

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Washington D.C. 20240

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION  
APPLICATION—PART 1

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Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. 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. This application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: 726 Light Street  
Address of property: 726 Light Street  
City Baltimore County \_\_\_\_\_ State Md. Zip Code 21230  
Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill

Check here if request is for:

- certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
- decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
- easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements-use reverse side if necessary)

This three story brick, pitched-roofed building with wood interior framing is distinguished by its roof with pedimented dormer window, a feature (continued on reverse)

3. Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The building is fairly intact and an example of a Late Federal/Victorian style working class home common to the district. The original structure was probably built between 1800 and 1810 and appears on an 1851 Baltimore City building location map in the same detail as recent maps.

Date of construction (if known): 1800-1810  Original site  Moved  Date of alterations (if known): about 1905

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Joseph E. Geatz / Ralph E. LeBlanc, M.D.  
Street 701 Cathedral Street, Apt. 24  
City Baltimore State Md. Zip Code 21201  
Telephone number (during day): Area Code 301 - 864 - 2818 (Geatz)

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 Joseph E. Geatz / Ralph E. LeBlanc, M.D. Date 9/10/82  
Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered 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 (36CFR 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).

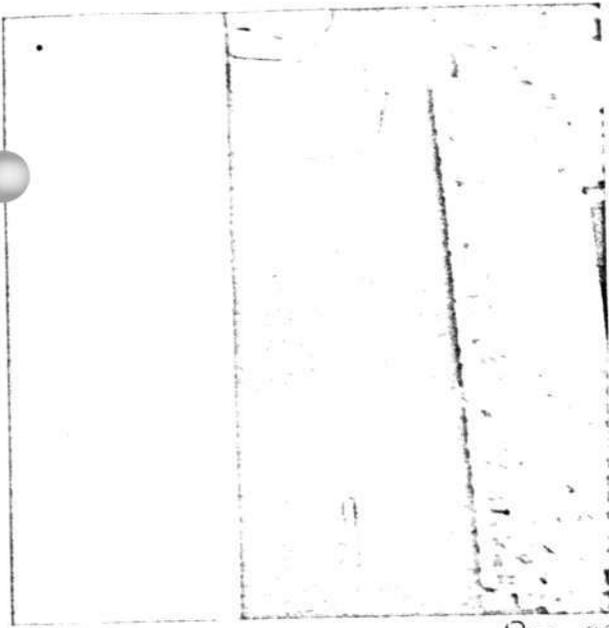
The structure is located in a district which  appears  does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR 60.6), and  will likely  will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and  appears  does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or  will likely  will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature [Signature] Date 4-13-83  
State Historic Preservation Officer

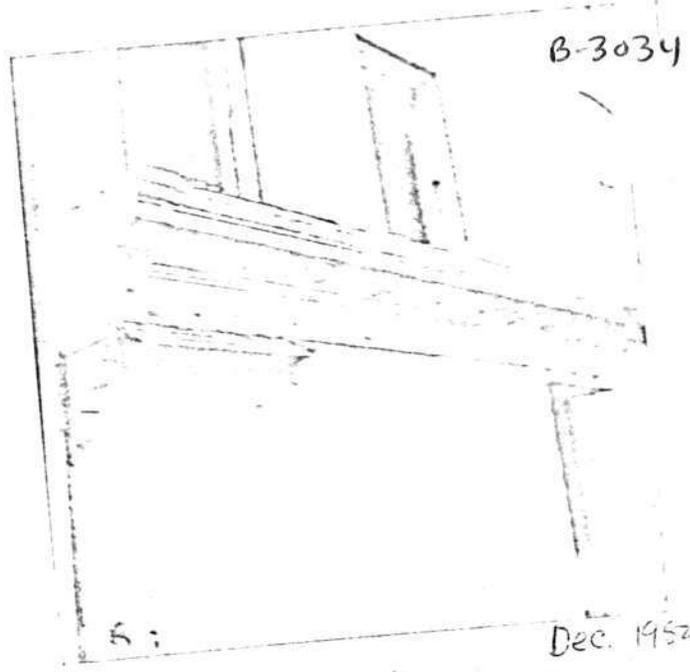
## #2 (continued)

