

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4 Linden Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**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  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY

MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harold L. Cowell

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4 Linden Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland zip code 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 3750

Folio #: 627

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

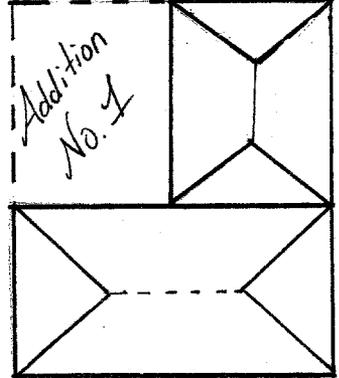
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**7 DESCRIPTION**

<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 _____
<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

This two story frame house with attic at 4 Linden Terrace was built in the early part of the 20th century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas but record of it is found on the 1915 edition. The house is similar to others on the street in that its original L-shape has been altered by the appearance of an addition on the southeast corner. The sketch to the right indicates the placement of the two original intersecting wings and the addition (No.1).



The house faces north on Linden Terrace. It is approximately 3 bays wide with a centrally located entrance. Asbestos shingles cover the house, which rests on a stone foundation and is capped with intersecting gable roofs. Two brick chimney flues exit the roof on the south side of the ridge. The structure is vernacular in appearance but displays several elements reflective of the Colonial Revival style, most notably, pedimented dormers, Palladian style windows, and symmetrical fenestration.

One concrete and five wood steps lead to the front porch which spans the entire north and half of the west facades. Delicate Doric columns, grouped in twos and threes, support the porch roof. These Doric columns rest on square columns and are mounted on brick porch piers. Tongue and groove boards appear on the floor and ceiling of the porch. A screened base surrounds the porch and a balustraded railing encloses it.

The entrance is centrally located and appears to have been altered in that it protrudes slightly. A 1/1 sash window with aquamarine shutters appears on each side of the door. Fenestration on the second floor consists of three 1/1 sash windows with shutters. The attic contains a gable dormer with a broken pediment. The dormer displays a crude Palladian window.

The east facade reveals where the addition has been made to the rear of the house. This addition was constructed by enclosing the rear porch. Evidence of the original porch (eg. tongue and groove floor and ceiling boards, porch posts, etc.) can be found. Fenestration on this addition consists of two 1/1 sash windows on the first floor and two on the second floor. Moreover, a side entrance is located on this facade and is situated at the top of a flight of wood steps. Part of the original porch roof covers the doorway and a metal awning has been added to provide covering for the stairs.

Fenestration on the east facade of the original section of the house consists of a bay window on the first floor. The bay is comprised of four 1/1 sash windows. The second floor contains a 1/1 sash window with shutters, and the attic displays a double 1/1 sash window.

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION continued...

The south facade shows another view of the original north-south wing with the addition to the southeast corner. The original section contains a cellar entrance comprised of a wood paneled door. A casement window appears to the right of the door. The first floor displays two elongated 1/1 sash windows while the second floor shows a regular 1/1 sash window. The attic contains a Palladian window similar to that on the north facade. The addition contains a separate cellar entrance and a small 1/1 sash window on the first floor with a larger 1/1 sash window on the second floor.

Fenestration on the west facade consists of four elongated 1/1 sash windows with aquamarine shutters on the first floor and four on the second floor. The attic contains a double 1/1 sash window similar to that found on the east facade. Also from this facade, you see two window openings into the cellar.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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    post 1898  
                           pre 1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

4 Linden Terrace is significant as a vernacular version of the Colonial Revival, a style that endured in the United States from c.1870-1920. Unlike most Colonial Revival style houses, however, 4 Linden Terrace was originally L-shape in plan as formed by two intersecting gable-ended wings. Yet despite the absence of a hipped roof, 4 Linden still displays the influence of the Colonial Revival through its pedimented dormers, Palladian style windows, and 1/1 sash fenestration.

Aside from its individual architectural merits, however, 4 Linden Terrace is significant as an integral part of the surrounding residential neighborhood. In recent years, increased commercialization has threatened Towson's residential character. Many of the private residences which once typified Towson's built environment have been either demolished or altered in such a manner as to destroy their historic and architectural significance. The houses on Willow Avenue and Linden Terrace constitute one of the few relatively unaltered residential areas left in Central Towson. 4 Linden Terrace together with the other vernacular buildings on the street provide a visual representation of Towson's earlier character.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia, 1898.  
Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia, 1915.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE  
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STREET & NUMBER  
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STATE  
Maryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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CHAIN OF TITLE

ADDRESS: 4 Linden Terrace  
 PRESENT OWNER: Harold L. Cowell

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
8 Sept 1960	Edward J. Sinon Catherine M. Sinon	Harold L. Cowell Elizabeth Cowell	3750/627
14 Mar 1949	A. Morris Cunningham Estelle D. Cunningham	Edward J. Sinon Catherine M. Sinon	1736/341
16 Feb 1946	Charles J. Lohman Sylvia Lohman	A. Morris Cunningham Estelle D. Cunningham	1438/164
15 Sept 1943	Louise O'C Proctor Burton Proctor, Jr.	Charles J. Lohman Sylvia Lohman	1307/333
9 Apr 1943	Herschel H. Allen Margaret B. Allen	Louise O'C Proctor	1281/384
11 June 1919	Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company	Herschel H. Allen Margaret B. Allen	511/124
8 Feb 1916	Franklin J. Morton	Harvey Coale, Trustee Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company	Wills 131/39
4 Mar 1915	Franklin J. Morton	Harvey Coale, Trus. Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company	463/588
	(Deed of Trust)		
22 Nov 1910	John H. Grill et al.	Franklin J. Morton	368/579
21 Nov 1910	Jennie E. Carts	John H. Grill et al.	368/585
23 Oct 1908	Olivia D. Gillespie	Jennie E. Carts	335/122

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4 Linden Terrace continued...

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
23 Oct 1908	Olivia D. Gillespie	John H. Grill, et al.	335/120
	(lease)		
19 Nov 1906	Henry L. Bowen	Olivia D. Gillespie	305/535
	(Lots Nos. 14, 15, and 16 on Bowen Plat; also part of land sold to Bowen by James Boyce in November, 1869)		

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Scale: 300 ft. per inch





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TOP: North (Main) Facade

BOTTOM: South-West Corner



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PHOTOGRAPHS: 4 Linden Terrace

BELOW: South-east Corner

