

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 218-222 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN Baltimore CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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 STATE, zip code

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**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**

B-3393

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 group of three story, three bay brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices were built as a unit in the early 1870's. 218 and 220 Cross St. have been covered with formstone; 222 Cross St. has been stuccoed. The first floor areas of all of the houses have been converted into store-fronts.

The houses are three stories in height, 218 Cross is 18' wide, 220 Cross is 22' wide, and 222 Cross is about 18' wide. 218 Cross occupies a lot about 78 1/2' deep; 220 and 222 Cross occupy lots 117' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a rear addition. Both 218 and 220 Cross have a two story high, three bay deep rear addition, followed by a one story high section (one bay deep at 218, two bays deep at 220). 222 Cross has a two story high, seven bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but the facades of 218 and 220 Cross have been covered with formstone, and the facade of 222 Cross has been stuccoed. The shed roofs of 218 and 220 Cross are capped by identical wooden cornices, which, however, are not continuous. The cornice consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of grooved modillions set above a row of smaller modillions, and a row of cut-work scallops. Four grooved brackets (per house) support the cornice and at one time connected it to a lower molding strip which is now missing. 222 Cross no longer has its cornice. Each house originally had a double rectangular chimney located on the east side of the rear section of the roof, but only that of 220 Cross remains. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the north 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 window openings had flat lintels, probably splayed brick. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. All of the first floor areas have been converted into store-fronts. At 218 Cross a double glass and panel door set beneath a two-light transom is located in the westernmost bay, flanked by a double window consisting of two regular sized 1/1 sash. The area between the transom and the door is bordered by the same row of cut-work scallops as seen in the roof cornice. At 220 Cross there is a modern store-front with a centrally located door flanked by two plate glass windows set on brick bases. A deep aluminum sign extends across the entire width of the store-front at the cornice level. 222 Cross currently serves as a neighborhood bar. There is a slightly projecting, new store-front constructed of wood siding. The modern flush door is located in the westernmost bay and there are two small windows, one square-shaped and one diamond-shaped. All of the entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1872-73

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nicholas Popplein

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings are significant as being representative of the second phase of commercial/residential construction in the area surrounding the Cross St. Market, being built in the 1870's in the then popular Victorian style, with shed roof and bracketed cornice. This type of building served the same function as its pre-Civil War predecessor, the first floor area serving as a store-front and the upper two floors serving as a residence for the family operating the store below, or to provide rental income for the landlord. Most of these houses have separate street entrances to the private family quarters above. The facades of the store-front areas are modern, recent remodelings. For the original appearance of such a store-front see under 212 E. Cross St.

The houses were built by Nicholas Popplein, the proprietor of a large-scale family business of a paint and chemical works, located in the 1840's and 1850's at the east end of Cross St. near Covington St., but since the Civil War located on North Ave. Popplein himself lived in a large mansion on Eutaw Place in Bolton Hill.<sup>1</sup> Popplein sold 218 E. Cross St. in 1873 to a Jefferson Pfaff, who operated a flour and feed store at this location in the 1870's. The second owner of the property, a John H. Jerrentrupp, had a cigar store at this location in the 1880's, and later in the decade his wife ran a saloon here.<sup>2</sup> Popplein sold 220 E. Cross St. to a Daniel Piquett, who operated a grocery store here in the 1870's. He sold 222 E. Cross St. to George Schipferling, a baker who opened in business at this location in 1874.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GR 597, Folio 360; Baltimore City Directory, 1874, 1879-1885

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Liber GR 597, Folio 358: 49; B.C.D., 1874

Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50, 1851, 1864, 1872

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18' x 78'5" (218); 22' x 117' (220); 20' x 117' (222)

