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1845-1850

723-731 S. Charles St./727-729 Rickett's Ct. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

This group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs located along the east side of the 700 block of S. Charles St. was built in the late 1840's by several different local builders. The houses served as combination storefront/residences. 727-729 Rickett's Ct. is located in a courtyard to the east of 731 S. Charles St., with access provided by a narrow alleyway running along the south end wall of 731 S. Charles St. The Rickett's Ct. houses are two stories in height, two bays wide, and with gable roofs. The houses were originally two rooms deep but the entire rear end section of each house is now gone. These small alley houses are the only surviving examples of the many such houses that were built in rear courtyards and alleys running north from Montgomery St. in this block and in the blocks to the north along Hughes St. The two Rickett's Ct. houses have recently been sold by the city to private owners and hopefully will soon be renovated.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 727-729 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mayor and City Council Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Baltimore 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

8-3019

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 pair of three story high, gable roofed brick houses was built in the early 1850's as part of the development of this side of Charles St. The entire facade of 727 S. Charles St. has been altered and the first floor area of 729 S. Charles St. has been converted into a store-front.

The houses are three stories in height, about 15' wide, and occupy lots 80' deep. Each house is two rooms deep. 727 S. Charles St. has a modern three story addition which extends to the rear of the lot; 729 S. Charles St. has a three story high, three bay deep rear addition which seems to be somewhat later in date than the house itself. The houses are constructed of running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice but that of 727 Charles St. has an added trim of brick dentils. 729 S. Charles St. has a double rectangular chimney located on the south side of the rear roof gable.

All of the openings of 727 Charles St. have been filled in with modern brickwork or remodeled. Both houses originally had segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings of 729 Charles St. are empty. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front but the entire area has been plastered over. One can see, however, that there was a centrally located door flanked by two two-sided slightly projecting shop windows. A wooden cornice extends across the entire width of the store-front. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a deep, plain freize area.

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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 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 1849-1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Hassan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are 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. The first occupant of 727 S. Charles St., a Frederick Mannz, was a stove and lock maker.¹ Hassan sold 729 S. Charles St. to a Christopher Bischoff in 1855 for \$1030. Bischoff ran a cabinetmaking shop at this location.²

Although the houses are currently in an extreme state of disrepair and 727 S. Charles has been drastically altered, the City is planning to sell the houses to private owners who will hopefully renovate them.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50

²Baltimore City Land Records, Liber Ed86, Folio 34; Baltimore City Directory, 1856-57

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. & Eccles

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

ST.

S. CHARLES

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701
160'-6"

E. HUGHES

SEE LOT 4 BLK. 887 FOR 71/72

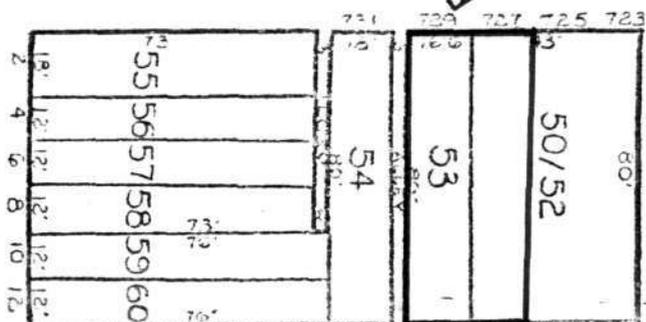
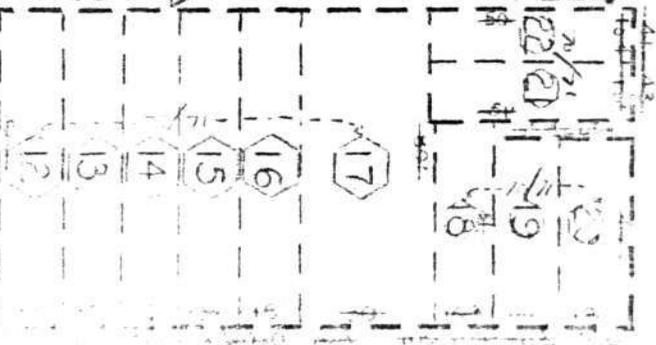
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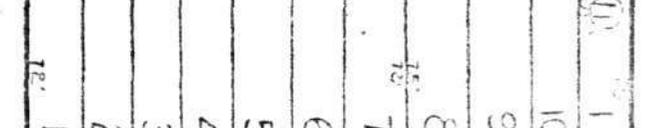
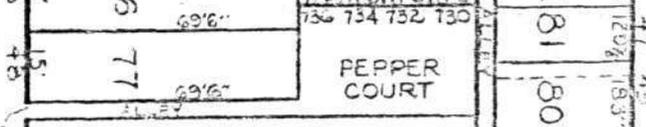
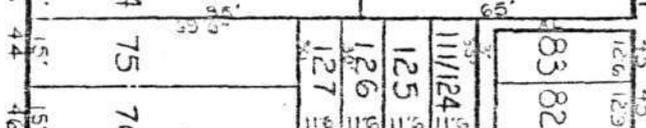
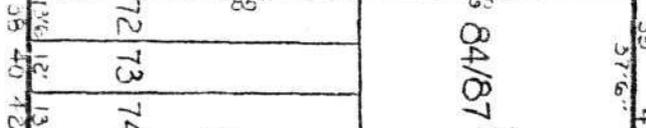
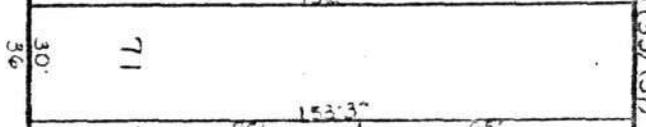
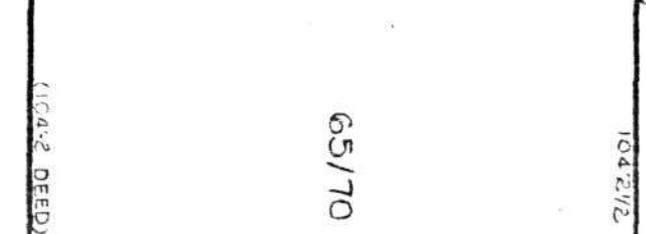
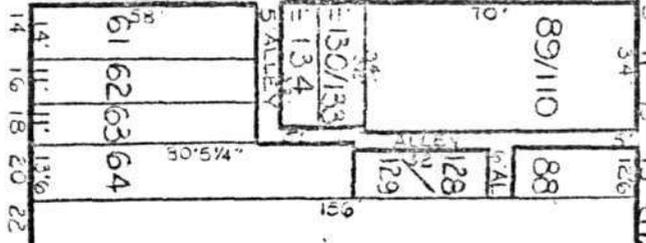
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ALLEY 2

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RICKETTS COURT



PEPPER COURT

E. MONTGOMERY

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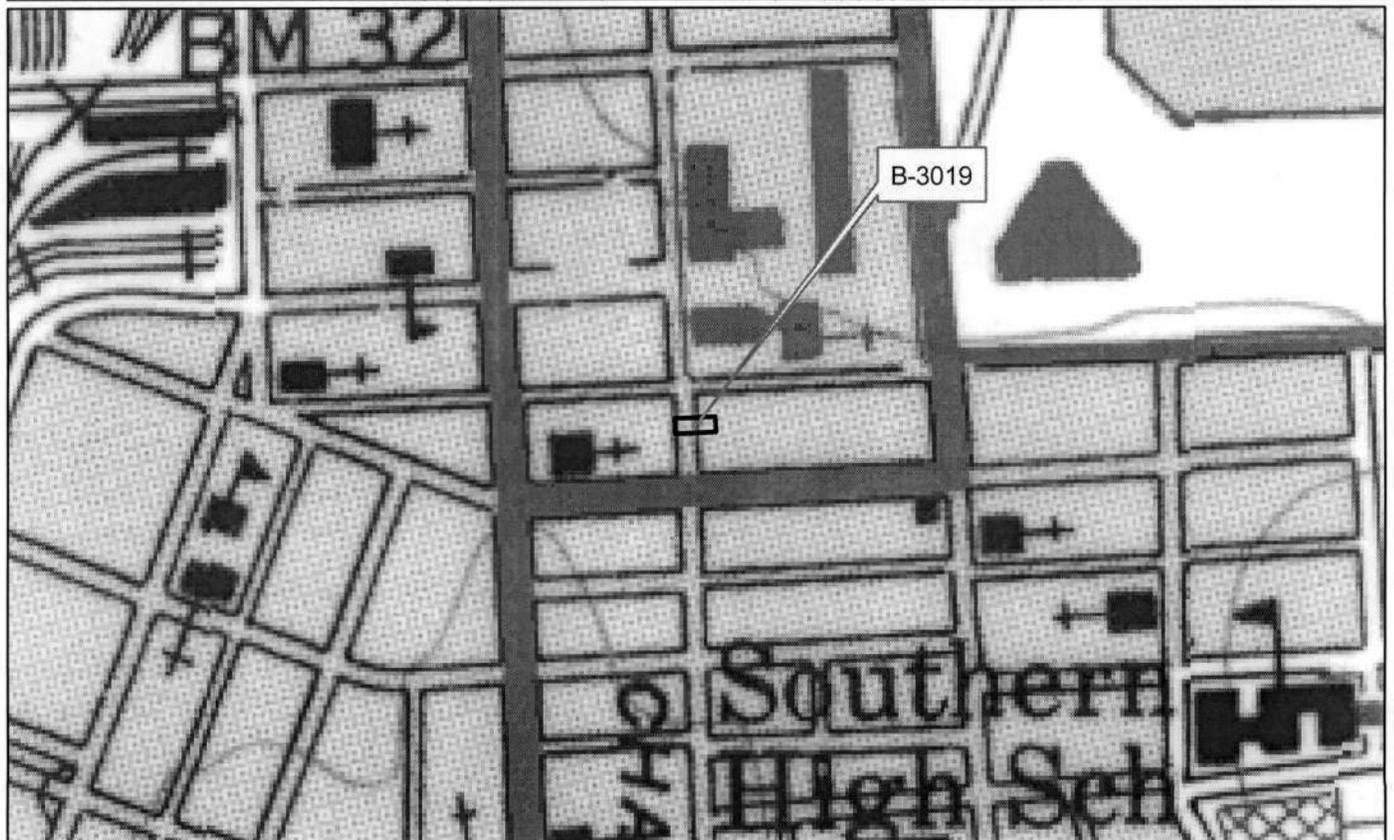
