

B-3454 - B-3462
1105-1137 S. Charles St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1835-1875

The east side of the 1100 block of S. Charles St. is improved by several different types of houses, all of which currently serve a combined residential/commercial function. The earliest surviving houses on the block, those at 1131-1137 S. Charles St., are a group of late Federal style, two and a half story, two bay wide brick houses, built in the late 1830's by two different builders. To the north of this early group, at 1129 S. Charles St., is a two story plus attic, two bay wide brick house, built in the early 1850's. The remainder of the block is improved by three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, some of which (1115-1117 and 1123 S. Charles St.) were originally built in the 1850's with gable roofs and later remodeled, and some of which (1105, 1125, 1127 S. Charles St.) were built in the 1870's in their present form.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1135-1137 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

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

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, 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-3462

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 pair of two story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs and front and rear roof dormer windows was built in the 1830's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. 1135 Charles St. has been covered with formstone and the first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 1135 is 13' wide, 1137 is 14' wide, and both occupy lots 52' deep. Each house is two rooms deep. 1137 Charles St. has a two story high, four bay deep rear addition running back along West St. The houses are constructed in common bond but 1135 Charles St. has been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched gable roofs have two-tier brick cornices and a single front and rear roof dormer window apiece.* Each house has a double rectangular chimney located on the north side of the rear roof gable.

The second story window openings at 1137 Charles St. have no lintels and wood sills. The window openings on the West St. facade have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums and rustic stone sills. All of the window openings at 1137 Charles St. are filled with 2/2 double hung sash. At 1135 Charles St. the original treatment of the lintels has been hidden by the formstone covering, but it is apparent that the lintels are flat. The window openings are filled with modern 1/1 sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. At 1135 Charles St. a glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom bordered by dentil carvings, is located in the northernmost bay, flanked by a wide plate glass shop window set flush with the facade. At 1137 Charles St. there is a centrally located flush metal door flanked by two three-sided projecting shop windows, the entire facades of which have been covered with stucco. A wooden cornice extends across the entire width of the store-front area and back along West St. for several feet. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with a row of cut-work scallops set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and bordered by a row of dentil carvings. Seven plain brackets across the Charles St. facade, and two brackets around the West St. corner, support the cornice and connect it to a plain wood freize area. Both entrances are reached by one stone step.

*The roof of 1135 Charles St. is covered with tarpaper and retains its original wooden snowguard. The roof of 1137 Charles St. is covered with asphalt shingles.

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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 1835-39 BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Gardner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1131 S. Charles St.

This pair of houses, along with 1133 S. Charles St., were built by George Gardner, a wheelwright, who lived here until his death in 1843. Gardner's son-in-law, Francis Livingston, then operated a hat shop at this location in the late 1840's and early 1850's, apparently having his shop at 1137 S. Charles and living at 1135 S. Charles.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 252, Folio 41; Baltimore City Directory, 1840-1, 1842, 1845, 1855-56

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13' x 52' (1135); 14' x 52' (1137)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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

CROSS STREET MARKET

LOT 113 96

60' 530' 60'

