

B-3321 - B-3333  
4-48 E. Cross St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1850-1867

The pair of houses at 4-6 E. Cross St. was originally built as a pair of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, but 4 E. Cross St. has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 8 E. Cross St. is a small, two story, gable-roofed house typical of the type built on nearby Patapsco St. in the 1850's. 10 and 12-38 E. Cross St. are all three story, two bay wide, brick houses with gable roofs that serve a mixed commercial/residential purpose. The houses were built both just before and just after the Civil War by John S. Gittings and George Williamson, who each built alternating pairs of similar houses. 26-28 and 38 E. Cross St. have had their original gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs and 38 E. Cross St. has a bracketed cornice. 46 E. Cross St. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice whose first floor area is currently being converted to a shopfront. 48 E. Cross St. is a two story, two bay wide, brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice which has recently been converted to modern shopfront space.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

30-32 E. Cross 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 #:

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**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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		

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

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs was built in the 1860's as part of the development of this side of Cross St. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts.

The houses are three stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 73' deep. Each house has a one story high, four bay deep modern addition that extends back all the way to the alley at the rear of the lot. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. 30 Cross St. has a single hooded chimney located on the east side of the rear roof gable.

The houses have no lintels on the second story window openings but the the third story openings have molded wood lintels (crown moldings) similar to those seen at 24 Cross St. All of the sills are brick header sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. At 30 Cross St. a pair of glass and panel aluminum doors are located in the westernmost bay, flanked by an aluminum paneled, covered store-front with a wide aluminum sign area above. At 32 Cross St. a pair of glass and panel doors is located in the easternmost bay, flanked by a shop window which has been filled in with concrete blocks. A simple wooden cornice, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set over a plain frieze area, extends across the entire width of the store-front. Both entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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 1858-1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John S. Gittings

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

See under 14-16 E. Cross St.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'3" x 73' each

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 &amp; 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

REVIEW SHEET

B-3329

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 32 East Cross Street, Baltimore, Maryland Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic District: Federal Hill Historic District

8/26/90 date initial application received by State \_\_\_\_\_ date(s) additional information requested by State

3/4/91 date complete information received by State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date of this transmittal to NPS \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection of property by State staff?  no  yes date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.  
 There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing for district
	<input type="checkbox"/> for individual property
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old
	<input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved property
	<input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request

NUMBER	Complete item(s) below as appropriate.
2	(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>late 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> c</u>
	(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes <input type="checkbox"/> does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input type="checkbox"/> feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> association <input type="checkbox"/> Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____ <u>Maryland Inventory # B-3329</u>
	(3) For properties less than 50 years old: <input type="checkbox"/> the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution. <input type="checkbox"/> the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing. <input type="checkbox"/> there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.
	(4) For preliminary determinations: A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district: <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.) <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months. <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months. <input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain:  B. Evaluation of the property: <input type="checkbox"/> Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Criteria Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:  
 appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.  
 does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

32 East Cross Street is one of a pair of houses consisting of 30 and 32 East Cross Street. The three story, two-bay wide, brick houses with gable roofs were built between 1858 - 1868 by John S. Gittings. Gittings and George Wilhamson built alternating pairs of houses along Cross Street opposite the Cross Street Market. Many of these houses were occupied by tradesmen and were intended to serve mixed residential and commercial uses or had store fronts inserted on the first floor in later years.

32 East Cross Street is representative of the modest mid-19th century rowhouses typical of Federal Hill and is an important remnant of the once-flourishing commercial area which grew up around Cross Street Market. The Market was founded in 1846 to serve the needs of the rapidly growing Federal Hill neighborhood and subsequently spurred development on adjacent streets. While 32 East Cross Street has undergone numerous alterations over time, it still retains its basic form and contributes to the streetscape of similar paired rowhouses.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by Elizabeth Hannold, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
  - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended  Precedent-setting case  Forwarded without recommendation

3/13/91  
Date

*[Signature]*  
State Official Signature

See attachments:

NPS Comments:

B-3329

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

NPS Office Use Only

NRIS No: \_\_\_\_\_

NPS Office Use Only

Project No: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property:

Address of property: Street 32 EAST CROSS STREET  
City BALTIMORE County \_\_\_\_\_ State MARYLAND Zip 21230  
Name of historic district: FEDERAL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 National Register district  certified state or local district  potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
- certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
- preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
- preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name WELCOME DESIGN: EDWIN N. STRETCH, CONSULTANT  
Street 713 SOUTH BOND STREET City BALTIMORE  
State MARYLAND Zip 21231 Daytime Telephone Number 327 3610 (301)

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name HUGH SISSON, Treas Signature Hugh Sisson Date 8.3.90  
Organization SISSON'S INC.

Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Street 36 EAST CROSS STREET City BALTIMORE  
State MARYLAND Zip 21230 Daytime Telephone Number 301 539 2093

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

32 East Cross Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230  
Sisson's Inc.  
August 1990

Part I

5. Description of Physical Appearance: This (3) story, (2) bay brick structure is the companion or mirror of 30 East Cross Street. A storefront, now containing only a pair of doors (no transom) and a cornice, was established on the first floor of this converted row house. Windows on the second & third floors consist of 1/1 clad Andersen double hung windows. Brick sills replace original wood sills and applied wood moldings above third floor windows are the extent of architectural detail. Original brick or wood lintels are missing.

