93
Reviewer, NR program Date

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Survey No. BA-1075

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Eastern Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Western Shore | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paleo-Indian | 10000-7500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Early Archaic | 7500-6000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Middle Archaic | 6000-4000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Late Archaic | 4000-2000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Early Woodland | 2000-500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Middle Woodland | 500 B.C. - A.D. 900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Late Woodland/Archaic | A.D. 900-1600 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contact and Settlement | A.D. 1570-1750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rural Agrarian Intensification | A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Agricultural-Industrial Transition | A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Industrial/Urban Dominance | A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Modern Period | A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Subsistence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Demographic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Adaption |

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic (Commercial and Industrial) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Government/Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Social/Educational/Cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation |

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Education

Known Design Source: Unknown

Carver Annex
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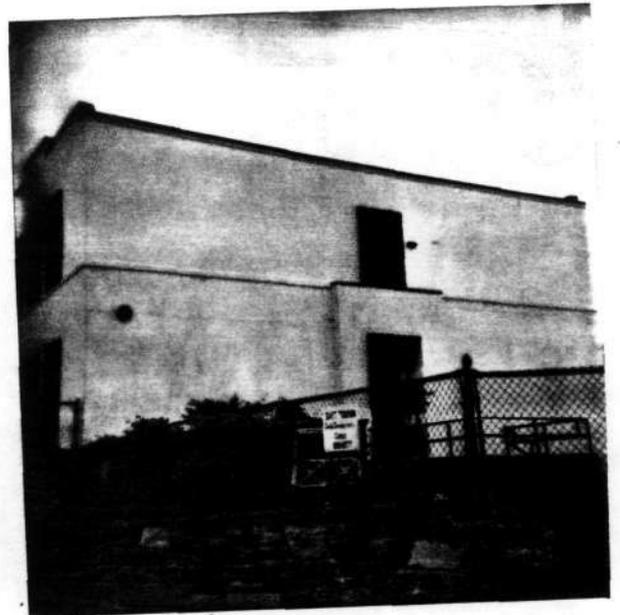
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Built in 1937



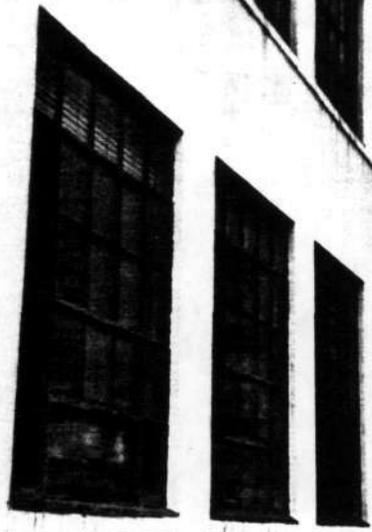
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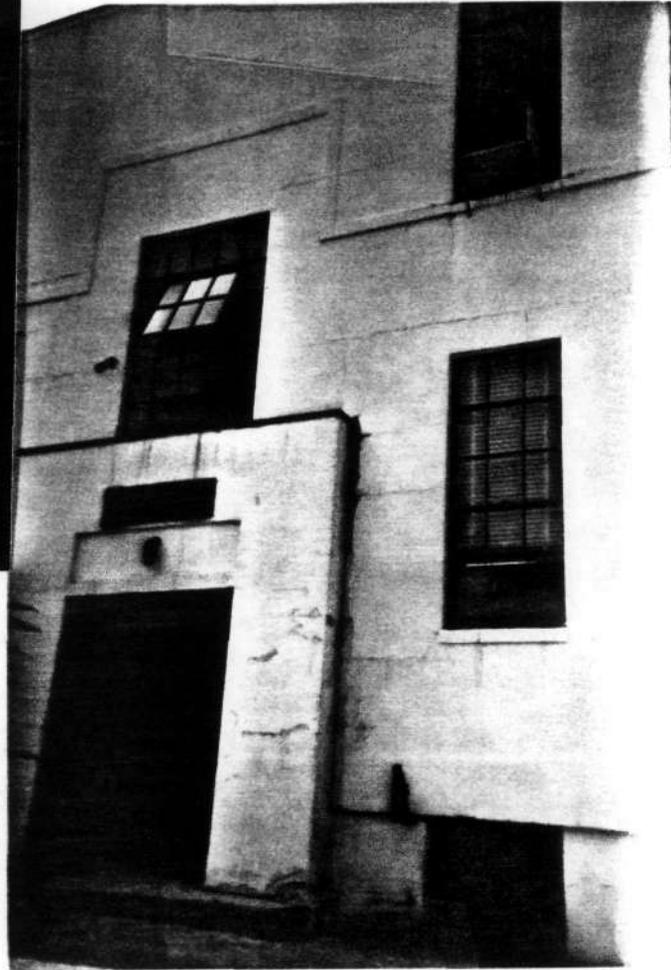
Side View (parking lot)



