

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 A number of the early houses on this block have been replaced by modern, one story high commercial structures.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

1003 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 two story, two bay brick house with gable roof and front and rear roof dormer windows was built in the 1830's and formed part of a group of gable roofed houses extending along this side of Light St. The house has been covered with formstone.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 15' wide, and occupies a lot 70' deep. The house is two rooms deep and there is a two story high, three bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice and is covered with tarpaper. There is a dormer window located on both the front and rear roof gables. There is a double rectangular chimney located on the south side of the rear roof gable. There is also a rear end chimney located at the east end of the rear addition.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that all of the openings had flat lintels. The sills are currently brick header sills but these may be contemporary with the formstone covering. The first and second story window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash; the dormer window is filled with 6/6 sash. There is a modern flush door set beneath a single light transom. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by four brick steps. A rectangular coal opening is located to the right of the steps.

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 1837-38

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Stubbs

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a group of two and a half story houses with dormer windows built in Federal Hill in the late 1830's and 1840's to provide inexpensive housing for the growing number of workers moving into the area to work in waterfront-related jobs. The houses are interesting as quite late examples of the use of design characteristics associated with a much earlier period. The houses are Federal in style, the only evidence of their later date being the longer, narrower first floor front windows, and certain interior woodwork details. The first floor plan follows the pattern established for earlier working class housing in the area, with small front and back rooms on each floor and with enclosed, tightly winding stairs set between the two rooms. The kitchen was located in the basement.

This house was built by Joseph Stubbs, a local carpenter, on land leased from John S. Gittings, who developed most of this side of Light St. and the adjoining section of Hamburg St.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 306, Folio 233

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

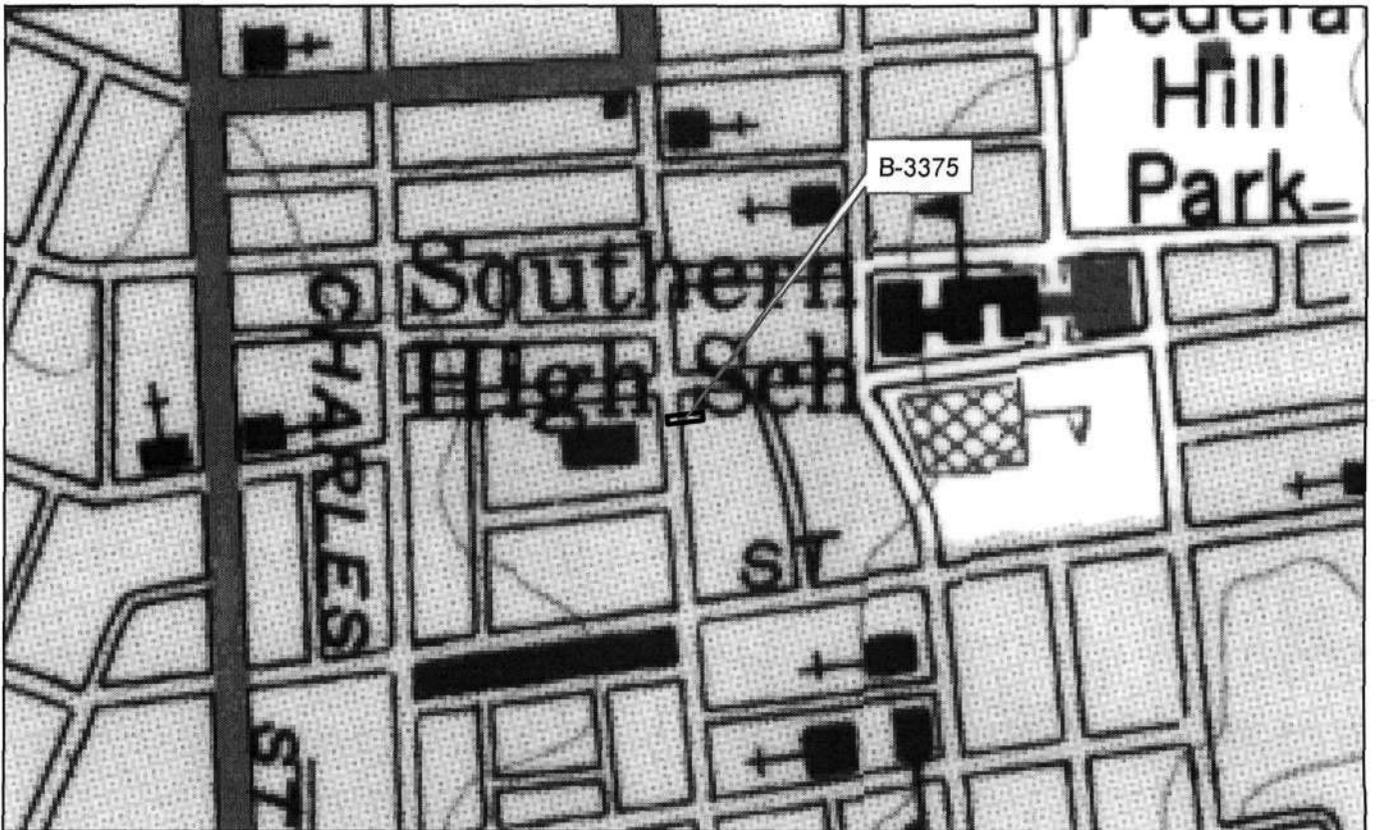
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West elevation