

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0420895411

Address: 401 North Charles Street
Current Name:

Block: 566	Lot: 1	Lot size: 26 ft. x 126 ft.
Height: 3		Materials: Brick, wood, stone
Condition: Good		Owner: 401 Associates
Use: Commercial		Accessible: Yes, restricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: SEB 28/449



Historic Name: Frank Key Howard House
Date: ca. 1831
Architect/Builder: Henderson P. Low, builder
Style (if appropriate):

Description: The basic three bays of the original rowhouse are intact only on the third story. The other two floors have a three-sided bay window extending from the street level through the second floor. The lower part has transoms with vertical muntins and plate glass windows. The second floor bay has plate glass without transoms. The base of the window on this level has a pressed tin covering featuring swags. The doorway has marble steps and a simple arched and fanlighted surround. The surround is painted black. The flemish bond facade is otherwise unchanged. The remaining windows are 6/6 with gauged flat arches and stone sills. A single central dormer has a 1/1 window. The cornice is plain with narrow moldings. The exposed south elevation has a bay window on the ground floor. At the rear of the building is a four-story concrete block addition which has a running bond veneer. This was erected in the early spring of 1985. It has 6 bays with bronzed aluminum 1/1 sash and an undercut parking area at the southeast corner enclosed by an iron fence.

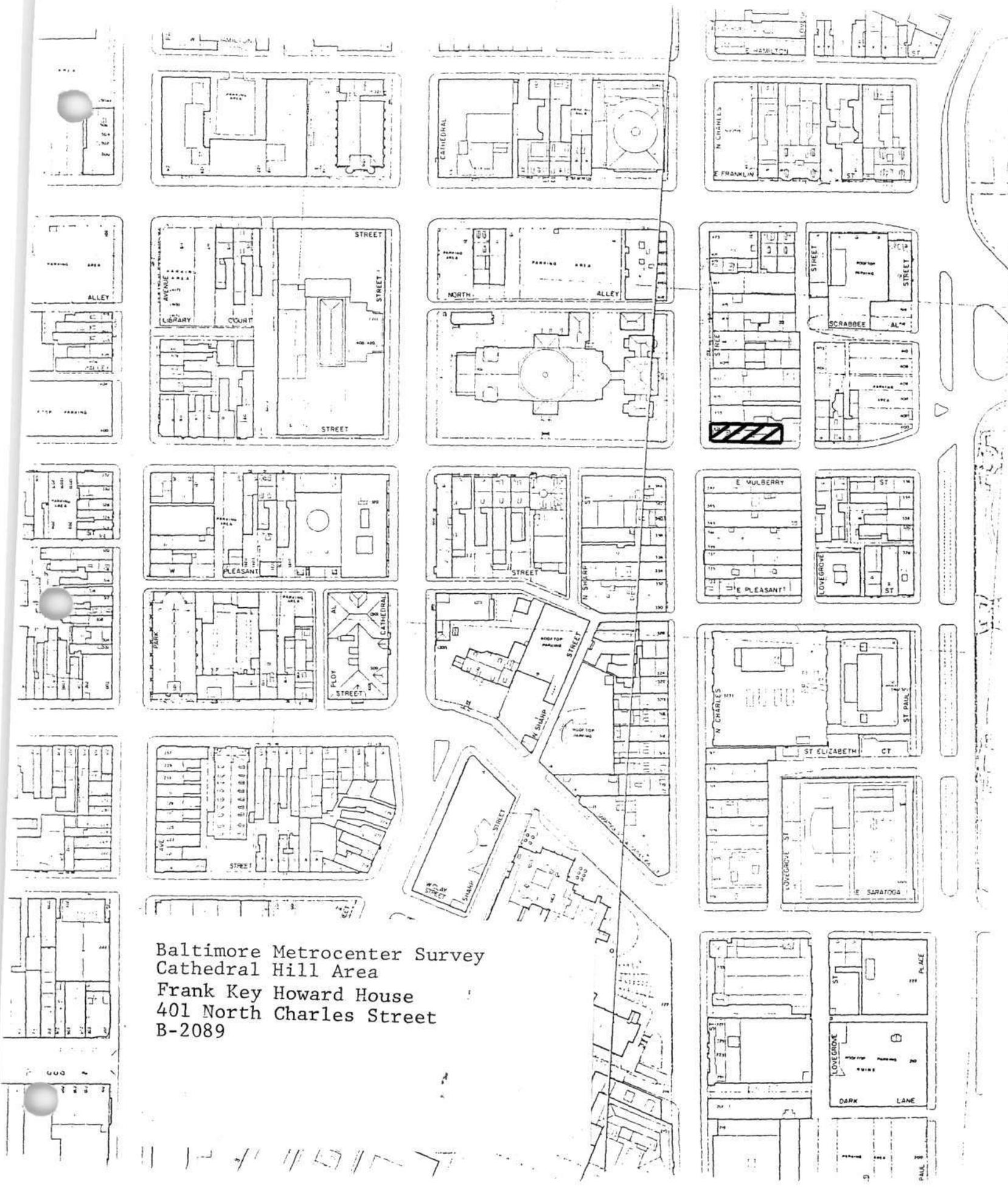
Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

Some fine details of the early and mid 19th century such as the arched door surround and the bay windows survive in generally good condition. The front wall is a particularly fine example of flemish bond masonry. The family of Frank Key Howard, proprietor of the Baltimore Gazette, occupied the house as a residence from 1856 until 1927. The large bay windows indicate a combined residential/commercial use beginning about 1880.

Sources: Land records; city directories
Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, May 1985



Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
 Cathedral Hill Area
 Frank Key Howard House
 401 North Charles Street
 B-2089



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Contractors
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Frank Key Howard House B-2089
401 North Charles Street
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
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West elevation
1/2



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Southwest corner view
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

401 N. Charles Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

401 N. Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

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 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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

Albert Haar, etal.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1 E. Redwood Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21202 STATE, 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

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

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 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

This townhouse is built of masonry laid in flemish bond. It's three and one half stories high and three bays wide.

The first story, on the extreme left of the facade, is the stilted, round-arch entrance with fanlight transom. The center and right bays of the first and second stories are altered completely: a two story tripartite bay window now occupies this space. All windows are sheet glass. In the second story there is a bipartite transom over the flanking windows, and a seven light transom over the center window. The windows are separated by meter mullions. First and Second floor story windows of the the center bay are separated by a meter cornice and a sway-decorated frienze hand.

The rest of the windows are double hung with six-over-six lights. They have splayed brick lintels and stone sills.

There is a metal gutter extending across the front of the building where the pitched roof meets the facade.

The roof has a dormer in the middle bay. Thus contains a double hung window with one-over-one lights. Above is a blank tympanum capped by a pediment.

There is a tall chimney next to the dormer.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

v. 421 N. Charles

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.0

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

Joe Potts Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

26 S. Calvert Street Room 900

TELEPHONE

396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

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.

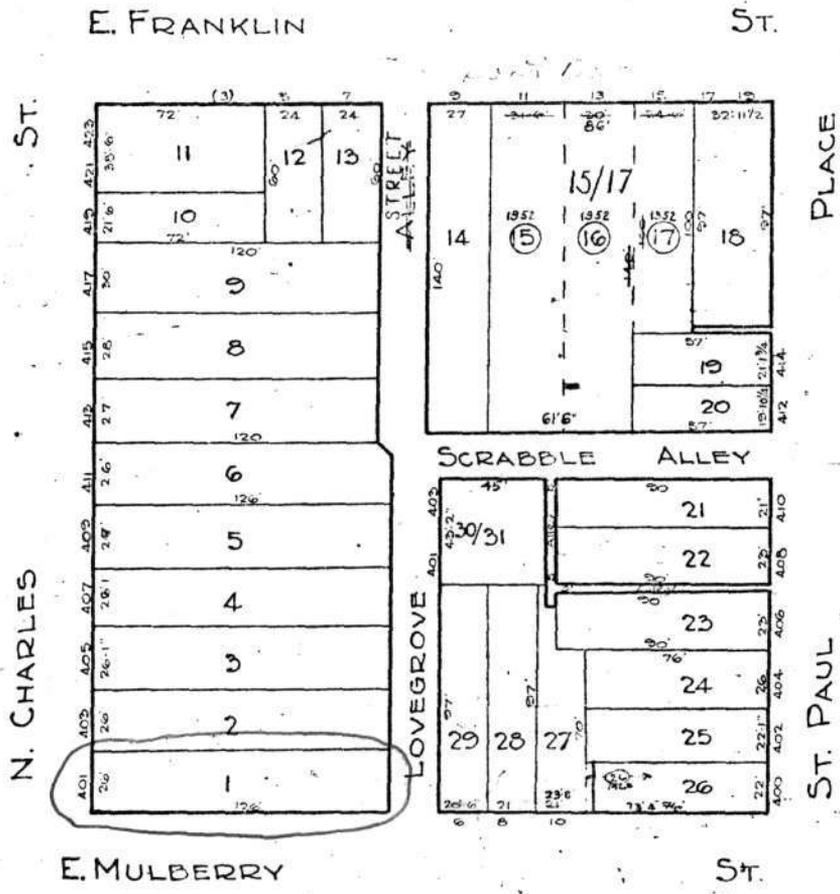
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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REVISIONS

