

B-3374 - B-3382
1001-1039 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1837-1854

A large portion of the east side of the 1000 block of Light St. was originally improved with a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built by John S. Gittings and others in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Of these houses only 1003 and 1005 Light St. survive in their original exterior form, with 1027-1029 Light St. retaining their original two story height, but minus their original dormer windows. 1001 and 1025 Light St. are now three story, three bay wide brick commercial/residential structures with shed roofs and bracketed cornices; 1007 and 1009 Light St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. A number of the early houses on this block have been replaced by modern, one story high commercial structures. The southern portion of the block was originally improved with a row of three story, gable-roofed houses in the early 1850's, of which only 1031 Light St. survives in its original form. 1033 and 1037-1039 Light St. have had their gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs with bracketed cornices added. The first floor areas of all of these later houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1001 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- 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, ET&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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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 three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice is the second structure to occupy this site, replacing an earlier gable roofed house built here in the 1830's. The present structure dates from the 1870's. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front.

The house is three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupies a lot 70' deep. The house occupies the south-east corner of Light and Hamburg Streets and extends back along Hamburg St. for eight bays. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with a row of cut-work scallops and set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs, bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings, and set above a plain frieze area. Four carved brackets (with a fifth bracket around the Hamburg St. corner of the cornice) support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip decorated with quarter-round carvings. The brick frieze area thus formed is punctuated by three scroll-sawed ventilating panels. There is a double hooded chimney located along the north side of the front section of the roof, and a hooded rear end chimney located at the east end of the house.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. Each brick lintel has a row of applied balls running across the top of the lintel, probably made of terra-cotta. The sills are stone. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front. A glass and aluminum door is located in the northernmost bay, flanked by a slightly projecting multi-light shop window set on a wood siding base. The entire facade of the store-front area has been faced with wood siding and there is a deep, projecting shed roof extending out over the door and window area. The entrance is reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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			
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<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 orig. 1837-8/ enl.1880's BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Stubbs

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses in the area that were originally built in the late 1830's or 1840's as gable-roofed houses (in this case two story) but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the gable roof being raised and rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. The building seems always to have served as a combination residential/commercial structure, with the first floor area serving as store-front and the family living on the floors above.

The house was built by Joseph Stubbs, a local carpenter, on land leased to him by John S. Gittings.¹ The first owner-occupant was a Christopher Devold, a seaman, who lived here in the 1840's. The second owner was Caspar Weaver, a furniture dealer who had a shop at this location in 1849.² The Weaver family retained the property until 1885.³

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 306, Folio 233; Baltimore City Directory, 1837

²B.C.D., 1845, 1849-50

³Land Records, Liber AWB 418, Folio 100; JB 1035, Folio 167

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15' x 70'

