

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.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Baltimore Fire Department - Light St. branch

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

800 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: public service

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

B-3088

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 two story Classical Revival style brick building was constructed in 1920 to serve as a station of the Baltimore Fire Department. It still continues to serve that function. The building is located on the south-west corner of Light and E. Montgomery Streets.

The building is two stories in height, about 32' wide, and about 95' deep. It is constructed of brown brick laid in Flemish bond. The shed roof is capped by a simple metal cornice but the main facade has a parapet type roofline, with a central projecting Classical Revival stone cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of block modillions. This cornice is set between the upper parapet area with its side brick piers flanking a recessed central panel with the date "1920" set in a stone panel, and a lower freize area with an inset panel reading "Baltimore Fire Dept." flanked by plain brick panels. On the rear section of the roof a square brick tower with hipped roof and covered chimney rises about 10' above the roofline.

The main facade is articulated by paired brick piers with simple stone capitals and bases, which flank the wide entrance and also flank the quite narrow entrance bays on the side facades. These piers rise from a high brick basement, with lower cut stone border. The main entrance is a wide arched opening with deep stone lintel with a stone keystone inscribed with the number of the engine house, #12. At the second floor level a band of five windows stretches across the facade beneath deep upper panels of stonework and a lower stone border which serves as a sill. Each of the windows is filled with modern 1/1 double hung sash. On the side facades all of the door and window openings have vertical stretcher lintels and stone sills. All of the windows are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. On the Montgomery St. facade there is a single door located just to the west of the corner of the building (between the two sets of brick piers marking this area of the facade), and a wider garage-type entrance located further west along the street. The decorative area of the facade extends back along Montgomery St. for only one bay's width; the remainder of the facade is simple brickwork marked by a variety of door and window openings. The fire engines enter and exit from the main Light St. entrance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is important for being an example of an early twentieth century Fire Station that is still in operation and whose exterior facade has not been altered from its original, mildly Classical Revival design. The simple elegance of the detailing--the paired brick Doric pilasters with stone capitals and bases set on a high basement, the stone cornice with heavy modillions, the wide, stone-faced entrance arch--creates a strong and imposing structure that fits in well with the surrounding neighborhood even though it is one of the latest buildings to be erected in the area.

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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

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

6/79

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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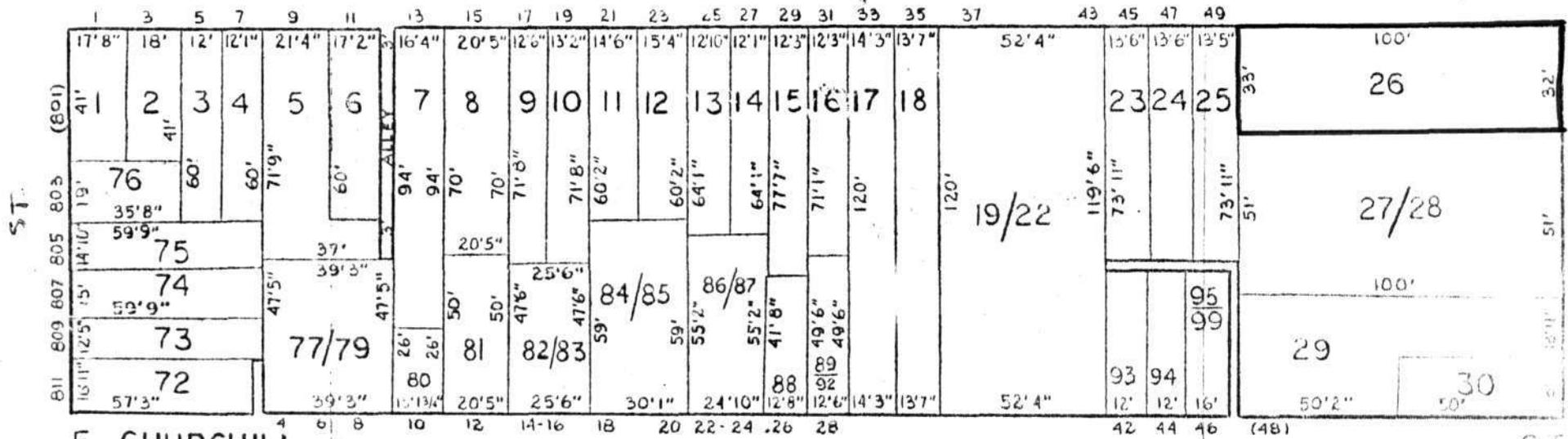
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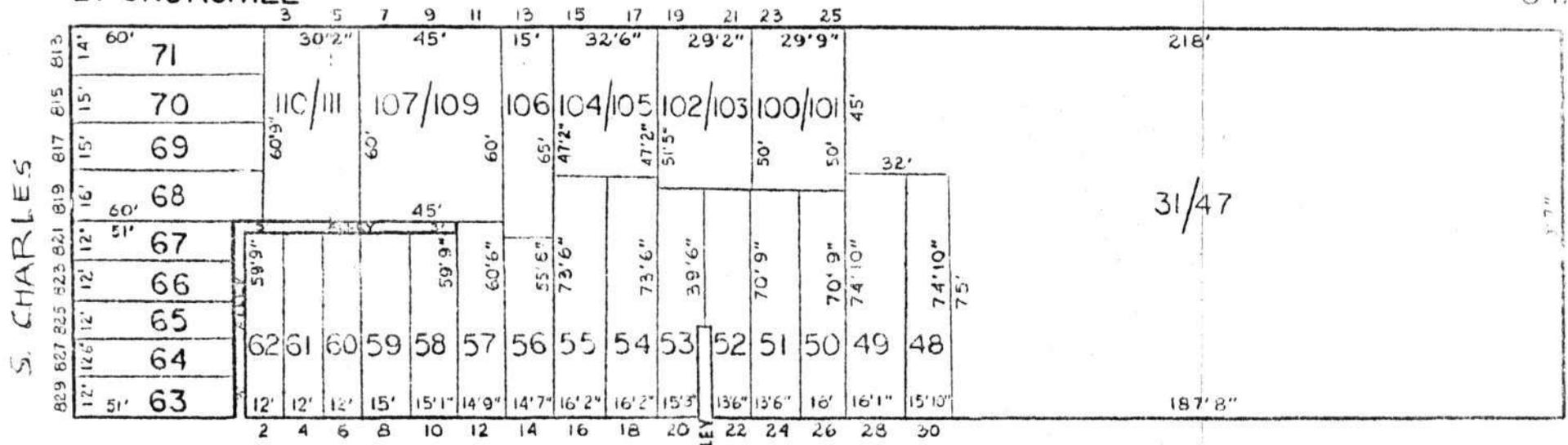
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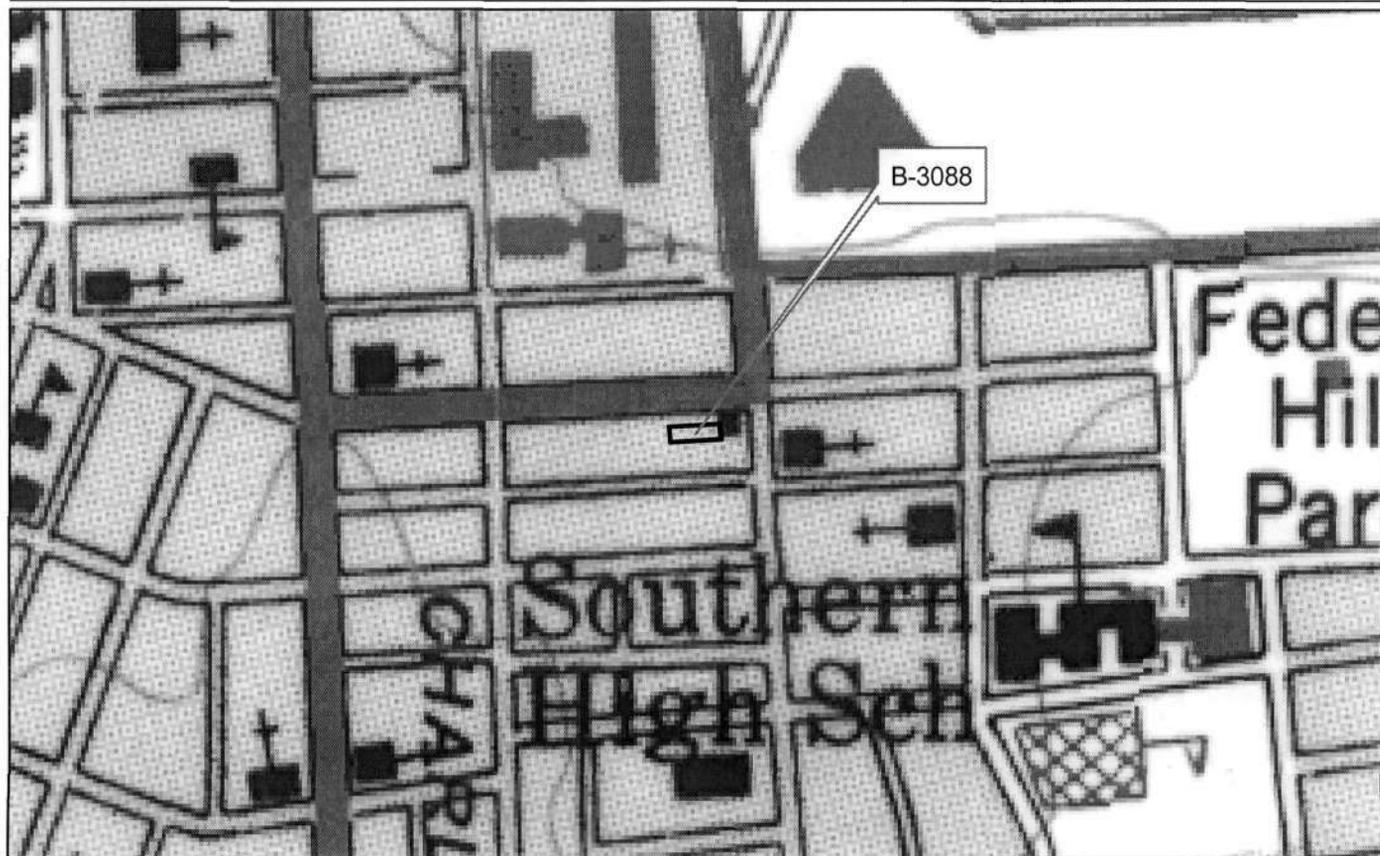
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800 Light Street
Block 0905 Lots 027
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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East and north elevations