

B-2996 - B-3001
719-737 S. Hanover St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1835-1837/1870's

The east side of the 700 block of S. Hanover St. is improved by a row of 2 1/2 story brick houses built for a working class market in 1835-1837 by William G. Read and his wife Sophia Howard Read on property allotted to her in the division of the real estate of her father John Eager Howard. The houses are two bays wide and two rooms deep, with dormer windows, and are typical of the type of late versions of Federal-style houses built in the area in the late 1830's and early 1840's. 721, 725-727, and 729-733 S. Hanover St. all remain in close to their original condition, although the facade of the latter group has been stuccoed. 719 and 723 S. Hanover St. were enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War and now are three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story high, six bay wide brick corner building at 735-737 S. Hanover St. with its Italianate-style bracketed cornice and hooded lintels, represents either a replacement or enlargement of the original 2 1/2 story houses on the site and was built in the 1870's to serve the same combined commercial/residential function that it does today.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ritchie Cleaners

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

735-737 S. Hanover St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 checked="" 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 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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 story, 6 bay brick structure with decorative details of Italianate design, is a late addition to the block in which it stands. The building has always served a mixed commercial/residential use. The present structure replaced two 2 1/2 story gable roofed houses fronting on Montgomery St.

This three story corner building has a width of 34 1/2' facing on Hanover St. and runs back on Montgomery St. 50'. Each facade is 6 bays wide and is constructed in running bond. The building has a shed roof which extends back in three distinct tiers. The covered pointed arch chimney is located in the rear center of the roof. The shed roof is surmounted by a wooden cornice of Italianate design only on its Hanover St. facade. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions. Seven carved wooden brackets (a pair marking each bay) connect the cornice with two lower molding strips--the upper plain, the lower carved with dentils, thus forming the effect of a double frieze. The design of the brackets is such that they appear to be merely extensions of the modillions directly above them, thus enhancing the rhythmic, unified effect of the cornice treatment. A short expanse of cornice, supported by one extra bracket, extends around the Montgomery St. corner of the building.

The windows of the second and third floors of both facades still retain their original sash and Italianate style cornice treatments. The 2/2 sash is surmounted by a projecting hood constructed of headers framing a standard segmentally arched brick lintel. The upper panels of the sash are curved to fit the segmental arches. The sills are wood.

The original storefront has been replaced by a modern treatment consisting of projecting bays of plate glass panels, recessed modern doors, a long, rectangular "cornice" formed by a strip of wooden panel, and attached flat sheets of metal proclaiming the name of the cleaning establishment currently occupying the building. A second shopfront, with a beauty shop beyond, faces on Montgomery St. Its first floor facade has been given a similar treatment, with two plate glass windows flanking a modern door, the whole surmounted by the same type of long rectangular wooden panel seen on the Hanover St. facade. One original door remains on the Montgomery St. facade. It has a segmentally arched brick lintel and a deep single light transom surmounting a wooden, panel door. Another such doorway obviously originally existed just to the left of this one, but it has been filled in. The doors open directly off of the pavement, reached by but a single, quite low, stone stoop.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Winter

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large Victorian style building replaced earlier 2 1/2 story houses built on this site in the late 1830's by Wm. G. Read as part of his development of this side of Hanover St. This particular structure is significant as being among the largest and most elaborate of the combined commercial/residential structures in the Federal Hill area. Although the current store-fronts are modern, the building was designed with store-fronts on the first floor.

In 1884 Samuel Winter sold 735 S. Hanover St. for \$4000 to a Christian Ohrenschild, who opened a shoe store at the location.¹ In the same year he sold 737 S. Hanover St. to a John Garthe, a slater, for \$4,600. In addition to his own business, his wife opened a dry goods business at the location.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber JB 1005/Folio 289; Baltimore City Directory, 1888

