

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2-12 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE 21202 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

Maryland STATE 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 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of six two story plus attic brick houses is located on the north side of Montgomery St., running east from the corner of S. Charles St. The houses were built as a unit.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 12' wide (except for the corner house, 2 E. Montgomery St., which is 18' wide and has three bays instead of two), and occupy lots 73' deep. Each house has a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple, two-tier brick cornice. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located at the peak of the gable roof. The chimneys at 2, 4, and 12 E. Montgomery St. are located on the west side of the house; those at 6, 8, and 10 E. Montgomery St. are located along the east side of the house. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the north end of the rear addition.

All of the first and second floor door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels, which seem originally to have had scroll-sawed tympanums. The attic windows have no lintels. All of the sills are wood. Few sash remain and these are late 1/1 double hung sash. Most of the window openings are either empty or boarded over. None of the original doors remain and until recently, the doorways were plastered over. Each doorway has a single light transom. 2 E. Montgomery St. shows the remains of a corner store-front, with the entrance set diagonally to the corner, flanked by plate glass shop windows, currently plastered over. A simple wooden cornice, composed of a crown molding and a plain freize area, extends around the corner, above the store-front area. The entrance is reached directly from the sidewalk. The other houses sit on fairly low basements, the entrances being reached by three wide stone steps each. Each house has a square-shaped coal openings located beneath the first floor window.

The floor plan of each house conforms to the general plan of such two story plus attic houses. Each floor has a front and back room with fireplace, with the tightly winding, narrow stairs located between front and back rooms, in a niche just to the north of the partition wall between the rooms. The third floor attic rooms have low sloping ceilings, with a maximum ceiling height of about 7' which slopes down to about 4' over each window. The kitchen was located in the two story high, two bay deep rear addition.

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 1848

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Clayton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is significant as being representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to accommodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer window type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically--the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow and steep, tightly winding staircase. Both front and back rooms usually had fireplaces. The kitchen was located in an addition built onto the rear of the house. The increase in the height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome additional, private living space.

Houses of this type were usually rented and this row was no exception. This block of houses was built by Samuel Clayton at a cost of about \$1000 per unit, including the land.¹ The land had previously belonged to John Howard McHenry, the grandson of John Eager Howard, from whose estate he received it. McHenry, however, sold the land unimproved. Some of the earliest tenants included a William F. Porter, a mate on a steamboat who later advanced to captain and bought his own house at 218 E. Montgomery St.;² a William C. Jones, a moulder³; Thomas Pearson, an oyster packer, and James Pearson, a clerk.⁴

The houses are soon to be sold by the City to private owners and hopefully will be renovated in the near future.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 399, Folio 314, 415 (Clayton's two brothers each assigned him their 1/3 share of the venture, each 1/3 part of which was worth \$2000, making a total of \$6000 for the six houses)

²Baltimore City Directory, 1853-4, 1860, 1864

³Ibid., 1868

⁴Ibid., 1860, 1871

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington D.C. 20243

B-3022



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: N/A
Address of property, Street: 2 East Montgomery Street
City: Baltimore County: ----- State: Maryland Zip Code: 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill National Register Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE: (see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

Three story masonry Greek revival elevation fronting on residential block of East Montgomery Street. This elevation has six arched openings and three typical smaller window openings with steel lintels at third floor (typical for Greek Revival). Original brick cornice work remains along with original chimney.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(use reverse side if necessary)
South Charles Street elevation is two stories (except for front portion) and has 16 openings as did the original building. Roof is slightly pitched from west to east again with original brick cornice. Entire interior is of wood construction using 2x12 joists. Basic plan is for two dwelling units as it was originally. No change in building footprint is contemplated. As the corner building, it presides as the block's
Date of construction (if known) _____ Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known) _____ cornerstone.

