

36 EAST MONTGOMERY STREET  
Baltimore, Maryland

This property is within the Federal Hill National Register Historic District. See Environmental Impact Statements for description, at Maryland Historical Trust.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

36 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: restoration contemplated

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE 21202 zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland

STATE 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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"/> GOOD	<input checked="" 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

The present structure at 36 E. Montgomery St. is in a severely deteriorated condition, awaiting either private or public restoration efforts. The original house was two-and-a-half stories in height, three bays wide and two rooms deep. The house had two long rear additions, at both the west and east sides of the house, an unusual occurrence for city houses of this type. These, too, are currently in a state of extreme disrepair.

The house at 36 E. Montgomery St. as it now stands is only two bays wide, the easternmost bay having collapsed due to fire and general deterioration. There is no east end wall at the present time. The house is constructed in Flemish bond and there is a distinctive belt course between the first and second stories. The high pitched gable roof has a single roof dormer but probably originally had two dormers. Little currently remains of the roof covering or the supports beneath. There is a two story high, two bay deep rear addition running back along the west side of the house and a similar addition extending back from the east side, but without its rear wall. The original roof cornice was wood, but little remains of it.

The first and second floor window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The first floor window is currently plastered over but the second floor windows have remnants of 2/2 sash. The original doorway enframingent of the house is now in the Baltimore Museum of Art. It is a Federal-style arched opening, decorated with individualistic carvings in an essentially Federal vocabulary. It is assumed that the door was carved by John Fisher, the builder of the house. Today, at 36 E. Montgomery St. there is a replacement doorway which consists of a flat wooden pediment composed of a simple crown molding set above a deep, plain frieze area. The original arched opening can be seen behind the replacement pediment. The doorway itself is filled with concrete blocks. The house sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by two stone steps.

Detailed, measured drawings of the house as it existed a few years ago, before its present interior collapse, are on file at the Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point, 804 S. Broadway.

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**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
<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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 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 1795

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Fisher

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is extremely important as representing the earliest surviving brick house in the Federal Hill area. Built in 1795 by John Fisher, a carpenter from Philadelphia who soon opened an inn on the premises, the house has been the focus of recent attempts by a local preservation group to block the construction of a high-rise apartment complex for the elderly to be built near the site by Christ Lutheran Church. This attempt was successful and most recently the property was offered for sale by the city to a private owner who would agree to restore the facade at least to close to its original appearance.

For further details on the history of the house and its original appearance see the report filed at the Maryland Historical Trust titled "A History of 36 E. Montgomery St." written by M.E. Hayward and Mrs. Warren Park. Sketches of the floor plan and certain interior woodwork details, as they existed some years ago, are on file at the Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fells Point, 804 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

