

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington D.C. 20243



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455) Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: The Southern High School
Address of property Street 201 Warren ~~Street~~ Avenue
City Baltimore County Baltimore State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located Federal Hill Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)
Map showing structure within district
(See Cont. Sheet, attached.)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: On reverse side.
(use reverse side if necessary)

Date of construction (if known): 1910 Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known): 1925-east elevation bridge

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:
Name Southern High Associates Attn: Elaine B. Finbury
Street c/o 18 Crowninshield Street
City Peabody State Mass. Zip Code 01960
Telephone Number (during day) Area Code 617-532-4800

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature Elaine B. Finbury for Southern High Associates Date Aug. 19, 1982

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60)

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Signature [Signature] Date 11-8-82
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

is hereby certified a historic structure
 does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

The Southern High School is a four story structure built of red brick with ornamental limestone trim. The structure is built in the public school gothic style and is rectangular in plan. All stairwells are interior. The roof is slightly pitched with a low parapet. The entry articulation consists of masonry piers between which is set a series of stone neo-gothic arches and windows. All windows are double-hung with limestone sills and heads. The parapet wall has a limestone coping.

The building was altered in 1923; when a pedestrian bridge was added to the east elevation in order to connect the original high school building with a subsequent addition.

The interior consists of a central corridor with a stairway at each end. The stair treads are slate and the stair railing and newall posts are cast iron.

The structural system is concrete columns and concrete slab flooring. The classrooms are woodframe with wood flooring.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Since the founding of Baltimore in 1729, Federal Hill has served as a popular point for viewing the City. Federal Hill gained its name in 1788, when four thousand marchers gathered to celebrate the ratification of the Constitution.

