

B-3284 - B-3286
16-2 W. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1890's

10-16 W. Cross St. is a group of four, two story plus attic, two bay wide brick "half houses," houses only one room deep under the front half of a standard gable roof. The houses were built in the early 1850's to be rented to working class tenants. 4-8 W. Cross St. are large three story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices built in the 1890's. They have recently been renovated and now serve as apartment units. 2 W. Cross St. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice built in the 1870's and which now serves a commercial function.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4-8 W. Cross St. E.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

— VICINITY OF

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT(6,8)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 group of three story, three bay brick houses with shed roof and bracketed cornice were built as a unit in the 1880's or 1890's. 6 and 8 W. Cross are currently being restored and turned into apartment houses.

The houses are three stories in height, 4 W. Cross is just over 15' wide, 6 and 8 W. Cross are 16 1/2' wide, and all occupy lots 69' deep. Each house has a three story high, two bay deep rear addition. 4 W. Cross still has its second story, one bay deep frame bathroom addition that projects out over the rear yard. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a plain freize area and supported by 10 scroll-sawed brackets (four per house, the end brackets being shared by adjoining houses). The brackets connect the cornice to a lower molding strip, thus forming a brick freize area. The cornice extends a short distance around the corner of the west side of the row.

All of the door and window openings at 8 W. Cross have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The second and third floor window openings of 4 and 6 W. Cross also have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums but the first floor openings have round arched lintels. All of the sills are stone. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. Each doorway has a single light transom. Those of 4 and 6 W. Cross are round arched and bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and a row of dentils. 4 W. Cross has a late Victorian four panel door; 6 and 8 W. Cross have modern six panel doors. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two marble steps each. Each house has a rectangular basement opening filled with two lights, located beneath the first floor window.

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 1893-94 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Winfield Lipscomb

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being one of a fairly small group of large, Victorian style houses built in the Federal Hill area in the period after the Civil War. The houses were built to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large house with definite stylistic pretensions. Apart from the shed roof and bracketed cornice, the houses are essentially the same as their gable-roofed predecessors, both in plan and general facade details. The interiors are quite spacious, with high ceilings and large rooms. Until their recent restoration the houses had been divided into tenement-type apartments.

The houses were built by Winfield Lipscomb, a carpenter whose offices were on W. Lombard St. The first owner of the houses was Edward Kelly, who operated the dairy located at 1044 S. Charles St. and owned the property between 1044 S. Charles and these houses. The Kelly family retained 4 W. Cross St. but sold 8 W. Cross in 1906 to Hugh McCall, a special officer who lived there in the early 1900's.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber JB 1483, Folio 492; Ro 2209, Folio 53, 52; Baltimore City Directory, 1894, 1895, 1907

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15'3" x 69' (4); 16'6" x 69' (6,8)

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
5/79

STREET & NUMBER
1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Ruxton

STATE
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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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:

Address of property Street 6 & 8 West Cross Street
City Baltimore County _____ 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)

Two three-story brick townhouses with white marble steps at front entrance and window trim. Interior is approximately 1,700 square feet per floor of the combined structures. There are no significant interior features.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

These buildings are significant when viewed as an element of the historic neighborhood. The structures are estimated to be 100 years old.

Date of construction (if known) Est. 1870-1880 Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known) _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name John T. and Anne C. Johnston
Street 17 Southgate Avenue
City Annapolis State Maryland Zip Code 21401
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 202-383-2387

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 [Signature] Date 3/11/80

For office use only

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 4-2-80
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

Before Rehabilitation

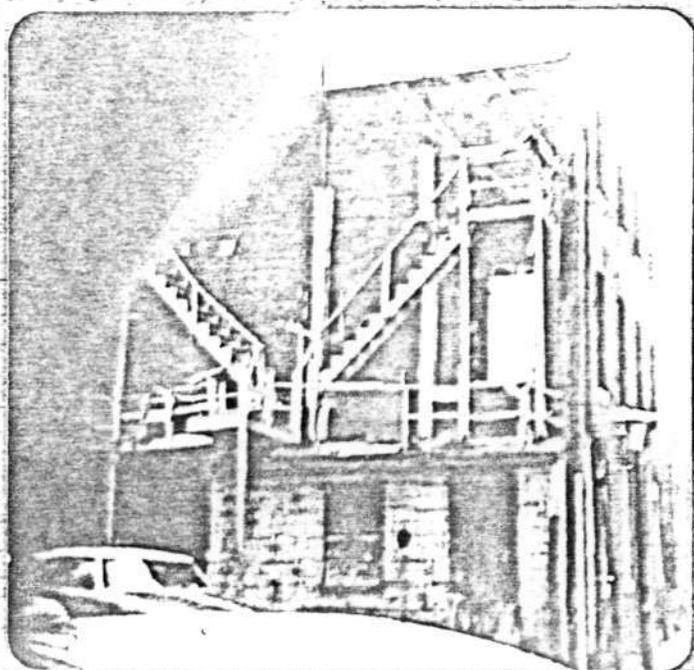
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After Rehabilitation

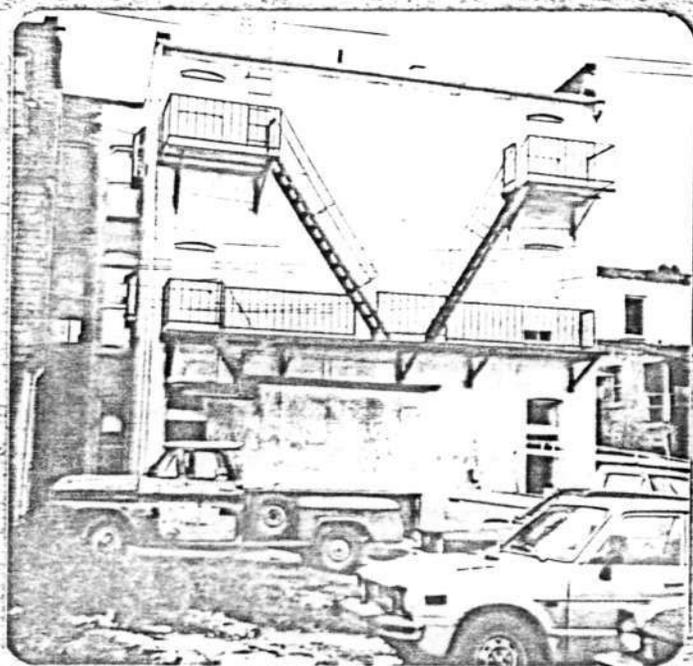
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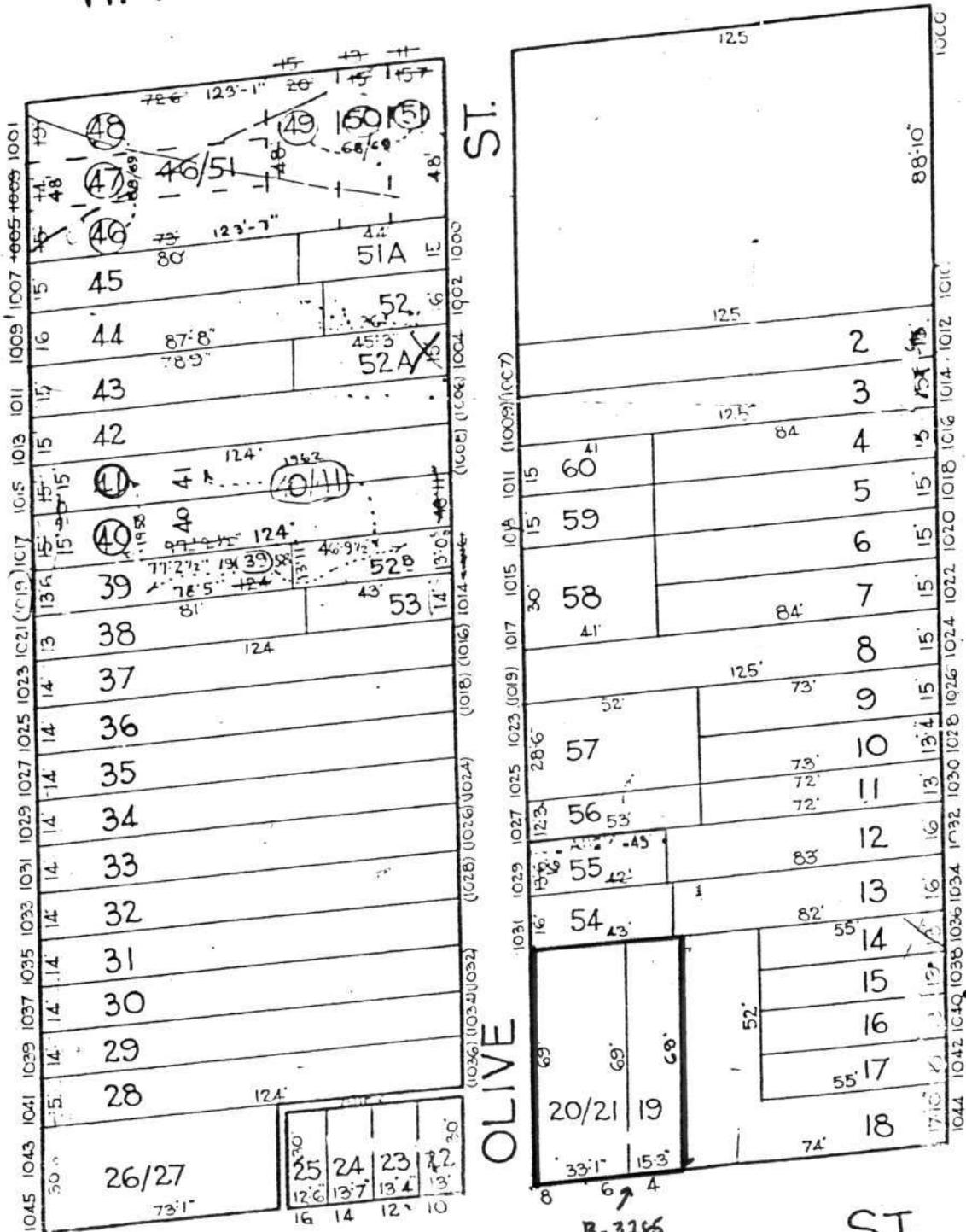
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ST.

W. HAMBURG

ST.

S. HANOVER



W. CROSS

ST.

ST.

S. CHARLES

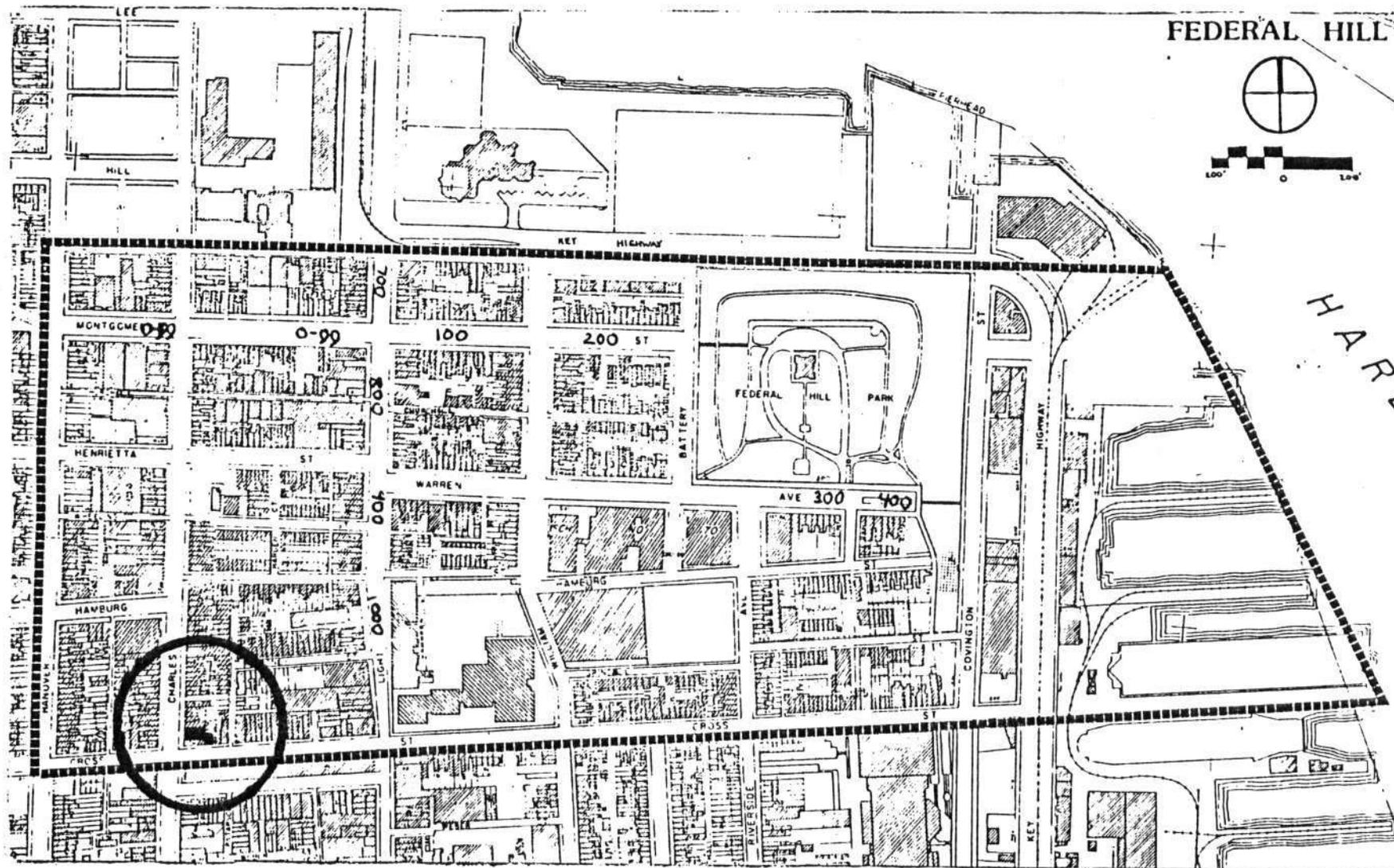
NOTICE

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CITY OF
DEPARTMENT OF
BUREAU OF PL
PROPERTY LC

WARD 23
BLOCK

SCALE 1 IN. = 50 FT.

