

B-3476 - B-3484
1101-1137 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1855-1885

The east side of the 1100 block of Light St. is improved with a variety of types of combination residential/commercial structures, the majority of which, however, date to the period between 1855 and 1865. At 1101 Light St. there is a two story, two bay wide brick corner storefront with shed roof built just after the Civil War on the site of an earlier structure. Immediately adjoining to the south, at 1103 Light St., is a three story, three bay wide brick building with shed roof and sheet metal bracketed cornice, built in the early 1880's. Between these two buildings and the row beginning at 1117 Light St. a modern three story commercial structure has replaced earlier house/storefronts. At 1119-1123 Light St. there is a row of three story, three bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built to serve a combined residential/commercial function in the late 1850's by Albert Schumacher, a prominent leader of the Baltimore German community. 1117 Light St., formerly a part of this row, has since been enlarged in height and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. Across Weber St. to the south, there is a row of three story, three bay wide brick residential/commercial buildings, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the 1855-1865 period by Lorenz Bopp, a dry goods manufacturer who had his shop at 1137 Light St. The majority of these buildings on Light St. now have modern storefront areas.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1119-1121 Light 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

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, three bay brick houses with gable roofs was built as part of a group or such houses extending along this side of Light St. in the late 1850's. The first floor areas of the houses have been converted into store-fronts.

The houses are three stories in height, 19 1/2' wide, and occupy lots 90' deep. The houses are two rooms deep but the original rear additions have been replaced by modern buildings. At 1119 Light St. the modern warehouse type addition runs back to the end of the lot; at 1121 Light St. there is a modern three story high, three bay deep addition followed by a two story high, five bay deep addition which runs back to the end of the lot. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple brick cornice. The houses share a paired double rectangular chimney located along the partition wall between the two houses on the front roof gable.

The second and third story window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into modern store-fronts. At 1119 Light St. there is a modern glass and aluminum door set slightly off center to the south, flanked by two, two-sided plate glass shop windows set on brick bases. At 1121 Light St. a glass and aluminum door is located in the southernmost bay, flanked by a two-sided plate glass shop window set on a higher brick base. Both store-fronts have modern, flat aluminum sign areas extending across the entire width of the store-front. The entrances are 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
<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

1856-58

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Albert Schumacher

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being representative of a large group of such gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the area immediately surrounding the Cross St. Market (founded 1846). These structures were designed to provide a combination of commercial and residential space for the influx of small shop-keepers who were moving into the area to serve the needs of the growing community. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the floors above. The houses probably originally had separate entrances to the private family quarters above.

The houses were built by Albert Schumacher, a shipping and commission merchant with offices on Charles St., as part of his development of this section of Light St. The houses were completed before the Civil War but were not leased to individual owners until after the War. Schumacher sold 1119 Light St. to a Ludwig Eckhardt, who operated a shoe-maker's shop on the premises in the 1870's and whose wife sold notions here. 1121 Light St. was sold to Jacob F. Obrecht, who ran a flour and feed store next door at 1123 Light St.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GR 424, Folio 456, 471; Baltimore City Directory, 1872, 1849-50, 1867

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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 Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