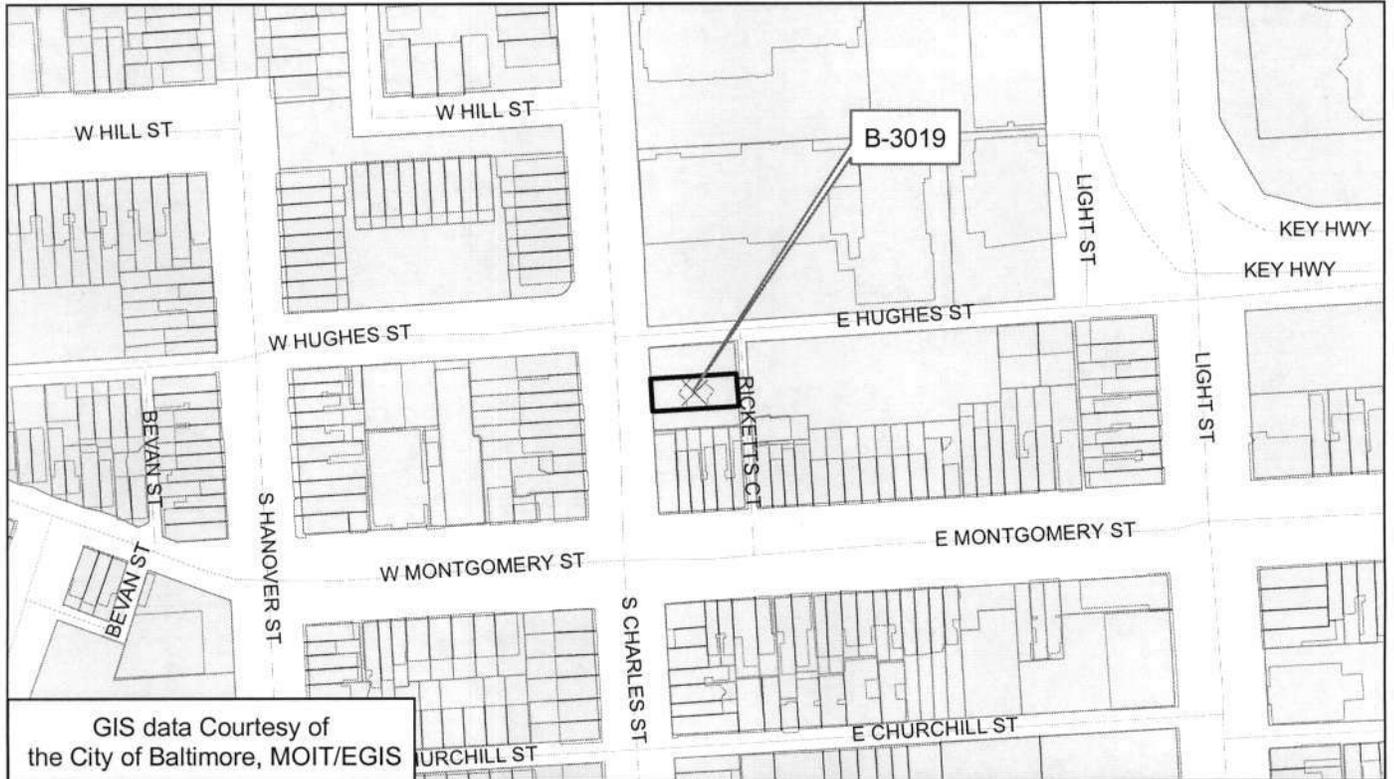
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727-729 S. Charles Street
Block N/A Lots N/A
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation