

B-3051 - B-3060
200-240 E. Montgomery St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1848-1875

The majority of the three story high, two and three bay wide brick houses along this side of Montgomery St. were built by Samuel Bratt between 1853 and 1871 for the rising number of middle class residents in the area. The group of houses extending from 206-218 E. Montgomery St. were originally all built with gable roofs but a number have had their rooflines remodeled to resemble shed roofs with simple bracketed cornices. The group of houses built by Bratt between 220 and 240 E. Montgomery St. were built after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and simple modillion cornice at 200 E. Montgomery St. was built in 1848 (with a gable roof) by John Watchman, partner of Bratt in the firm of Watchman and Bratt, steam engine manufacturers, whose business was located to the rear of these properties along Hughes St. At 202-204 E. Montgomery St. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built in the 1870's

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

200-200 1/2 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

___ VICINITY OF

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 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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input 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 three story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof represents a remodeling of the original gable-roofed house built on this site in the late 1840's. The house has been elegantly restored in recent years. Adjoining the main house to the east is a later two story, two bay wide addition, known as 200 1/2 E. Montgomery St.

The house is three stories in height, 30' wide, and occupies a lot about 55' deep. There is a three story high, two bay deep rear addition, which, however, corresponds to the basement, first and second story levels of the main house. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a deeply projecting cornice consisting simply of a crown molding set above a row of narrow modillions. This same cornice is used at 200 1/2 E. Montgomery St. Two single brick chimneys are located along the west side of the house.

The first floor door and window openings have round arched brick lintels and deep white marble sills. The second and third floor windows have segmentally arched brick lintels and narrower marble sills. All of the window openings are filled with new 6/6 double hung sash, but in the case of the first floor windows the upper lights are cut to fit the curve of the round arched lintel. On the William St. facade of the house the windows on the basement and fourth floor level have wooden lintels with bull's-eye decorated corner blocks and wood sills. There is a bay window on this facade which extends from the second to the third story. The second floor section of the bay window has three narrow double hung 4/4 sash surmounted by square panels set with four fixed lights. The third floor section has simply the three double hung 4/4 panels. Between the window areas of the two floors there are simple recessed carved wooden panels. The entire bay window unit has a slightly flared shed roof. The entire basement area of the Montgomery St. facade of 200 E. Montgomery St. is faced with white marble. The modern six panel door is surmounted by a single light transom, the glass cut to fit the curve of the round arched lintel. The entrance is reached by seven wide marble steps. Two square basement windows are located to the left of the steps at 200 E. Montgomery St., with an additional basement window located beneath the first floor window of 200 1/2 E. Montgomery St. The same type of doorway is used at 200 1/2 E. Montgomery St., the entrance being reached by a flight of six marble steps.

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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 |
| <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 c.1848-1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Watchman

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for having been originally built by John Watchman, one of the partners in Watchman and Bratt, a steam engine manufactory located on Hughes St., east of William St., to the rear of this house.¹ The other partner in the firm, Samuel Bratt, was responsible for the development of most of the remainder of this block of Montgomery St. Watchman's widow sold the house in 1870 to John Beck² and it was either Mr. Beck, or a third owner who replaced the original gable roof with a shed roof, added the fashionable cornice, and built the small two story extension to the east of the main house.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 403, Folio 263; Baltimore City Directory, 1840.