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 &amp; NUMBER

5/70  
TELEPHONE1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

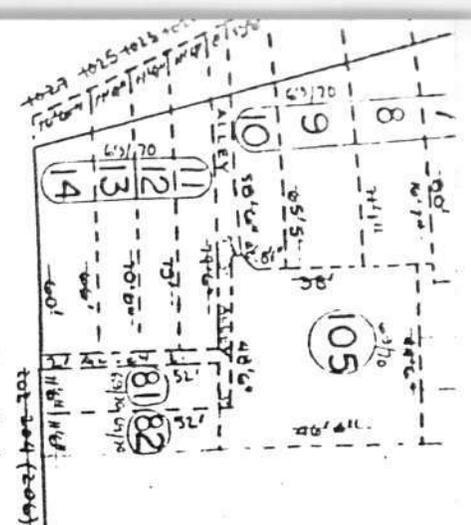
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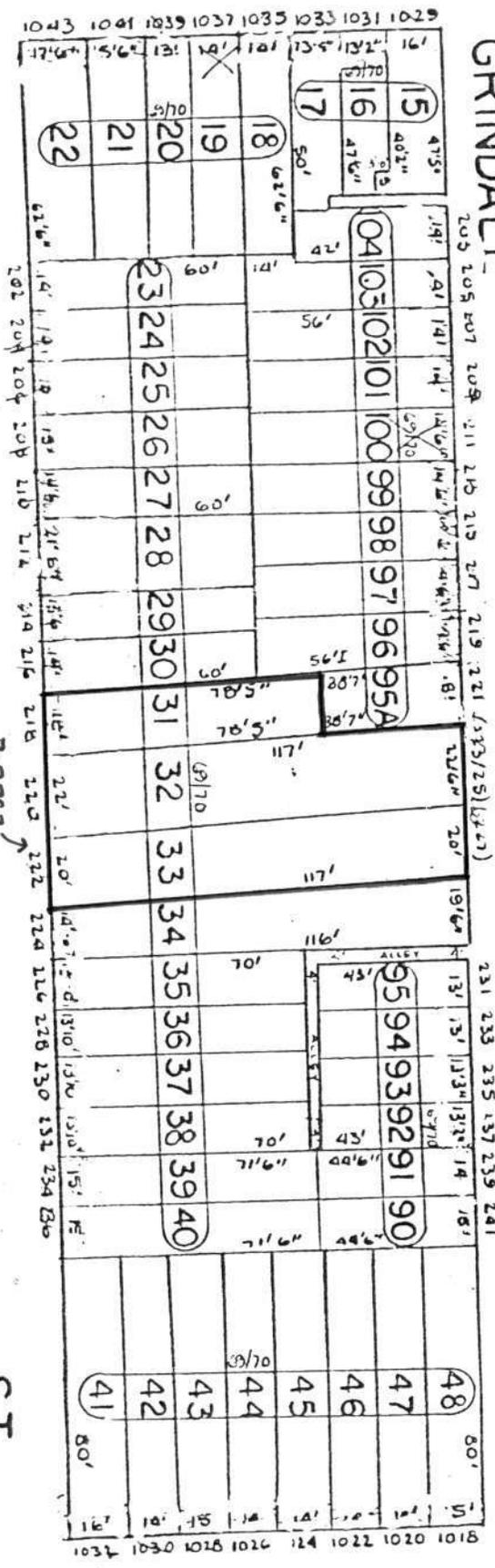
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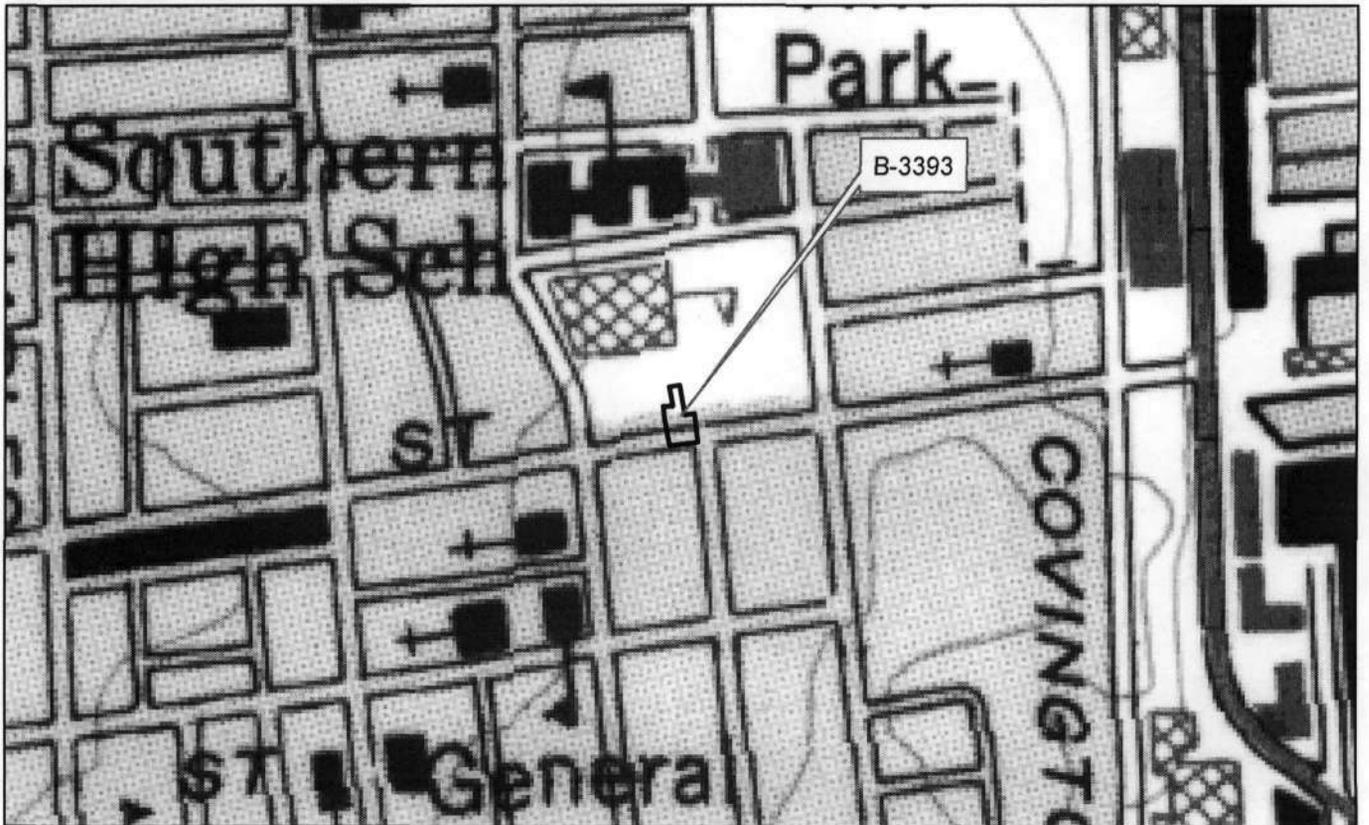
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SHEET SET-3

24-1-937 For 1907/70

CITY OF

B-3393  
218-222 E. Cross Street  
Block 0937 Lots 031-033  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3393      218-222 E. Cross St.

M.E.H.      5/79

South elevation



B-3393

220 E. Cross St.

M.E.H.

5/79

South elevation

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