

1822/1835-1855

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801-835 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private and semi-public access

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

821-823 Light 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 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 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 pair of 2 1/2 story brick houses with gable roofs and a single dormer window apiece are the original houses to occupy this site. The rest of the block was originally composed of three story gable roofed houses.

The houses are 2 1/2 stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lots 65' deep. Each house has a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. There are broken pedimented dormers on both the front and rear roof gables. A simple, two-tiered brick cornice runs continuously across the facade. Each house has a rectangular end chimney on both the front and rear gable. There is also a double end chimney located at the rear of the kitchen addition.

The door and window openings of 821 Light St. have common arch lintels and wood sills. All of the window openings are filled with new 6/6 sash. The door and window openings of 823 Light St. have flat wood lintels and sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 sash. 821 Light has a modern six panel door set beneath a new three-light transom; 823 Light has a modern six panel door set beneath a single light transom. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by flights of five steps each--wood at 821 and stone at 823 Light St. Steps set parallel to the street run down under the steps to a basement door located beneath the front door, several feet below street level. Each house also has a tall, rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1835-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Reeder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of house is important for having been built by Charles Reeder, an iron founder and steam engine manufacturer who was active in the ship-building trades near Federal Hill in the early decades of the nineteenth century. Reeder apparently built these two houses for his sons, Charles Reeder, Jr., and Amos Reeder, and they are definitely listed as living here in 1845. Reeder himself lived next door at 819 Light St., which he had built in 1822. Reeder's sons followed in his footsteps, both working as engineers and iron founders. Charles Reeder continued to occupy 823 Light St. until 1876, when he sold the house to a relative.¹ Amos Reeder lived at 821 Light St. until his death in 1862-63.²

The houses are good examples of the late use of the Federal style in the area. In terms of plan, design, and overall size the houses are quite similar to houses of this type built in the early 1820's. The tall, narrow proportions of the first floor windows, however, are evidence of a late 1830's date.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1845, 1872; Baltimore City Land Records Liber GR 731, Folio 413

²Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GES 228, Folio 83

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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
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DATE
4/79

STREET & NUMBER
1745 Circle Rd.