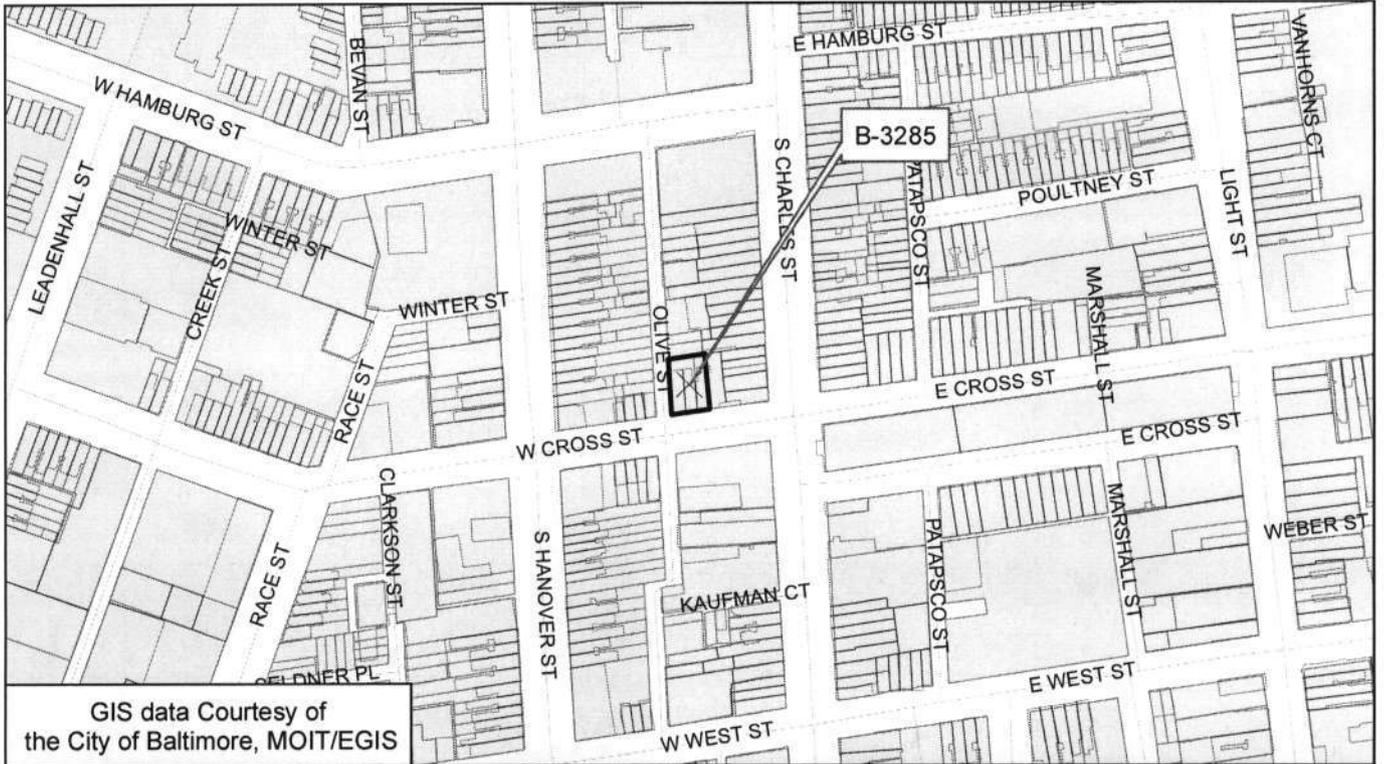


FEDERAL HILL NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT 4/17/70

1057-1059 S. Charles St. (B-3319)

4-6 W. Cross St. (B-3285)

B-3285
4-8 W. Cross Street
Block 0933 Lots 019-020
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



RETAIL SPACE
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4-8 W. Cross St.

M.E.H.

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South elevation



4-6 W. Cross St B-3285
Federal Hill Historic District
Baltimore (city) Maryland
Photo: Kenneth M. Short
Date: November 1987
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
S elev.

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