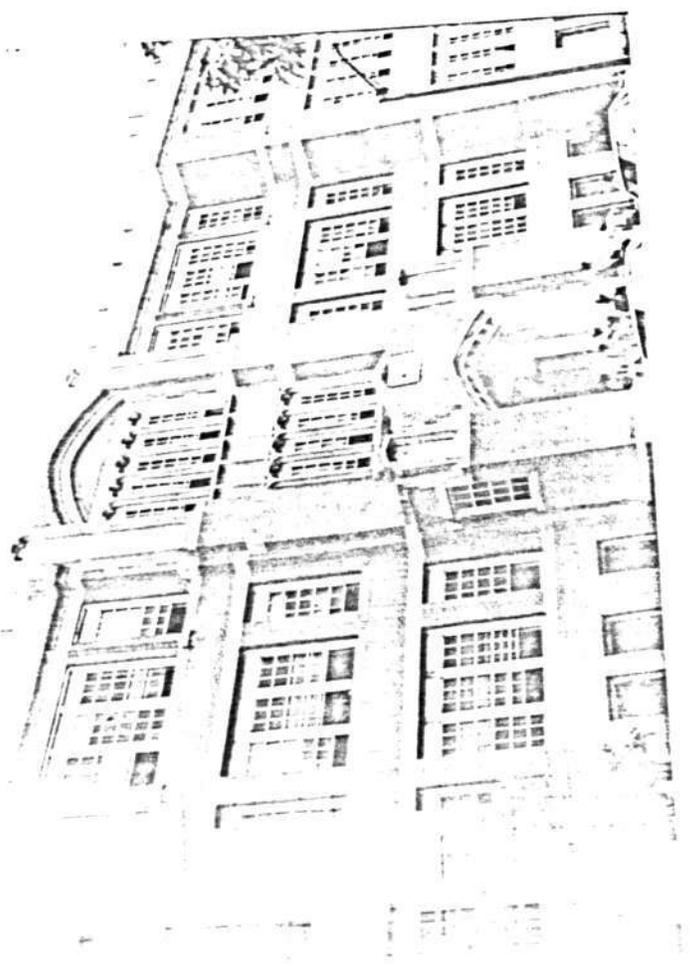
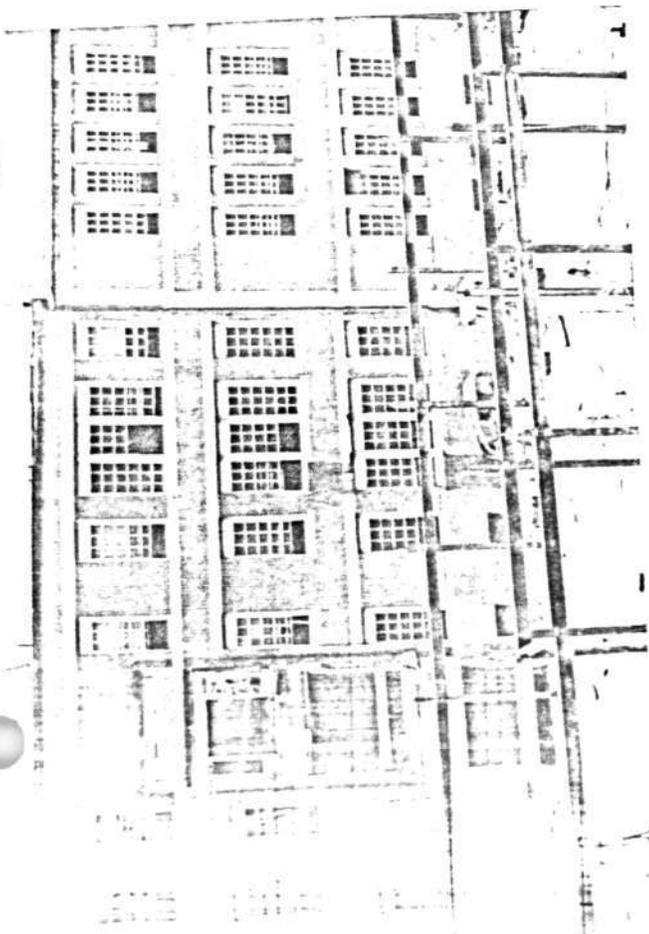
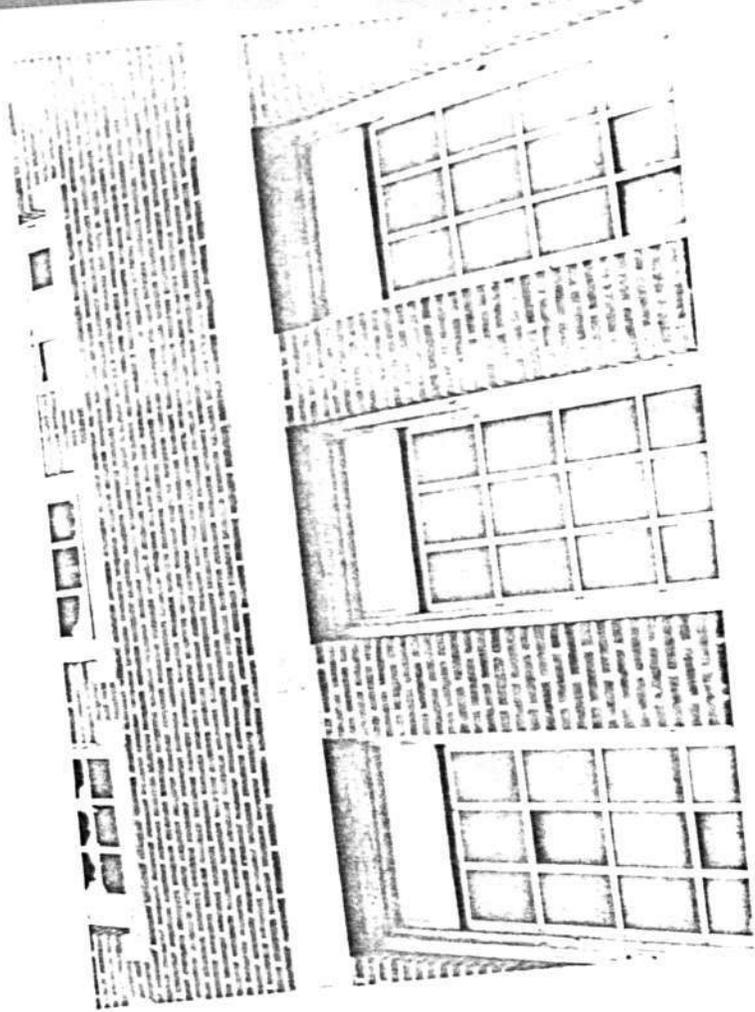
Federal Hill was first developed at the end of the eighteenth century primarily as a commercial and industrial area relating to the seafaring trades. As early as 1795, a constant watch over the lower Patapsco River was kept from the Hill by the use of a Signal Observatory to identify and give notice of all incoming vessels. In the early 1880's the observatory was replaced with an ornate tower and pavilion. The service was discontinued in 1902 and the structure razed in the 1950's.

