

B-3387 - B-3395  
202-236 E. Cross St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1845-1885

The north side of the 200 block of E. Cross St. was developed in an easterly moving direction, beginning from the corner of William St. and moving easterly towards Riverside Ave. John T. Grindall built a row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses at 202-210 E. Cross St. in the late 1840's, contemporaneously with the similar row he built to the north along William St. Of this group only 204 and 208 E. Cross St. retain their original exterior form; 202, 206, and 210 E. Cross St. have been enlarged and are now three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. 212-222 E. Cross St. is a group of three story, mainly three bay wide brick houses (the exceptions are 214 and 216 which are only two bays wide), with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's to served a mixed commercial/residential function, as they do today. The original Victorian storefront is still intact (though deteriorated) at 212 E. Cross St. and is noteworthy as being one of the few surviving Italianate-style storefronts in the area. At 224-232 E. Cross St. there is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1880's by Nicholas Popplein. To the east, at 234-236 E. Cross St. is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built by Popplein in the same period.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 206-208 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 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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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (208)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (206)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This pair of houses was originally a pair of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs, built by John T. Grindall in the 1840's as part of a group of four such houses extending along this side of Cross St. 206 Cross St. has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and sheet metal cornice. 206 Cross has been covered with formstone.

The houses were originally two and a half stories in height, but now 206 Cross is three stories in height. Both houses are 15' wide, and occupy lots 60' deep. Both houses are two rooms deep. 206 Cross has a two story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 208 Cross has a one story high, three bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but 206 Cross has been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof of 208 Cross has a two-tier brick cornice. The shed roof of 206 Cross has a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a row of egg-and-dart motifs. Three brackets at one time connected the cornice to a lower molding strip which is now missing. The two end brackets terminate at their upper edges in rounded "anthemions." 208 Cross has a double hooded chimney located along the east side of the rear roof gable. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the north end of the rear addition.

All of the door and window openings of 206 Cross and the first and second floor openings of 208 Cross have segmentally arched brick lintels. The lintels at 206 Cross have scroll-sawed tympanums; those at 208 Cross have solid wood tympanums. The attic story windows at 208 Cross have flat wood lintels. The sills at 206 Cross are stone; those at 208 Cross are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 206 Cross has a Mission-style door; 208 Cross has a multi-light glass and panel door. Both doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on fairly low basements, the entrances being reached by three marble steps at 206 Cross and by two stone steps at 208 Cross. 206 Cross has a rectangular basement opening filled with two lights located to the left of the steps; 208 Cross has a square-shaped coal opening with metal cover located to the right of the steps. An arched alleyway runs between the two houses.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 1845-49

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John T. Grindall

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1029-1035 William St.

These houses were built by Grindall as part of his development of the western section of the block bounded by William St., Cross St., Riverside Ave., and Grindall St. The houses were sold by Grindall soon after their completion to individual owners. The first owner of 206 Cross St. was a Henry Middendorf, who operated a tavern on the Light St. wharf; a later owner of the house was a John Lloyd, an inspector at the Custom House, who lived here in the 1870's.<sup>1</sup> The first owner of 208 Cross St. was Gerhart Eversman, who, however, soon sold the house and moved to the south-east corner of Charles and Hamburg Sts. (now 1001 S. Charles St.) where he opened a grocery store.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 411, Folio 323; GR 583, Folio 326; Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50, 1851, 1856-57, 1871

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., AWB 411, Folio 320; B.C.D., 1851, 1853-54

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15' x 60' 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

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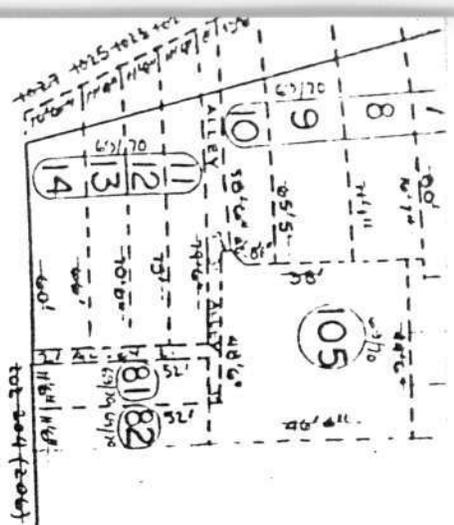
STATE

