

B-3073 - B-3078  
805-829 S. Charles St. (East side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private and semi-public access

1815-1825/1870's

The rows of two and a half story, two bay wide brick houses at 813-819 S. Charles St. and 821-829 S. Charles St. are among the earliest surviving rows of Federal-style houses built in the Federal Hill area. The houses at 813-819 S. Charles St. are the earliest, having been built between 1815 and 1819 by Andrew Rohr, a butcher who lived at 813 S. Charles St. The houses are noteworthy for being only one room deep, a fact that corresponds to their early date. The larger, two-room deep row at 821-829 S. Charles St. was built in 1818-1820 by John Cator, a local brickmaker. 821-825 S. Charles St. are in close to their original exterior condition but 827-829 S. Charles St. now serves as a local bar and the facade has been drastically altered. To the north of Churchill St., at 805-807 and 809-811 S. Charles St., there are two pairs of three story, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, the first floor areas of each having at some point in the past been converted to storefronts. These buildings represent either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses that were built on this site in the early 1820's by Nelson Wells, a free black who worked in the area as a drayman. Except for the bar at 827-829 S. Charles St. all of the houses in this block are currently unoccupied and awaiting renovation.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

813 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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                   | <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

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**

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| 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               |   |   |

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This two story, two bay wide brick structure, with flat roof and false front, was originally a 2 1/2 story gable roofed house with a single dormer window like its neighbors 815-819 S. Charles St. This group of four such houses was built as a unit before 1820. The first floor of 813 S. Charles St. has been converted into a store-front.

The building is two stories in height,            wide, and extends back on its lot about            . The new facade is constructed in running bond, though the original house was built in Flemish bond. The flat roof line of the false front is capped by a simple brick molding. Below that, an applied cornice consisting of a deep crown molding atop a plain freize area, extends over the two windows. The second floor window openings have flat brick lintels composed of a row of vertically placed stretchers. There are no sills. No original sash remains and the openings are boarded.

The first floor has been converted into a store-front but at present the openings are plastered over and there is no way to judge its original appearance. A narrow, two-tiered wooden cornice extends over the store-front area. The ho sits on a low basement.

The floor plan originally was the same as that seen at 815-819 S. Charles St. See under 815-819 S. Charles St. for details.

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**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

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

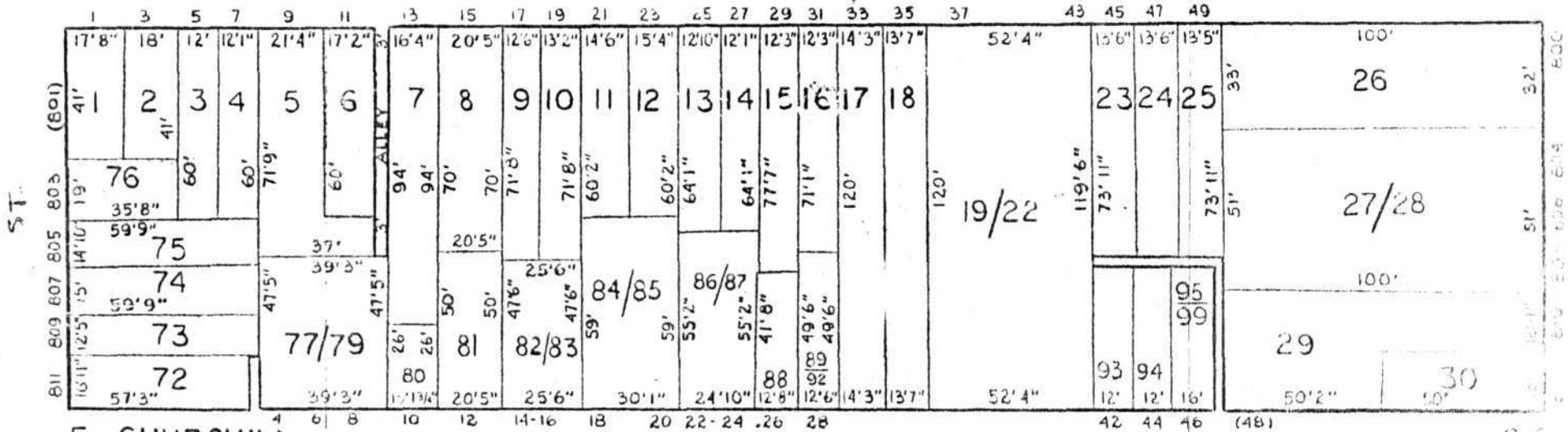
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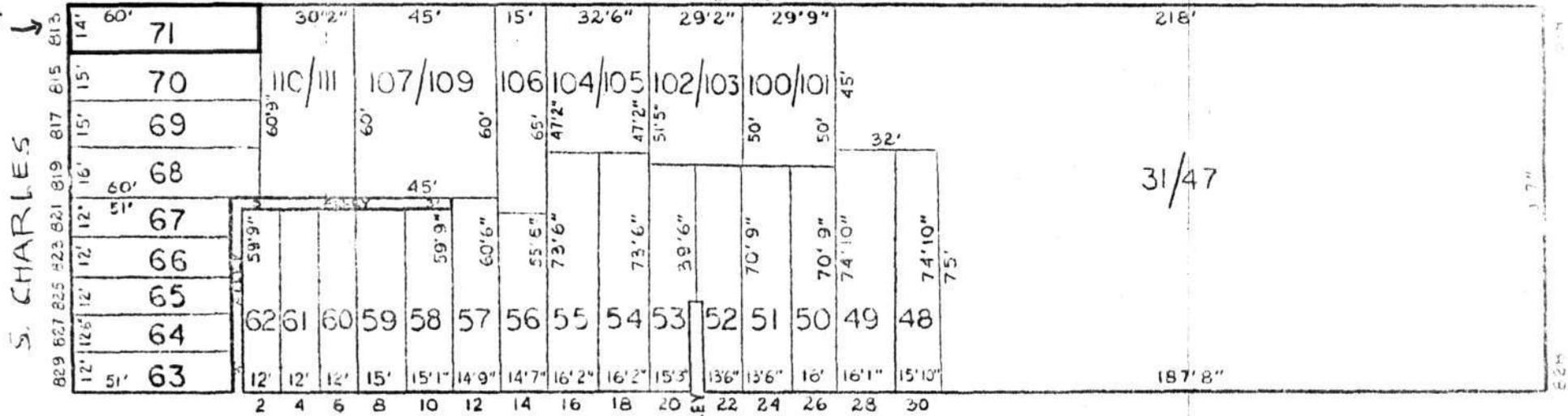
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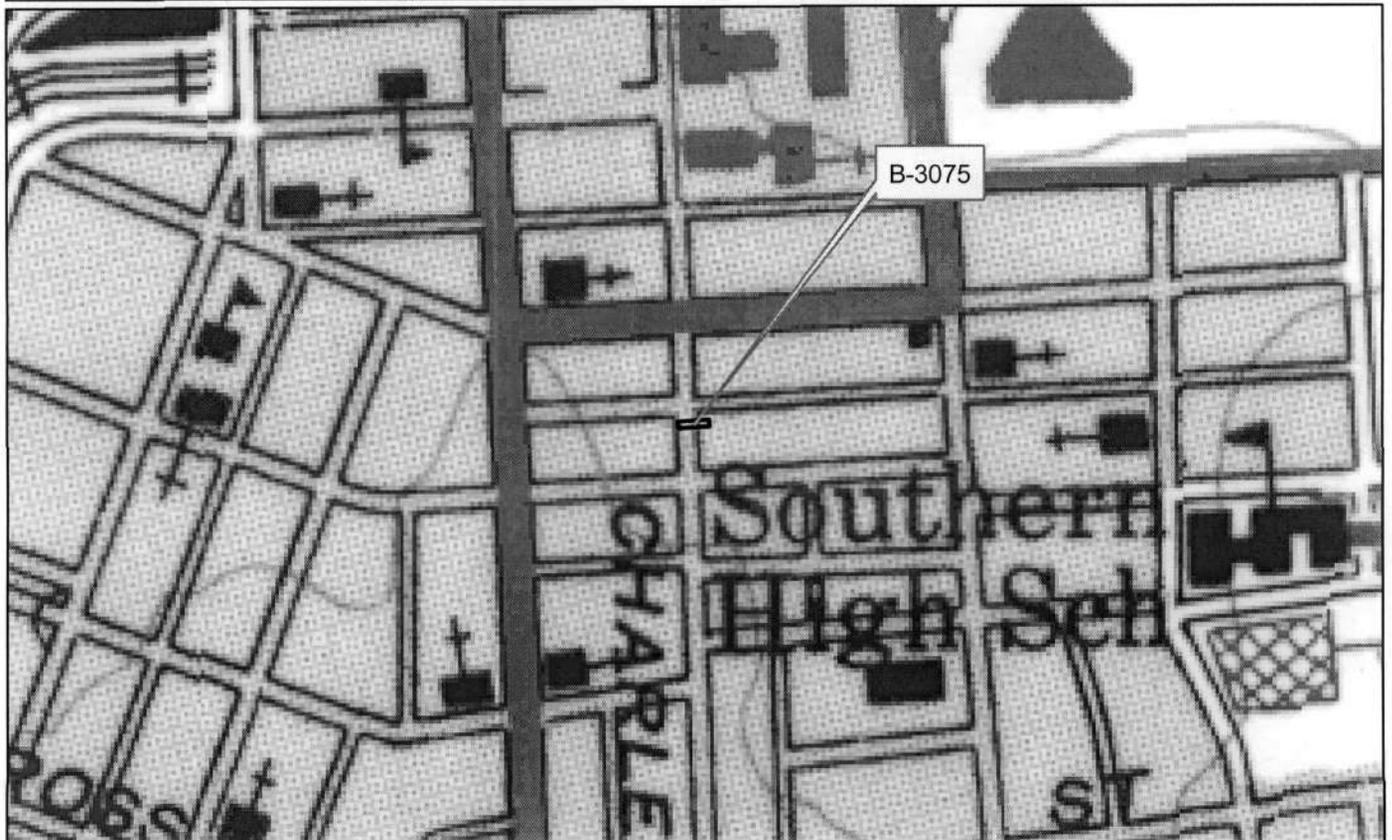
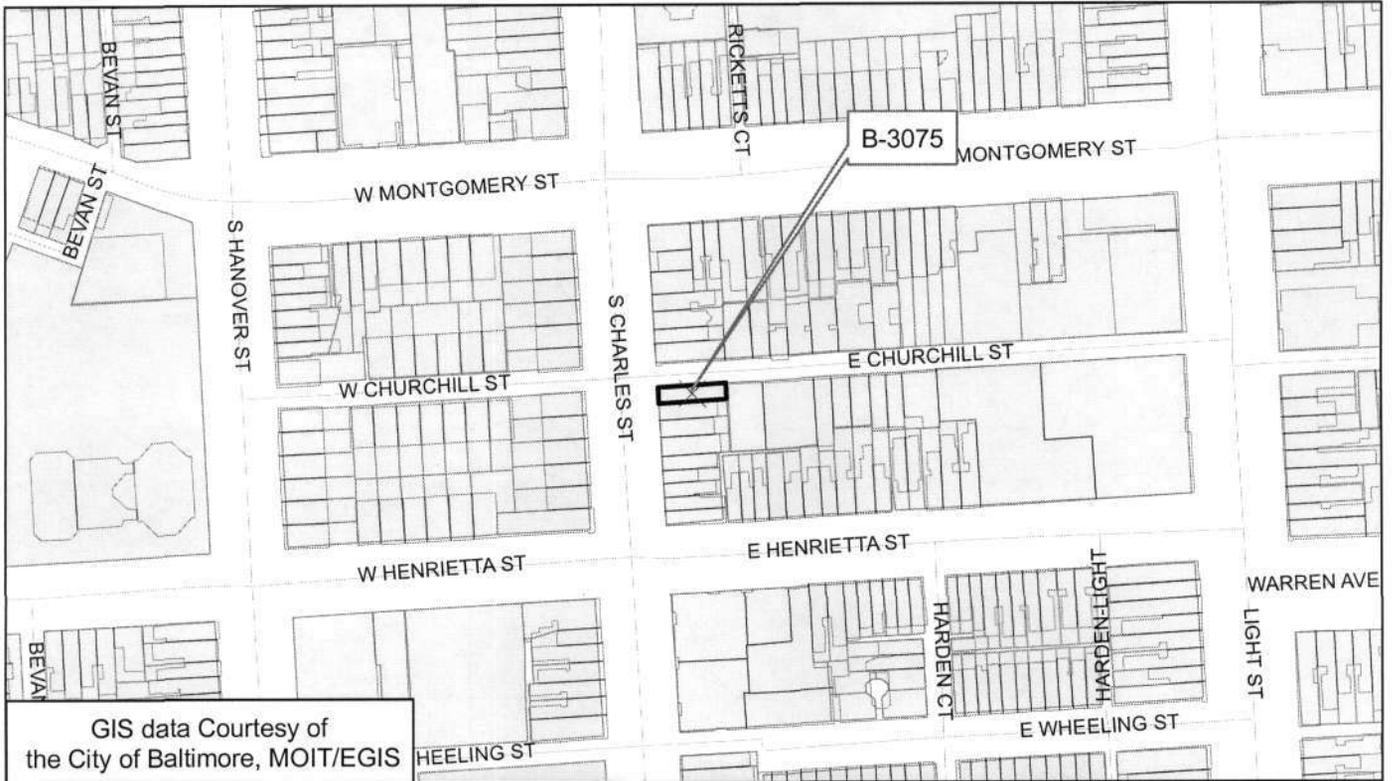


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813 S. Charles Street  
Block N/A Lots N/A  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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813 S. Charles St.

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West elevation