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name: Ron Russo
Street: 723 South Charles Street
City: Baltimore, State: Maryland Zip Code: 21230
Telephone Number (during day) Area Code: 301/539-6161

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/17/82

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 6-15-82
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

is hereby certified a historic structure
 does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Keeper of the National Register

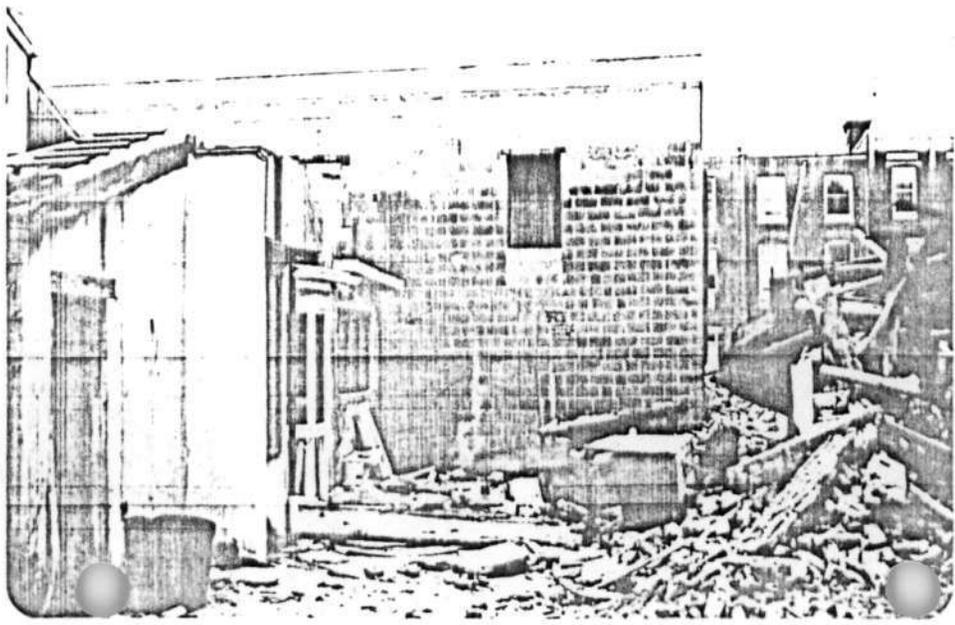
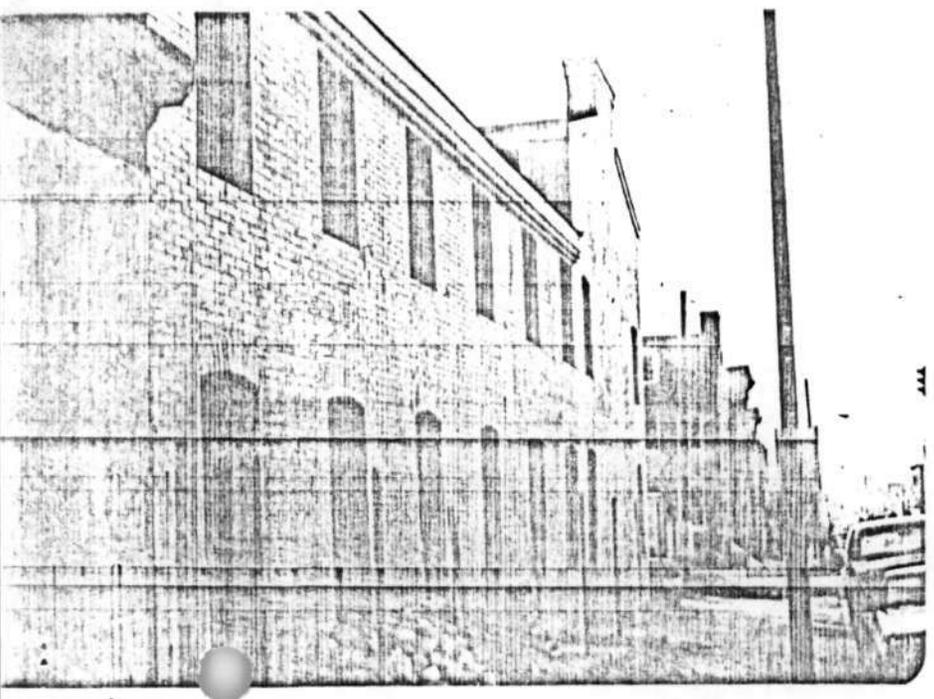
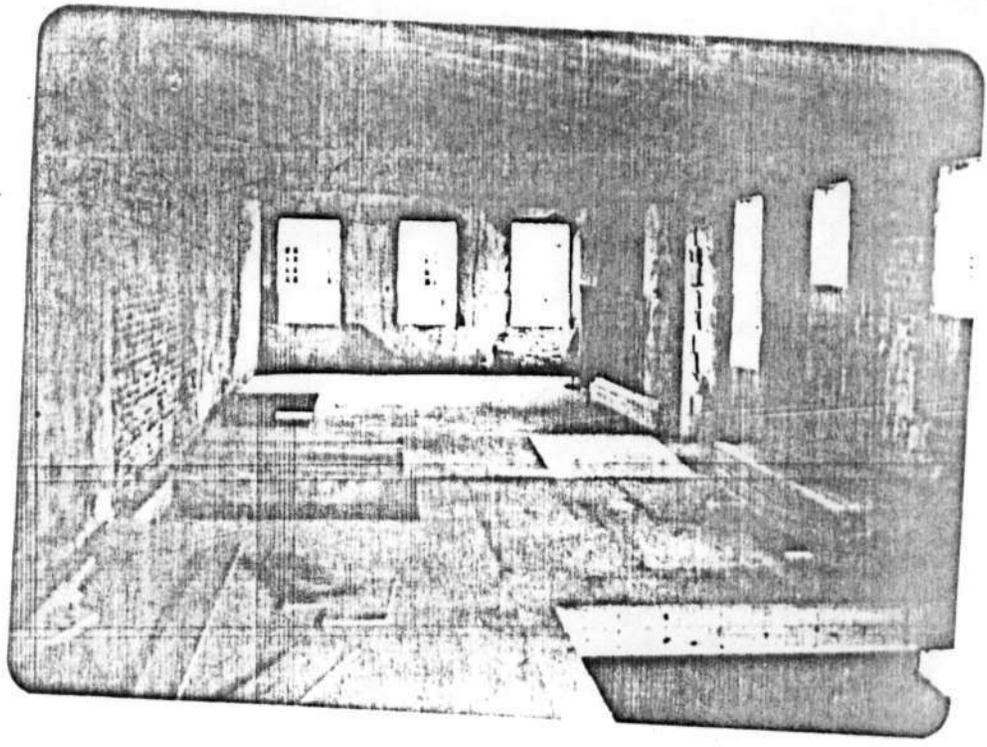
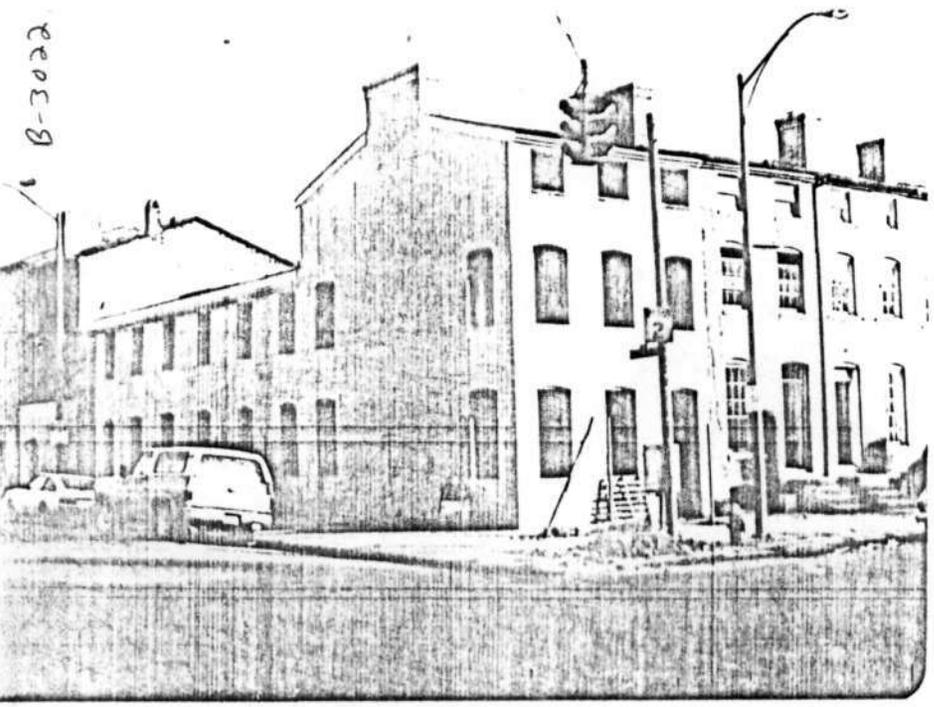
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2 E. Mont. Street