rear view



Windows



Front Door (Lennox Ave.)



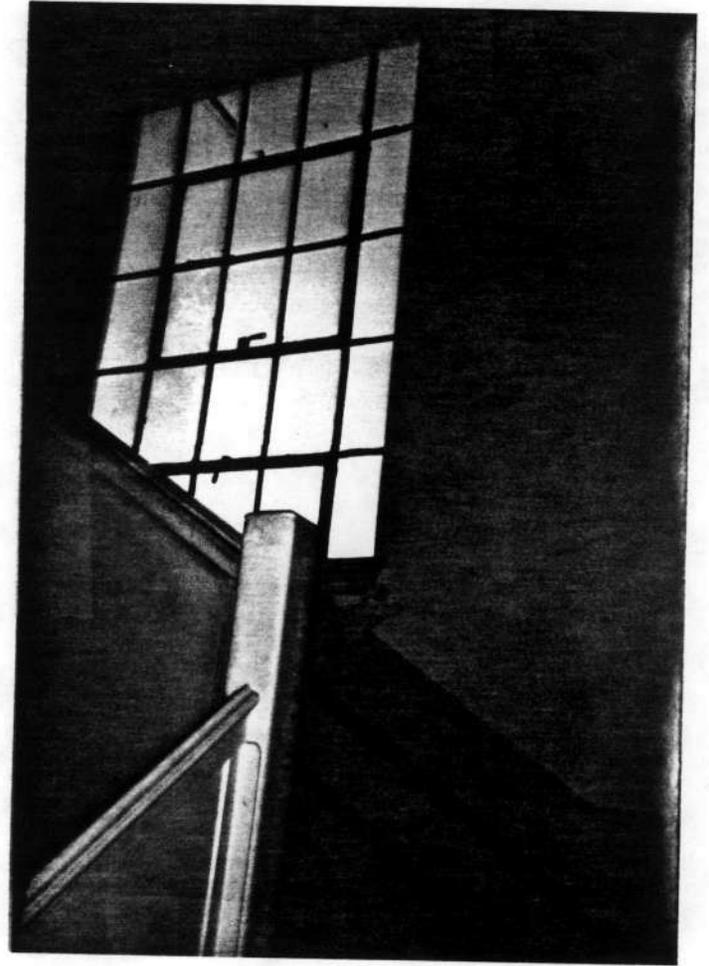
First Floor Corridor

Carver Annex

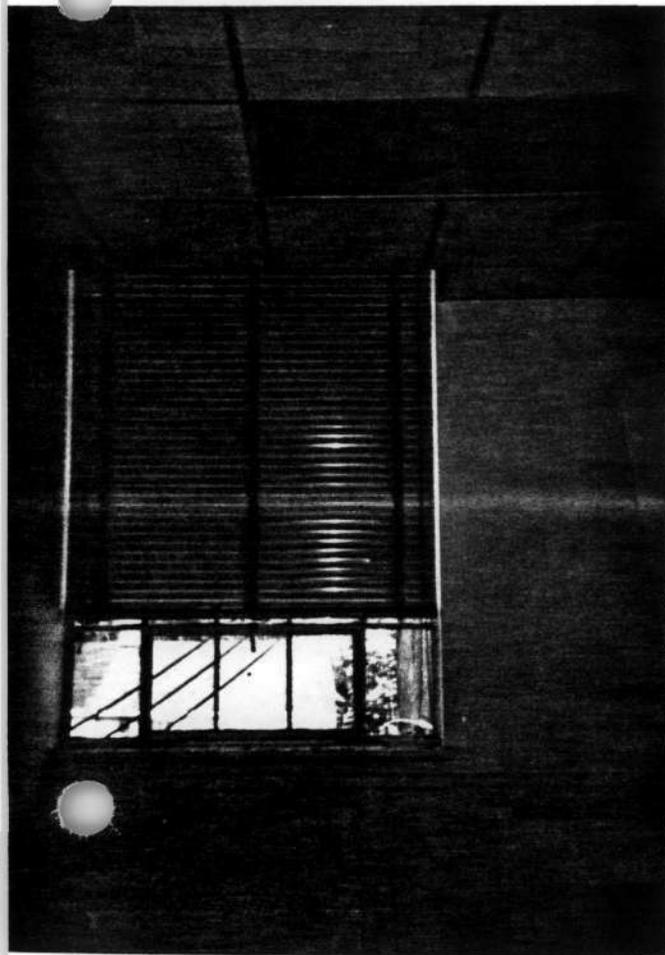
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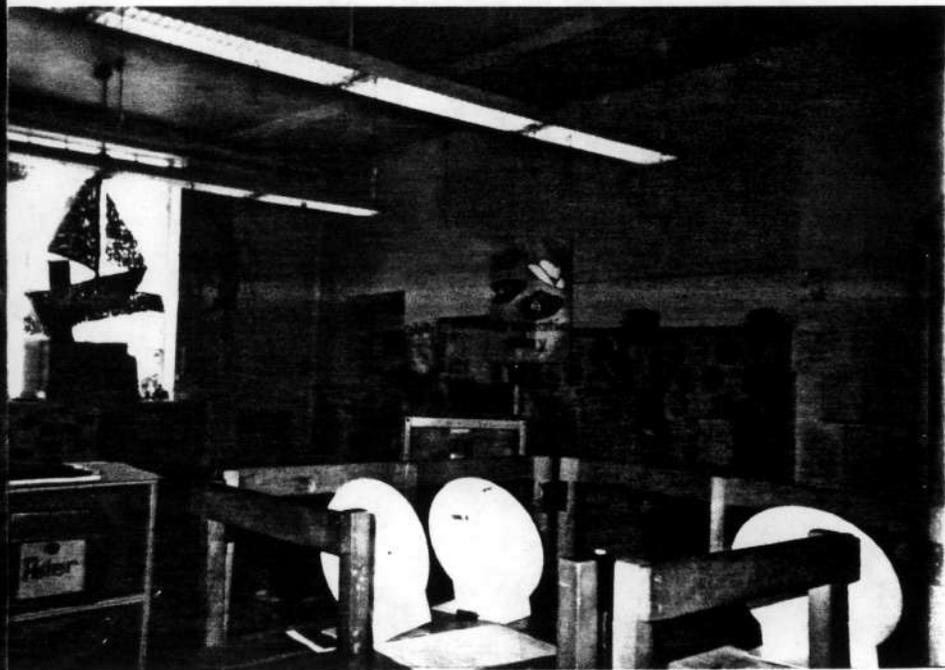
stairwell



stairwell



2nd floor room



Head Start Classroom (First Floor)

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1075

East Towson Carver Community Center

300 Lennox Avenue

East Towson, Baltimore County

1939

Public-Local

The East Towson Carver Community Center at 300 Lennox Avenue was constructed in 1939 in Baltimore County. The history of East Towson dates from the purchase of one-and-a-quarter acres of land by Daniel Harris in September 1853. This is believed to be the first documented African-American landholding in Towson, and is among the oldest such ethnic enclave in Baltimore County. Further, manumitted slaves and/or descendents of former slaves, many of who were owned by Charles Ridgely, populated the neighborhood. Hampered by the low economic status of the residents, development in the 19th century was slow, increasing after the turn of the 20th century. The setting of the property, building styles, and construction materials were guided by the limited economic status of the residents and their desire to establish a neighborhood of their own without the assistance of white architects, builders, and craftsmen. By 1927, the community was ninety-five percent improved with single-family dwellings, social buildings, a school, and religious structures.

This Art Deco-style concrete building is covered with stucco and is two-stories high with an H-shaped footprint. It stands on the southeast corner of Jefferson and Lennox Avenues. It is seven bays wide with a recessed central entrance with an exaggerated parge surround. The entrance contains a flush two-leaf metal door each with a single light, and a 15/10 fixed aluminum window above the surround. There are three large 9/6 aluminum windows at each side of the entrance on both the first and second stories. The lower sash of the center window in each group of three is an awning window. The remaining windows are fixed. The first story windows have square-edged sills, and a stringcourse frames the center bay and acts as a continuous sill on the second story. The building has a flat roof with a stepped parapet on the front and rear elevations, and one center-interior stretcher-bond brick chimney. A basketball court and playground are sited to the east of the building. To the west along the sidewalk is a low coursed stone wall.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 1075

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Carver High School
 other East Towson Carver Community Center

2. Location

street and number 300 Lennox Avenue ___ not for publication
 city, town Baltimore ___ vicinity
 county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Baltimore County Maryland
 street and number Courthouse telephone Not Available
 city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21204

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6796 folio 589
 city, town Towson tax map 70A tax parcel 491 tax ID number 902571443

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u> 1 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> 1 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u> 1 </u>	

7. Description

Inventory No. BA- 1075

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This two-story Art Deco-style concrete building is covered with stucco was originally constructed in 1939 as the Carver High School. It has an H-shaped footprint and stands on the southeast corner of Jefferson and Lennox Avenues. It is seven bays wide with a recessed central entrance with an exaggerated parged surround. The entrance contains a flush two-leaf metal door each with a single light, and a 15/10 fixed aluminum window above the surround. There are three large 9/6 aluminum windows at each side of the entrance on both the first and second stories. The lower sash of the center window in each group of three is an awning window. The remaining windows are fixed. The first story windows have square-edged sills, and a stringcourse frames the center bay and acts as a continuous sill on the second story. The building has a flat roof with a stepped parapet on the front and rear elevations, and one center-interior stretcher-bond brick chimney. A basketball court and playground are sited to the east of the building. To the west along the sidewalk is a low coursed stone wall.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1939-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1939

Evaluation for:
 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The East Towson Carver Community Center at 300 Lennox Avenue was constructed in 1939 in the East Towson neighborhood of Baltimore County. East Towson is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, specifically the pre-Civil War development of an African-American neighborhood in a predominately white community. The history of this property dates from the purchase of one-and-a-quarter acres of land by Daniel Harris in September 1853. This is believed to be the first documented African-American landholding in Towson, and is among the oldest such ethnic enclave in Baltimore County. Further, manumitted slaves and/or descendents of former slaves, many of who were owned by Charles Ridgely, populated the neighborhood. Hampered by the low economic status of the residents, development in the 19th century was slow, increasing after the turn of the 20th century. The setting of the property, building styles, and construction materials were guided by the limited economic status of the residents and their desire to establish a neighborhood of their own without the assistance of white architects, builders, and craftsmen. By 1927, the community was ninety-five percent improved with single-family dwellings, social buildings, a school, and religious structures. Many of the current homeowners and tenants living in the neighborhood are descendents of the first African-American residents.

East Towson as a whole is representative of an important phase of architectural development in Baltimore County, illustrating the dilution of popular architectural styles to more efficiently meet the needs of the neighborhood, and the builders' untrained abilities to execute the fashionable ornamentation. Thus, East Towson provided lower cost housing in a more suburban neighborhood, rather than the urban setting their economic status typically perpetuated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Towson Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The East Towson Carver Community Center at 300 Lennox Avenue is located in East Towson in Baltimore County, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 70A, Parcel 491 since its construction in 1939.