²Ibid., Liber JB 1005, Folio 294; Baltimore City Directory, 1885, 1888

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

Maryland Historical Trust/ Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

2/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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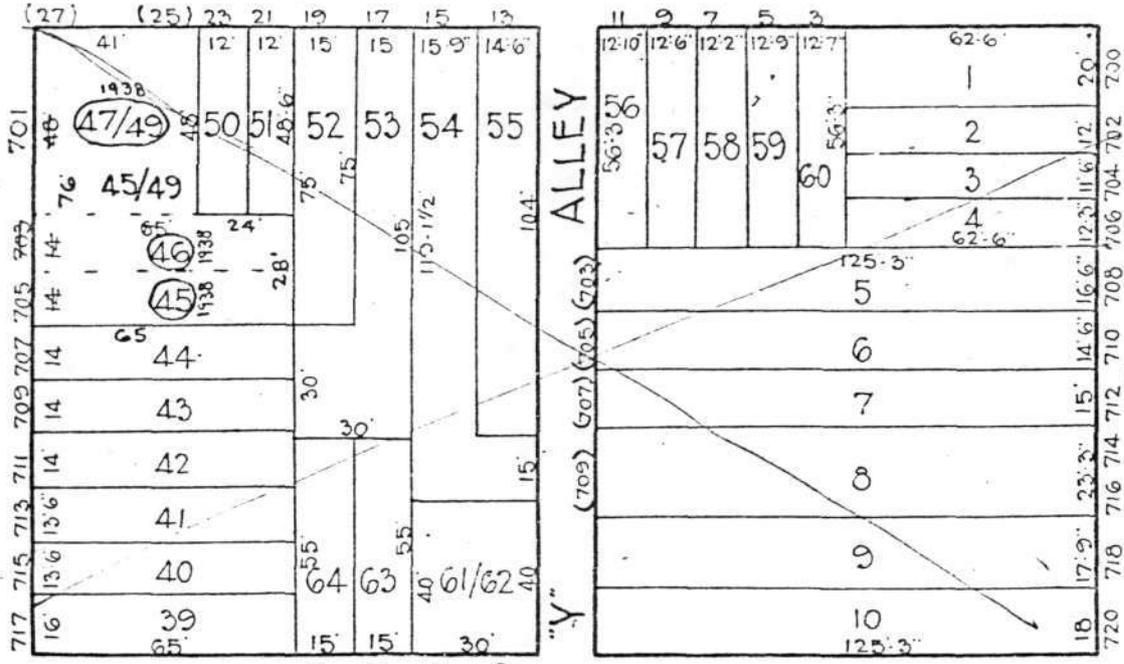
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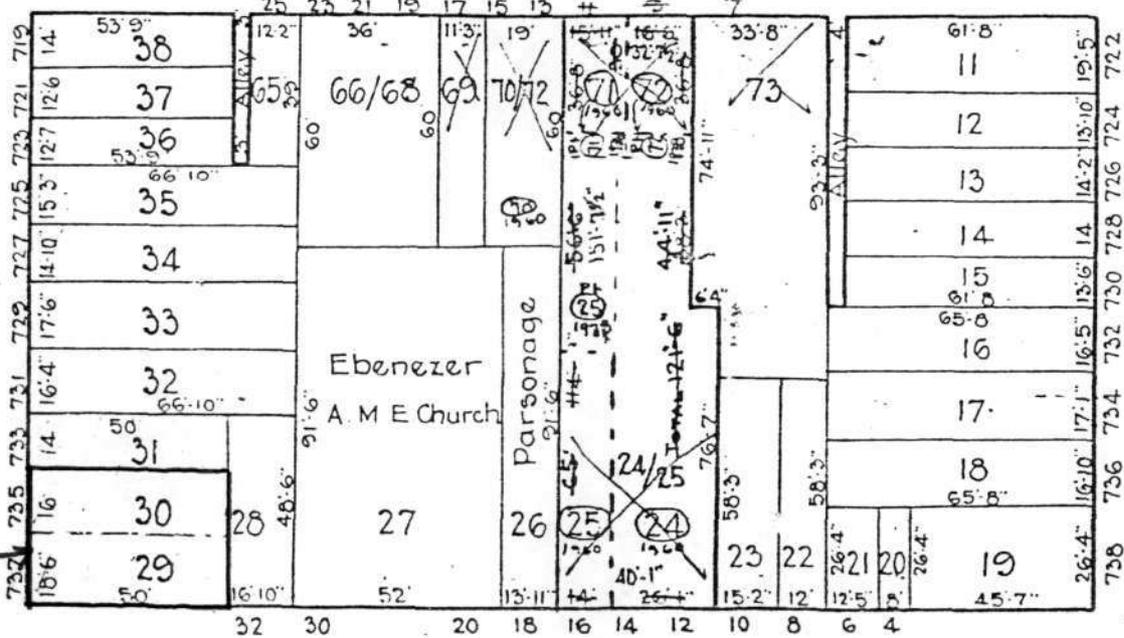