Lots 15, 16, & 17 Consid. P. App 0836 C. Sh. 5437
 Lot 26 Under Plan City Sol. Act., C. Sh. 4122
 Lot 30731 STREET NAME CORR. PER L.L. 8651B

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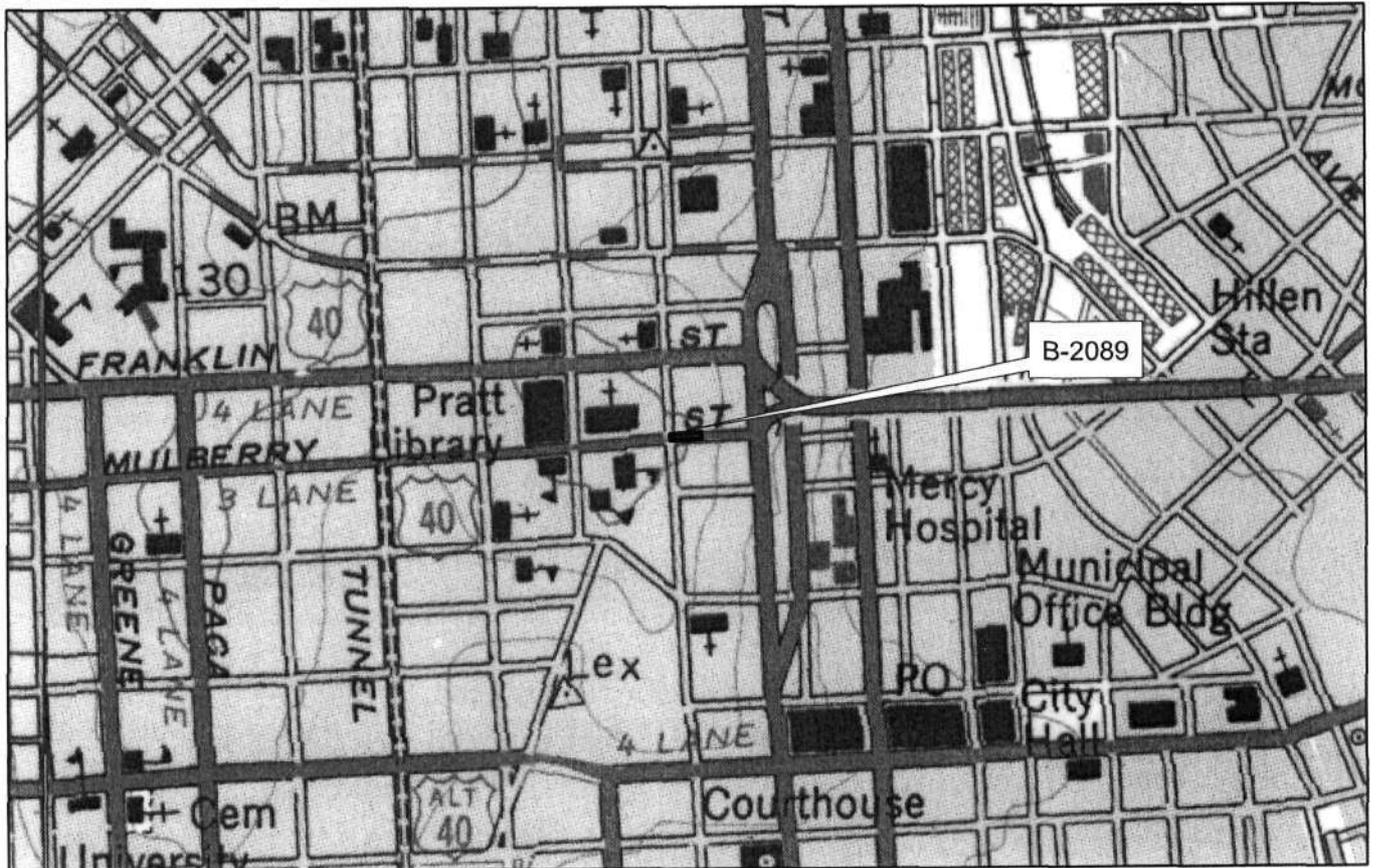
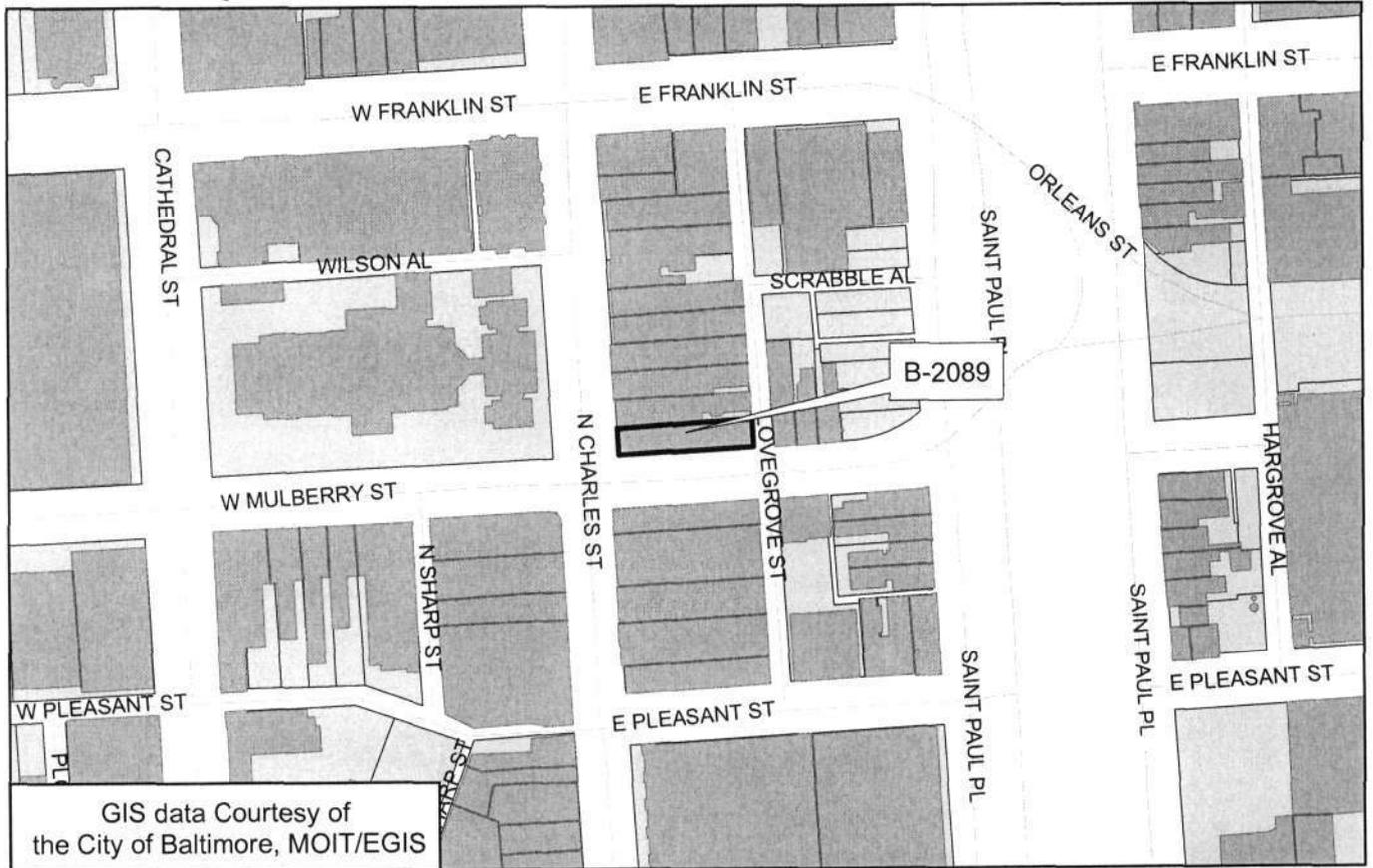


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CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 4 SECTION 1
 BLOCK 500
 SCALE 1" = 500'

B-2089
Frank Key Howard House
401 North Charles Street
Block 0566 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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BLK 566
401 N. Charles