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PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: JANE S. MILLER - 10 EAST MONTGOMERY STREET
Address of property Street 10 EAST MONTGOMERY STREET
City Baltimore County _____ State MARYLAND Zip Code 21202
Name of historic district in which property is located: FEDERAL

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)
SEE PAGE 2

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: THE building is a classic example of Greek Revival Architecture and is in need of extensive renovation. It was built between the years of 1830 and 1850.
(use reverse side if necessary)

Date of construction (if known) (1830-1850) Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known) _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:
Name JANE S. MILLER
Street 7 CARROLLTON ROAD
City ANNAPOLIS State MD. Zip Code 21401
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (301) 974-1948

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above
Signature Jane S. Miller Date 7/27/82

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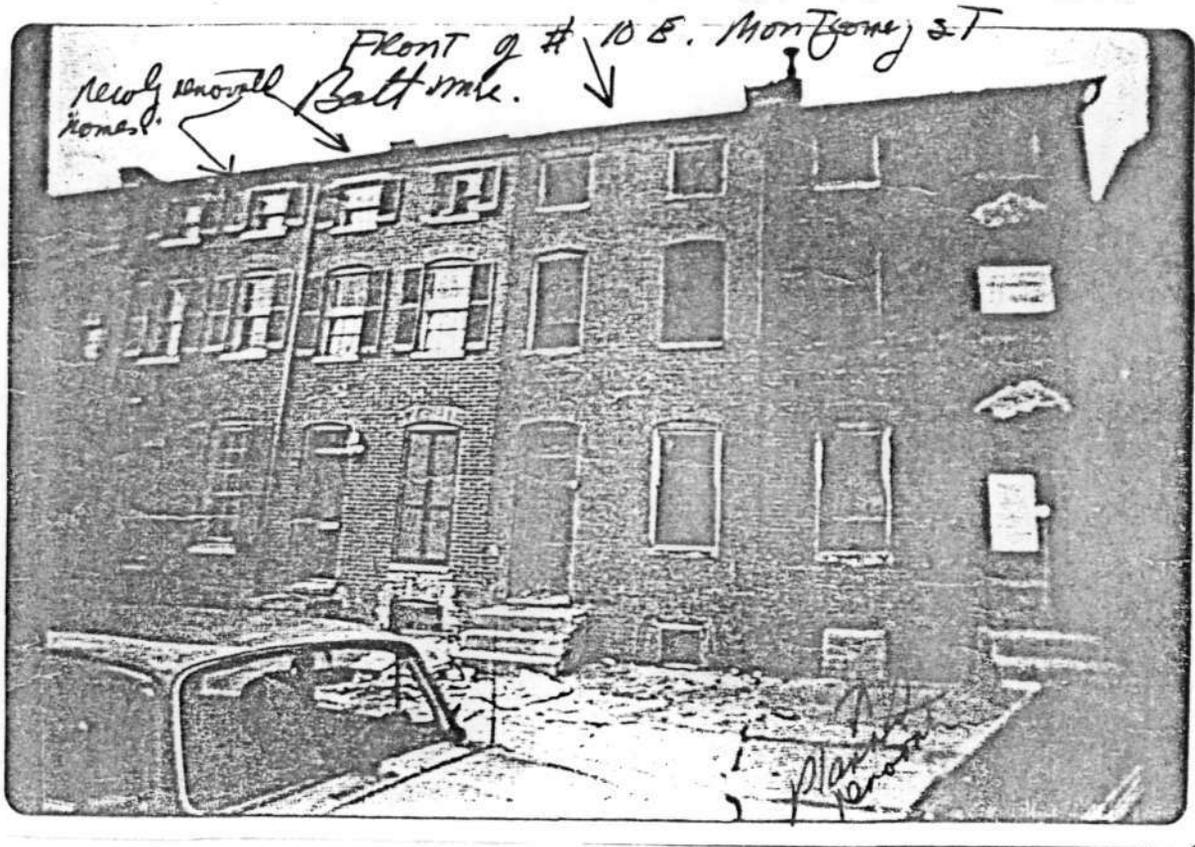
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Keeper of the National Register