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STATE
Maryland 21204

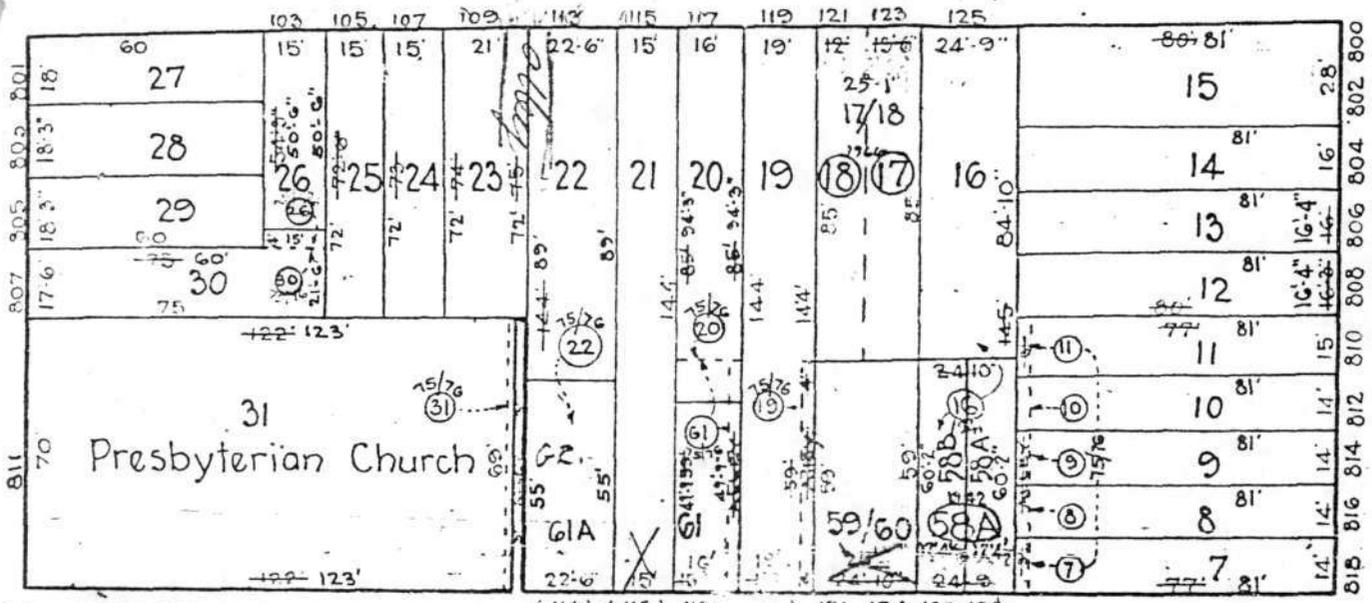
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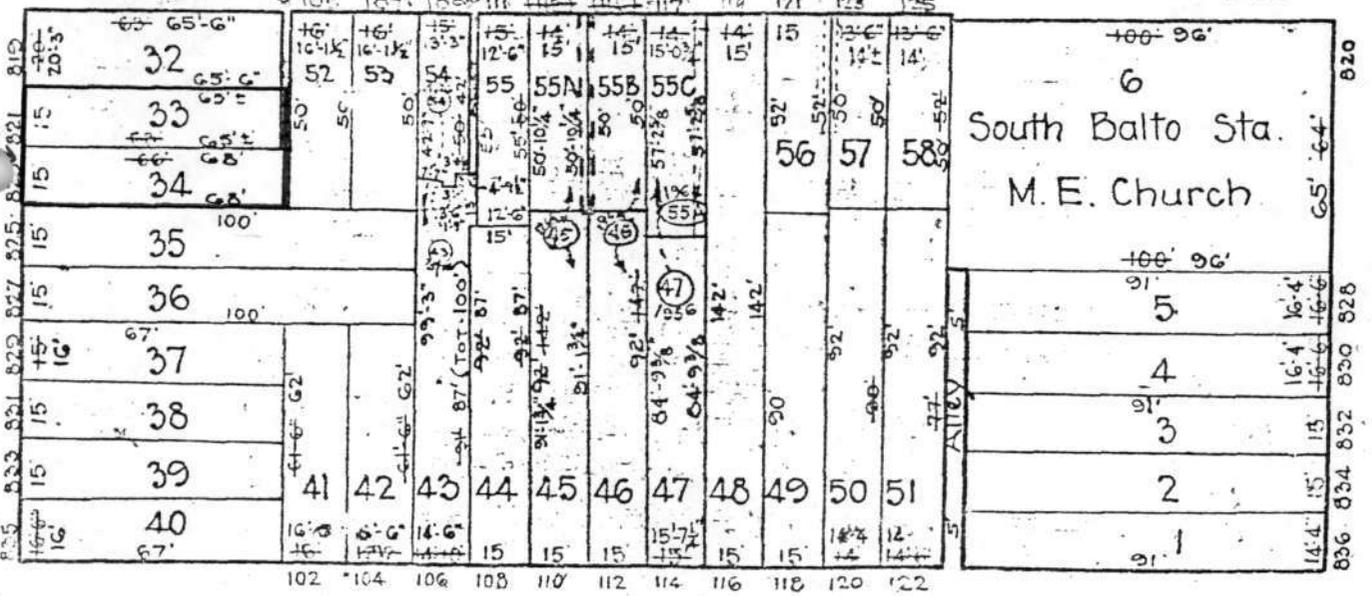
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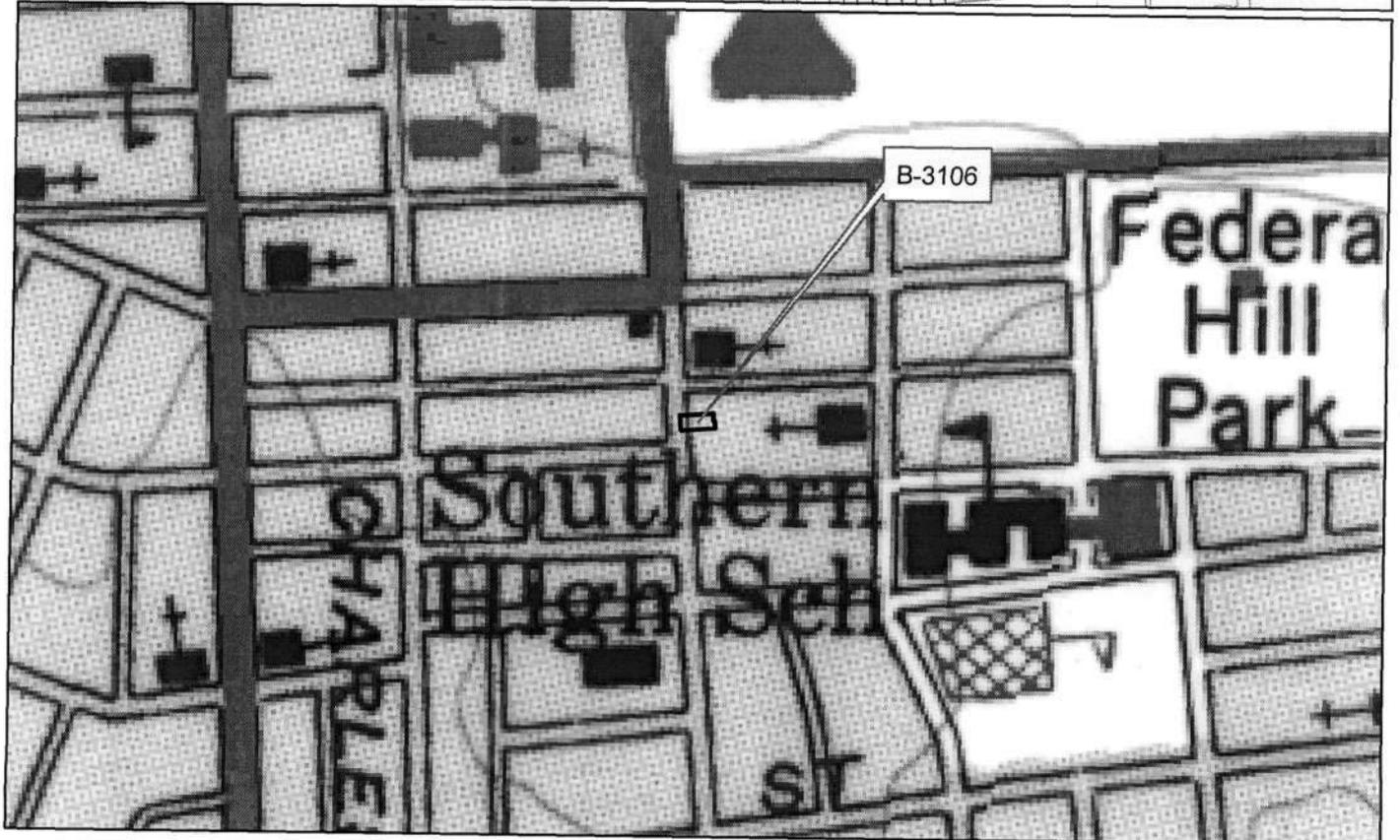