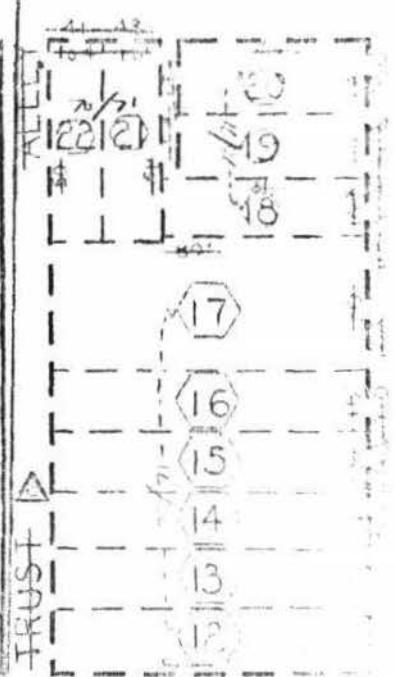
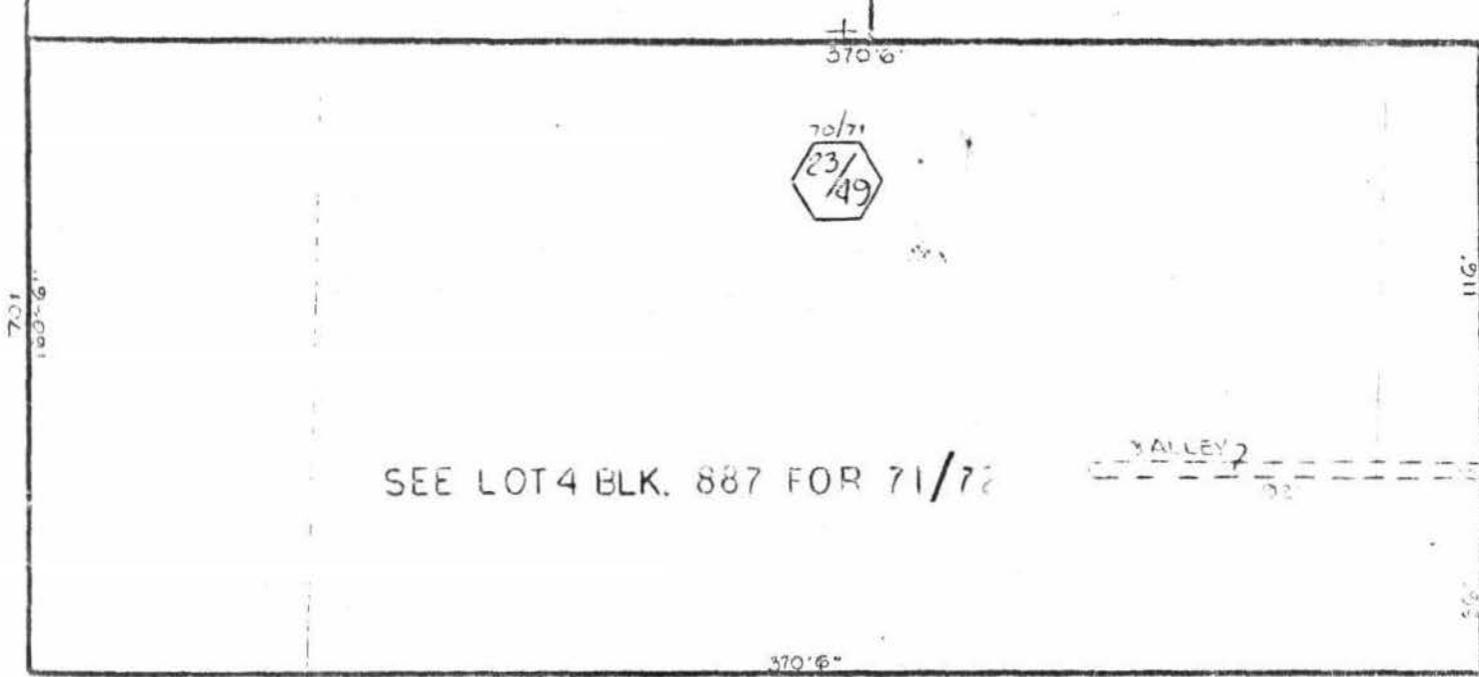
Maryland 21204

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

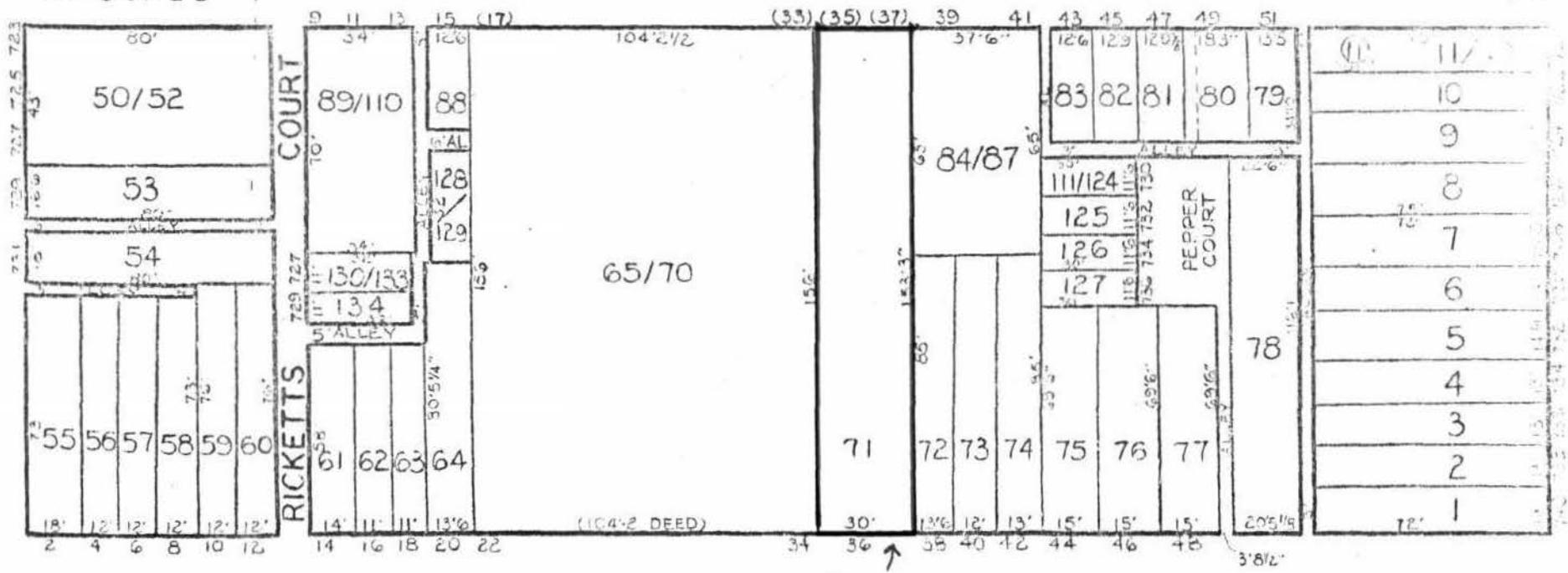
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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S. CHARLES



