

B-3007 - B-3015
738-722 S. Charles St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1810-25/1850-51

738 and 722 S. Charles St. (the two corner houses) are the oldest houses on this side of the 700 block of S. Charles St., having been built in the period between 1810 and 1825, or perhaps earlier. 738 S. Charles St. is two and a half stories in height, four bays wide on S. Charles St. and two bays wide on W. Montgomery St., with a dormer window facing both streets. The first floor area most recently served as a local grocery and there is a late, corner storefront entrance set diagonally to the corner of S. Charles and Montgomery Streets. 722 S. Charles St. is a two and a half story, two bay wide brick house built by a local house carpenter, Thomas Hollingsworth, that shows the one room deep floor plan used in the earliest Federal-style houses built in the area. The remaining houses on the street are all three stories in height and two bays wide. All were originally built with gable roofs, like the present-day 734, 732, 730, 726, and 724 S. Charles St., but 728 and 736 S. Charles St. were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. This group of three story houses was built in 1850-1851 to serve as combination storefront/residences for the increasing number of small shopkeepers moving into the area to meet the needs of the growing population.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 732 S. Charles 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 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:

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

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story gable roofed structure was built between 1849 and 1851 as part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. Like most os its neighbors, its first floor has been converted into a shop front.

The house is a full three stories in height, 16 1/2' wide, and extends back on its lot about . It is constructed in running bond. The house has a low-pitched gable roof with a rectangular-shaped chimney along its north side. There is a simple brick cornice. The window openings of the second floor have splayed brick lintels and wood sills; those of the third floor have flat wood lintels and sills. No original sash remains and the openings are boarded.

The first floor have been converted into a three-sided, projecting shop front, with a short, sloping roof extending the entire width of the projecting bay. The shop front and original doorway are currently completely plastered over.

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
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<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"/> 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 1850-1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry Hardesty, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. An early occupant of the house, a Henry Schaub, operated a dry goods business at this location in the late 1850's.¹

The original store-front may be intact beneath the current plastered facade. The house has recently been sold by the City to a private owner and will hopefully soon be restored. The house was built by Henry Hardesty who also built the adjoining houses at 734 and 736 S. Charles St.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1858, 1860

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

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE
3/79

STREET & NUMBER
1745 Circle Rd.

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STATE
Maryland 21204

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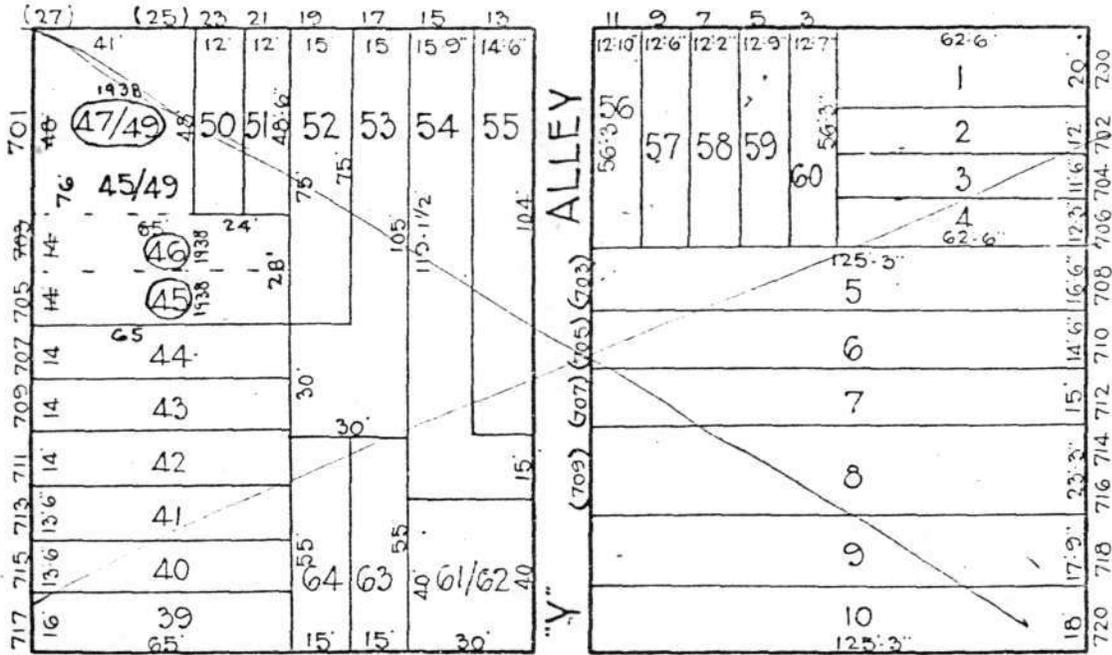
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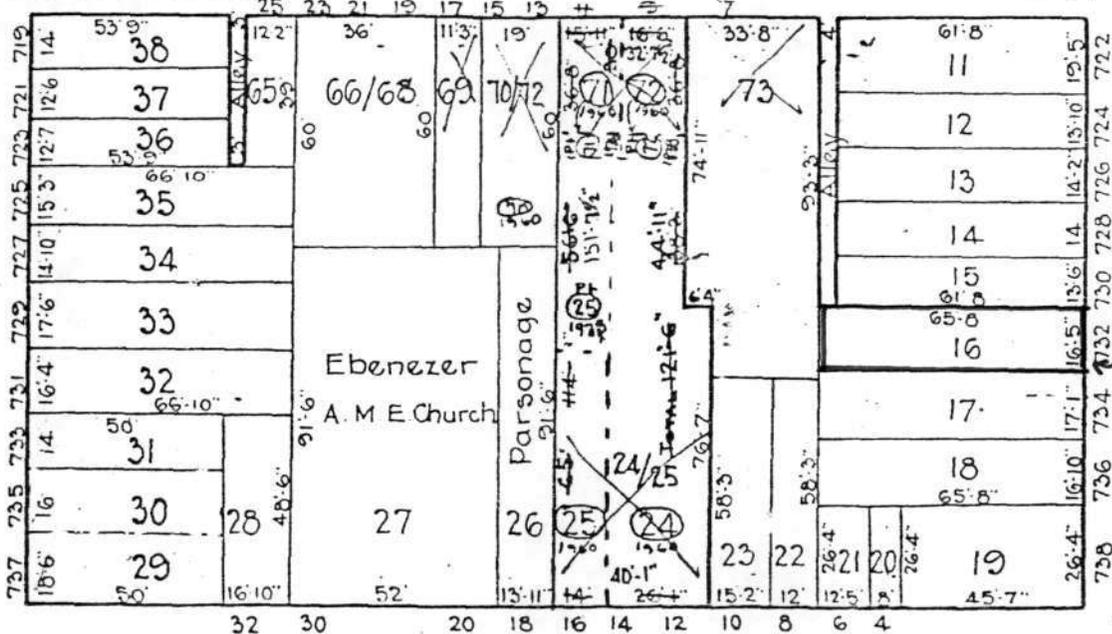
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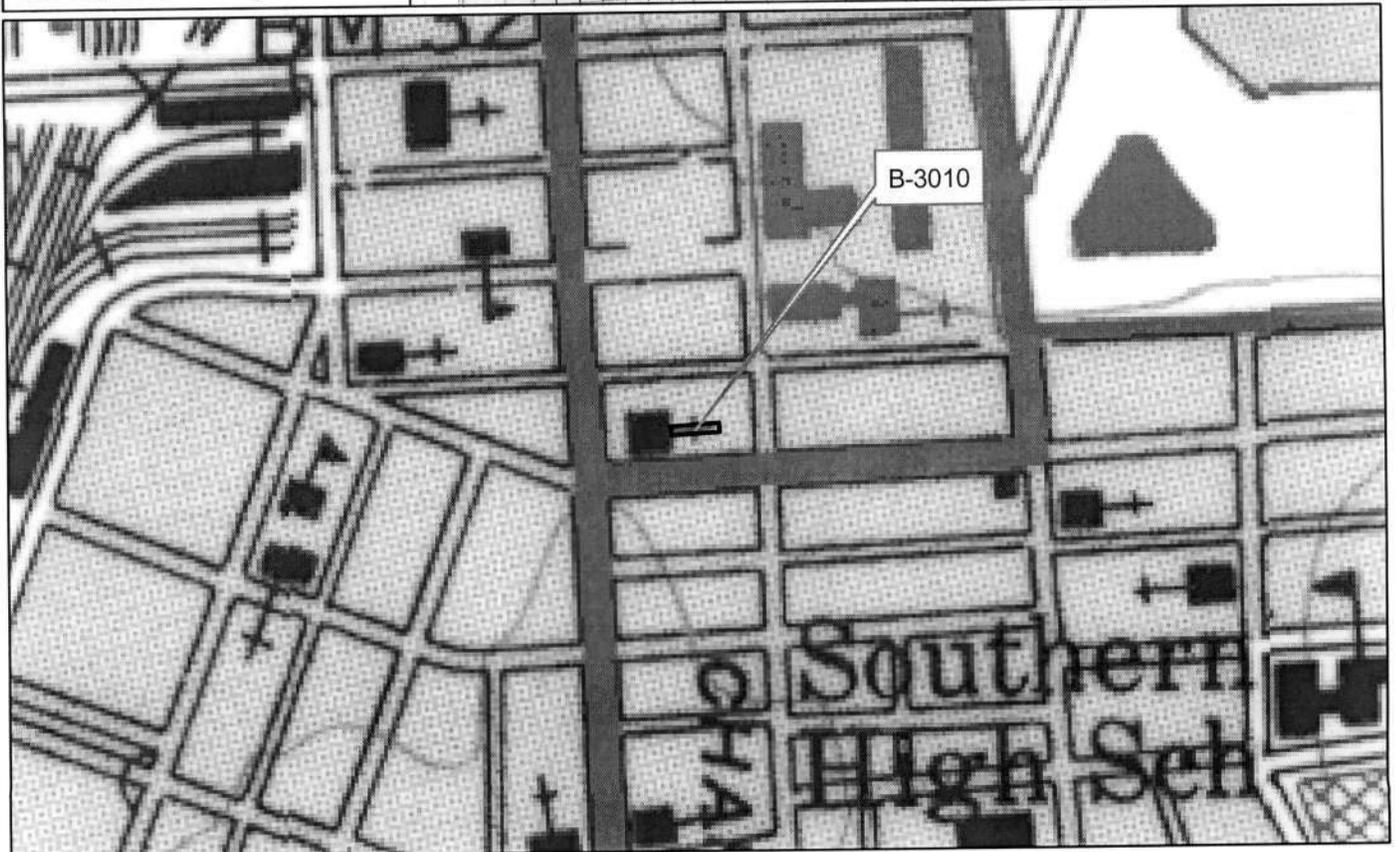