11. Form Prepared by

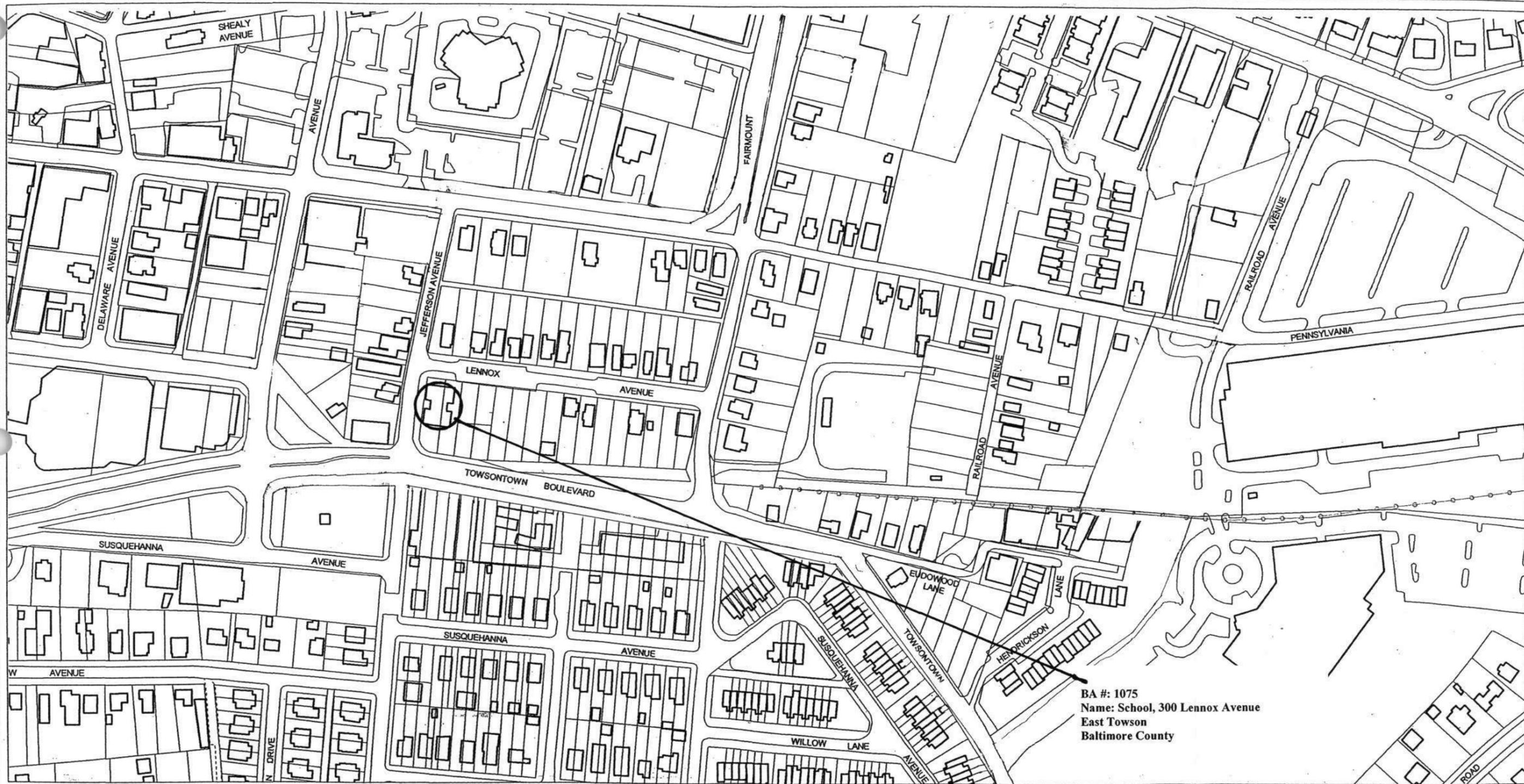
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organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	November 20, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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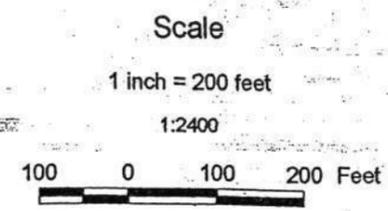
East Towson: Planimetric Data