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Beginning for the same at the point formed by the intersection of the north side of Montgomery Street, 82 feet wide and the center line of the partition wall between the two and one-half story brick house situate on the lot being herein described known as No. 10 E. Montgomery Street and the two and one-half story brick house situate on the lot adjoining on the west thereof known as No. 8 E. Montgomery Street, said point of beginning being distant North $86^{\circ}-51'-45''$ East 53.8 feet measured along the north side of said Montgomery Street from the east side of Charles Street, 66 feet wide, and running thence binding on the north side of said Montgomery Street, North $86^{\circ}-51'-45''$ East 13.2 feet to the center line of the partition wall between said house situate on said lot being herein described and the two and one-half story brick house situate on the lot adjoining on the east thereof known as No. 12 E. Montgomery Street; thence binding in part on the center line of last said partition wall, in part on the line of the center line of last said partition wall if projected northerly, and in all, Northerly 76.2 feet to intersect the line of the southernmost face of the southernmost wall of the three story brick house situate on the lot adjoining on the north thereof if projected easterly; thence binding reversely on last said line so projected, Westerly 13.0 feet to intersect the line of the center line of the partition wall mentioned firstly herein if projected northerly, and thence binding in part reversely on last said line so projected, in part along the center line of the partition wall mentioned firstly herein, and in all, Southerly 76.1 feet to the place of beginning.

Subject, however, to the privilege of ingress and egress into a 3 foot pedestrian easement through the hereinabove described parcel of land and contiguous to the north outline thereof, by the properties known as Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12 E. Montgomery Street and No. 731 S. Charles Street, extending from Charles Street Easterly 80 feet to Ricketts Court.

Also together with the privilege of ingress and egress into a 3 foot pedestrian easement contiguous to the north outlines of and through the properties known as Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12 E. Montgomery Street, extending from Charles Street Easterly 80 feet to Ricketts Court.



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2-50 E. Montgomery St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1795/1848-1876

The north side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. is most noteworthy for containing 36 E. Montgomery St., the earliest (1795) surviving brick house in the Federal Hill area. The original two and a half story high, three bay wide house, with two dormer windows and belt course, is now in extreme disrepair, with the easternmost bay having collapsed and large sections of the roof missing. On either side of 36 E. Montgomery St. there were originally a number of early two and a half story houses, but these have all been razed, or replaced by later structures. The western section of the block was not improved until 1848 when a row of two story plus attic brick houses (2-12 E. Montgomery St.), and a row of three story, two bay wide, gable roofed houses (14-18, and 20 E. Montgomery St.) were built. At the eastern end of the block there is a group of large, three story, two bay wide Italianate-style townhouses, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's. 50 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, three bay wide brick building with shed roof that until recently served a mixed commercial/residential function. All of the houses in this block are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

