

K344 Townsend House
Chestertown
private

mid 19th century

This is a vernacular mid-nineteenth century frame ^{residence} ~~residence~~ historically significant only to those interested in the history of houses in the heart of ~~its~~ the Chestertown Historic district. Its porch does not appear to be original.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Townsend House

K344

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

119 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rolph Townsend

Telephone #: 778-0654

STREET & NUMBER

119 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: RAS 11

Folio #: 229

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

119 High Street is a large scale 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story, 3-bay ~~frame-house~~ mid-nineteenth century frame house with a gabled roof and dormers. It is situated on part of Town Lot 11 on the southwest side of High Street between Queen and Front Streets.

The facade is symmetrical. There is a full-width porch across the front which continues around the north corner and across the northwest gable end. It is one story high with a flat roof; the columns are round and there is a continuous rail of square balusters.

The house has a brick foundation. The entrance has narrow 3-pane sidelights and a 4-pane transom. The door is not original. There is a large cyma recta cornice over the transom.

There is a wide 1/1 double hung sash window with louvered shutters in the southeast (left) bay on the first story and a bay window (three 1/1 windows) in the northwest (right) bay. The three second story windows are 2/2 with louvered shutters.

There is a box cornice with a short return along both gable ends. The roof is covered with composition shingles. There are chimneys within both gable ends. On the roof are three gabled dormers with plain flared bargeboard trim and 6/6 windows.

There is one 1/1 window in the front bay of the first story on the southeast gable end, a matching window in the front bay of the northwest gable end and a door in the rear bay.

There is a 2-story half-width wing with a flat roof to the rear and a 1-story gable roof shed beyond it.

The entire house is sided with asbestos shingles.

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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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		historic area
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES mid 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in the mid nineteenth century for Temperance Bradshaw. There is no telling how much, if any, of the porch is original and when the bay window went on. The only modernism on the house besides the asbestos shingles are the 1/1 large sash windows.

Summary of Title Search

- Samuel E. Baker to Temperance Bradshaw JMG 9 62 (1843) \$600
(part of lot 11 with messuages & tenements)
- Temperance Bradshaw wills her residence to Charles H. Baker Wills EC 1 93 (1874)
- Charles H. Baker wills house to Mary J. Baker for life and then to his daughters Wills JCS 1 325
- Mary L. Baker to Indiana Davis et. al. JTD 13 503 (1906) \$3800.
- Indiana Davis to Annie T. Hays JTD 13 584 (1906) \$4800
- Annie T. Hayes to Charles Jefferson JTD 19 125 (1909) \$4000
Harper
- Elizabeth H. Baxter, et al., surviving heirs of C. Jefferson, to Rolph Townsend
RAS 11 229 (1933) \$6750.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

no boundary description

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

May, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

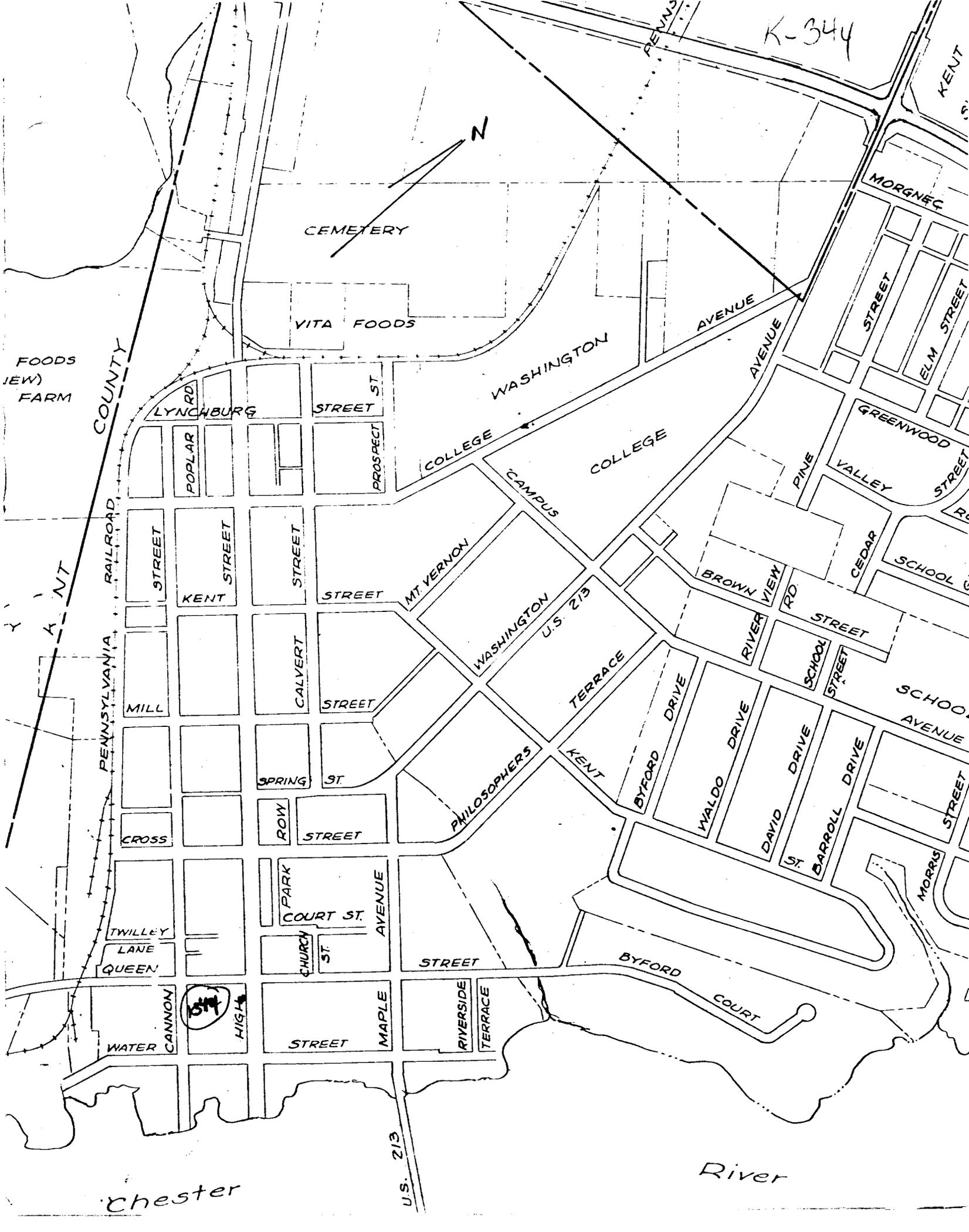
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

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FOODS (VIEW) FARM

KENT COUNTY

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

LYNCHBURG STREET

POPLAR RD

PROSPECT ST

COLLEGE AVENUE

AVENUE

MORNING

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

MT VERNON

CAMPUS

COLLEGE

PINE

CEDAR

SCHOOL

MILL

KENT

CALVERT

STREET

WASHINGTON

U.S. 213

BROWN VIEW RD

STREET

SCHOOL

AVENUE

SPRING ST

PHILOSOPHERS

TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

STREET

CROSS

ROW

STREET

PARK COURT ST

CHURCH ST

AVENUE

STREET

BYFORD

COURT

MORRIS

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

WATER CANNON

HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

Chester

U.S. 213

River



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