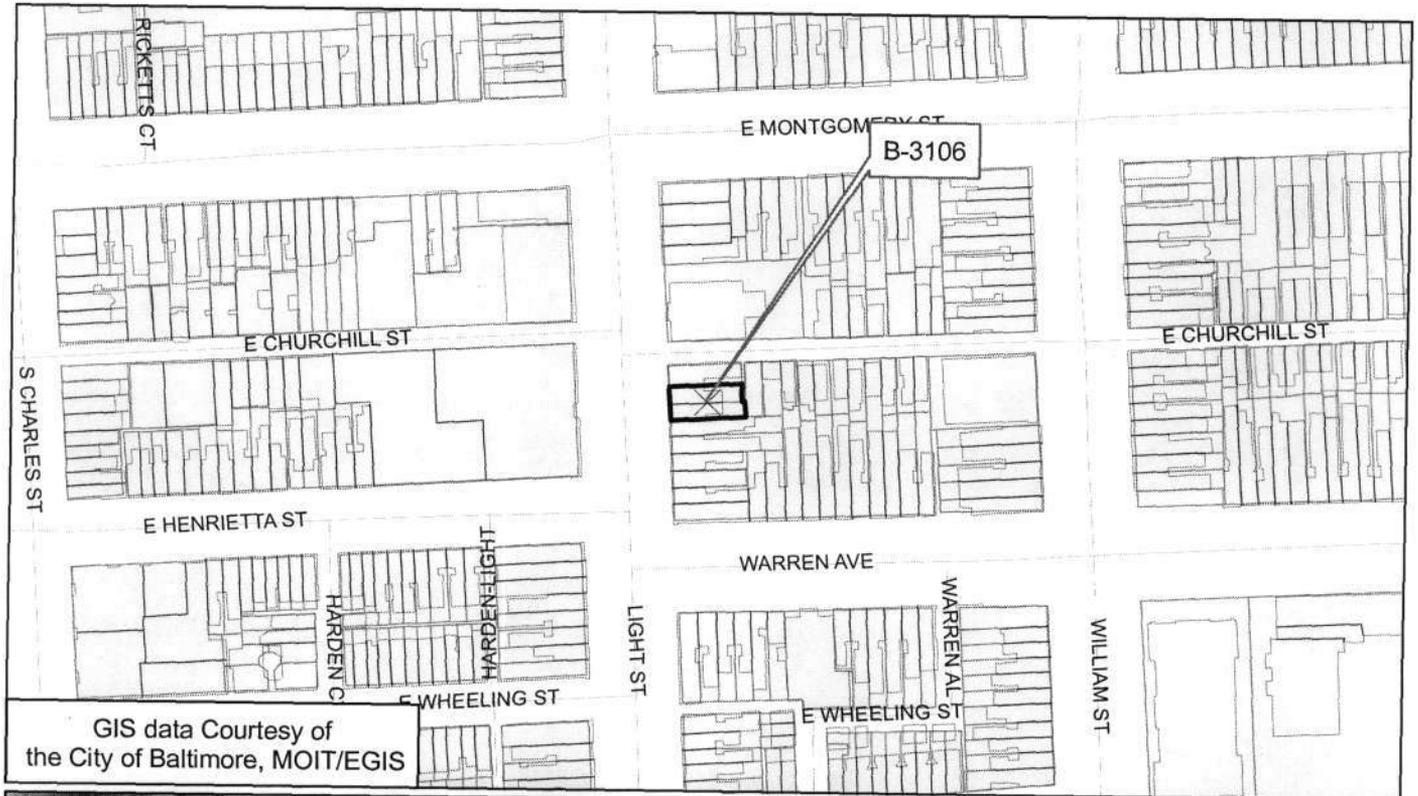
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821-823 Light Street
Block 0906 Lots 033-034
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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821-823 Light St.

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West elevation