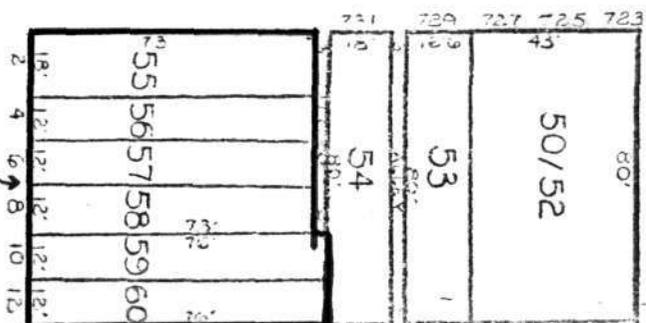
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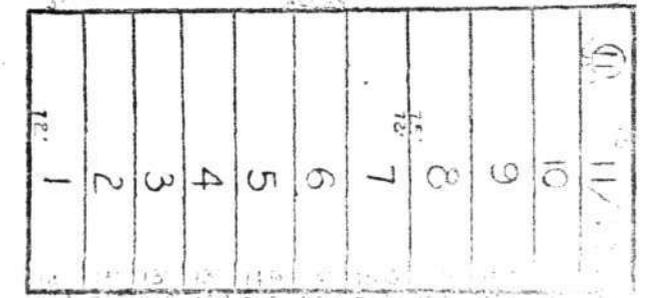
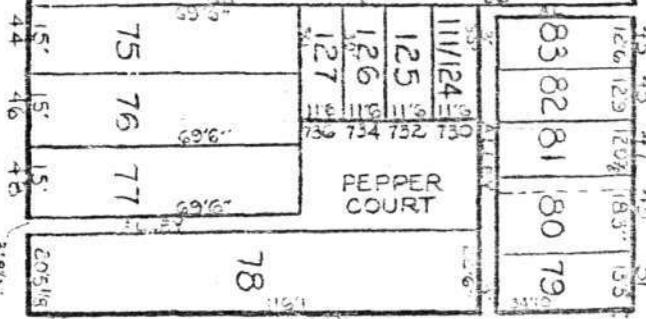
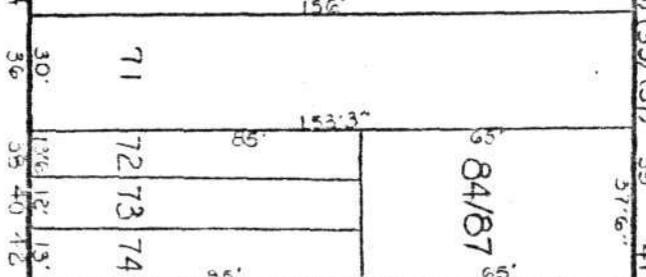
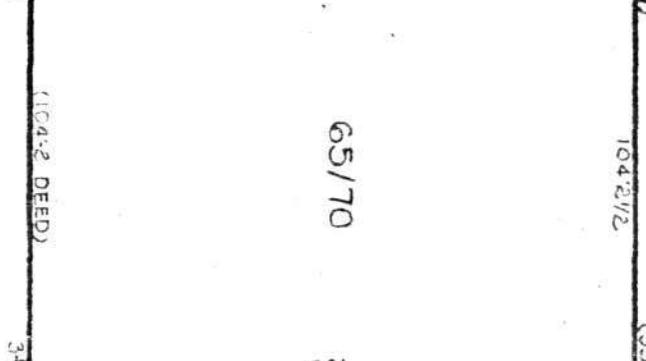
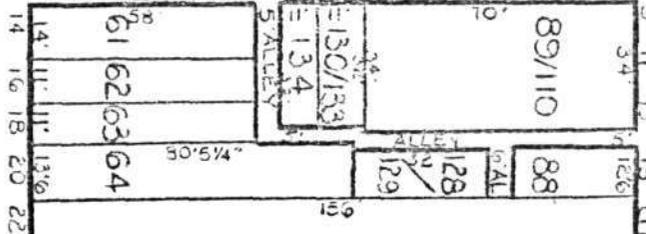
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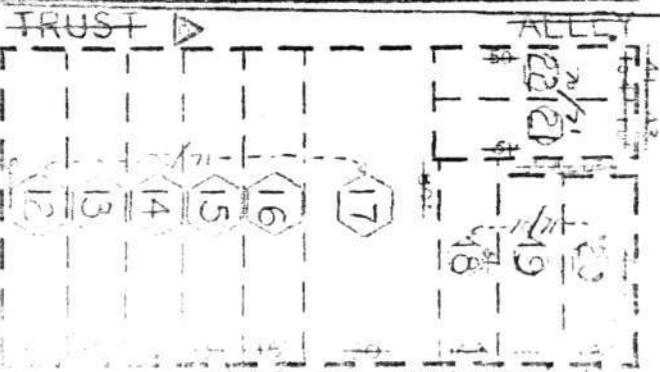