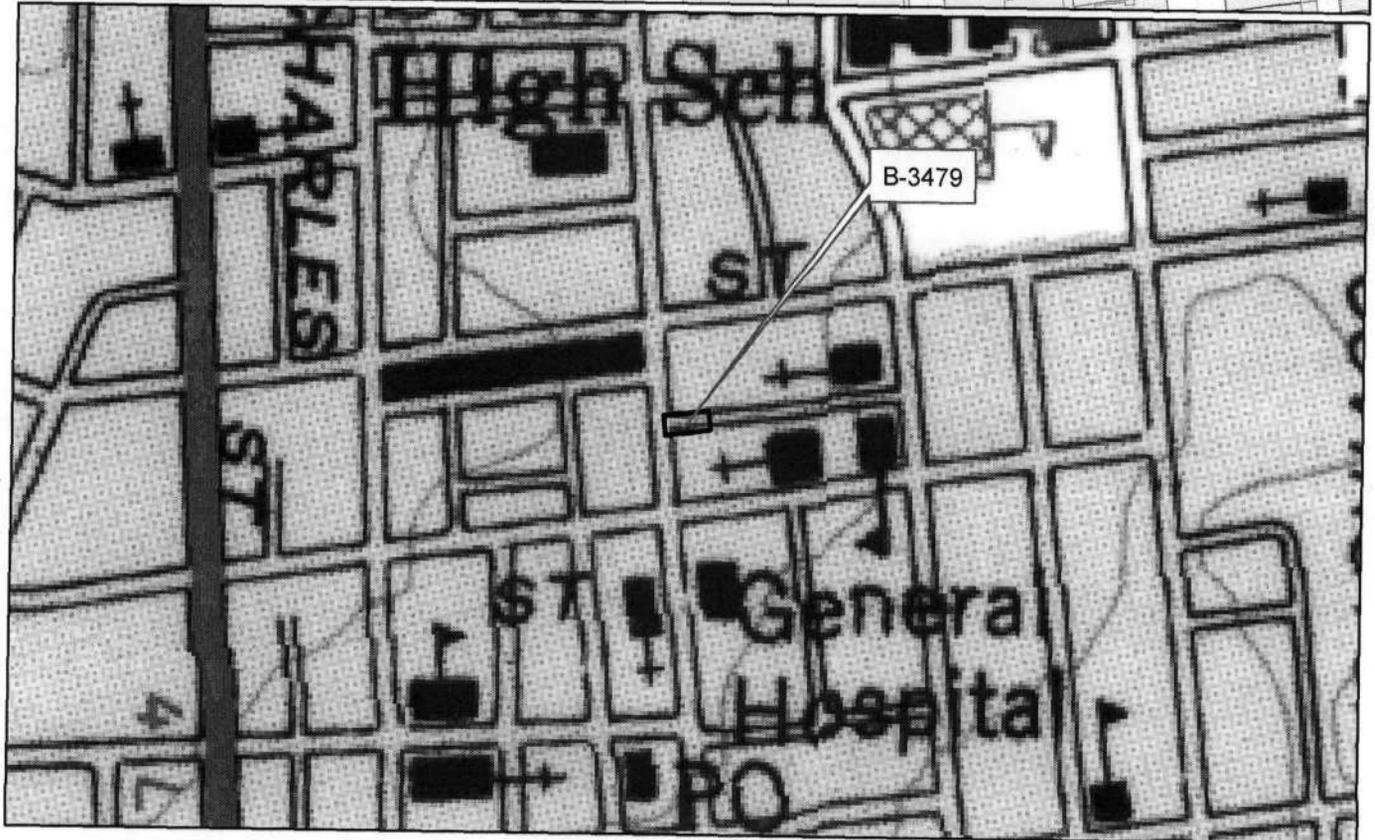
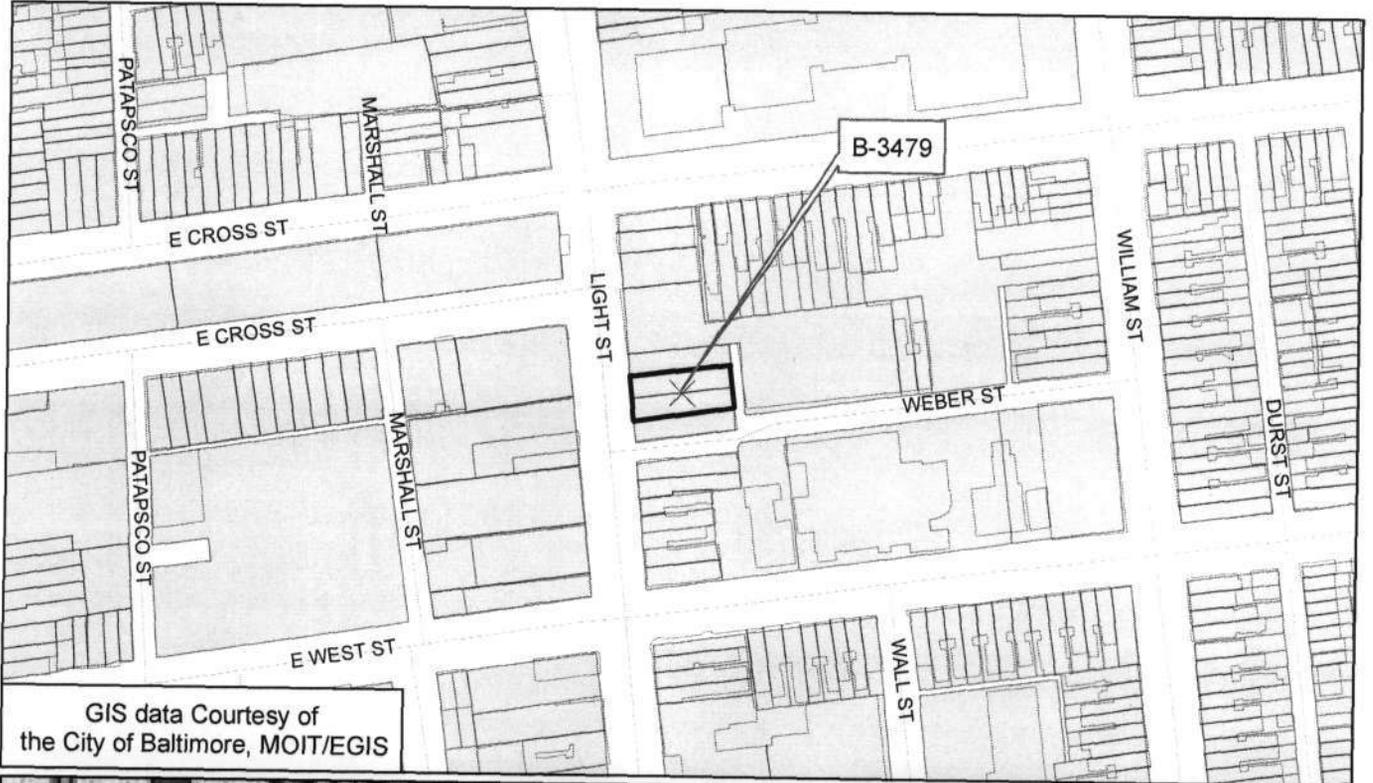
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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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AL BASS

3119 LIGHT ST.

FINE APPAREL

POLOCK JOHNNY'S
FAMOUS POLISH SAUSAGE



SHOE CITY

Stanley's

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COPY
YEAR
BURE

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1119-1121 Light St.

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West elevation