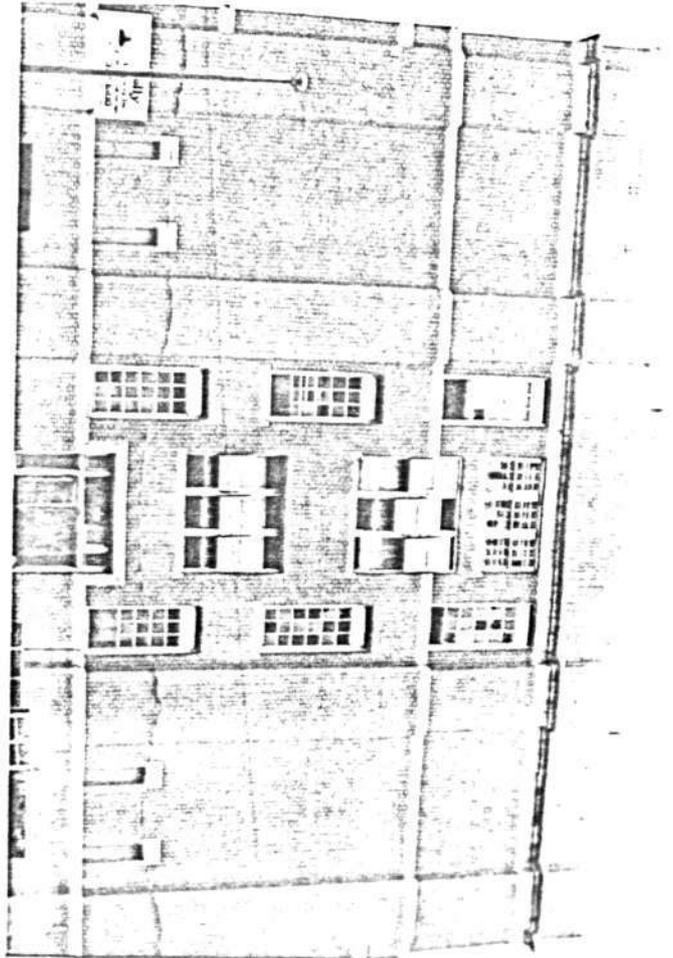
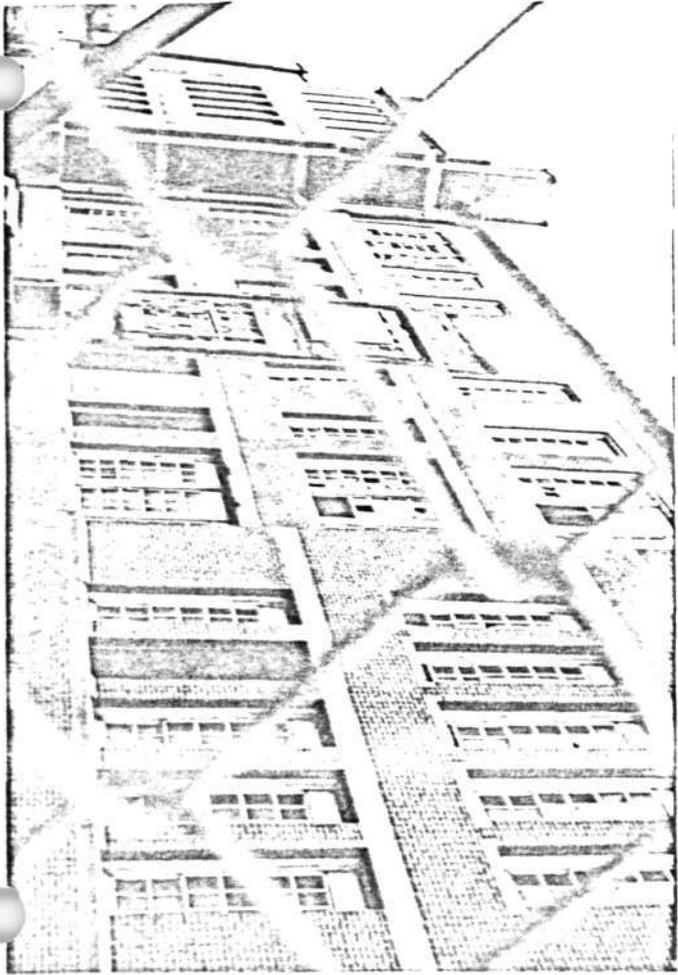
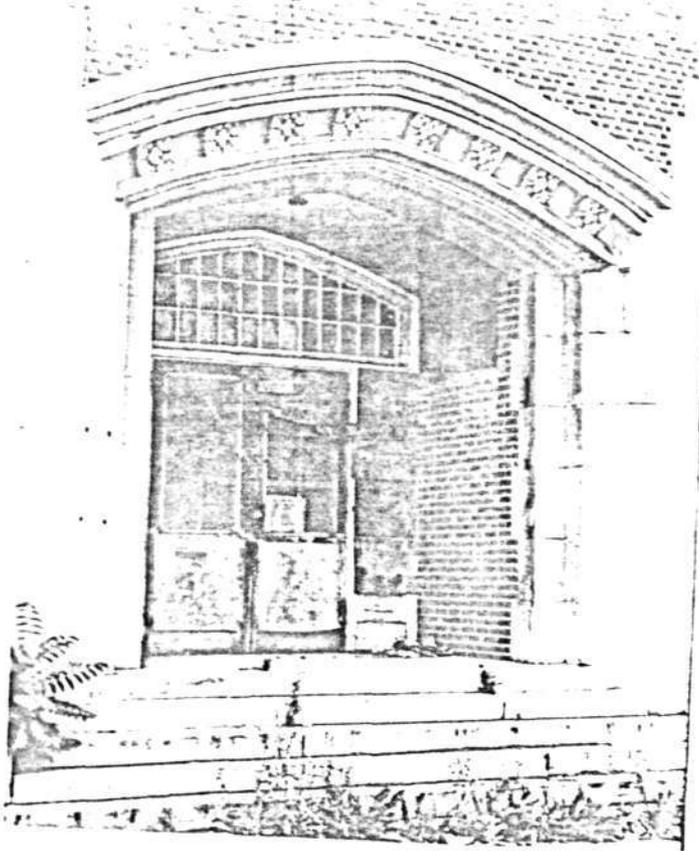
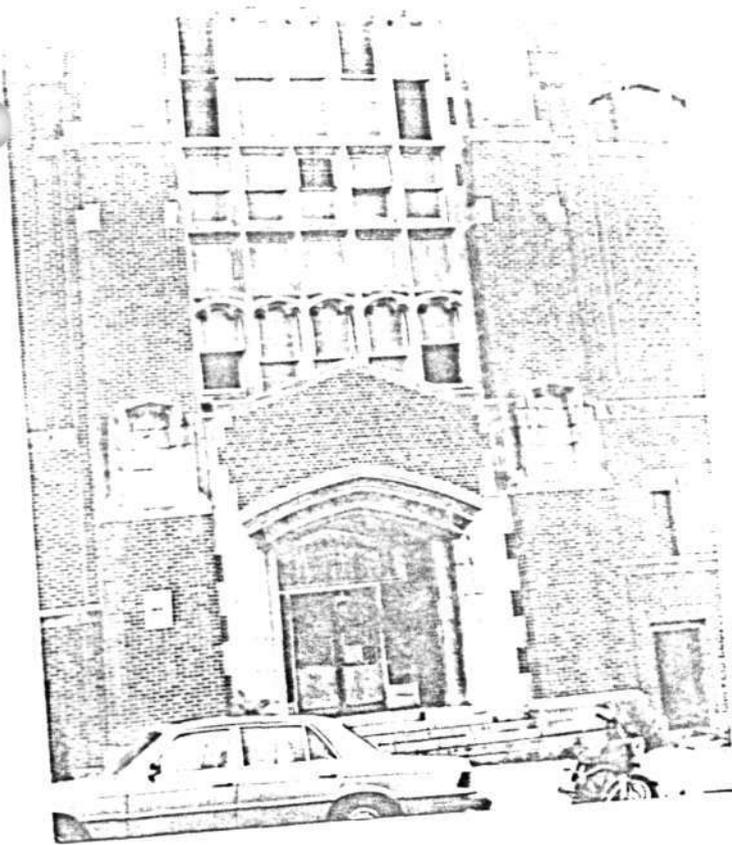
Because of the harbor which surrounds Federal Hill on the North and East, many of the late-eighteenth and early-to-mid nineteenth century houses were and still are occupied by merchants and seamen associated with the waterfront industries. The majority of these are small attached, two and three story rowhouses. All are of brick construction with an extensive use of white marble trim. Dormer windows are common in the older houses and also offer considerable variation in the roof lines within the rows. The homes are generally quite modest with a minimum of exterior ornamentation except for those facing the park.

