

B-3260 - B-3263  
920-900 William St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1844-1851

This side of William St. is improved by two long rows of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, all of which are covered with formstone. 912 William St. has been enlarged and now is three stories in height with a shed roof. The first floor area of 920 William St. serves as a corner grocery. 914-920 William St. were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the southern section of this block; 900-912 William St. were probably built by William Harman, a local house carpenter, for Sophia Read, who owned the property.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 914-918 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	<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 \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**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 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 row of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs was built as a unit in the 1840's, as part of the original group of such houses extending along this side of William St. The houses have all been covered with formstone.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 80' deep. Each house is two rooms deep with a two 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. 914 William St. has an extra one story high, two bay deep section. The houses were probably constructed in running bond but their facades have been covered with formstone. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located on both its front and rear roof gable. 914 William St. has its chimneys located along its north end wall; 916-918 William share paired, centrally located chimneys. Each house also has a double hooded rear end chimney, located at the west end of the kitchen addition. The low-pitched gable roofs have continuous, two-tiered brick cornices, which have been covered with formstone.

Because of the formstone covering the original treatment of the lintels and sills cannot be determined. It appears, however, that the lintels were flat (wood or splayed brick). 918 William St. currently has brick header sills, but they may have been added at the same time as the formstone. All of the first and second story window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash; the attic story windows are filled with 1/1 paired casement windows. 918 William St. has a modern flush door; 914 and 916 have Mission-style oak doors. All doors are set beneath single light transoms, that of 916 being filled with a piece of stained glass. The houses sit on high basements, the entrance to 918 being reached by four brick steps and the entrances to 916 and 914 being reached by three brick and stone steps, respectively. Each house has a rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

DATE OF ACQUISITION \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL JURISDICTION \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL MAP \_\_\_\_\_

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

4/79

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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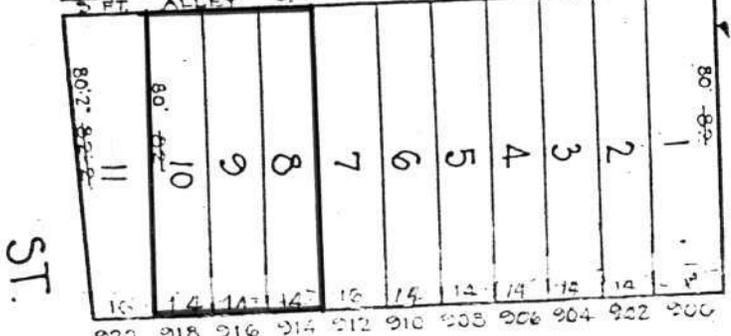
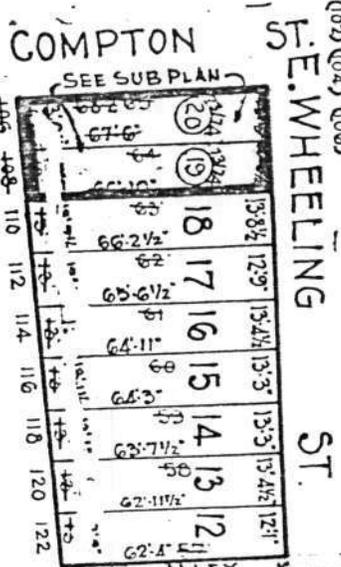
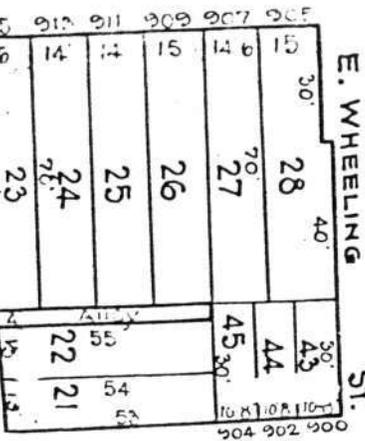
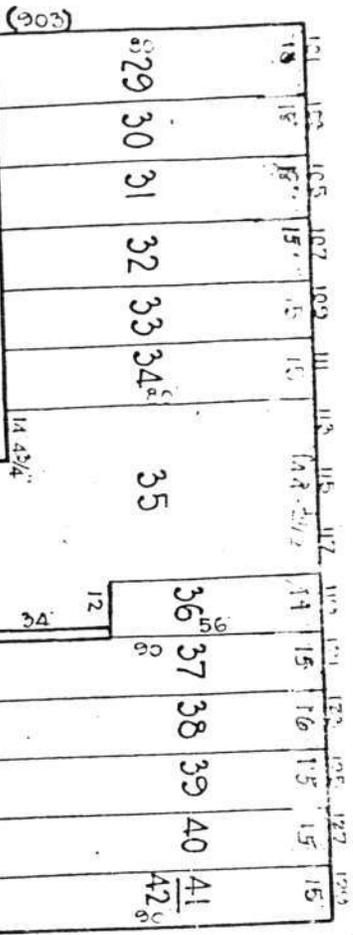
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WILLIAM

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920  
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914-918 William Street  
Block 0919 Lots 008-010  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation