

B-3274 - B-3279  
413-401 Warren Ave. (South side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

c.1885

This group of three story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices (with the exception of 411 Warren Ave., which is only two stories in height, and 407 Warren Ave., which is two stories in height with a high mansard roof which serves as an attic story) were all built in the mid-1880's for fairly well-to-do local clients. The houses are quite large and commodious and face Federal Hill Park. Their size and location (with harbor views) has made them desirable for residences for some years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

407 Warren Ave.

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

\_\_\_ 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**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story, three bay brick house with mansard roof was built on this lot in the late 1880's, along with the adjoining houses on this side of Warren Ave., facing Federal Hill Park.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 15' wide, and occupies a lot 107' deep. The house is two rooms deep and there is a two story high, two bay deep rear addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep frame addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The high mansard roof has a central, projecting bay window with a shed roof of its own. There are two dormer windows on the rear side of the roof. Beneath the mansard roof (which is a later addition) is the original roof cornice of the house. The cornice is made of shaped sheet metal and is slightly Neo-Grec in style, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a plain frieze area, with plain end brackets connecting the cornice to a lower molding strip. The upper edge of the brackets terminate in plain, rounded "anthemions." The brick frieze area formed between the cornice and the lower molding strip has three ventilating panels formed by sections of decorative, diagonally set brickwork. A double rectangular chimney is located along the east side of the main house. The rear window of the back room of the main house is a bay window.

The first and second floor window openings have flat stone lintels and stone sills. The first floor windows are filled with fixed, fifteen-light panels. The second floor windows are filled with 6/6 double hung sash and the attic story windows are fitted with pairs of casement windows with four vertically arranged lights in each panel. A late, three panel door is set beneath an arched, single light transom with a scroll-sawed tympanum. The transom area is bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and a row of cut-work scallops. The lintel treatment is quite unusual. Originally there was a segmental brick arch springing from lower "ears," composed of slightly projecting stretchers with brickwork "dentils" along the lower edge. A cut-stone arch has been added on top of the original brick lintel but the side "ears" have been left exposed. The stone keystone of the new lintel has a carved face. The house sits on a high basement, the entrance being reached by three marble steps. There are two rectangular basement window openings located beneath the first floor windows (now hidden by shrubbery).

**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      c. 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      McHenry and James Howard

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as representing an unusual type of structure for the Federal Hill area--a large, spacious two story, Victorian style house. The house is similar in basic type to the kind of two story houses built along Riverside Ave. (1001-1021, 1027-1049) in this same period, but is generally more spacious and larger in scale than those houses built for a working class market. This house was intended for a middle-class buyer, as were its neighbors on this side of Warren Ave. There is a separate entrance hall which opens into the front parlor and leads to the stair hall area between the parlor and dining room, and then into the dining room area. The kitchen located in a rear addition.

The first owner of this house was a Samuel A. Downs, a carpenter who had previously lived at 224 E. Montgomery St. Downs lived in the house until 1907, during which time he installed elaborate woodwork in the rooms, particularly a wood paneled ceiling in the dining room that gives the impression of ship construction.<sup>1</sup> The house was built by McHenry and James Howard as part of their development of this side of Warren Ave.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber JB 1036, Folio 255; SCL 2392, Folio 158; Baltimore City Directory, 1885, 1886

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15' x 107'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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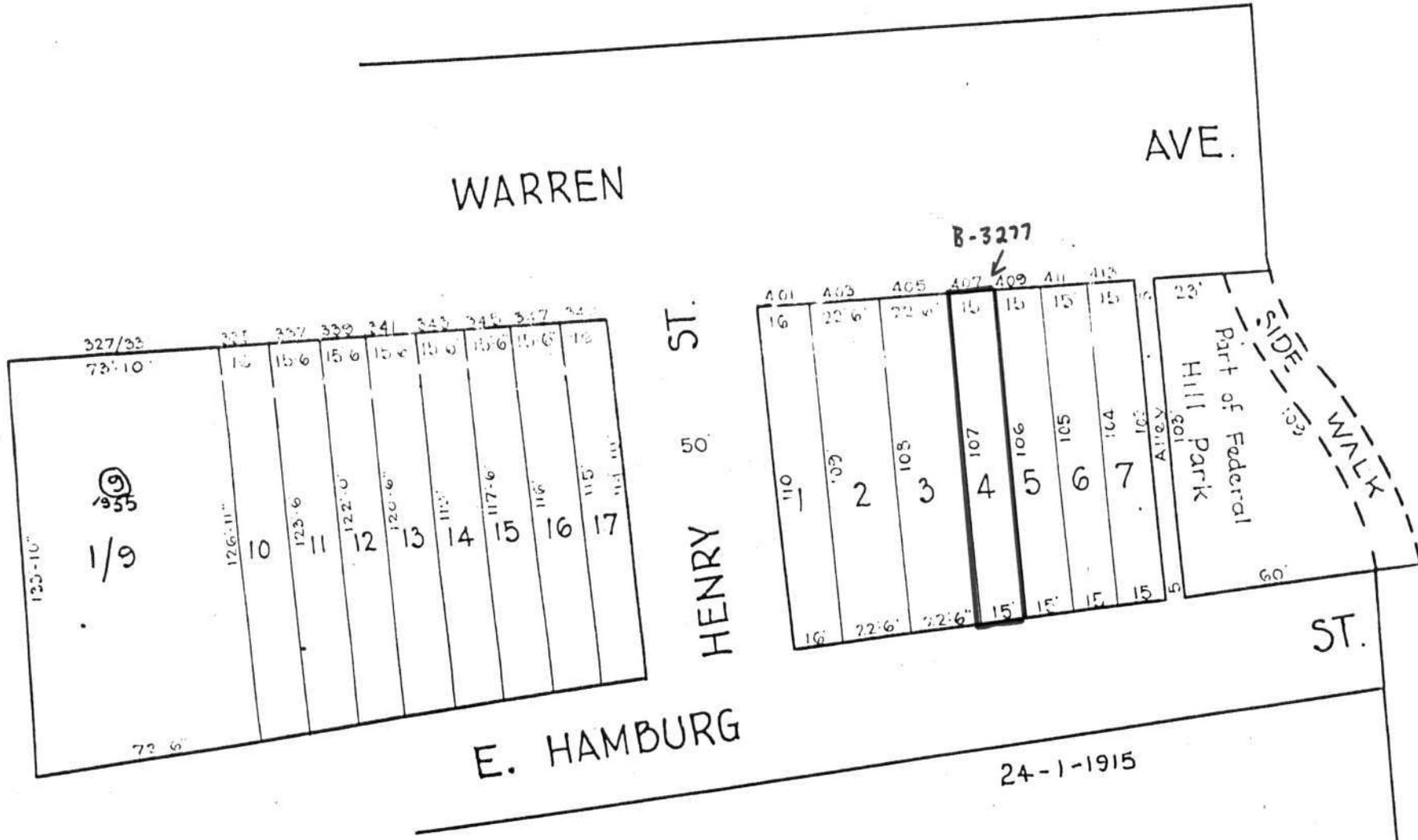
FEDERAL

HILL

PARK

22-11-1907

RIVERSIDE AVE.



WARREN

AVE.

B-3277

HENRY ST.

401	403	405	407	409	411	413
16	22'6"	22'6"	15	15	15	15
16	60	108	107	106	105	104
2	3	4	5	6	7	
16	22'6"	22'6"	15	15	15	15

SIDE WALK

Part of Federal Hill Park

E. HAMBURG

24-1-1915

B-3277

B-3277  
407 Warren Avenue  
Block 1912 Lot 004  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3277

407 Warren Ave.

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North elevation