

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 28 Willow Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

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 Robert Lake

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER 28 Willow Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21204**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 2326

Folio #: 22

STREET &amp; NUMBER 401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson

STATE  
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

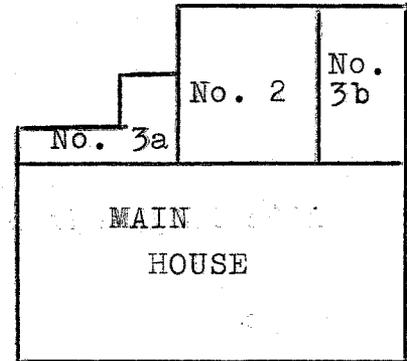
UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

This two and a half story cross gable house at 28 Willow Avenue 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 on the 1911 Tax Assessment. The house consists of a three bay wide by one bay deep original block measuring approximately 32' x 16'. As indicated on the drawing to the right, an addition (No.2) was made to the rear of the house. At a later point, a one story shed roof lean-to (No. 3a) and a second story enclosed porch (No. 3b) were added, respectively, to either side of the first addition. The original block rests on a stone foundation as probably does the first addition. The shed roof lean-to is supported by a brick foundation. The entire house is presently covered with asbestos shingles and a central brick chimney exits the roof at the south side of the main block.



The house faces north on Willow Avenue. Six concrete slab steps lead to the porch which is supported by brick columns underneath the tongue and groove floorboards. A tongue and groove ceiling appears under the porch roof which is supported by four turned posts with knobs. A slat railing encloses the porch.

The centrally located entrance consists of a wooden screen door and a wood paneled interior door with glass transom. The door is flanked on each side with a floor length 2/2 sash window with white trim and red louvered shutters. Similarly, the fenestration on the second floor consists of three 2/2 sash windows with red louvered shutters. A fourth window has been added to the left of the center window. It is a 1/1 sash window without the shutters. The attic window is arched with 2/2 light.

The east facade displays one 2/2 sash window on the first floor and one on the second floor. The attic window, like that on the north facade, is an arched 2/2 sash window. A small cellar window, opening inward, has been cut into the foundation. Also from this facade, you see the east side of the lean-to addition which displays two small casement windows with six light each.

The west facade of the main block is the same as that on the east, i.e., one 2/2 sash window on the first floor and one on the second. The attic displays an arched 2/2 sash window. The cellar exhibits a six light casement window. From this facade, you see as well, the second story enclosed porch added to the west side

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION continued...

of the first addition. It consists of seven casement windows with eight lights each. Underneath this enclosed upper portion, there are two 2/2 sash windows on each side of a glass and wood paneled door.

The south facade shows the ends of the three additions. In the center (first addition) one finds a 6/6 sash window on the first floor and one on the second. To the right of this first addition is the shed roof lean-to which displays a modern wood paneled door on the south facade. To the left of the addition is the enclosed second story porch which contains two casement windows with eight lights on this south facade.

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# 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

28 Willow Avenue, a frame house with cross gable roof, is an example of a significant building type that appeared in Maryland and many parts of the East throughout the mid 19th and early 20th centuries. In addition, the house is particularly representative of the structures on Willow Avenue and Linden Terrace, in that its original appearance has been greatly altered with additions as well as structural changes to the original block.

Aside from its individual architectural merits, however, 28 Willow 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 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. 28 Willow 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

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

September, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

120 Allegheny Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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CHAIN OF TITLE

PRESENT OWNER: Robert Lake  
 ADDRESS: 28 Willow Avenue

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
15 July 1953	Bedford Holding CO.	Robert Lake	2326/22
15 July 1953	William S. Dey & Helen Marie Dey	Bedford Holding Co.	2326/17
15 July 1953	William S. Dey & Helen Marie Dey	Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association	2326/17
6 October 1944	James C.L. Anderson	William S. Dey & Helen Marie Dey	1361/299
6 October 1944	William S. Dey & Helen Marie Dey	James C.L. Anderson	1361/299
27 May 1931	William M. Dey & Nannie C. Dey	William S. Dey	879/80
29 March 1923	Ella M. Davis	Nannie C. Dey & William M. Dey	570/39
5 September 1905	Ella M. Davis (LEASE)	Nannie C. Dey & William M. Dey	289/441
18 February 1903	Mathew O'Keefe	Ella M. Davis	267/3
14 August 1895	John B. Sanner	Mathew O'Keefe	267/2
3 August 1895	David G. McIntosh & William H. Bosley (mortgagee)	John B. Sanner	212/325
7 June 1893	David G. McIntosh (MORTGAGE)	William H. Bosley	166/51
31 March 1877	Valverde Ware	David G. McIntosh & Edward Worthington	101/177

TAX ASSESSMENTS

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ADDRESS: 28 Willow Avenue  
PRESENT OWNER: Robert Lake

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1918 TAX ASSESSMENT 9th DISTRICT p.367

Mrs. William Dey

Lot 60' x 150' SS Willow Avenue Towson  
600' to York Road ..... 540 00  
House 2 - 32' x 16' ..... 960 00  
1500 00

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1919 TAX ASSESSMENT 9th DISTRICT p.159

Mrs. William Dey

Lot 60' x 150' SS Willow Avenue Towson  
600' to York Road ..... 540 00  
House 32' x 16' ..... 960 00  
1500 00

1920 Ford - 1917 ..... 300 00  
1800 00

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1923 TAX ASSESSMENT 9th DSITRICT p.157

Mrs. William Dey

Lot ~~60'~~<sup>50'</sup> x 150' on SS Willow Avenue  
600' E of York Road ..... 600 00  
Dwelling 1050 Garage 50 ..... 1100 00  
1700 00

1924 Lot 50' x 110' NS Willow Avenue  
450' E of York Road ..... 500 00  
House 1000 Garage 100 " Ryder " ..... 1100 00

1924 Ford Tour -1922 ..... 160 00  
Willy Knight - 1921 ..... 430 00

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1923 TAX ASSESSMENT continued

Mrs. William Dey

1927	Lot 50' x 110' NS Willow Avenue				
	450' E of York Road	.....		500	00
	House 1000	Garage 100	" Schrivener "	.....	1100 00
	Abate Auto	.....		590	00
					<u>2190 00</u>

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PHOTOGRAPHS: 28 Willow Avenue

(Original photos in Historic Towson's Files)



ABOVE: North (Main) Facade

BELOW: West Facade

