

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

11 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

J. Brooke McCrystle

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 4870

Folio #: 509

STREET & 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

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<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

The two story frame house with attic at 11 Linden Terrace was built in the first decade of the twentieth century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas but record of it is found in the 1911 Tax Assessment. John T. Brookhart paid the taxes on the house and furnishings in that year. According to the title search, Brookhart gained control of the lot through lease in 1908. Until 1908, the property rested in the hands of H.L. Bowen, Robert Parlett, and other land speculators in the area. Consequently, the lot was not likely to have been built upon until it was leased to Brookhart. A date of 1908-1909, therefore, seems appropriate for the house, and is consistent with the architectural elements.

The house, resting on the top of a hill, faces south on Linden Terrace. The original block, four bays wide on each side, is nearly square in plan. It rests on a stone foundation and is capped with a large gable roof. Asbestos shingles cover most of the house with the porch and first floor main facade displaying a stucco exterior. Evidence of earlier wood shingles, however, is found near the eaves of the roof. A tall brick chimney flue exits the roof on the north side of the gable.

A one story shed roof addition has been made to the rear of the house. Tongue and groove floor boards appear on the western half of this addition so that perhaps a back porch was enclosed at the same time that the addition was made on the northeastern corner of the house. The entire north (rear) facade is enclosed with large wood paneled doors similar to those seen on garages. Presently, the house is divided into two apartments. A side stairs has been added on the west side of the porch to give access to the second floor apartment. Little else appears to have been altered.

A large encircling porch spans the entire south (main) facade and half of the east and west facades respectively. Six wood steps lead to the porch which is supported by brick porch piers and is floored with tongue and groove boards. Stucco square columns support the porch roof while a stucco railing with a green wood handrail surround the porch. A green lattice-like porch base appears in between the brick porch piers.

The main entrance is located on the south facade and consists of a modern screen door opening onto a glass paneled door with inset wood panels and decorative moldings. Fenestration on the first floor consists of three 6/1 sash windows with green louvered shutters. On the second floor, there is one 6/1 sash

(window)

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION CONTINUED...

window with shutters on each side of a center double window comprised of two smaller 6/1 sash window. Two pedimented gable dormers with small 6/1 sash windows appear in the attic.

Fenestration on the east facade is consistent with the south facade except that only one window retains its louvered shutters. On the first and second floors, respectively, there are four 6/1 sash windows. A bulkhead cellar entrance is located immediately to the right of the porch.

The south facade affords a view of the shed roof addition previously discussed. Through the garage-like doors, one can see the original first floor fenestration consisting of two 6/1 sash windows and a glass door with inset wood panels. On the second floor above the shed roof there are two 6/1 sash windows.

The west facade is similar to the east with the exception of the side stairs leading to the second floor apartment. Moreover, one of the second story window openings has been converted into the entrance for this apartment. Fenestration on the first floor of this facade consists of four 6/1 sash windows. The second floor shows three 6/1 sash windows while the attic displays two smaller 6/1 windows.

Access to the second floor apartment was made possible and a rough floorplan sketched on the following page shows a central hall plan with three rooms on each side. The original mouldings with bullseye corner blocks survive but little else of the original features are evident.

OUTBUILDING

A hipped roof outbuilding with shed roof lean-to is located at the rear of the house. It displays a variety of framing members. Wide planks of wood were used to construct the walls of the hipped roof building while clapboards cover portions of the shed roof addition. A variety of hinges are found on the doors. Plain unpainted wood trim surround two window openings on the east side.

Access to these buildings was extremely limited. Not only were they locked but poison ivy and other bushes had grown so close to the buildings as to obstruct entrance or observation.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES post 1898; pre 1915 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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 way as to destroy their architectural and historic significance. The houses on Willow Avenue and Linden Terrace constitute one of the few relatively unchanged residential areas left in Central Towson. 11 Linden Terrace together with the other vernacular buildings on the street provide a visual representation of Towson's earlier character. The building's significance, therefore, lies with the fact that it is an integral part of the larger surrounding residential neighborhood.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

NAME / TITLE	DATE
Janice E. Ruth/Historic Site Surveyor	September, 1981
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
Historic Towson, Inc.	
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
120 Allegheny Avenue	Maryland 21204
CITY OR TOWN	
Towson	

