

B-3132 - B-3138  
125-103 E. Montgomery St. (South side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

c. 1836-1855

The majority of houses on this side of the 100 block of E. Montgomery St. are two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses, a number of which have Greek-Revival influenced exterior door and window lintels with bull's-eye decorated corner blocks. The houses were built by individual owners in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Robert Culley, a local shipbuilder built 105-107 and 113 E. Montgomery St. and his brother Langley, also an important local shipbuilder, built and lived in 119 E. Montgomery St. The pair of houses at 121-123 E. Montgomery St. are two story plus attic houses, built in the late 1840's. The tall, three story, three bay wide Classical Revival structure at 125 E. Montgomery St., now serving a commercial function, was originally built as the home of the Watchman Fire Company, a local, volunteer fire company organized in the early 1850's. The original structure on the site was built about 1855; the current enlargement and remodeling probably dates to the early years of this century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

113 E. Montgomery 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 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	<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 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

Maryland 21202<sup>STATE</sup>

**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 2 1/2 story brick house with gable roof and dormer window was built more or less contemporaneously (in the early 1840's) with a group of similar houses extending along this side of Montgomery St. Although it shares the roof line of the group extending from 113 to 119 Montgomery St., each house is a separate unit.

The house is 2 1/2 stories in height. 16' wide, and extends back on an 89' deep lot.\* It is constructed in running bond. The steeply pitched roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles. The dormer window has an unusual arched window opening, with the upper sash curved to fit the opening. A simple, two-tiered brick cornice extends across the facade. A double, hooded rectangular chimney rises along the western side of the front gable; a triple, hooded rectangular chimney rises along the western side of the rear gable. There is also a double hooded chimney located along the mid-point of the east side of the rear addition.

The door and window openings of the first and second floors have wooden block-end lintels, with round end medallions, exactly identical to the lintels seen at 105 E. Montgomery St. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are double hung with new 6/6 sash. A modern eight panel door is surmounted by a single light transom. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by three wooden steps. A rectangular coal opening, now fitted with a two light sash, and surmounted by a splayed brick lintel, is located to the right of the steps.

Although the house has been converted into a first and second floor apartment, the original floor plan is still clearly visible. The house is two rooms deep, with a front and back room, both with fireplaces. The stairs are located in a separate stair hall area to the rear of the main section of the house and communicate with both the front rooms and the kitchen and dining room in the rear addition. There is also an entrance to the stair hall area from the alleyway between this house and the adjoining house. Thus the house achieved a kind of "double parlor" plan, without the interference of stairs in the main part of the house to detract from the formality of the arrangement. Interior details echo the Greek Revival character of the facade lintels. All of the windows and doors on the first floor have reeded enframements with bull's-eye lintels. The two surviving original mantels show an individual hand at work, with the broad flare of the engaged pilaster supporting the mantel shelf, and the four deep quarter-round moldings applied in strips across the mantel frieze. The aesthetic is very much that called "carpenter style" and befits the builder's profession as a ship carpenter.

\*The house is two rooms deep and there is a two story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition, followed by a one bay deep frame section.

**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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1839-40

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert Culley

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a small group of 2 1/2 story houses, with dormer windows, built in the late 1830's and early 1840's by individual owners for their own use. Other houses of this type were built in the Federal Hill area in these years, but generally they were built in rows to provide inexpensive housing for the growing number of workers moving into the area to work in waterfront-related jobs, and are definitely smaller in scale than the house type under discussion. The houses are essentially Federal in style but show isolated Greek Revival details, particularly in their decoration, most notably the use of bull's-eye lintels on both the facade and interior door and window enframements. Instead of the usual floor plan of the 2 1/2 story house designed for a working class market, with a tightly winding, narrow stairs set between the two front rooms, these houses have more spacious staircases located to the rear of the main part of the house, in a separate stair hall area. This arrangement allows for the more formal double parlor design also associated with Greek Revival style houses of the period.

