

B-3087 - B-3088
810-800 Light St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private and semi-public access

1870's-1920

810-812 Light St. are three story, three bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, whose first floor areas have been remodeled as storefronts with severe Classical Revival details. The buildings were constructed in the 1870's or early 1880's. 800 Light St., a two story high Classical Revival style building of brown brick, was built in 1920 to serve as the local headquarters of the Baltimore Fire Department. The dignified facade is marked with stone trim, which frames the wide arched engine house opening and forms the bases and capitals of the Doric style brick piers that are paired on either side of the opening. The simple modillion cornice is also stone.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

810-812 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, three bay brick houses with shed roof and bracketed cornice were built as a unit in the 1870's. The first floor area of each house has been converted into a storefront but the buildings are currently unoccupied and the first floor windows and doors have been boarded over. The facade has been covered with stucco.

The houses are three stories in height, about 18' wide, and occupy lots about 100' deep. The houses are constructed in running bond. Each house is four bays deep with a two story high rear addition. The shed roof is capped by a continuous stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a lower molding strip. Single end brackets and paired center brackets, as well as two smaller brackets per house, support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip, thus forming a brick frieze area. The large end and center brackets terminate at their upper edges in stylized "anthemion" motifs. There are no extant roof chimneys.

All of the second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed wooden tympanums. The original sills are not visible beneath the stucco covering of the facade. Most of the window openings are currently filled with 1/1 double hung sash, but few panes of glass remain and several of the openings are boarded. The first floor area of the facade has been converted into a double storefront of Greek Revival design and is probably contemporary with the stuccoing of the facade. The entrances are in the northernmost and southernmost bays, flanked by curved walls set with quarter-round Doric columns, which, however, have no capitals. The central area of the storefront is marked by two large square windows set on a cut stone base, as are the "columns" flanking the doorways. A deep, simple stone cornice area extends across the entire width of the storefront facade, consisting of plain bands of stonework marked along the center by a slightly projecting narrower band. Both the windows and doorways of the storefront area are boarded. The entrances were reached by a single wide stone step each.

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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. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Rundle

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is significant as being an example of a fairly small group of large, Victorian-style houses built in the Federal Hill area after the Civil War to accommodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large house with some stylistic pretensions. This particular pair is especially large, being three bays wide and extending back about 50' deep. The first floor store-fronts are a much later addition.

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. & Eccles

DATE

6/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

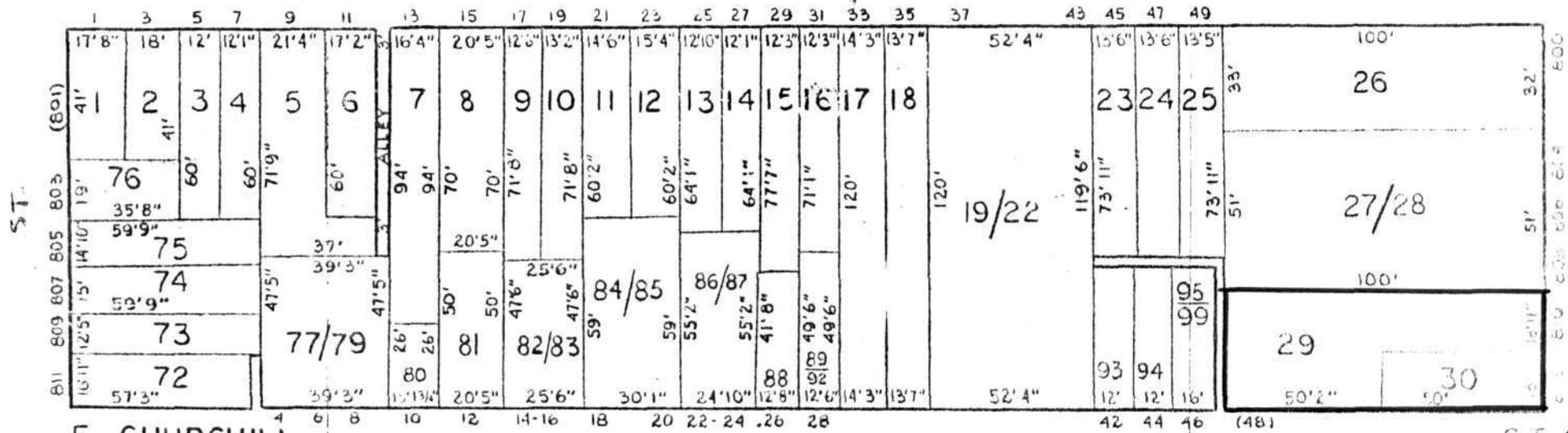
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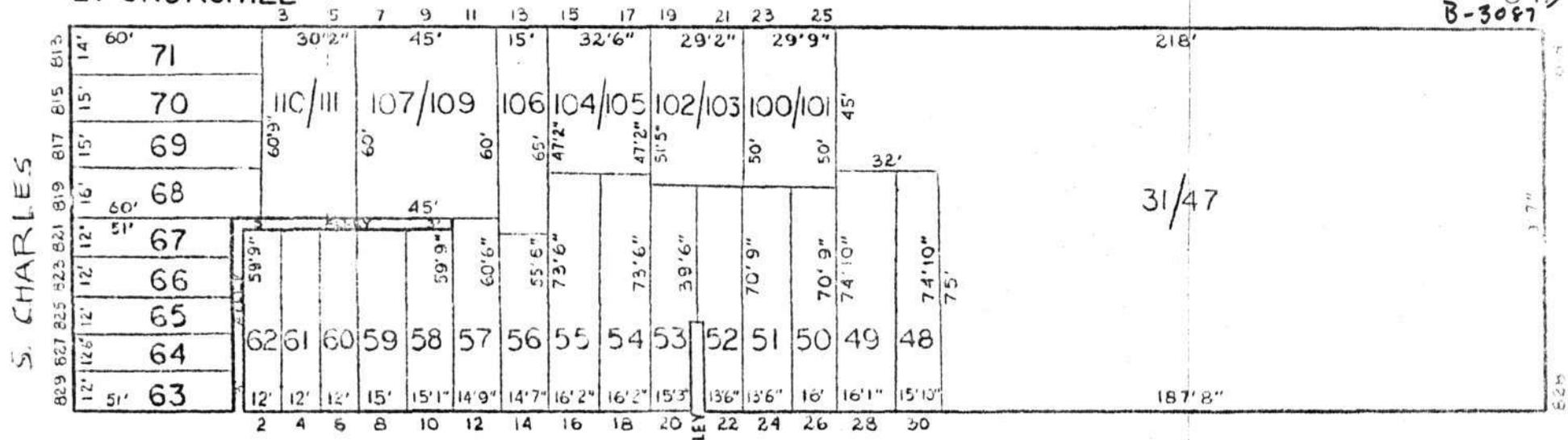