Federal Hill Park is the focal point of the district and provides panoramic views of the city and harbor. Six-foot stone walls surround the base of the park divided into walkways and landscaped with shrubs, flowers and trees.

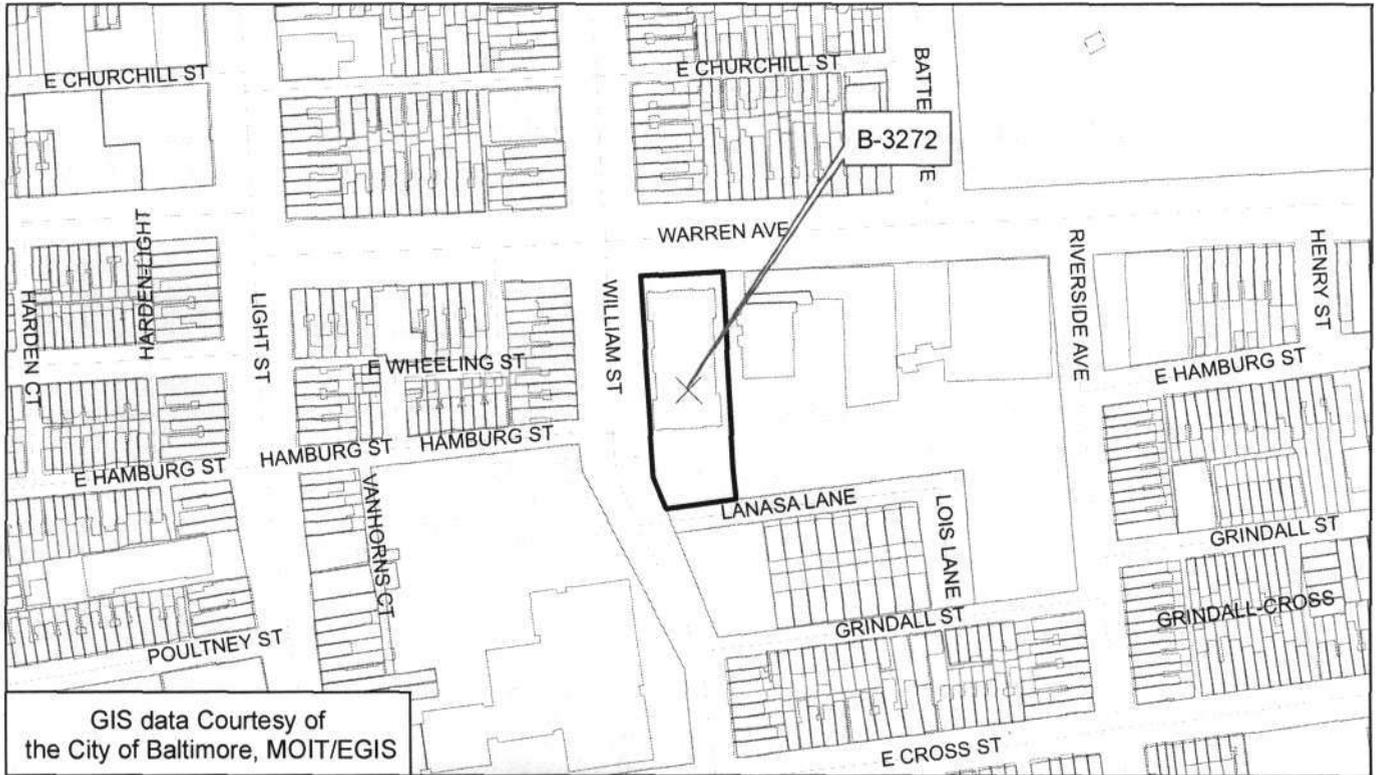
The Southern High School complex is located across from the park. The complex stretches a full city block and imparts an important presence in the Federal Hill neighborhood. Number 201 Warren Street, the subject of this application, was built around 1911 and is the oldest building in the school complex and the first public school in the district.

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Southern High School
201 Warren Avenue
Block 0937 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



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North and west elevations