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917-935 S. Charles St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1845-1850

This row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs is typical of the type of two story plus attic house built in large numbers in this area of Federal Hill in the 1840's. The houses, which now generally serve a mixed commercial/residential function, were built by George Williamson and John S. Gittings, both active real estate developers in the area. Most of the houses have recently had their facades altered to accomodate new storefront designs.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 917 S. Charles 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 checked="" 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

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 plus attic brick house with gable roof forms part of a group of such houses built as a unit along this side of Charles St. The first floor has been converted into a store-front and a projecting wooden roof cornice has been added.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 13' wide, and occupies a lot 67' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a two story high, three bay deep rear addition and a one story high, one bay deep further frame addition. The house is constructed in common bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a later, added wooden cornice of Neo-Grec design, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of plain modillions, set above a freize area decorated with molding strips. Two grooved end brackets, terminating at their upper edges with anthemions, frame and support the entire cornice. There is a single rectangular chimney along the north side of the front gable and a rear end chimney located at the south-east end of the rear addition.

The second and attic story windows have flat wood lintels and sills. The window openings are all filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front. A late Victorian glass and panel door, set beneath a single light transom, is located in the northernmost bay. It is flanked by a three-sided projecting shop-front window with large plate glass panels set on a paneled wooden dado and beneath a series of eight square glass panels above. A wooden cornice extends across the entire store-front area, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a deep, plain freize area. The cornice extends out to cover the projecting shop-front bay, and is thus actually more like a shallow porch roof than a cornice. The house sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by two stone 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1840-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Williamson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a former residence being converted into a combination residence/store-front in relatively recent years. The house originally formed part of a row of identical houses, all built by Williamson, and extending along this side of Charles St. from 917 to 929 Charles St.

See under 921-929 S. Charles St.