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

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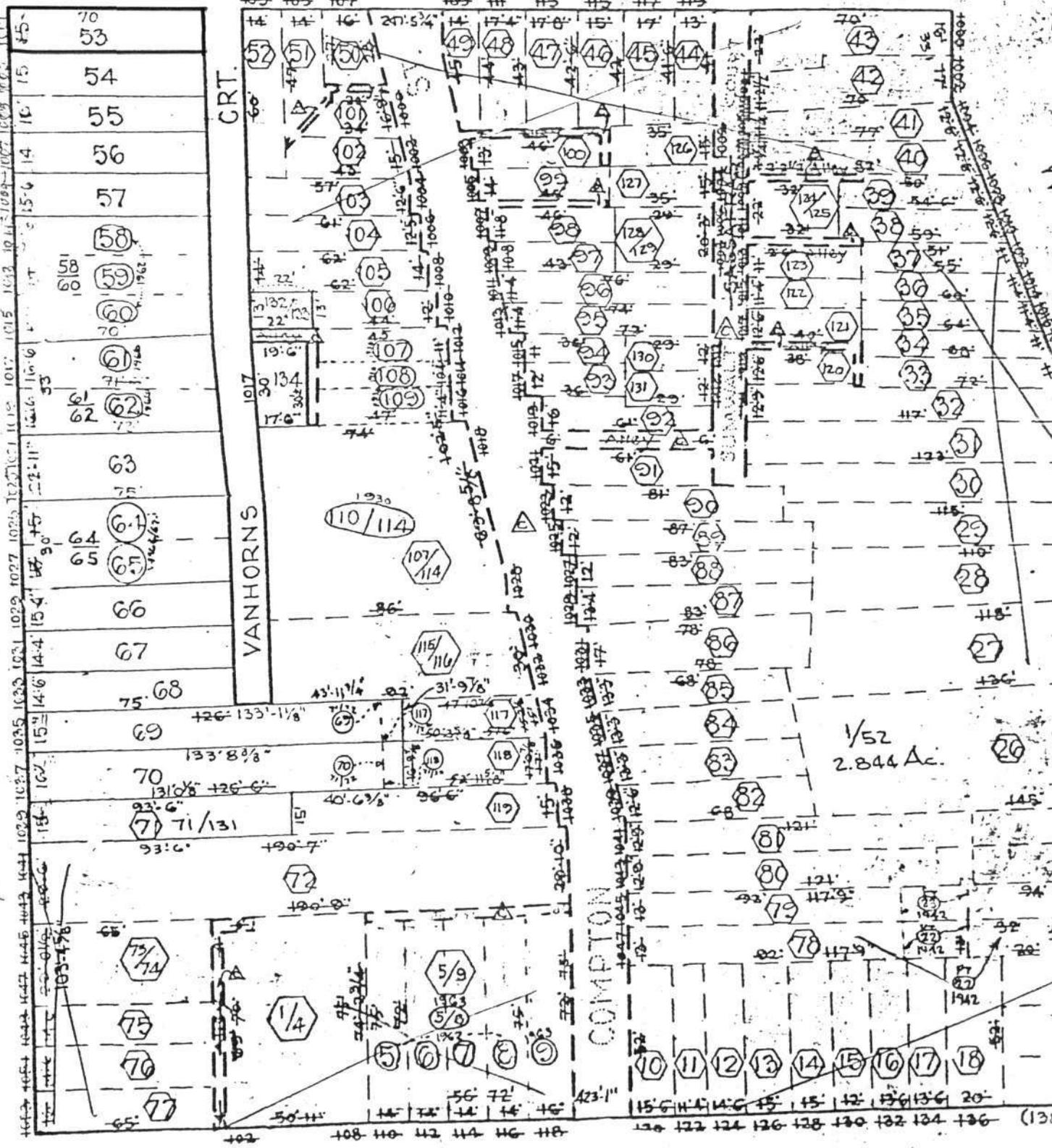
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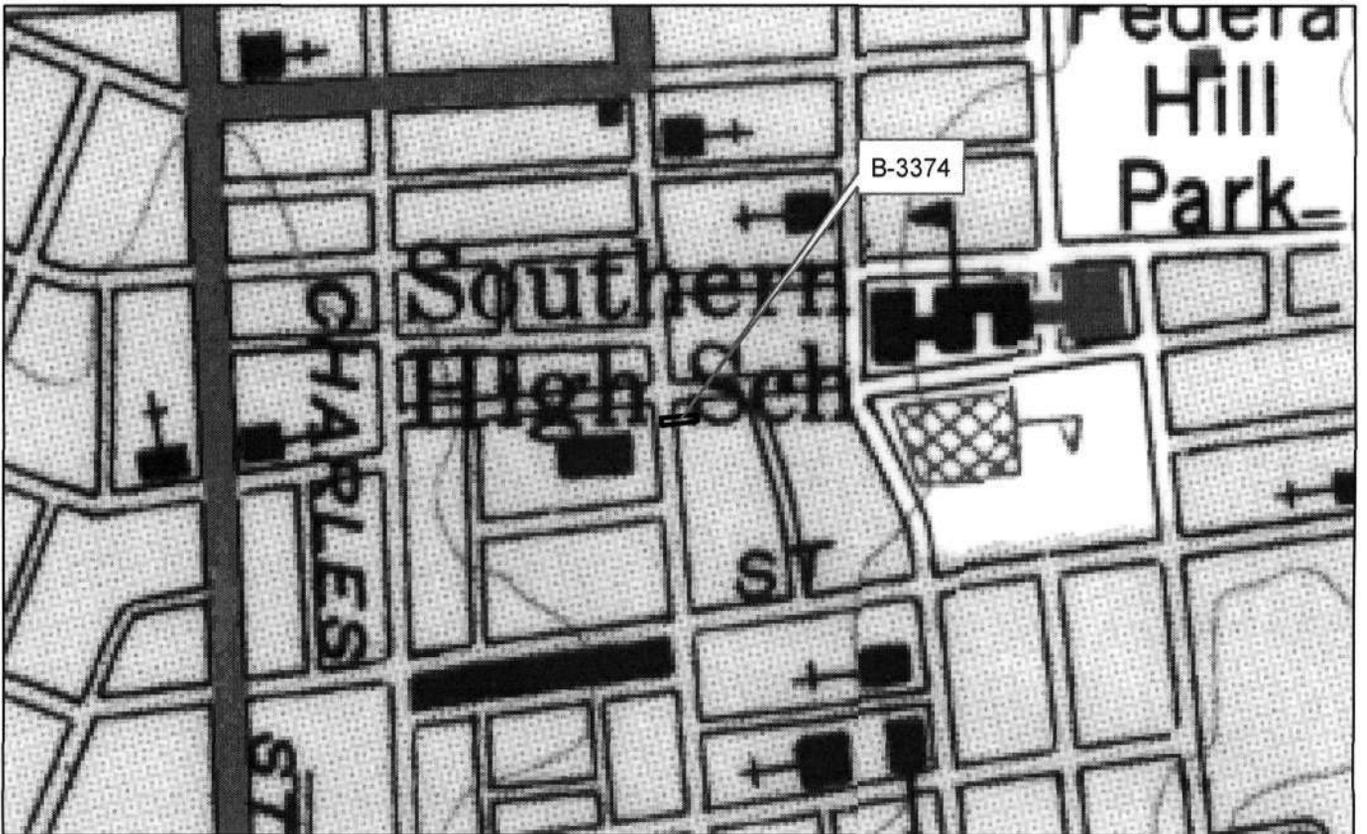
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1001 Light Street
Block 0936 Lot 053
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West and north elevations