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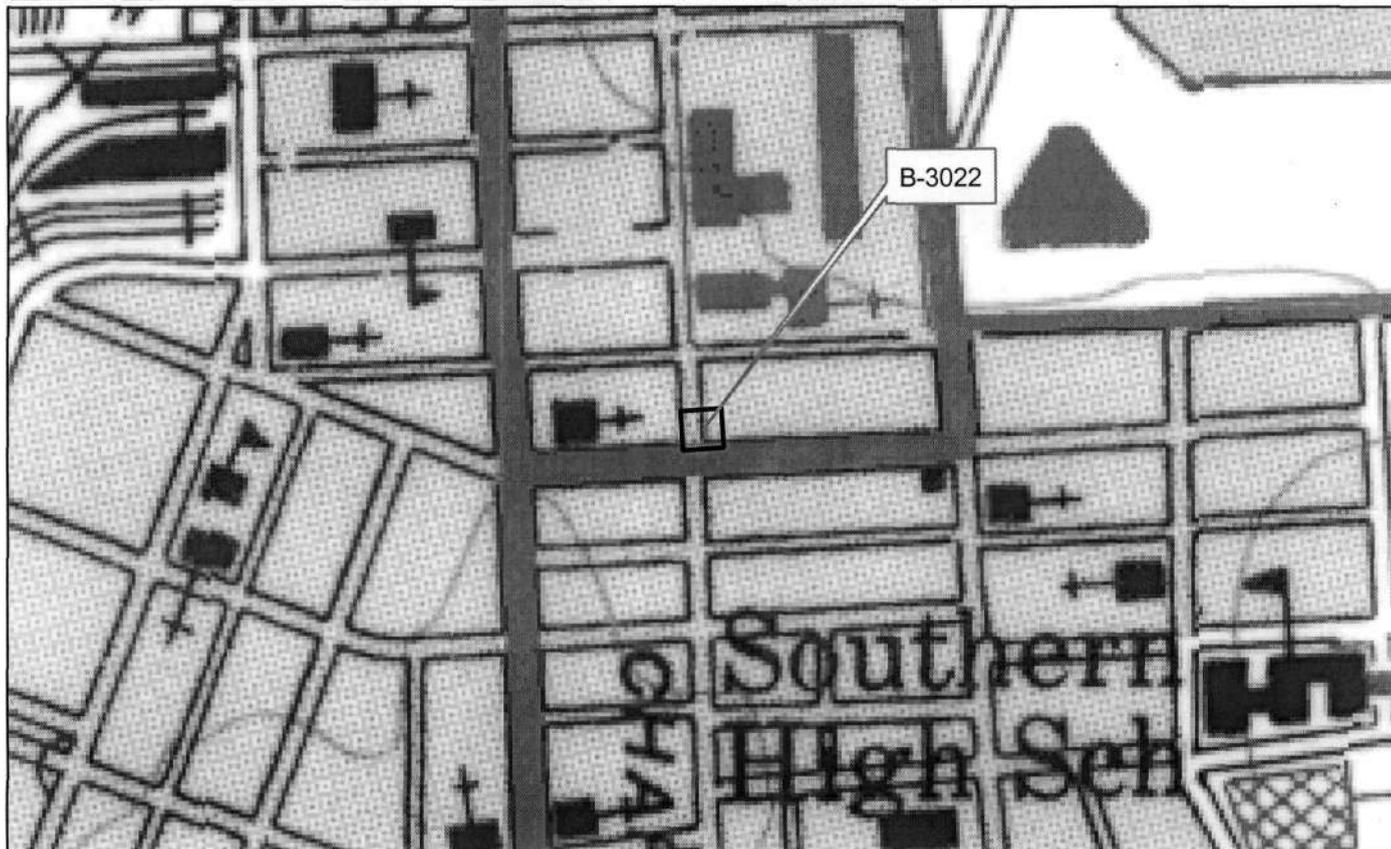


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2-12 E. Montgomery Street
Block 0896 Lots 011-016
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3022 2-12 E. Montgomery St.

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South elevation



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2+12 E. Montgomery St.

M.E.H.

4/79

West and South elevations