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 East Towson
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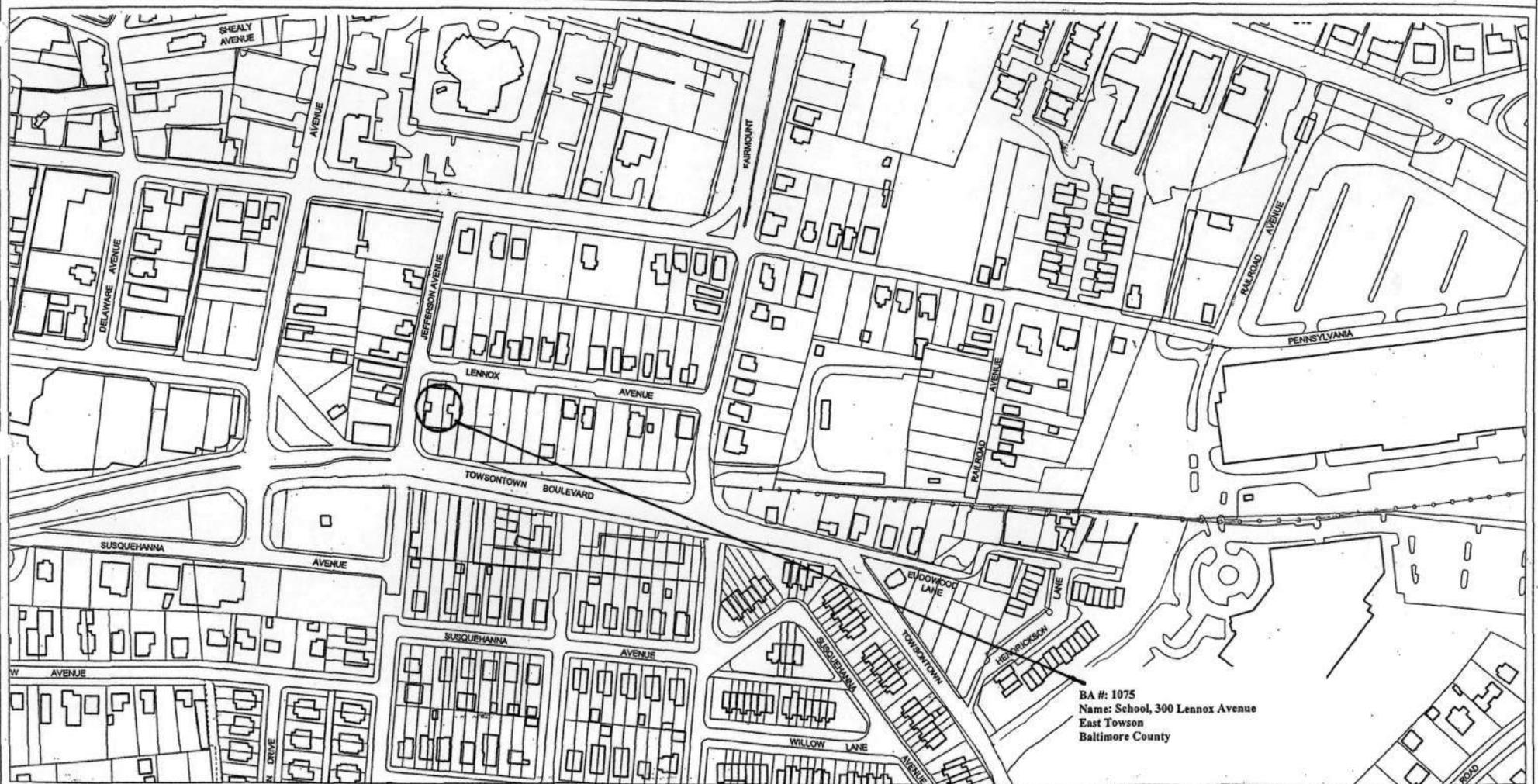
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 Parcel Boundaries: Baltimore County OIT GIS Services Unit (1:2400)
 Study Area: Baltimore County Office of Planning (1:2400)

Coordinate System:
 Maryland State Plane: NAD83/91 Horizontal Datum
 Elevations in Feet: NAVD88 Vertical Datum

Date of Data Capture: March 1996
 Scale of Data Capture: 1" = 100'

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Scale

1 inch = 200 feet

1:2400

100 0 100 200 Feet

Legend

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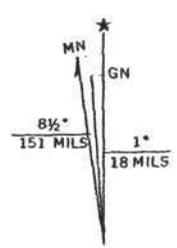


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East Towson
Towson, Maryland
Towson USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

(BALTIMORE WEST)
5662 1 SW

Mapped by the Army Map Service
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and Maryland
 Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps
 Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
 taken 1943. Topography by planetable surveys 1944
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1957
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue
 Red tint indicates areas in which only
 landmark buildings are shown
 Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
 aerial photographs taken 1966 and 1974. This information not
 field checked
 Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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School, 300 LENNOX AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

MD-SHP0

SOUTHWEST CORNER, VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST

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SCHOOL, 300 LENNOX AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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NORTHWEST CORNER, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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SCHOOL, 300 LENNOX AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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NORTHEAST CORNER, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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