Maryland 21204

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

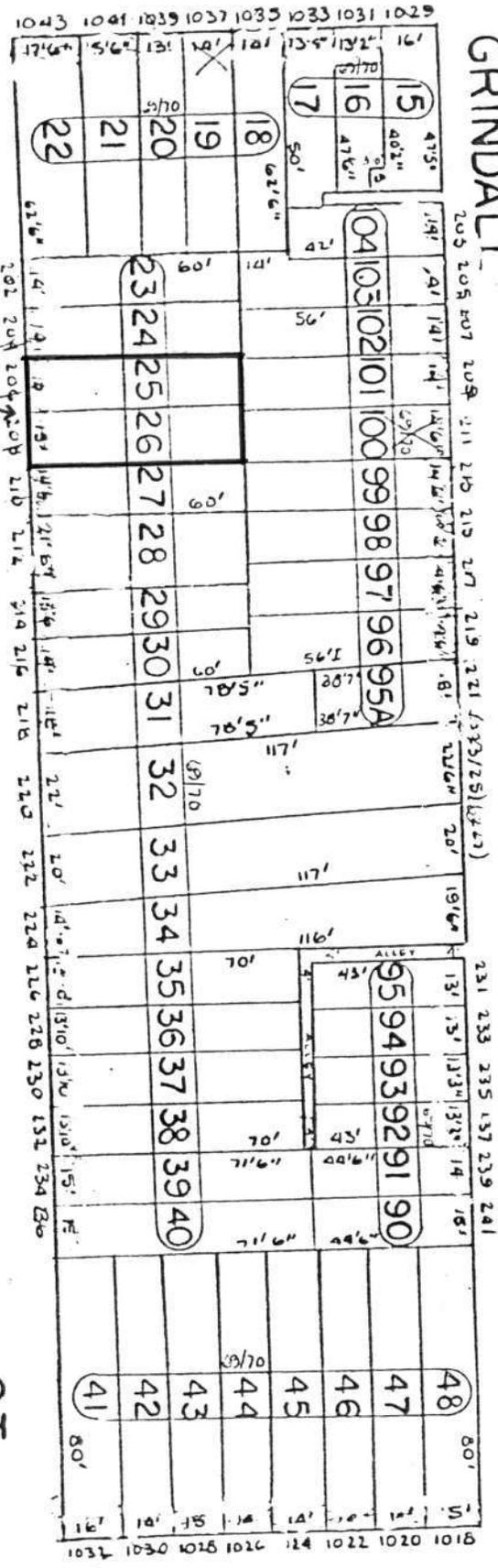
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



WILLIAM

GRINDALI

E. CROSS B-3389



ST.

RIVERSIDE

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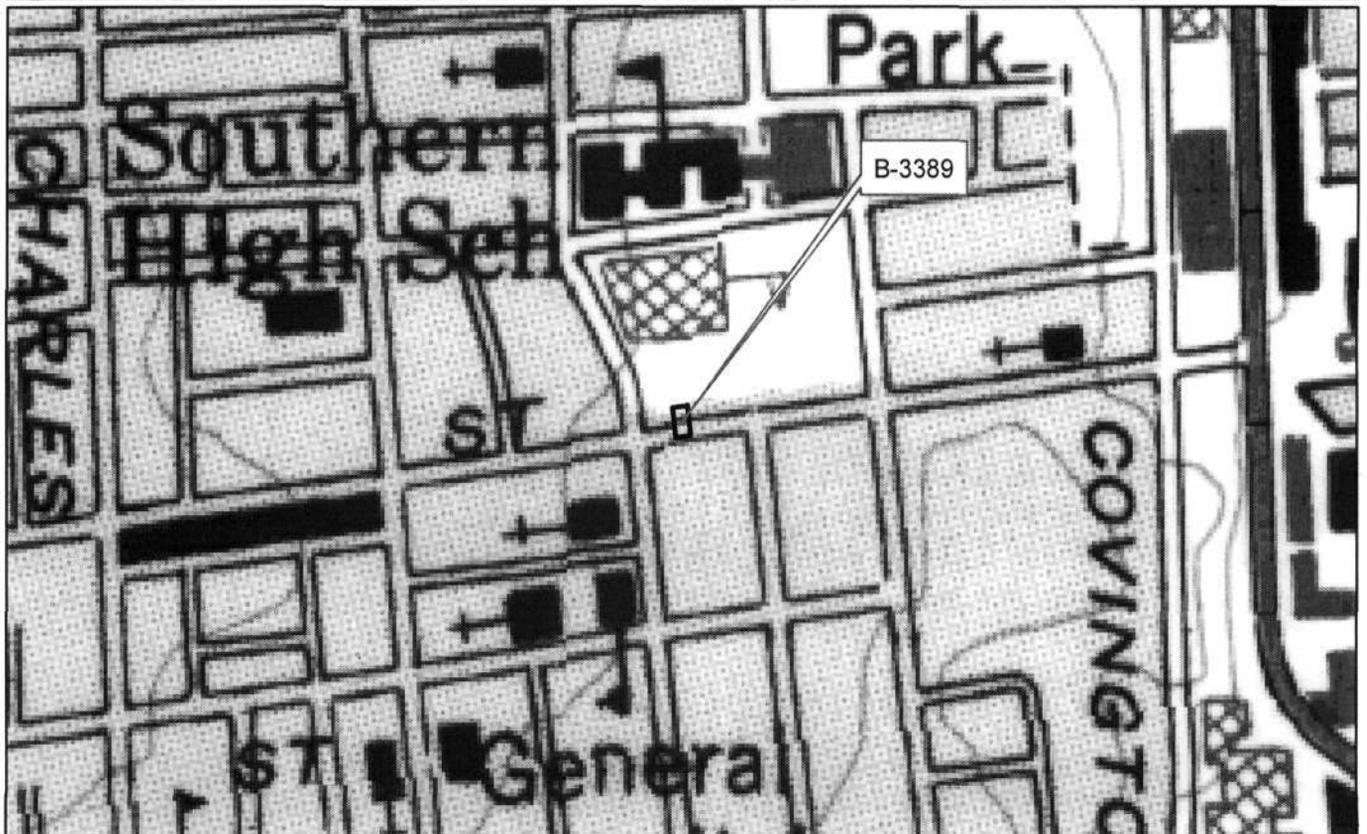
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SHEET ON SET-3  
SHEET-3

24-1-937 For 1939/70

CITY OF BAY...

B-3389  
206-208 E. Cross Street  
Block 0937 Lots 025-026  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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South elevation