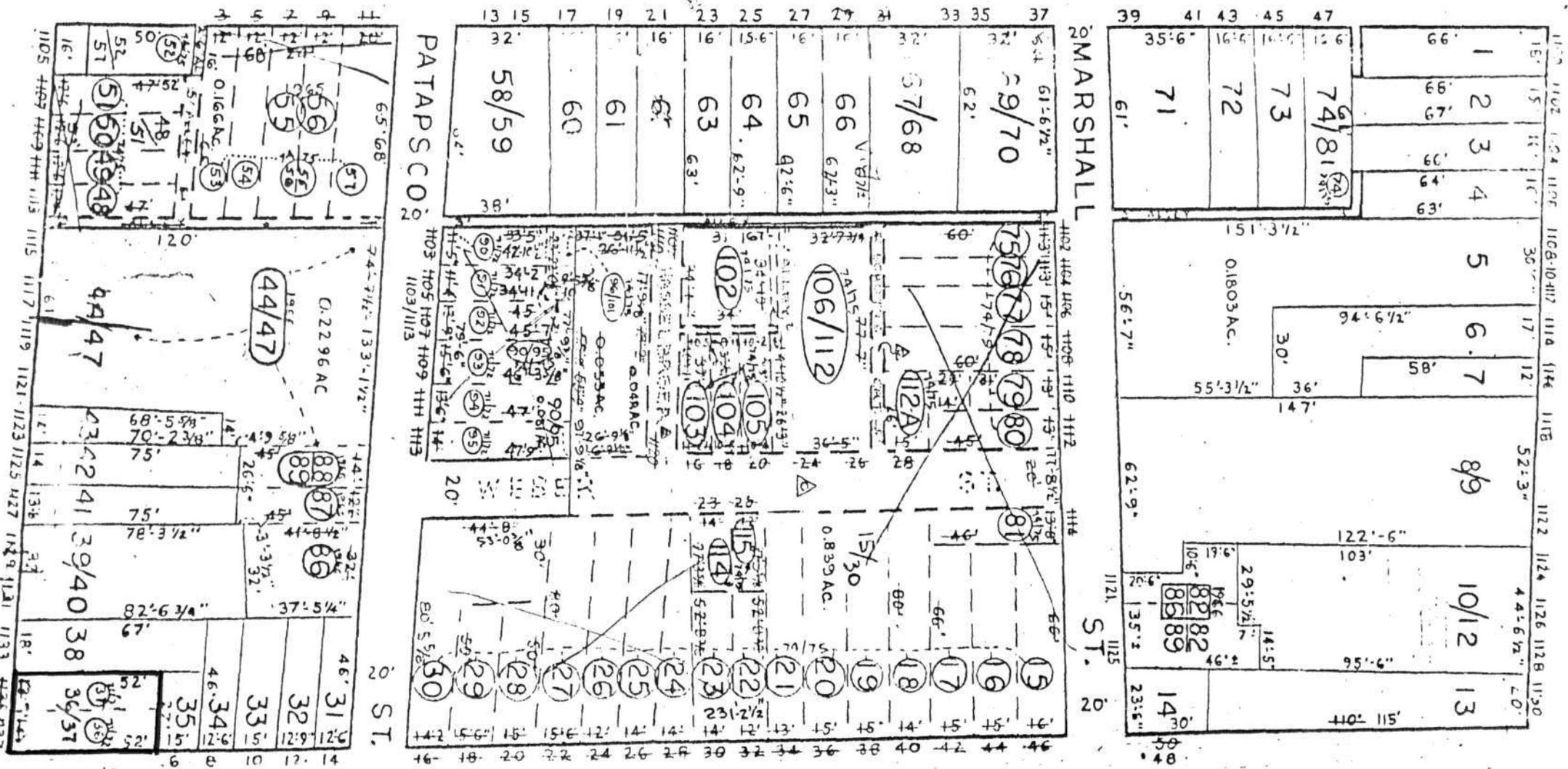
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S. CHARLES

43'