unique to the 700 block of Light Street. The building is in clear view of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The first floor metal corniced storefront, an alteration to the original structure, as well as a matching metal roof cornice, gives the building ~~the building~~ its present unique Federal-Victorian appearance. The rectangular floor plan includes a rear addition which is approximately three feet narrower than the main structure. This allows for rear facing windows on all levels from the original and added structures. The front facade is layed in flemish bond with flat arch, splayed brick lintels. The interior features pine flooring, second story decorative oak support columns, staircase, useable fourth floor attic space, and molded pine wood trim around doors and windows.

#3 Construction materials reflect economic-technological constraints of the owner/builders. Notably, the floor joists are rough sawn, non-standard size quality and the roof supports are connected with hand formed wooden pegs. The first record of deed shows the land was once owned by John Eager Howard, an historically famous Revolutionary War hero, and leased by him as early as 1784. The probable first owner and/or builder of the structure was Peter Gold, a sea captain who owned the property in 1803. The original building was probably altered to include a storefront around 1900 according to tax assessments and dating of construction materials. The 1915 Baltimore City Directory lists the property as the business location of James A. Fingles engaged in "Sanitary Plumbing, Tin Roofing, Stove and Furnace" work. The storefront space was later used as a workplace for Sol Gale, a tailor, from 1921 until his death in 1954. The property was owned and condemned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by 1974 and has remained boarded up since then. The rehabilitation of 726 Light Street will restore the building to appear as it did in the early part of this century and will reflect the continued commercial/residential flavor of the present historical community in which it is located.



# 10 rear, side facade  
726 Light St. Balt., Md.  
Dec. 1952



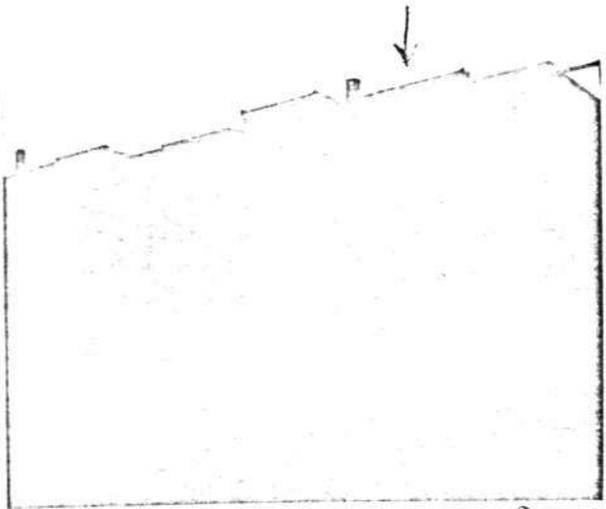
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# 1 stairs  
726 Light St. Balt., Md.  
Dec. 1952



# 8 pine flooring  
726 Light St., Balt., Md.  
Dec. 1952

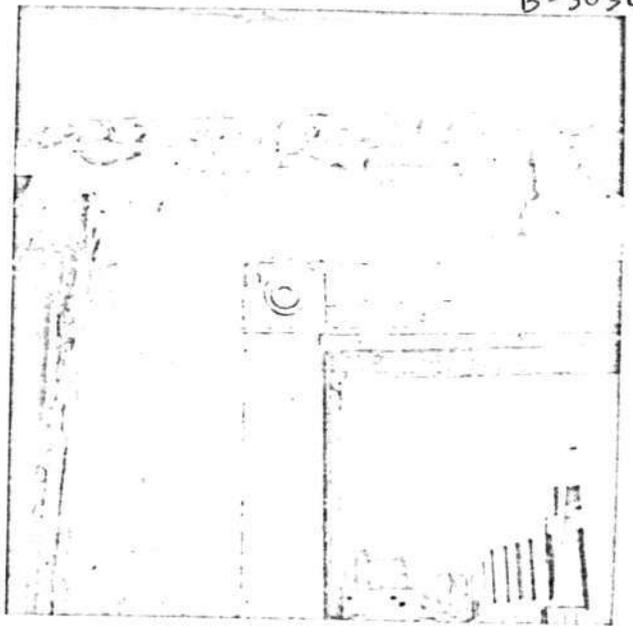


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726 Light St., Balt., Md.  
Dec. 1952



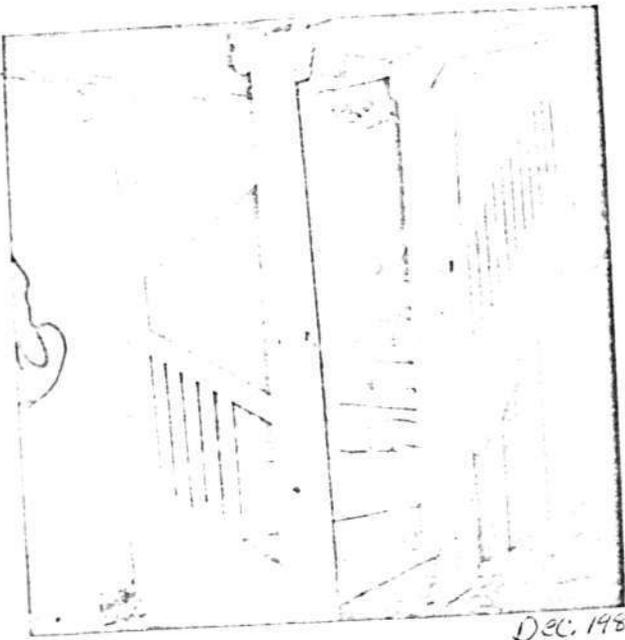
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# sheet setting  
12 726 Light St., Balt., Md.



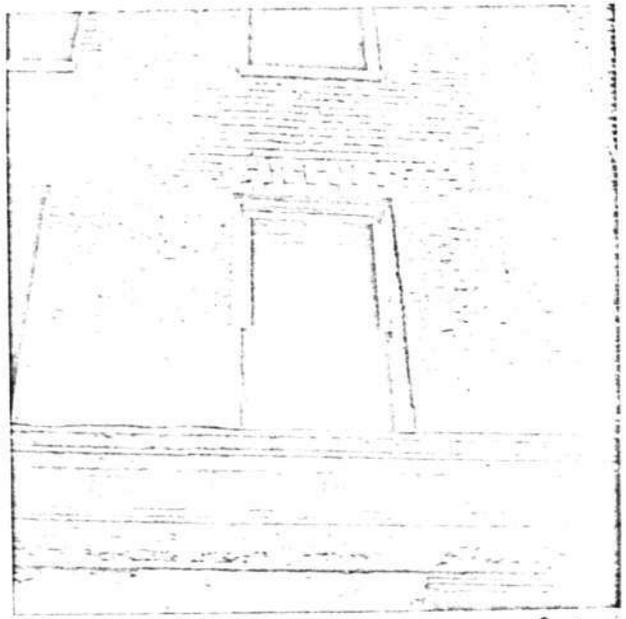
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#6 door trim  
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



Dec. 1952

#7 column and stairs  
726 Light St., Balt., Md.



Dec. 1952

#2 front facade  
726 Light Street, Balt.

B-3028 - B-3035  
740-720 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1860-1884

This group of three story high, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and Italianate-style bracketed cornices was built by several different builders in the early 1860's and in the 1880's (734-740 Light St.) The 1860's houses at the northern end of the block were built to serve a combined residential/commercial function and the original storefronts are still intact at 720-722, 724, and 726 Light St. 734-740 Light St. were built as residences but 740 has most recently served as a local bar/restaurant. The houses are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

724 Light 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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: restoration contemplated

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code  
21202

**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**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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, two bay brick house with shed roof was built in the late 1860's and possibly replaced an earlier structure on this site. The facade has been covered with formstone and the first floor area converted into a store-front.

The house is three stories in height, about 15 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 75' deep. The main house is one room deep and there is a three story high, three bay deep rear addition. The shed roof currently has no cornice. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. There is a double rectangular chimney located along the south side of the house and a covered rear end chimney located at the west end of the rear addition.

Although the original treatment of the window lintels has been obscured by the formstone covering, it appears that the second floor window openings had segmentally arched brick lintels and that the third floor windows had flat lintels. All of the window openings are currently boarded. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front. A glass paneled door is located in the northernmost bay, flanked by a three-sided shop window set on a wooden base. The roof of the shop window area is supported by two fluted wooden columns and the rear wall of the display case (which opens into the store-front) is set with a pair of 4/4 sash flanking a glass and paneled door which opens into the room beyond, the whole surmounted by a row of three transom lights. An extremely deteriorated cornice extends across the width of the entire store-front area. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of modillions and framed by two large carved wooden brackets at either end. The entrance is reached by a single stone step.

The interior consists of one long room (the store-front) which opens into a rear storage area with stairs leading to the second floor, set flush against the north wall of the house, and rising from the rear of the house to the front. On the second floor the rear room has a fireplace on the west end wall and may have served as the kitchen. The stairs are so deteriorated that access to the front second floor rooms is impossible.



**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

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

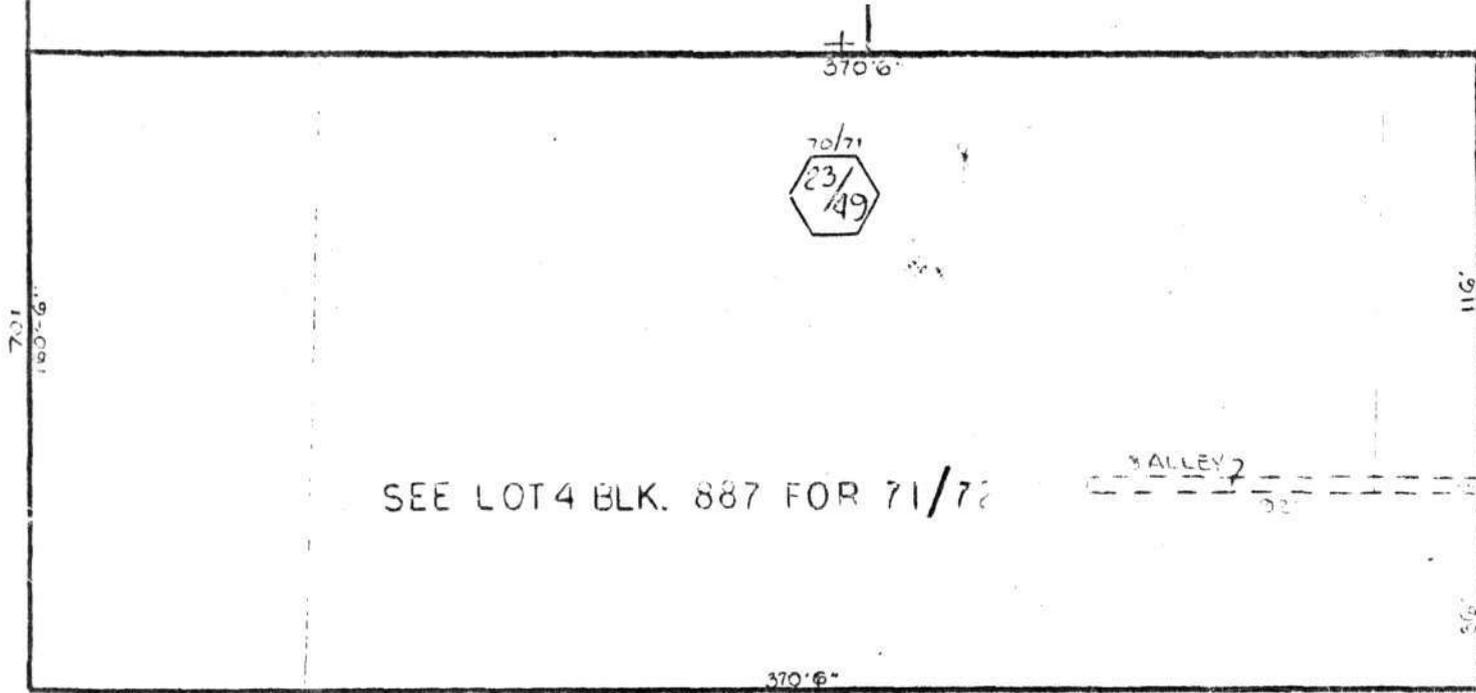
Maryland 21204

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.