²Ibid., Liber Gr 473, Folio 272

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

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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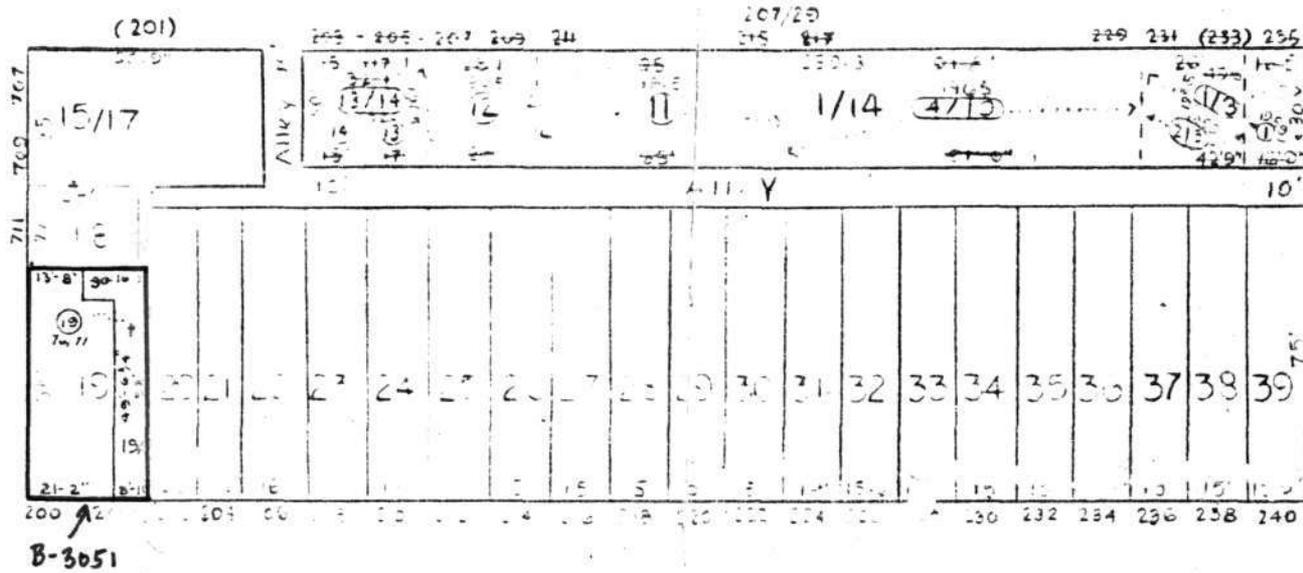
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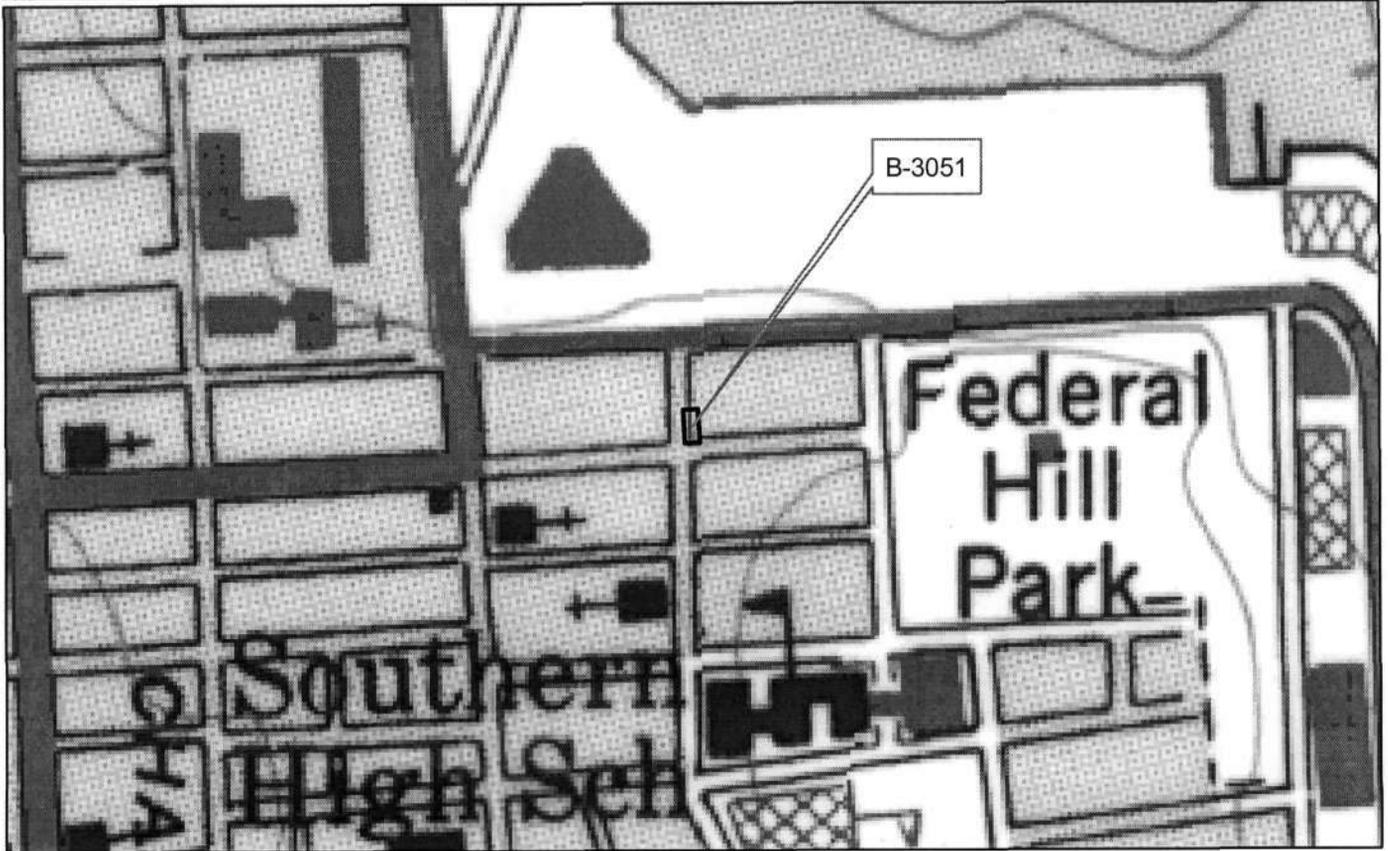
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ST.

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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West and south elevations