All windows and doors on the rear facade have been removed and the masonry openings closed with concrete block.

Date of Construction: 1850's Source of Date: Peale Museum  
Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1950's & 1970's  
Has the building been moved? No.

6. Statement of significance: Little significance except for position as part of row facing modern City Market Structure.

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This structure does not meet the requirements set forth by the National Park Service to qualify for Tax Certification.

The exterior front facade has been altered in the past with the removal of the original residential first floor openings, removal of original windows, sills & lintels and removal of original areaway between #30 & #32. Brick repair was performed that is clearly substandard with patches of portland cement used in earlier repointing effort.

The rear of the structure retains none of it's original openings.

Photographs: #1 & #2

Interior: First floor - other than metal ceiling has been stripped of any architectural detail.

Photographs: #3 & #4

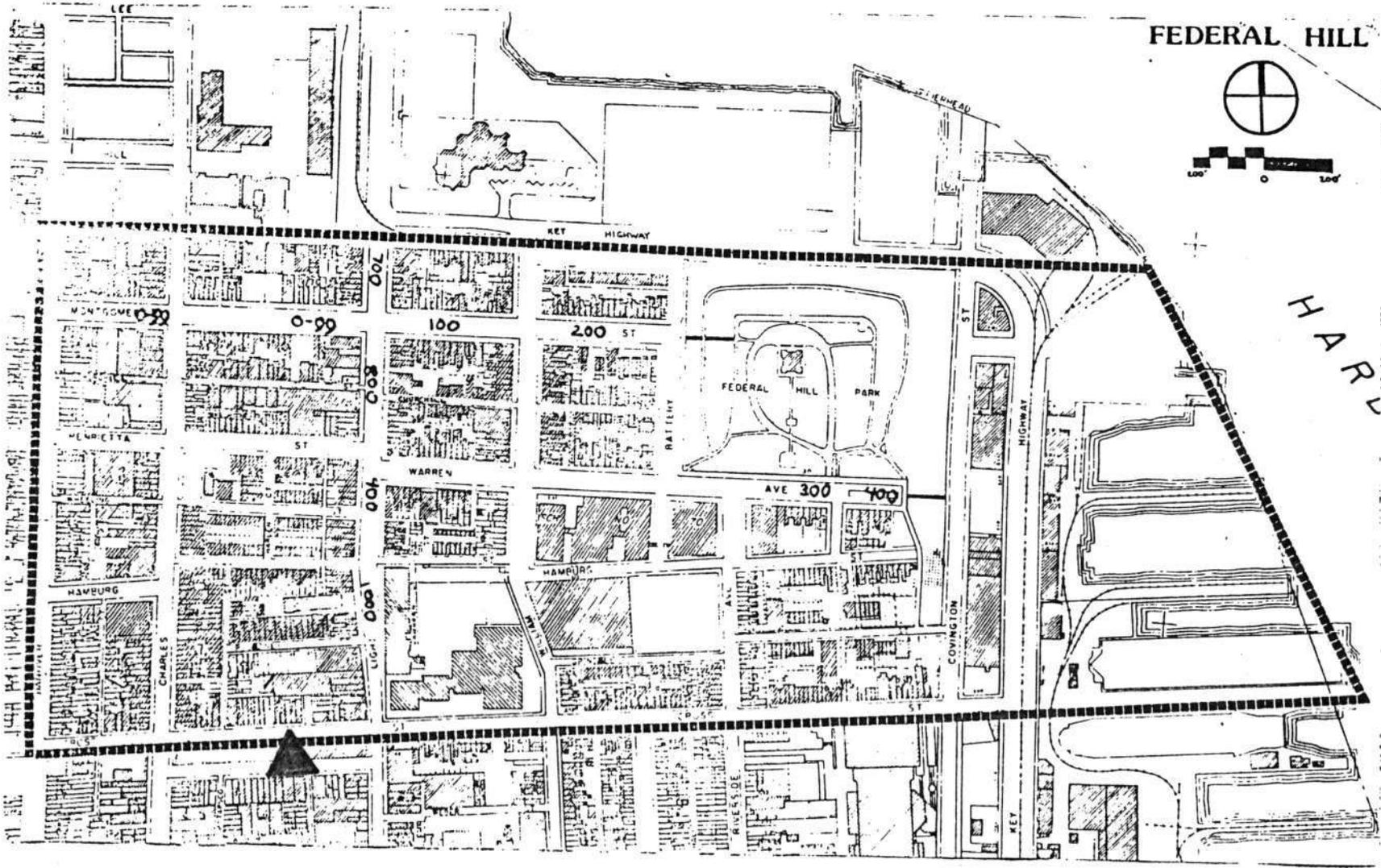
Second Floor - Consisting of two rooms separated by a stair to the third floor contain no detail.

Photographs: #5 & #6

Third Floor - Here as on floors one & two no significant detail remains.

Photographs: #7 & #8.

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32 E. CROSS ST.  
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30-32 E. Cross Street  
Block 0935A Lots 020-019  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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South elevation