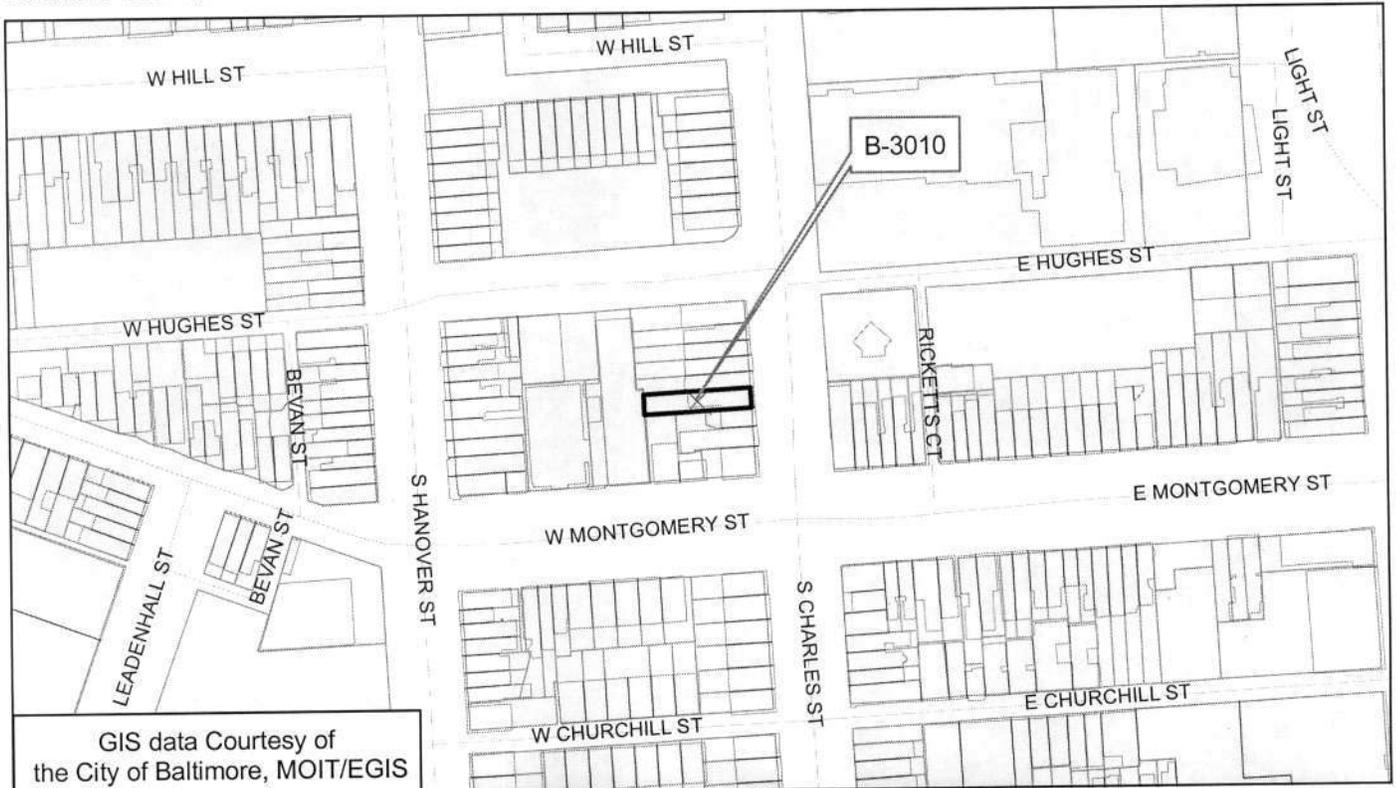


W. MONTGOMERY

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S. CHARLES

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732 S. Charles Street
Block 0895 Lots 016
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Baltimore East Quad.





B-3010 732 S. Charles St.

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East elevation