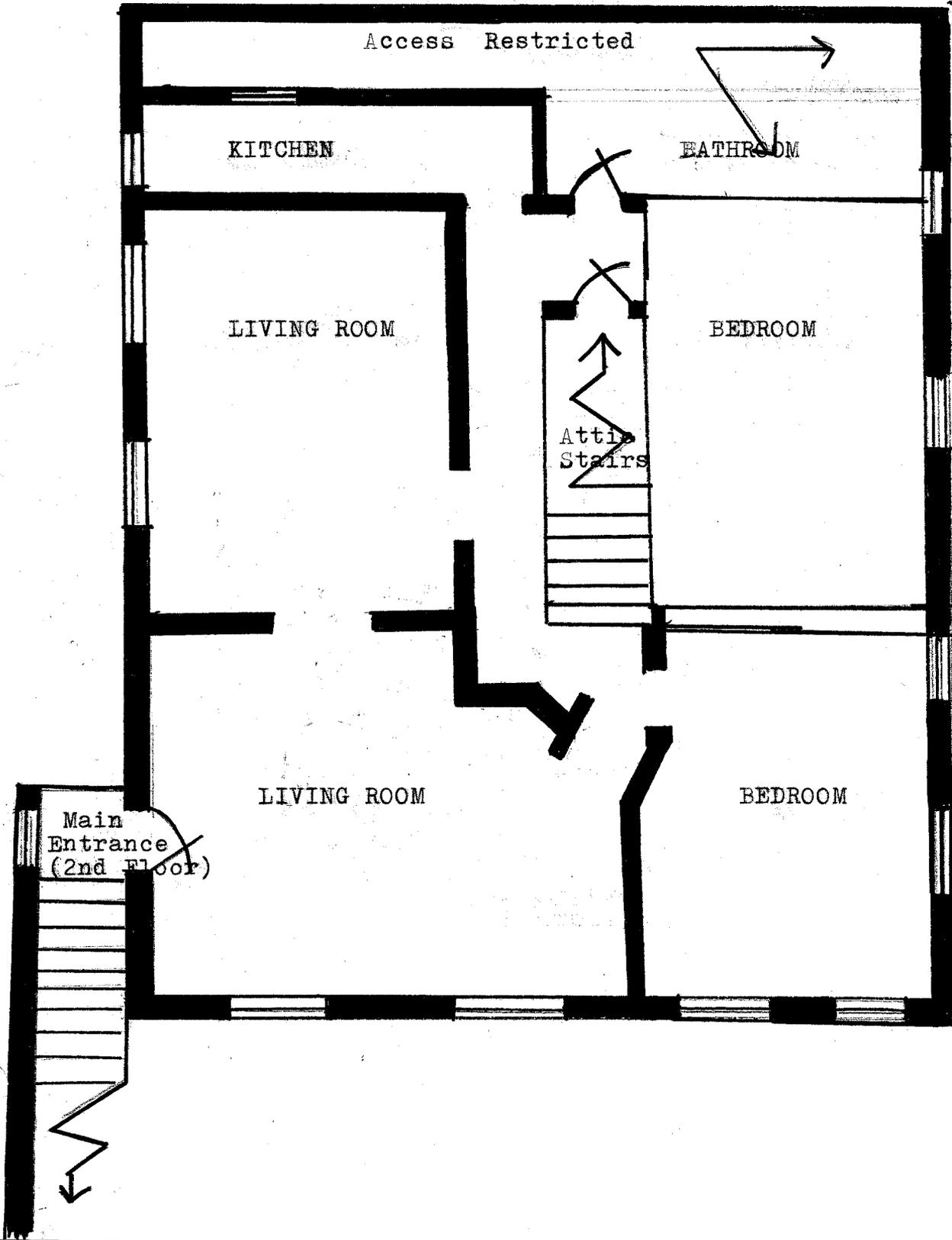
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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FLOORPLAN: 11 Linden Terrace (not to scale)