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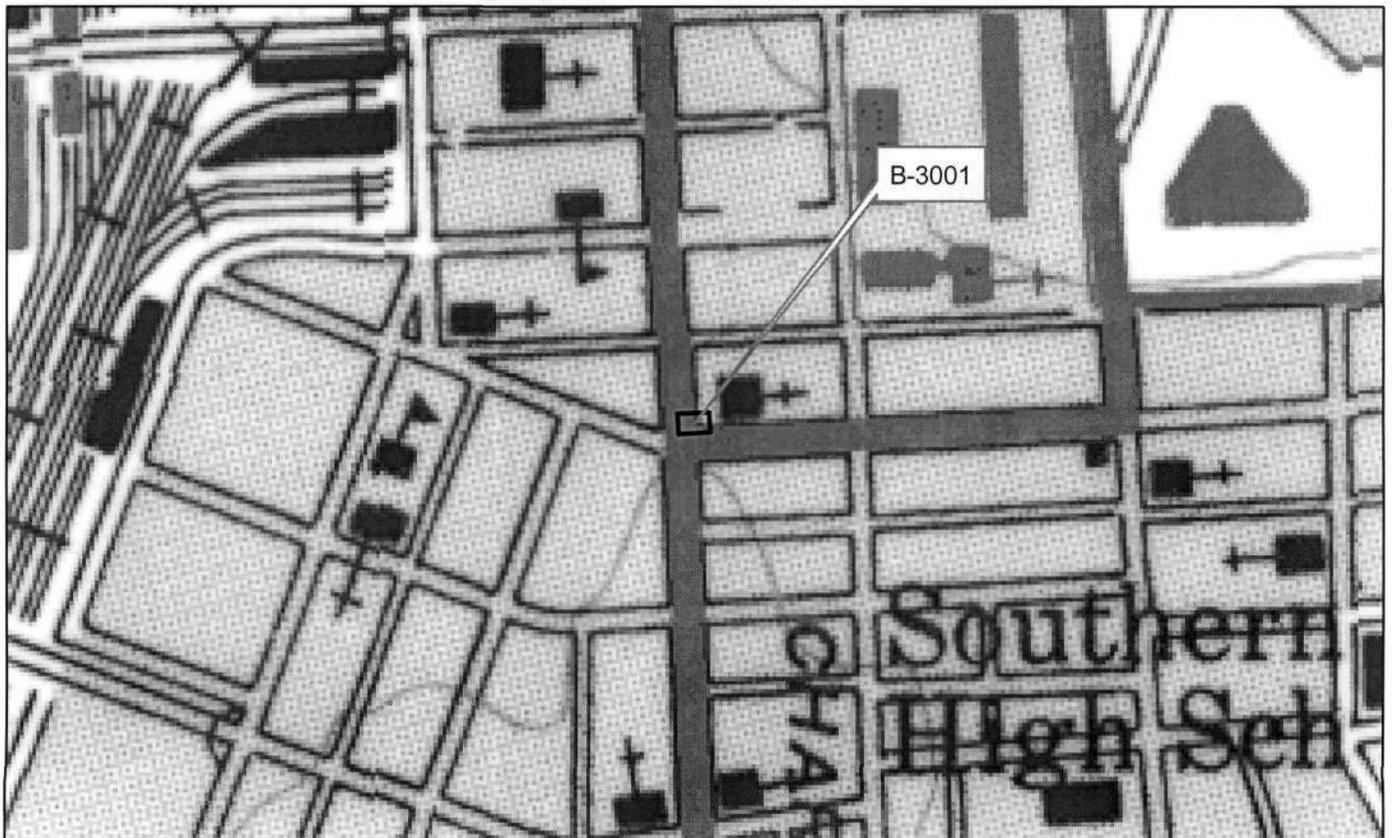
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West and South elevations