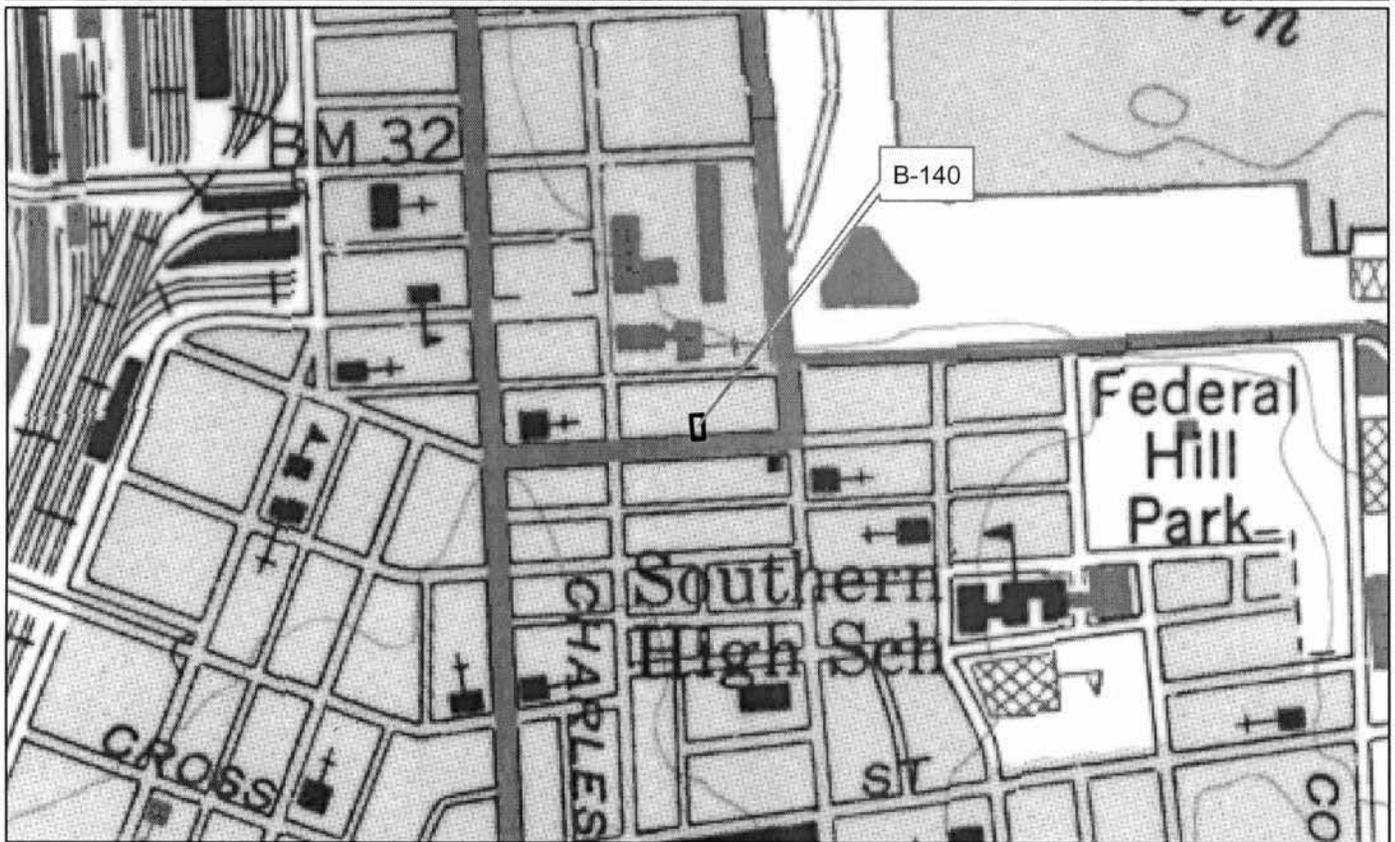
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E. MONTGOMERY

ST.

LIGHT ST.

B-140  
36 E. Montgomery Street  
Block 0895 Lots 022  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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36 E. Montgomery St.

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South elevation