This particular house was built by Robert Culley, a ship carpenter, who also built the neighboring houses at 105-107 Montgomery St. His brother, Langley Culley, also a ship carpenter, built 119 Montgomery St.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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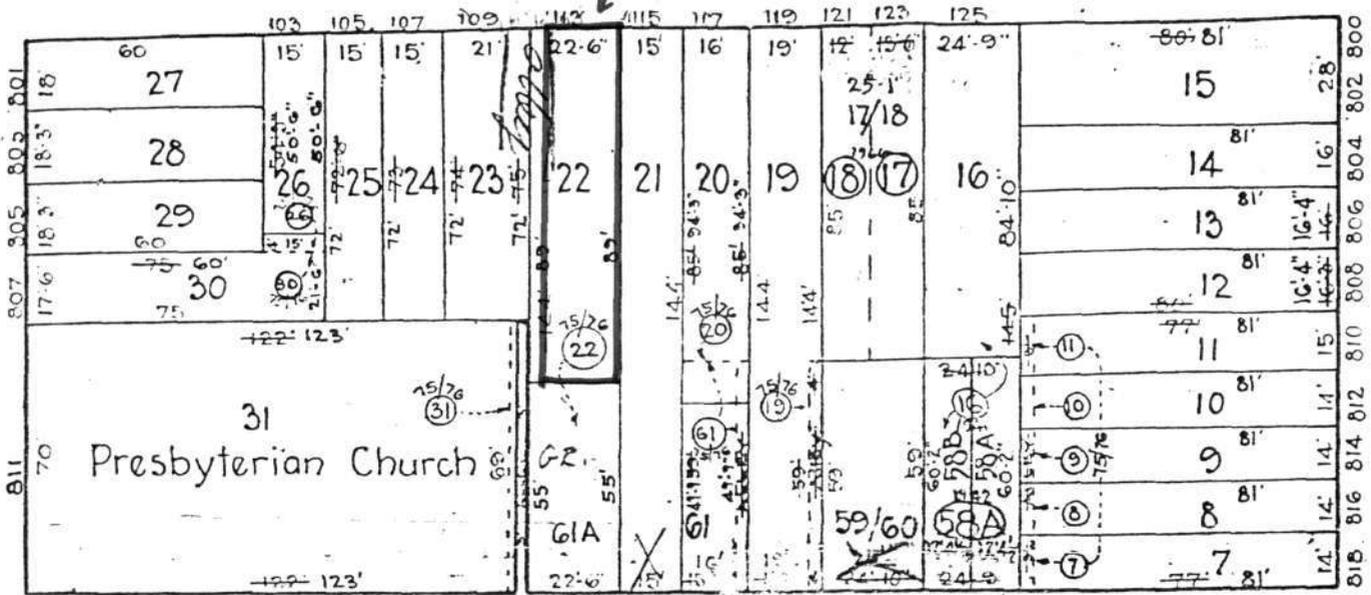
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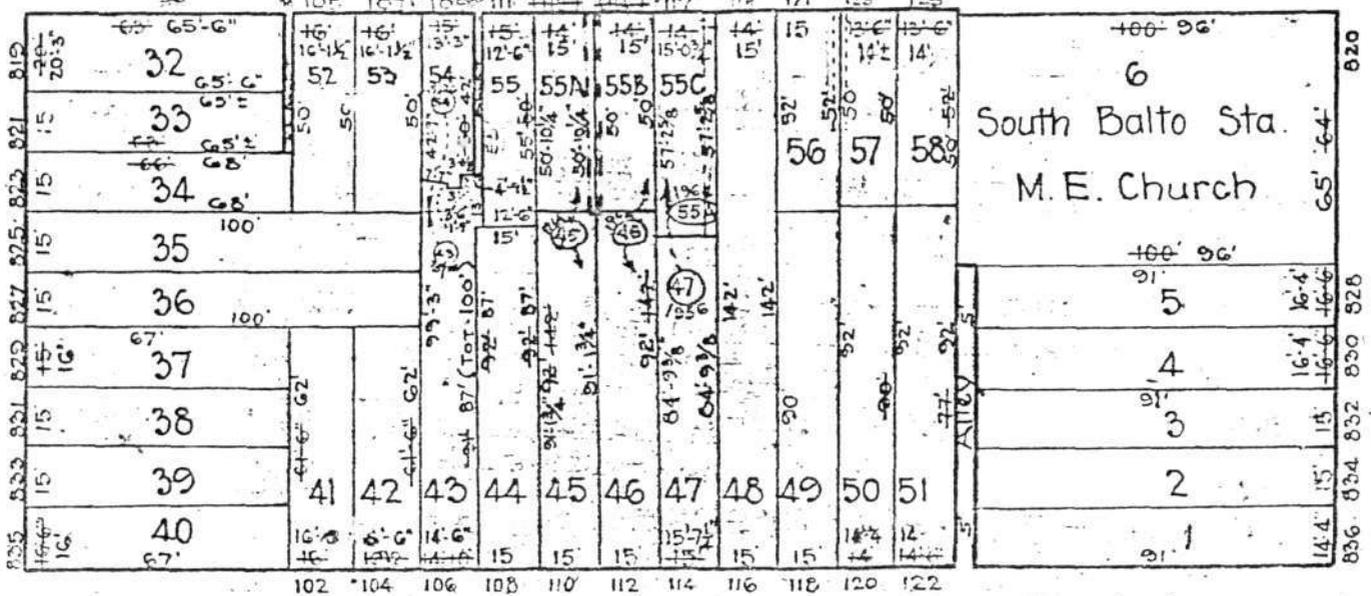
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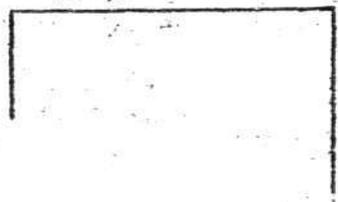


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Block 0906 Lot 022  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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North elevation