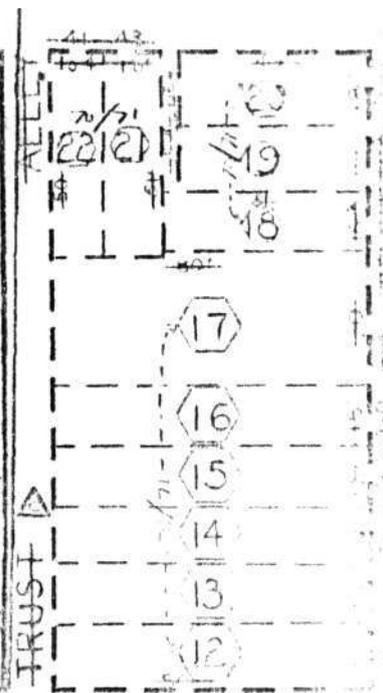
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

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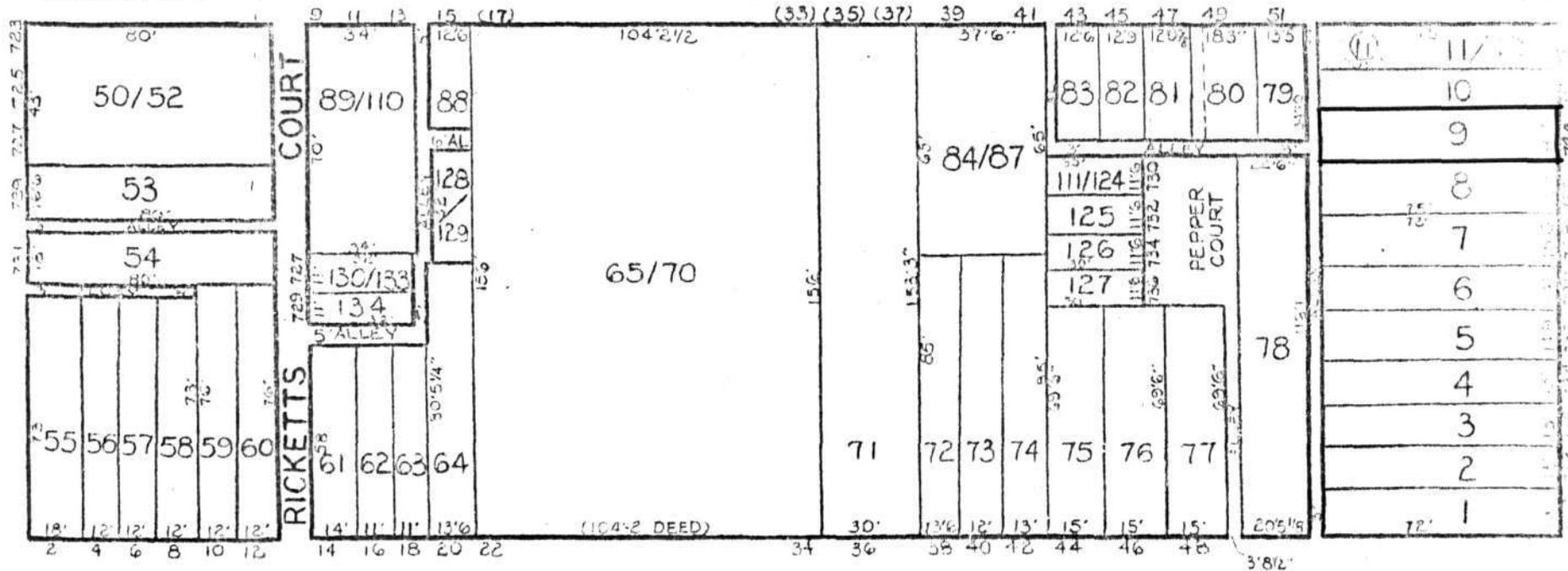


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S. CHARLES

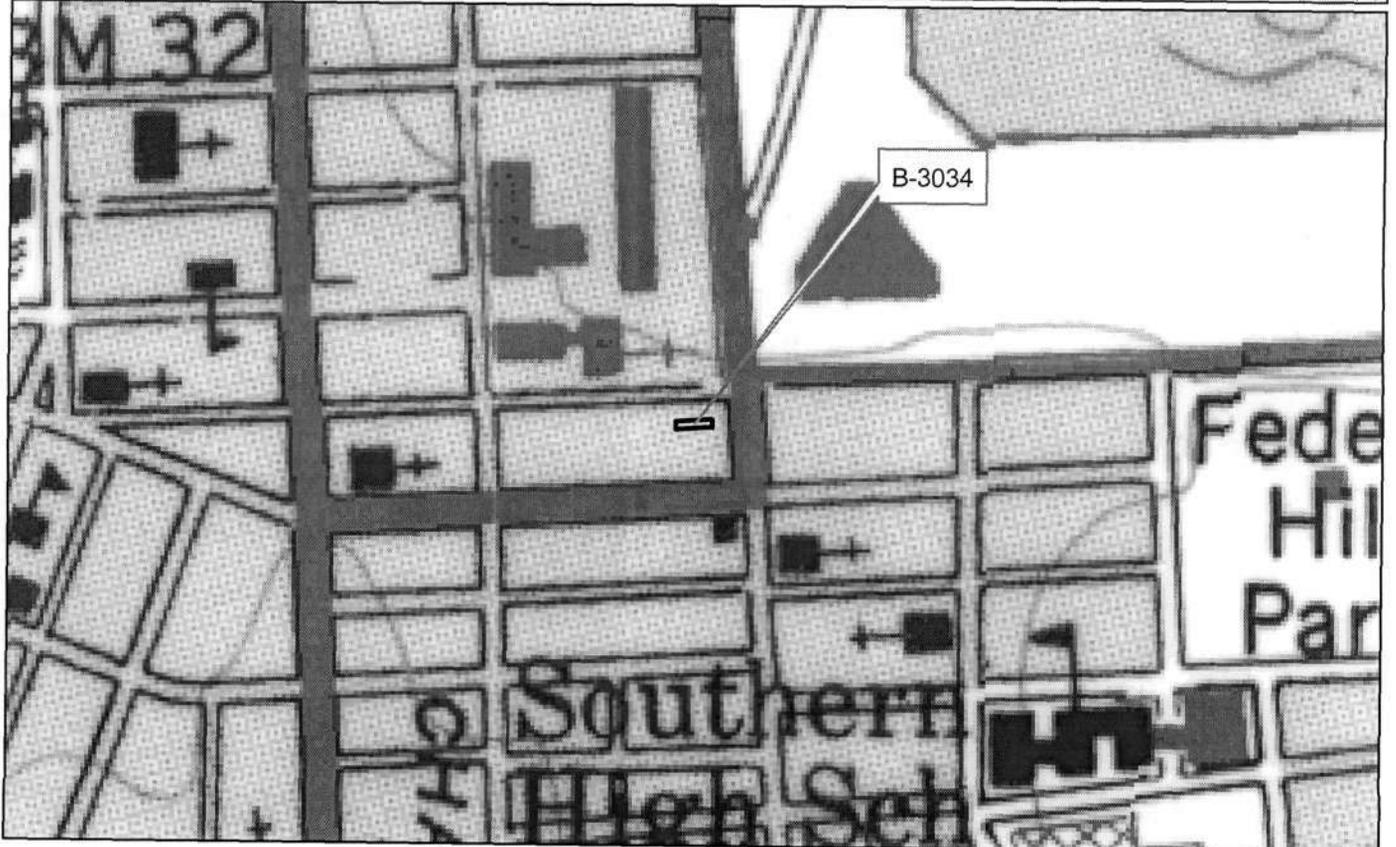
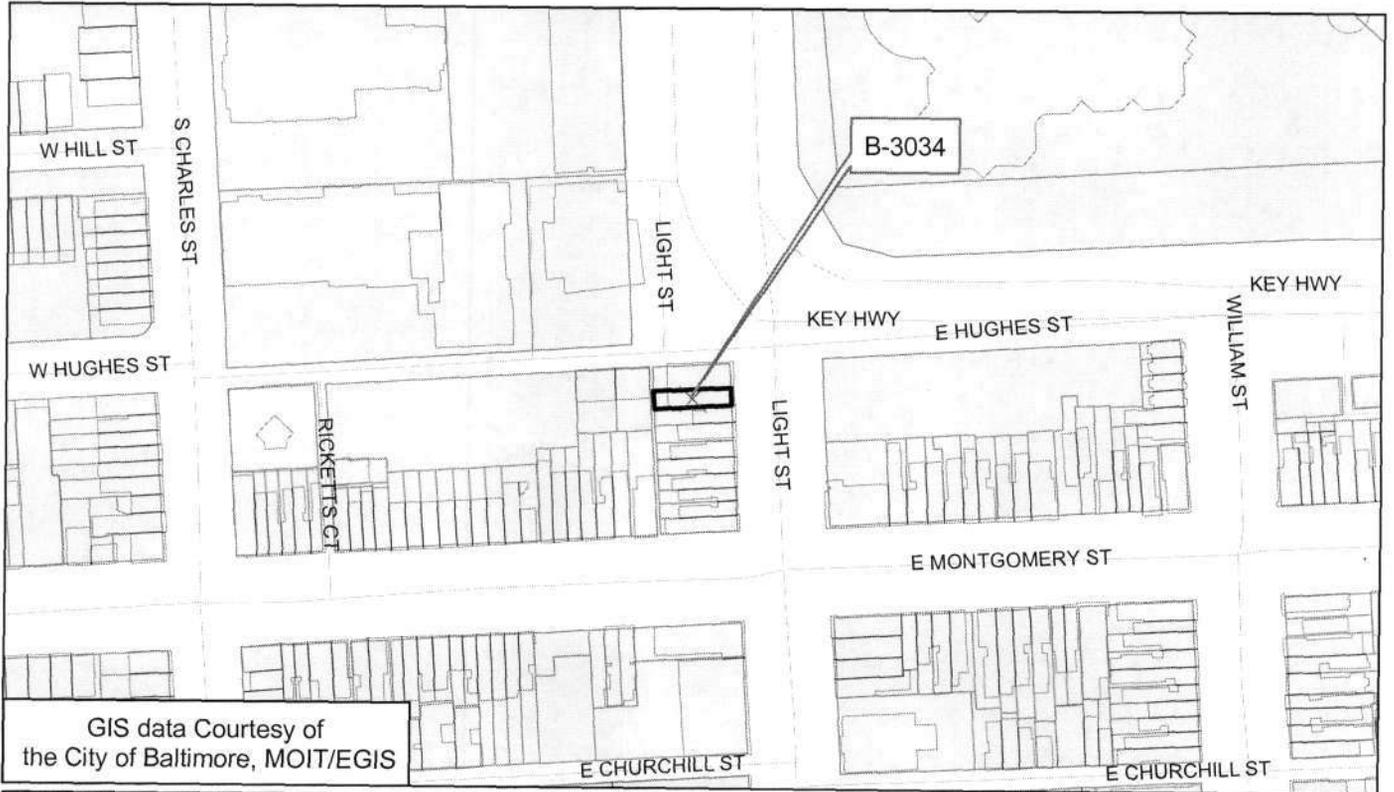


