

B-3224 - B-3233  
926-900 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1845-1855

This group of houses located along the west side of the 900 block of Light St. were originally all built as two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, much like the houses to the west along Hamburg and Henrietta Streets. Many, however, have since been enlarged to a full three stories in height and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. Most currently serve a mixed commercial/residential use. The houses located in the southern half of the block, south of Wheeling St. (916-926 Light St.) were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the unit block of Hamburg St.; those houses located to the north of Wheeling St. (900-914 Light St.) were built by a variety of individual owners.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 918-920 Light 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 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	<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 #: 410 526 2100

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This pair of houses were originally both two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs, built in the late 1840's as part of a row of gable roofed houses extending along this side of Light St. 920 Light St., however, was subsequently enlarged and today is three stories in height with a shed roof. Both houses are covered with formstone and have had their first floor areas converted into shop-fronts.

918 Light St. is two and a half stories in height, 920 Light St. is three stories in height. Both houses are 15' wide and occupy lots 80' deep. Each house has a two and a half story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 918 Light St. has a further one story high, one and a half bay deep addition, and 920 Light has a further two story high, three bay deep addition. Rear end windows in this addition overlook the alley at the back of the house. The houses were probably constructed in running bond but their facades have been covered with formstone. 918 has a low-pitched gable roof; 920 has a shed roof. The houses share centrally located double rectangular chimneys, one on the front gable, one on the rear gable. Each also has a rear end chimney at the western end of the kitchen addition.

The original treatment of the door and window lintels has been hidden by the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of the houses have been combined into a single shop-front, with tall, vertical plate glass windows set on low brick bases. The only door is located in the northernmost bay of 920 Light St. It is a late Victorian glass and panel type set beneath a single light transom.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John S. Gittings

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 926 Light St.

Like the neighboring houses along Light St., this pair seems always to have served as combination commercial/residential structures. The first owner of 920 Light St., a Henry Travers, was a wood dealer at this location in the early 1850's. A later owner, a Christopher Andre, was a painter, and sold paints here in the 1870's.<sup>1</sup> At 918 Light St., John North of J operated as a wood dealer in the late 1850's.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1851, 1853-54; 1876

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 1858-59

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

DATE

DATE

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

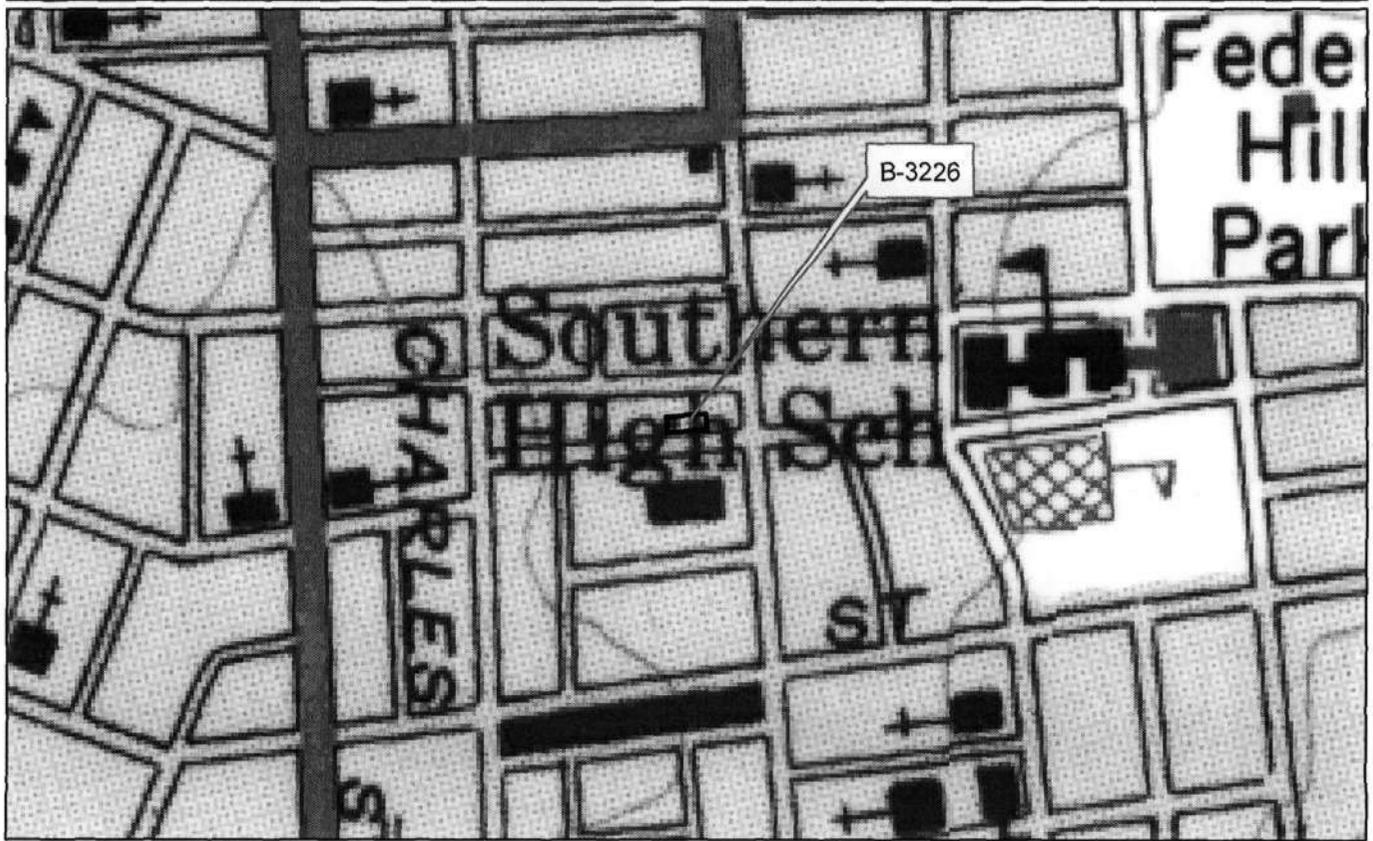
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3226 918-920 Light St.

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East elevation