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

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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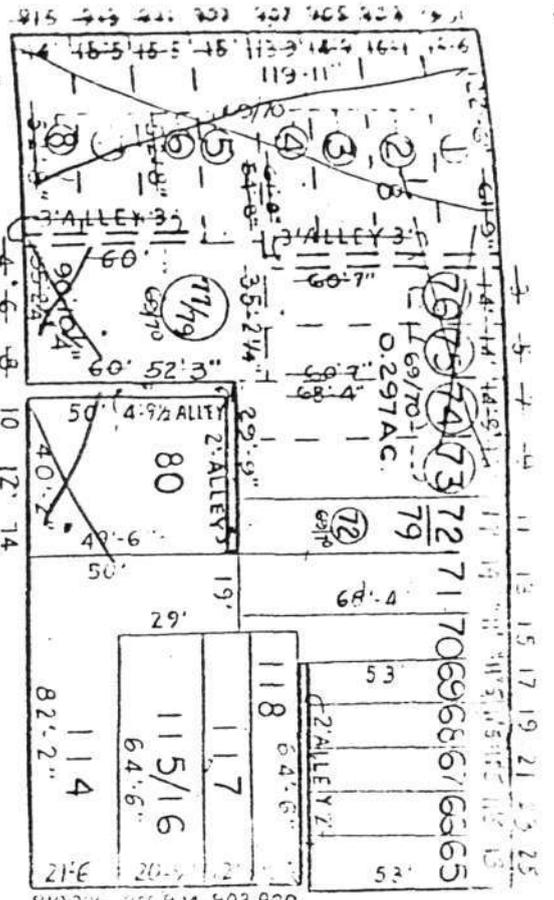
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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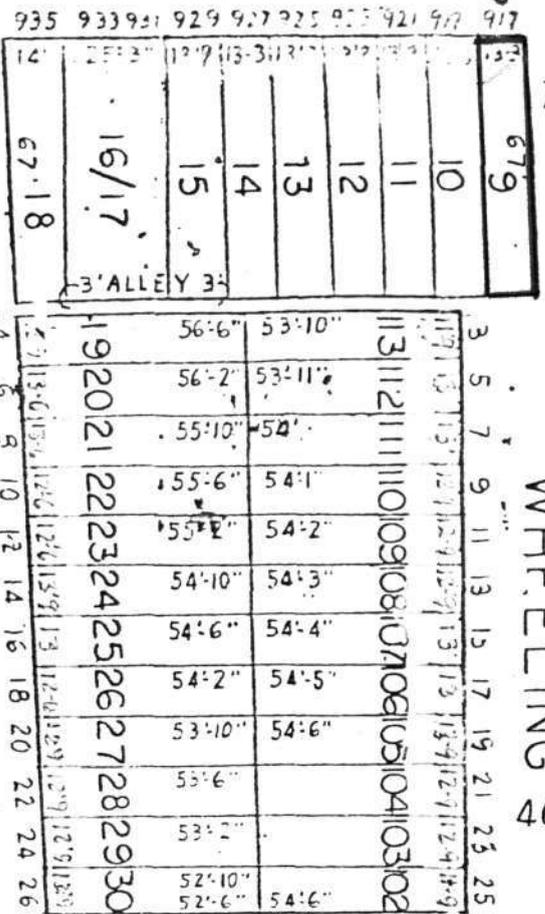
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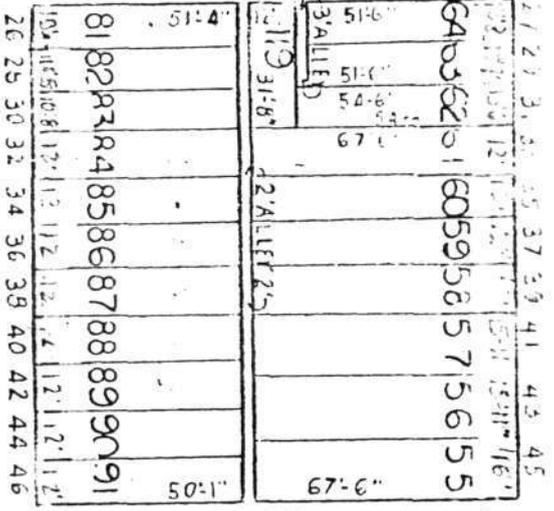


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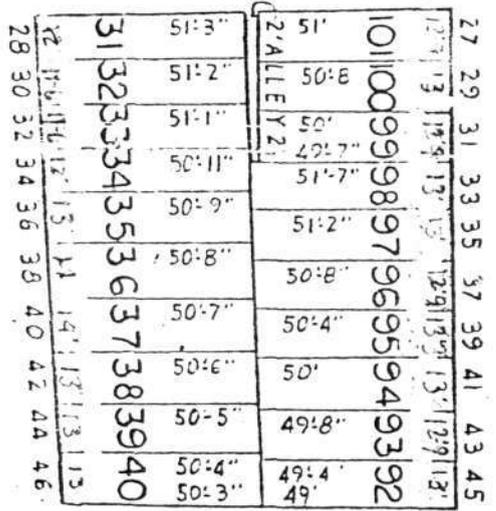


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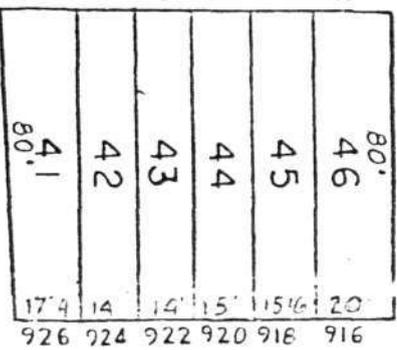
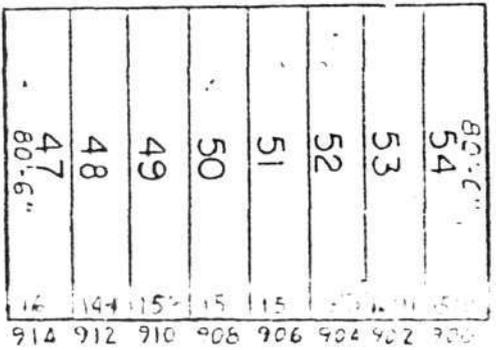
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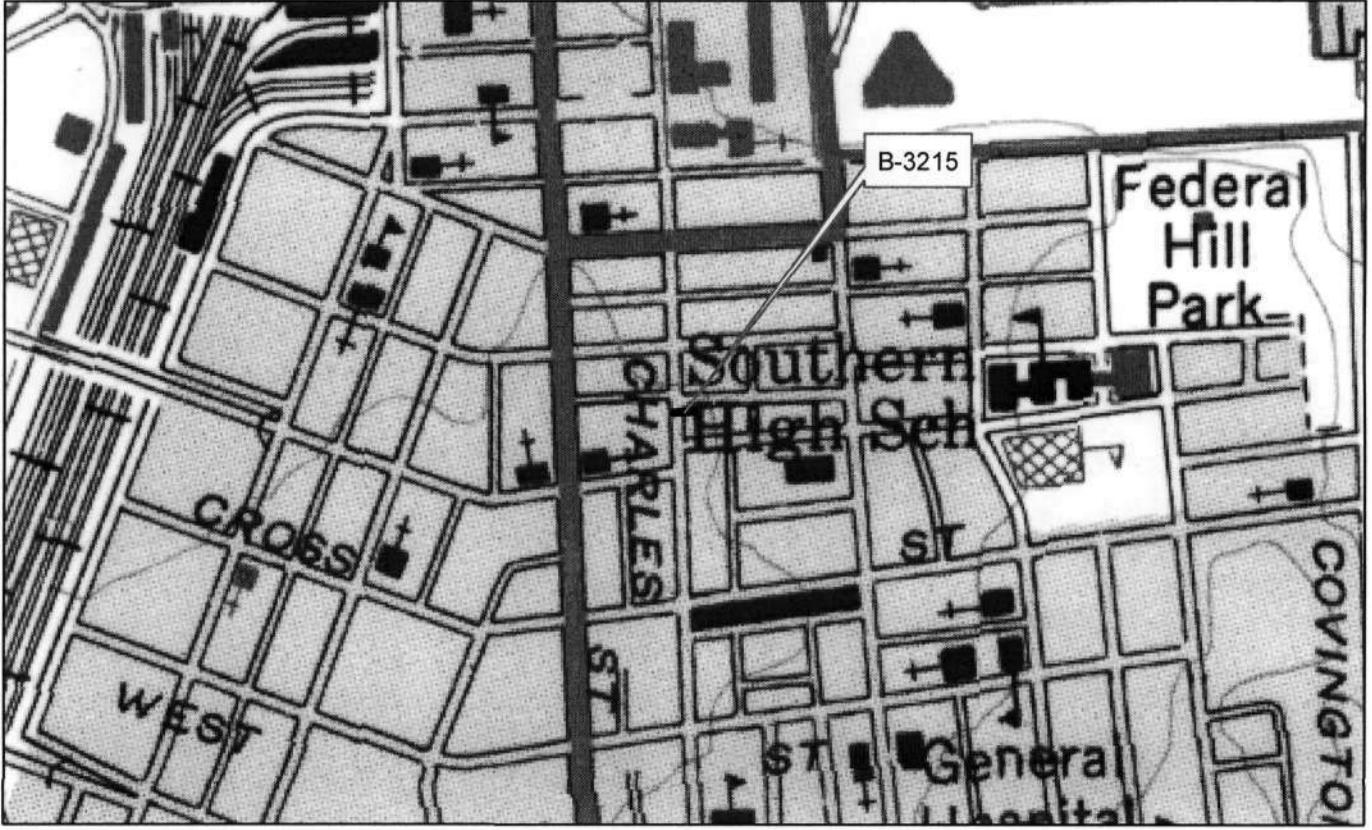
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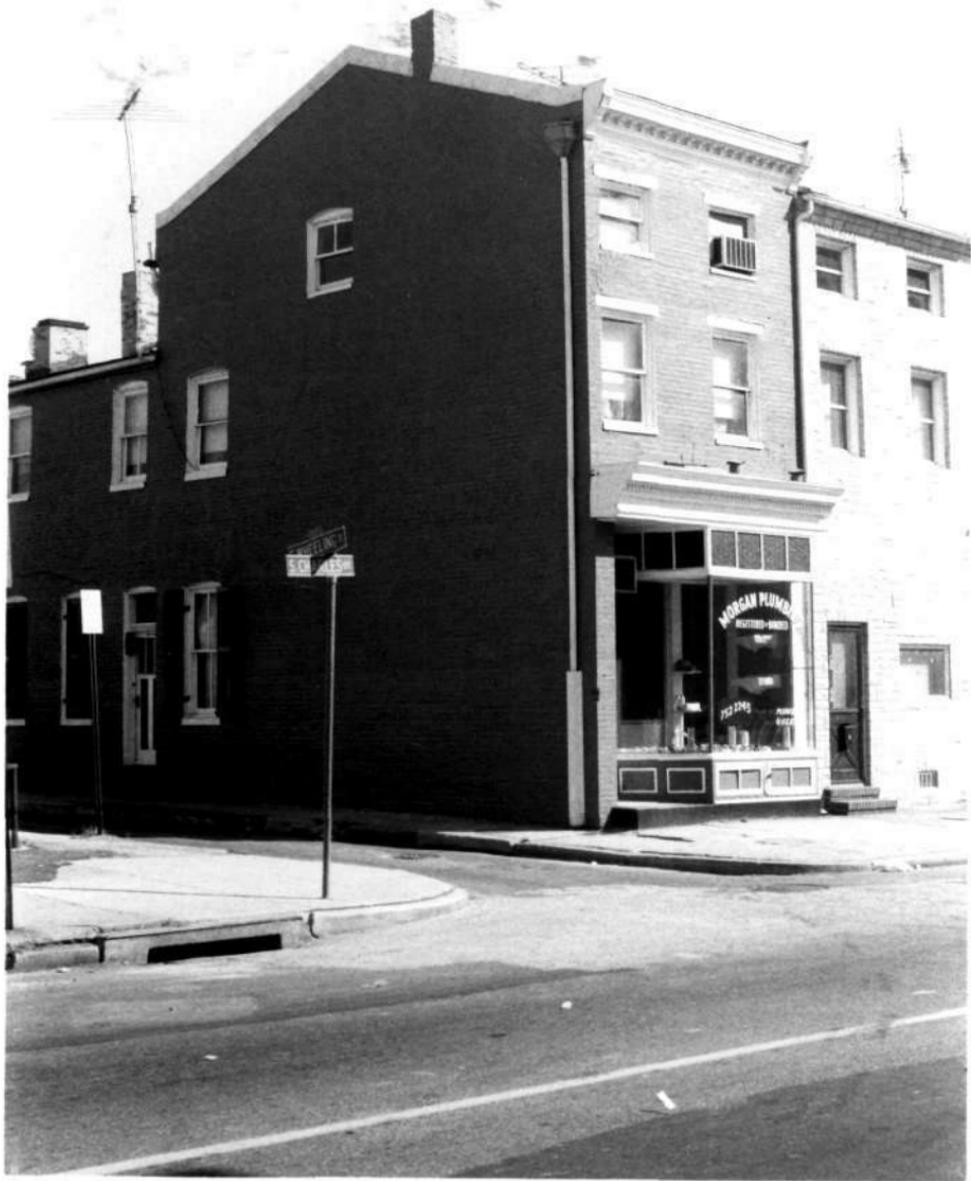
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Baltimore East Quad.



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West elevation