

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** Series of L-Plan homes on Law St. Many are similar and common as well as representative of the building materials in use in the period of the late 1890's.  
 HISTORIC AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

214 Law Street

First

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Harford

STATE

Maryland 21001

COUNTY

**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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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

Mrs. Constance Sluder

Telephone #: 272-4420

STREET & NUMBER

214 Law St.

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21001

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Court House  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 265

Folio #: 134

STREET & NUMBER

Bel Air, Md. 21014

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SUPRA 5

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

NA-1738

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

13 Nov 1973, Deed Book 940, page 816 Harford Land Records to Constance H. Sluder and John H. Hartung and Harzel W. Hartung from Laurel V. Williams and Ross Myers, land and property at 214 Law St. This same land granted to Laurel V. Williams and Ross Myers by the estate of Lola Union Cresmer, recorded in Liber 928, Folio 814 dated June 14, 1973.

June 15, 1973, records Lola Union Cresmer deceased, all land described as 214 Law St. to Laurel V. Williams that land recorded as belonging to Lola Cresmer recorded in Land Records, Liber 265, Folio 134 dated Feb. 28, 1941.

Liber 265, Folio 134, dated 28 Feb. 1941 deeds the land and properties at 214 Law St. to Lola Cresmer and Harry M. Cresmer, Jr., her husband acquired through foreclosure of mortgage held by Emma K. Numbers to Charles C. Bowman recorded in Liber DGW, No. 187, Folio 258 dated 2 April 1924. (For foreclosure proceedings see Equity Docket No. 4, Folio 6)

WSF 79/254 dated 10 June 1894 to Willard G. Rowe from Aberdeen Land Improvement Co.

House erected around 1897.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house faces East on Law St. To the North of it stand four homes which have been modernized, but were originally similar to 214. (note descriptions)

214 Law St. is centrally located on a longitudinal lot. It is 2-story frame and clapboard built on a brick foundation. The L-Plan house has regular 2 over 2 sash windows with louvered shutters, intersecting gable ends, a gable end roof running East and West and exposed rafter ends. There is a wrap-around porch with exposed rafter ends. It is supported by chamfered columns, has tongue and groove on the ceiling and floor. The porch is closed with a banister, rectangular balusters and fluted bottom rails. Porch ends are enclosed in saw-toothed corners on the North and South facades. The frame and plain clapboard have 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " showing.

The East facade has intersecting gable ends, a 2 over 2 sash window on each story and a door on the first story in the ell of the L.

The North facade has a door on the first story and a 2 over 2 sash window on each story.

The South facade has on the Eastern bay regular fenestration of 2 over 2 sash, but the other 2 bays are irregular. There is a 2 over 2 sash on the second story.

The South facade has regular fenestration in the upper story but the entire first story on West facade is obliterated by a modern kitchen.

The series of L-Plan homes on Law St. serve as a visual document of not only the town's past history but also of how building materials have evolved.

214 Law St. is representative of how all the homes looked alike originally: a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  story frame and clapboard building with two-entrance doors in the ell of the L and a wrap-around porch.

Modern-day construction materials have altered this simple design to a more elaborate design by covering the facades with either shingles or aluminum siding, enclosing the ell of the L and adding extension.

What is so unique about this conglomeration of buildings is the moderate and drastic modernization visible in such confined space.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- "HISTORY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND" by Richard F. Cronin, publ. by Bicentennial Comm. of Aberdeen, 1976.
- "OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, publ. by French Bay Printing Co., 1980.
- "HARFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN" No 1 8, Spring Edition, 1983.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .26 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Harford

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	DATE
ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEE	July 12, 1983
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL	
STREET & NUMBER	
ABERDEEN, Md. 21001	
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



Survey # HA-1738

214 Law St.

Back and Side

East

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983



Survey # HA-1738

214 Law St.

Front and Side

West

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983