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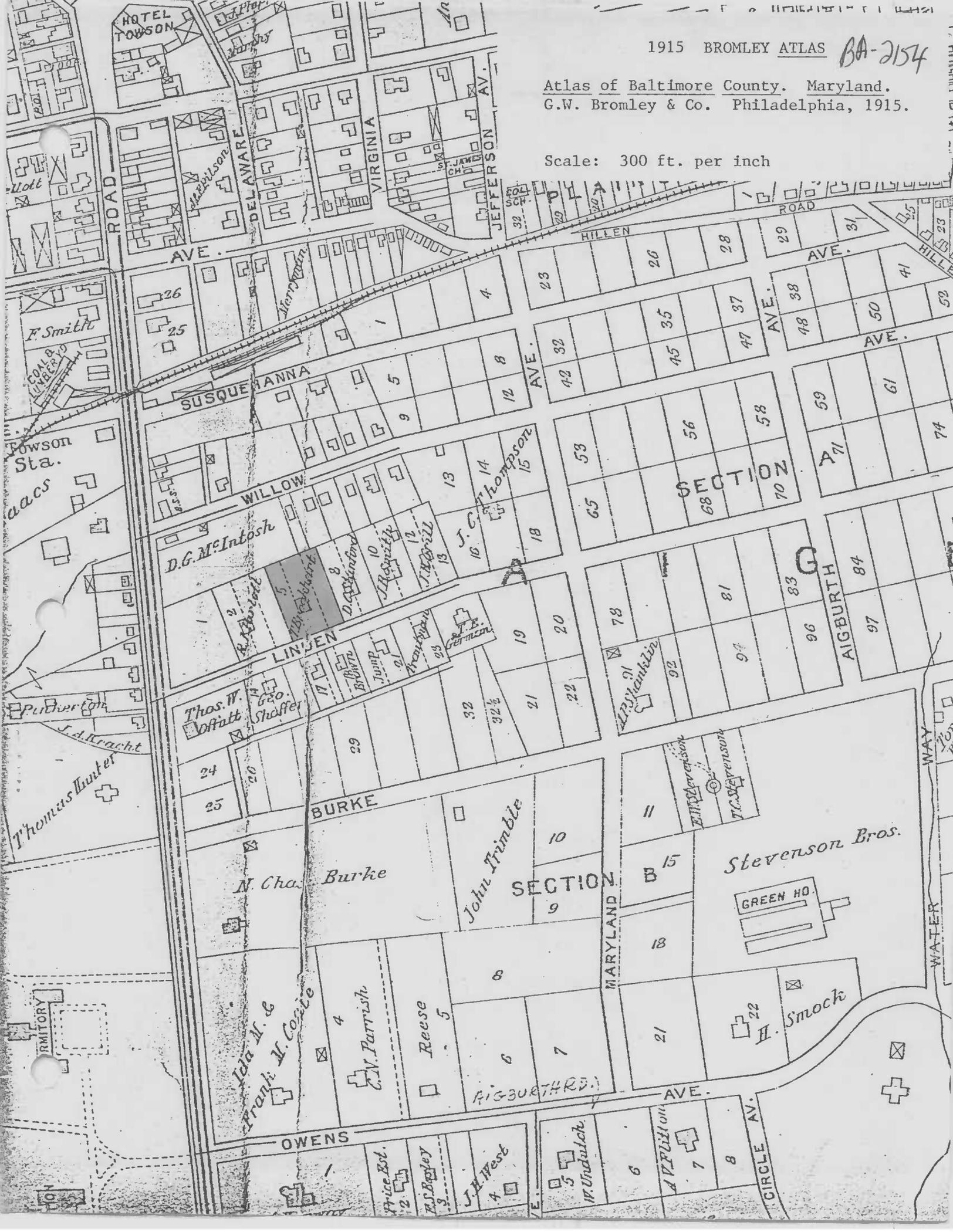
CHAIN OF TITLE

PRESENT OWNER: J. Brooke McCrystle & Joyce S. McCrystle
 ADDRESS: 11 Linden

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
	Donald W. Fisher & Doris R. Fisher	J. Brooke McCrystle & Joyce S. McCrystle	4870/509
28 December 1959	Doris B. Bald, William S. Hitchins & Rhoda B. Hitchins, Mary B. Jonas, Colin P. Hollingsworth & Helen B. Hollingsworth	Donald W. Fisher & Doris R. Fisher	3647/411
19 July 1949	E. Earle Henderson & Lula M. Brookhart (executors of Mary A. Brookhart, widow of John T. Brookhart)	Doris B. Bald, Rhoda B. Hitchins, Mary B. Jonas, Helen Brookhart	1769/169
30 December 1922	Noah E. Offutt	John T. Brookhart & Mary A. Brookhart	565/446
20 October 1916	Robert W.J. Parlett & Mary C. Parlett (<u>$\frac{1}{2}$ interest</u>)	Noah E. Offutt	472/446
20 October 1916	J. Alexander Parlett & Jucy C. Parlett (<u>$\frac{1}{2}$ interest</u>)	Noah E. Offutt	469/171
1 November 1915	Robert Parlett & Henry Keagy (<u>$\frac{1}{2}$ interest</u>)	J. Alexander Parlett	452/432
13 October 1908	Henry Bowen	Robert Parlett & Henry Keagy (et al)	335/70
30 June 1908	Henry Bowen (LEASE)	John T. Brookhart	328/481
19 December 1900	Richard Swornstedt (1 acre)	Henry Bowen	250/261
11 November 1869	James Boyce	Henry Bowen	64/228

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Scale: 300 ft. per inch



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ABOVE: South-east Corner

BELOW: North-west Corner