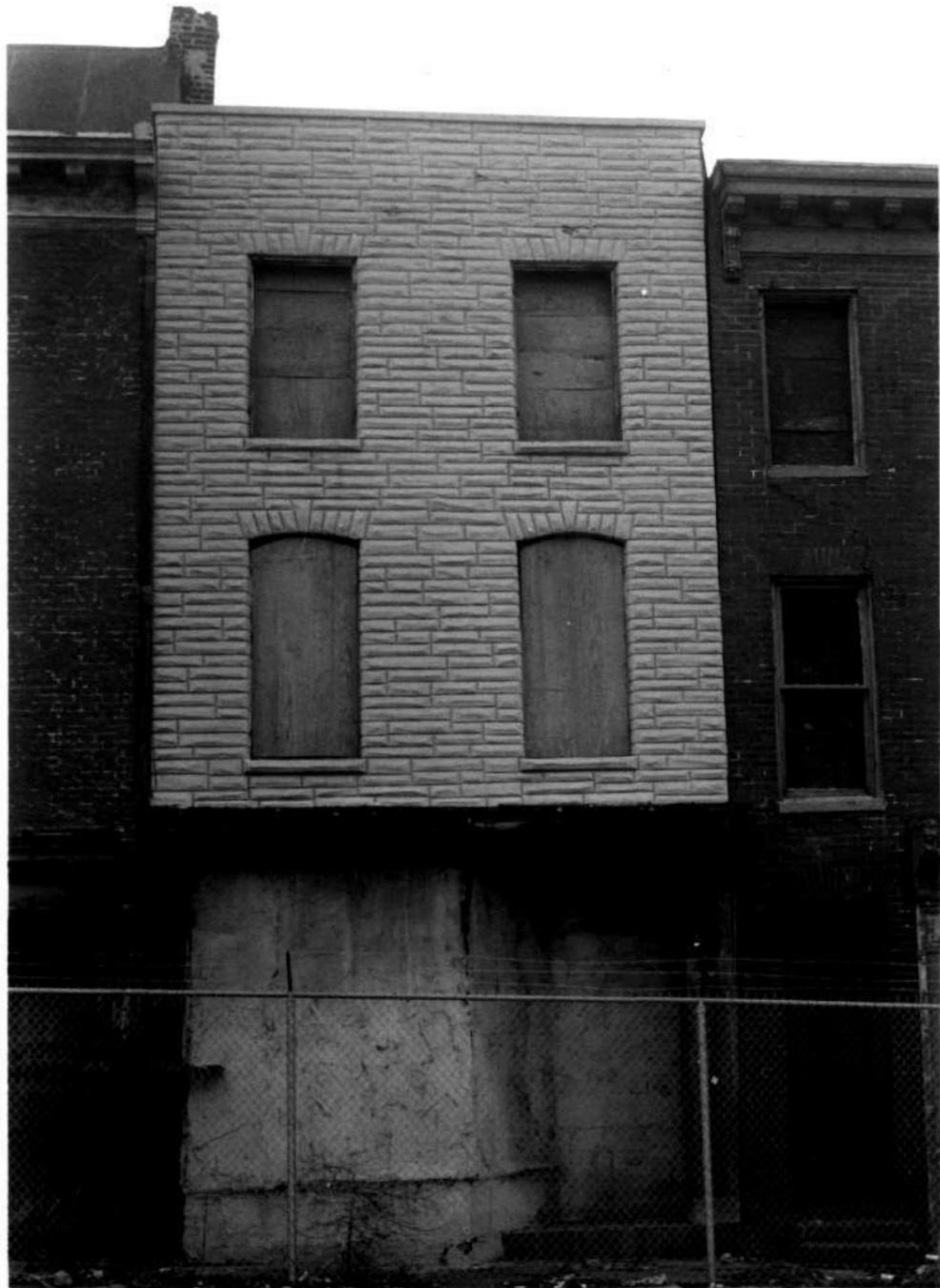
E. MONTGOMERY

ST.

B-30 LIGHT ST.

B-3034  
724 Light Street  
Block 0896 Lots CO0896b  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3034

724 Light St.

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East elevation