LIGHT

ST. B-3462

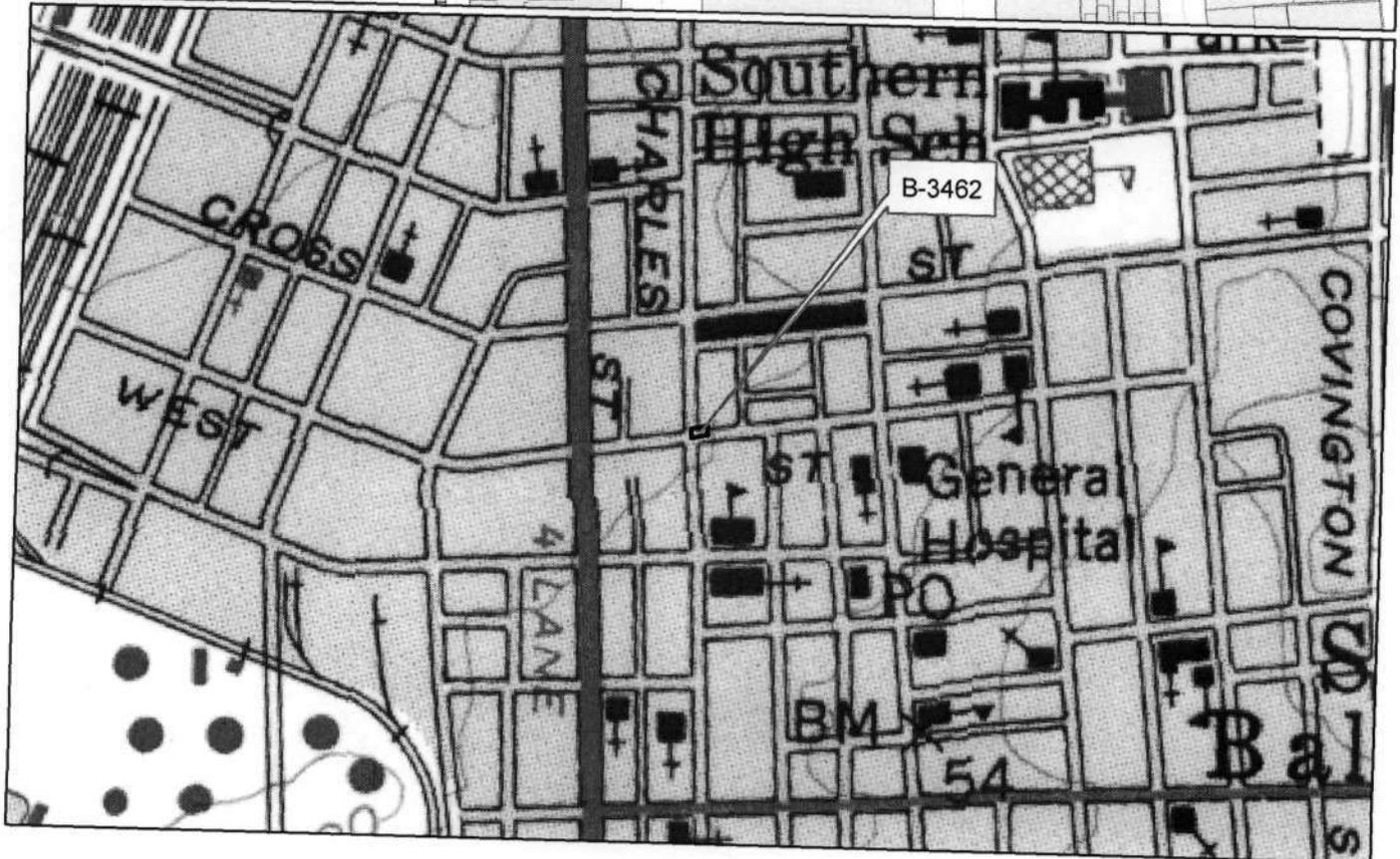
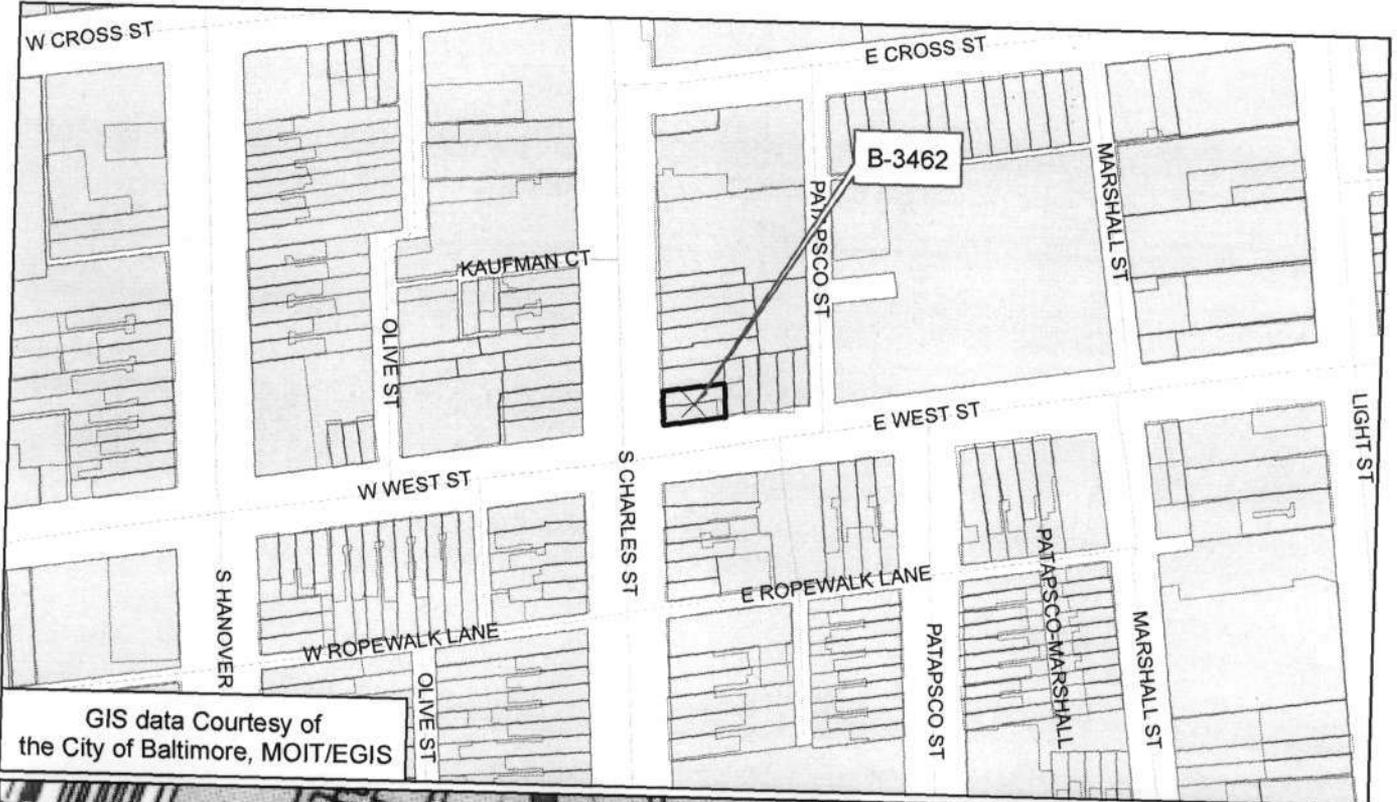


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CITY OF BALTIMORE

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1135-1137 S. Charles Street
Block 0950 Lot 036
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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ALL TRAFFIC
MUST STOP
AT RED LIGHT
AND REMAIN
STOPPED

TWO WAY
TRAFFIC
AHEAD
KEEP RIGHT

B-3462

1135-1137 S. Charles St.

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West and south elevations