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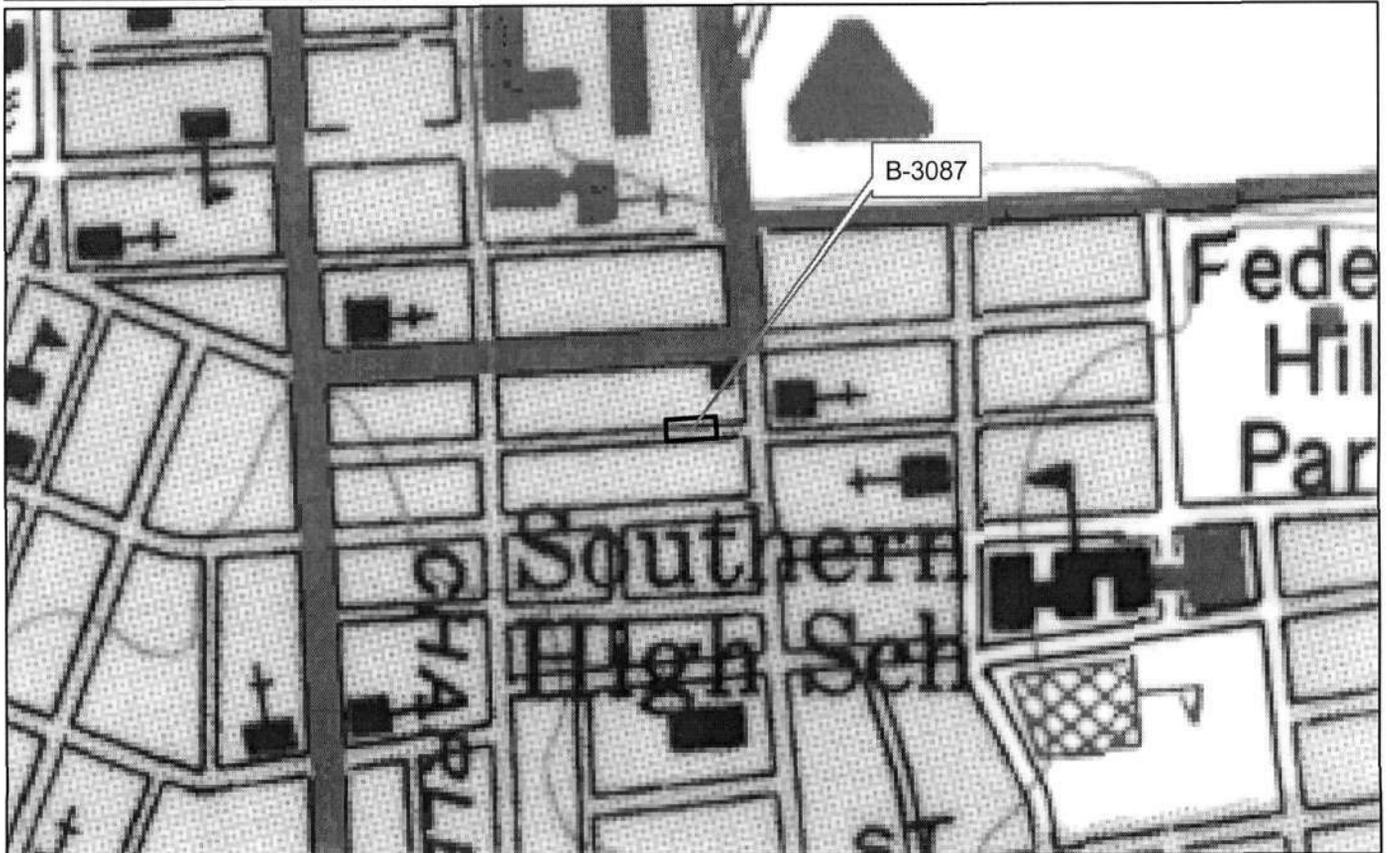
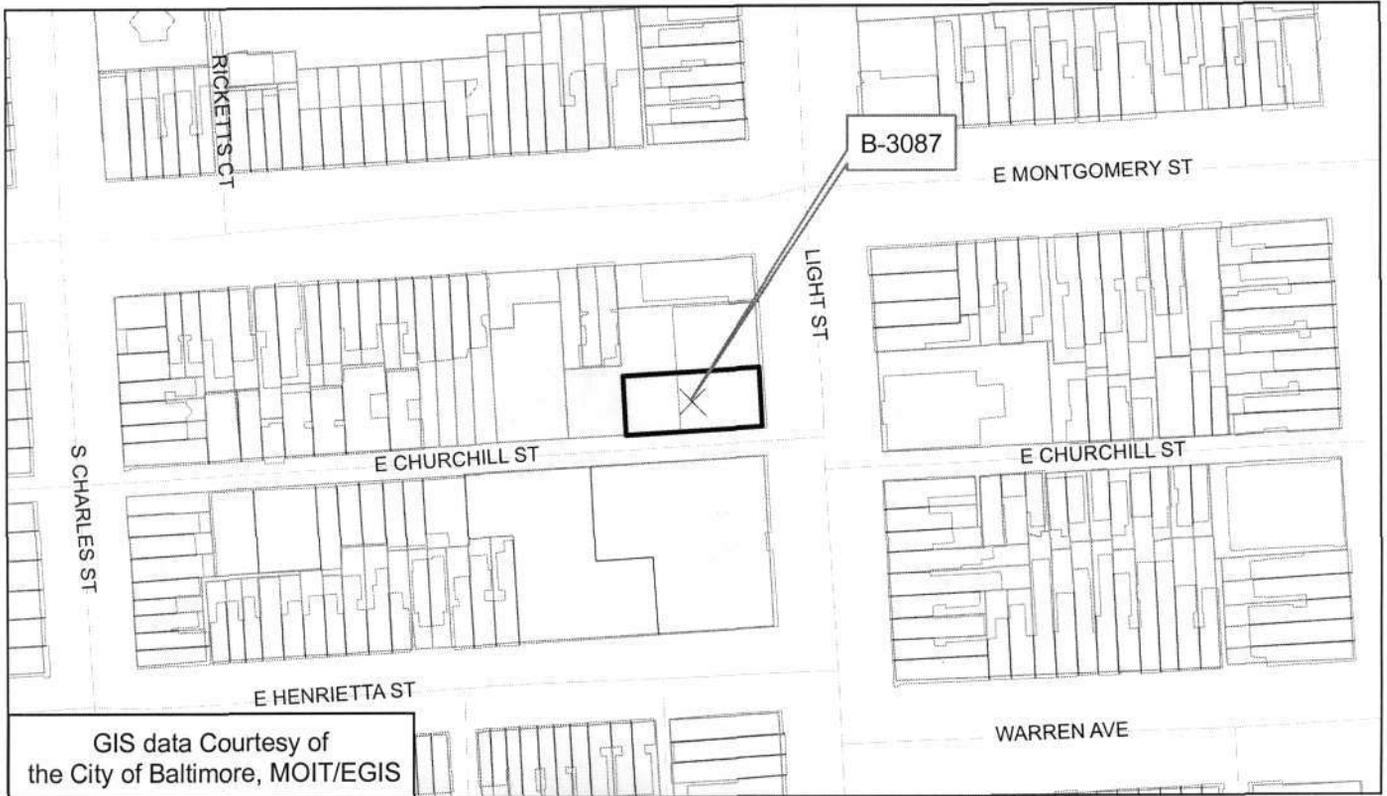
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Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation