

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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 BLOCK 893
 SLIDE #1
 MAGI#0429485304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

704 Sharp Street

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

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

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore-

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay wide, two and a half story house, which originally stood in the middle of a row, is now exposed on the right side. Built of brick laid in Flemish bond, the original Greek Revival detail has been stripped from the structure. The gabled roof supports a single dormer.

The brick base of the house is fronted by three pre-cast concrete steps which rise to the entrance on the right. To the left, two small rectangular openings are let into the base. Each has a brick sill and wooden lintel. The centrally placed opening appears to have served time as a coal chute, for a pair of iron hinges are in place on the left side. The house is currently owned by the city, so all openings have been boarded with the standard, red-painted plywood.

First and second floor openings are symmetrically placed on the facade above the basement openings.

All window openings are of equal dimensions. All openings have stone sills and wooden lintels. Above the doorway on the left, a single corner block remains, indicating that all openings were probably Greek detailed. A molded brick cornice runs at the roofline

The single roof dormer is set above the central bay on the tarpaper roof. The dormer is gabled and is fenestrated with a segmental arched opening set in a bolection molding. The squat, rectangular chimney rises from the peak of the roof at the left.

A two bay wide, two story high, shed roofed back building extends from the left rear of the building. Fenestration in the rear includes a large segmental-arched bipartite window at the first floor level and a roof dormer above the central bay. To the left of this second roof dormer sits lower on the roof above the back building.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1825

BUILDER/ARCHITECT PROBABLY BASIL DUKE

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

704 Sharp Street is the finest, early house remaining in Sharp-Leadenhall. Essentially a late Federal House with front wall of expertly laid brick in Flemish bond, the structure has several interesting external features: flat wooden lintels at window and door which had corner blocks in a Greek mode; front and rear roof dormers with segmental arched window openings in a bolection molding; a delicately molded brick cornice; and a large segmental arched bipartite window at the first floor rear.

Built after 1820, this property is intimately associated with the brickmakers of early Sharp-Leadenhall. In the early nineteenth century the property belonged to Colonel John Berry, county Sheriff, whose family made bricks and resided in the area of Sharp and Lee Streets. A similar house at the north-east corner of Sharp and Lee in the Otterbein homesteading area may have been built by the Berrys. In 1820, the lot was sold to Basil Duke, a brickmaker, who in 1820 was a brickmaker at Sharp near Hill Streets. He probably built the house about 1825. 704 Sharp Street is the finest remaining house on Hermitage Square. Frederick Douglass delivered a speech from Hermitage Square in 1878. THE HOUSE IS ADJACENT TO AN 110-YEAR OLD ENGLISH ELM.
(SEE APPENDIX, ENTRY (8))

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Bill Pencek, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1976

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

TELEPHONE

396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

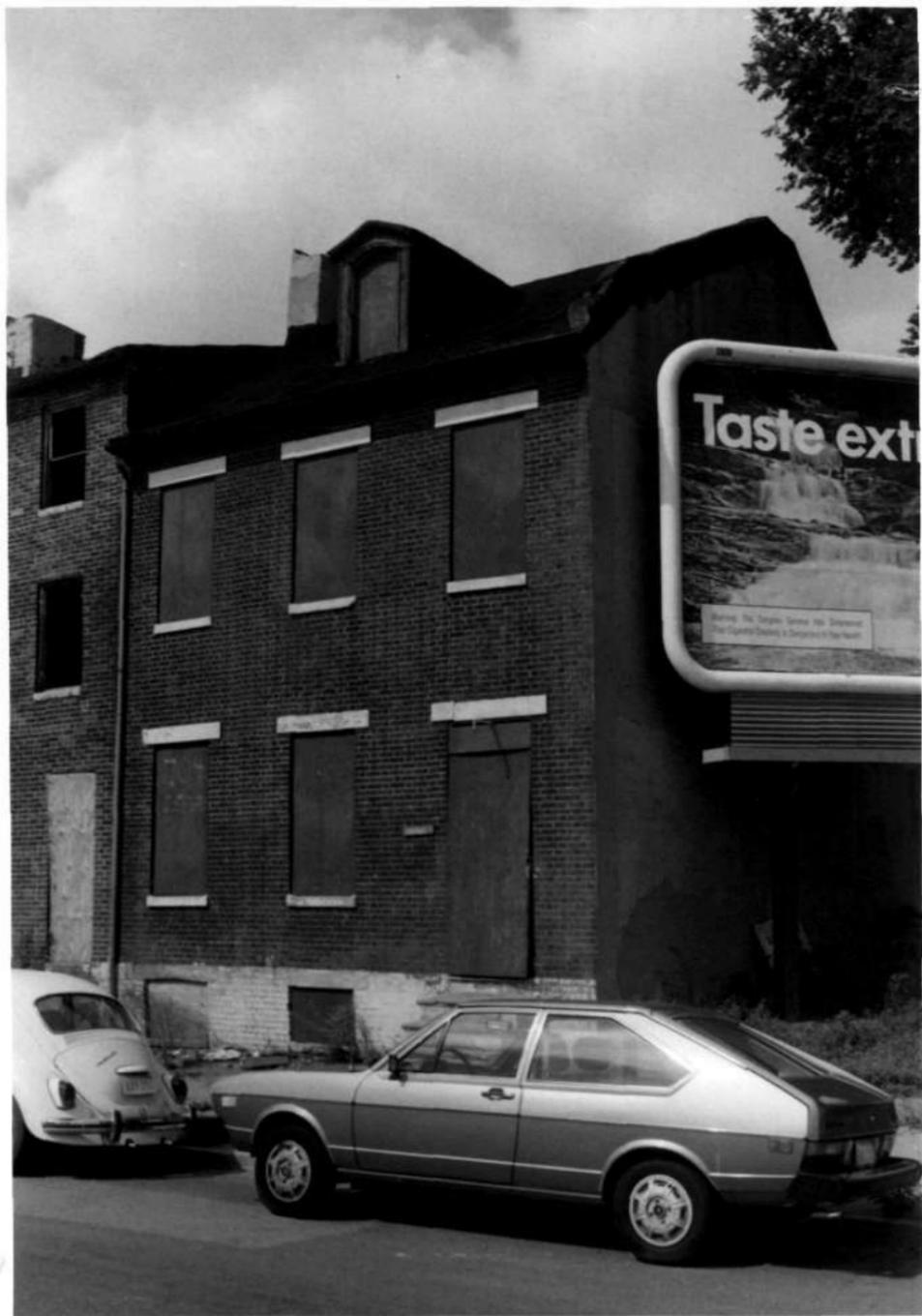
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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
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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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