

B-3150 - B-3159
801-833 William St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1857

The majority of the houses lining this side of the 800 block of William St. are three story, two or three bay wide brick houses with gable roofs. Like the similar houses across William St. and around the corner on Warren Ave., these houses were built for a middle class market and are larger and more spacious than the average two story plus attic house built for the working class inhabitants of the neighborhood. 801 William St. is now a corner grocery store and the original gable roof has been replaced by a shed roof. 803 William St. is one of only two Classical-Revival style, bow-fronted brick houses with brownstone trim in the area, the other being 804 William St., directly across the street. 811-817 William St. are three story, two bay wide shed-roofed houses, built as a unit in 1857, an early use of the shed roof in this area. The row of houses at 819-833 William St. was built by Nicholas Popplein, at the time the proprietor of a chemical manufactory at the foot of Cross St. and who later became an extremely wealthy resident of Eutaw Place and important chemical, paint, and varnish manufacturer.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 825-829 William 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	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 #: 202 773 0000

STREET & NUMBER 2113 BALDWIN STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21202

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #: 10812
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN 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 (825, 827)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (829)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of three story, two bay brick buildings with gable roofs was built more or less contemporaneously with its neighbors and formed part of the original row of such gable roof houses built along this side of William St. in the 1850's 829 William St. has been covered with formstone.

The houses are three stories in height, about 15' wide, and occupy lots 80' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a rear addition. At 825 William St. there is a two story high, four bay deep addition; at 827 William a two story high, five bay deep addition; and at 829 William a three story high, six bay deep addition with an added two story high, one bay deep frame section. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple, two-tier brick cornice. 825 William St. has double chimneys located along the north wall of both the front and rear gables; 827 and 829 William have double chimneys centrally located along the partition wall between the two houses, on both the front and rear gables. Only 829 William St. still has its rear end chimney, located at the north-east end of the addition. The houses are constructed in running bond, but 829 William St. has been covered with formstone.

Each of the houses has round arched first floor door and window openings. The second and third floor window openings of 825 and 827 William St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. The second and third floor window openings of 829 William St. currently have flat lintels, but the formstone covering has hidden the original form of the lintels and sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 825 William St. has a modern six panel door set beneath the single light, round arched transom. A row of half-round and a row of dentil carvings borders the transom area. At 827 William St. there is a late Victorian double door, with two vertical panels each door, set beneath a similar transom with similar carved decoration. At 829 William St. there is a late Victorian double, glass and panel door set beneath the same round arched single light transom. The doors are all slightly recessed behind the facade, forming a shallow entryway. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four marble steps each (stone at 827 William). 825 William St. has a rectangular, wide, segmentally arched basement window divided into two lights. 827 and 829 William St. have doors leading to the basement set below the street level under the first floor windows. These have segmentally arched lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. Each house also has a small coal opening located just to the side of the steps.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1853-1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nicholas and George Popplein

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses, including the adjoining houses at 819, 821-823, and 831-833 William St., were all built by Nicholas and George Popplein, the proprietors of a chemical works located on Cross St., east of Covington St. As was often the case with developers in the Federal Hill area, the Poppleins lived in more elegant sections of Baltimore city.¹

The houses are representative of a large group of similar three story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in this section of Federal Hill to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area--men who had prospered at the local ship-building trades, or who owned small businesses in the area. Houses such as this were almost always sold outright to the families who would live in them, for prices ranging from about \$1200 to \$1500. In addition to the full three story height, these houses are generally larger in overall scale than the type of house built for working class residents. The rooms are larger, more open, and with higher ceilings; the spacious stairways are located in a separate stair hall which communicates with both the main body of the house and the kitchen and dining areas located in a rear addition. The stair hall also opens by way of a door flanked by side-lights, to the alleyway between pairs of houses. Houses such as these are usually located on fairly deep lots and have pleasant back garden areas.

The builder of these houses, the Popplein brothers, also were responsible for a row of later, shed-roofed houses at 1018-1028 Riverside Ave., two blocks south of this row. An early owner of 825 William St. was Capt. James N. Edmondson; the first owner of 827 William St. was Christian Kaltenbach, a glass-blower employed at the glassworks on Federal Hill; and the first owner of 829 William St. was Josiah Orem, a carpenter.²

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1851: 185-187;

²Ibid., 1864; 1858-59; 1855-56

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

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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E. MONTGOMERY

ST.

	203	205	207	209	211	213	215	217	219	221	223	225	227	229
801	20	12	12	16	16	16	16	16	16	14	16	16	16	18
803	16	48	47	X										
805	20	56	56	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36
807	11-6			100'	102	100'	100'	100'	100'	100'	100'	100'	100'	100'
809	16-0			150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"	150'-6"
811	13	80												
813	14-9													
815	15	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
817	15-11"	49	50	59	50B			50A					51	52
819	15-11"	77								X	X	X	X	53
		204	206	208	210	(212)	(214)	(216)	218	220	222	224	226	228

E. CHURCHILL

ST.

	207	209	211	(213)(215)	217	219	(221)	223	225	227
821	16	16	16	16	14	14	11	15-4	18-4	18-4
823	15	57	56	56	55	54A		54	58	53A
825	15	36-1	36-1	46-3	47-3	47-3		47-3	47-3	47-3
827	15	105-11"	105-11"	96-3	95-3	95-3		95	95	95
829	15	19	20	21	22/23	24	25	26	27	28
831	15									
833	16									
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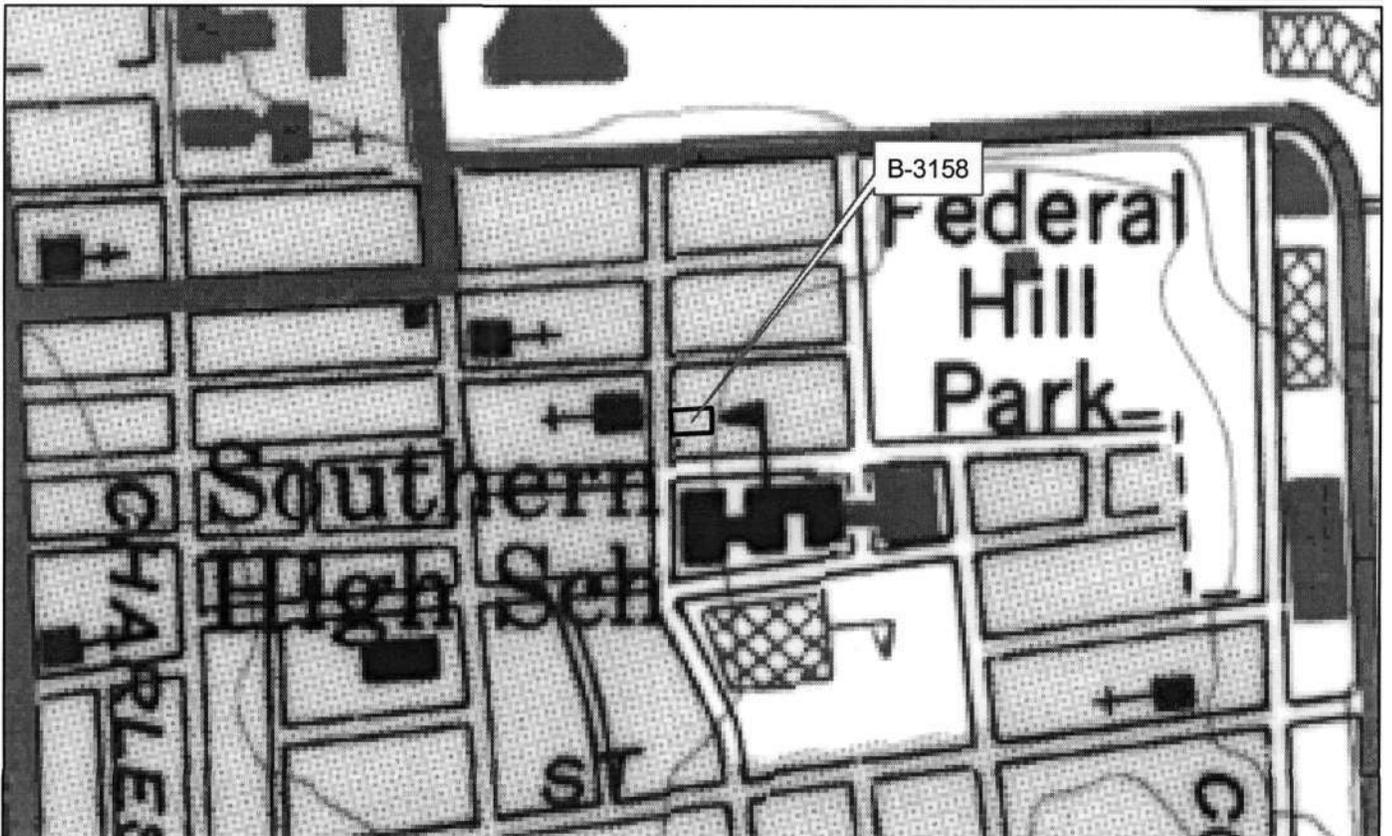
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West elevation