

B-3518 - B-3525
1142- 1100 Battery Ave. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1842-1860

The west side of the 1100 block of Battery Ave. is improved with two distinct groups of houses, all of which, however, were built before the Civil War. At 1134-1142 Battery Ave. and at 1126-1132 Battery Ave. there are groups of three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed brick houses built in the late 1850's. At 1110-1116 and 1118-1124 Battery Ave. there are two groups of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built by William Webb, a local house carpenter, in 1850. Of this group, 1112 Battery Ave. has since been enlarged to a full three stories in height but still retains its original gable roof. 1106-1108 Battery Ave. is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roof, but no existing roof cornice, built about 1855 with an original gable roof. Finally, at 1100-1104 Battery Ave. there is a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses, built in the early 1840's.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1118-1124 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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**CONDITION** EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE** UNALTERED ALTERED**CHECK ONE** ORIGINAL SITE MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This group of four two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs were built as a unit in 1850 by the same builder who constructed the adjoining row at 1110-1116 Battery Ave. and a row of eight houses along Durst Alley immediately to the rear of these houses. All of the houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 11'8" wide, and occupy lots 46' deep. The houses are probably constructed in running bond but their facades have been covered with formstone. Each house is two rooms deep and originally had a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. Today, 1118 Battery has an extra two bay addition; 1120 has a second story added to the original addition plus a later one story high, two bay deep addition; and 1122 has a modern, one story high, two bay deep addition. 1118 Battery has a single rectangular chimney located along the north side of the roof at the peak of the gable; 1120 and 1122 Battery share paired single covered chimneys located along the partition wall between the two houses; and 1124 Battery has a single covered chimney located along the south side of the roof at the peak of the gable. Each house has a rear end chimney located at the west end of the original rear addition. The low-pitched gable roof has a continuous, two-tier brick cornice.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the first and second floor openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums, and that the attic story windows had flat lintels. The sills are currently brick header sills but these may be contemporary with the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 1118 and 1120 Battery Ave. has Mission-style doors; 1122 and 1124 Battery have modern flush doors with fanlights in the door. All of the houses have single light transoms filled with stained glass. The houses sit on very low basements, the entrances being reached directly from the sidewalk. Each house has a coal opening with metal cover located in the sidewalk directly beneath the first floor window.

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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-51

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Webb for James G. Hamner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the Federal Hill area to accommodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings in Baltimore constructed in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically--the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow, and tightly winding staircase. The kitchens were located in a one story high rear addition. The increase in the height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome additional, private living space.

These houses, and the adjoining four houses to the north, were built by William Webb, a carpenter whose shop was on Holliday St. for the Rev. James G. Hamner, the pastor of the Fifth Presbyterian Church and who lived on Sharp St. Hamner executed an explicit building contract to Webb in which he leased him the land on which the houses stand, with Webb agreeing to erect on the lots at his own expense "brick dwelling houses of the following descriptions and dimensions, to wit: each house to front on Washington St. 11'7" and to have a depth not less than 24', to be two stories and an attic story in height and each to have a one story back building for a kitchen, the lot attached to each house to extend back 82' to a 17' alley." Webb was to begin the houses by Dec. 10, 1850 and to have finished them, "with all the necessary brick foot paving, fencing, and outhouses" by June, 1851. Hamner further agreed to loan Webb the sum of \$300/ house to aid him in his construction, in this manner: "\$75 on each house when the joists for the second floor have been laid; \$75 when roofed in; \$75 when the floors are laid; and \$75 when completely finished and ready to be tenanted." ¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 446, Folio 490; ED 58, Folio 413; Baltimore City Directory, 1851

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11' 8" x 46' 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 & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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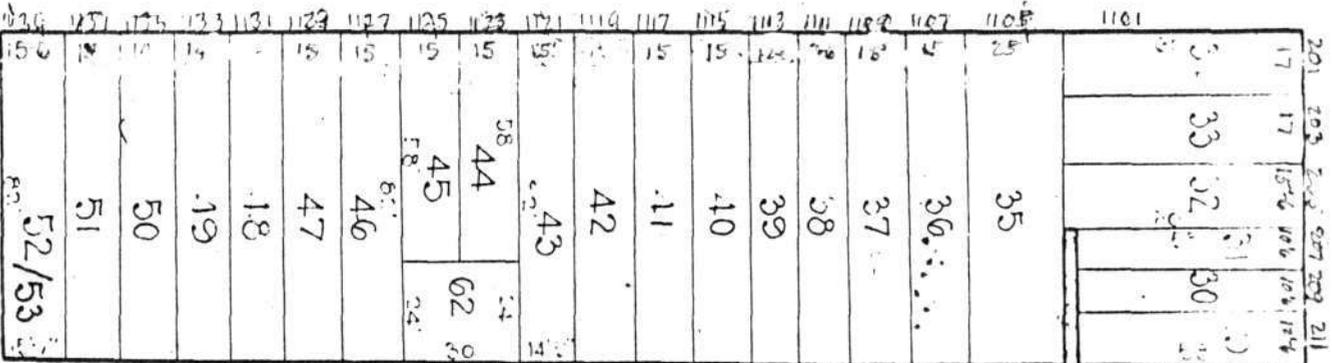
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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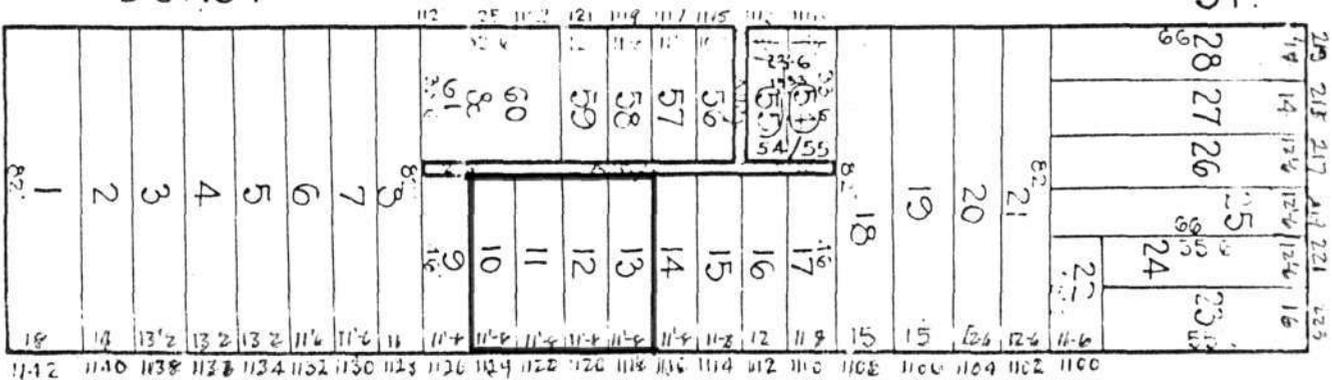
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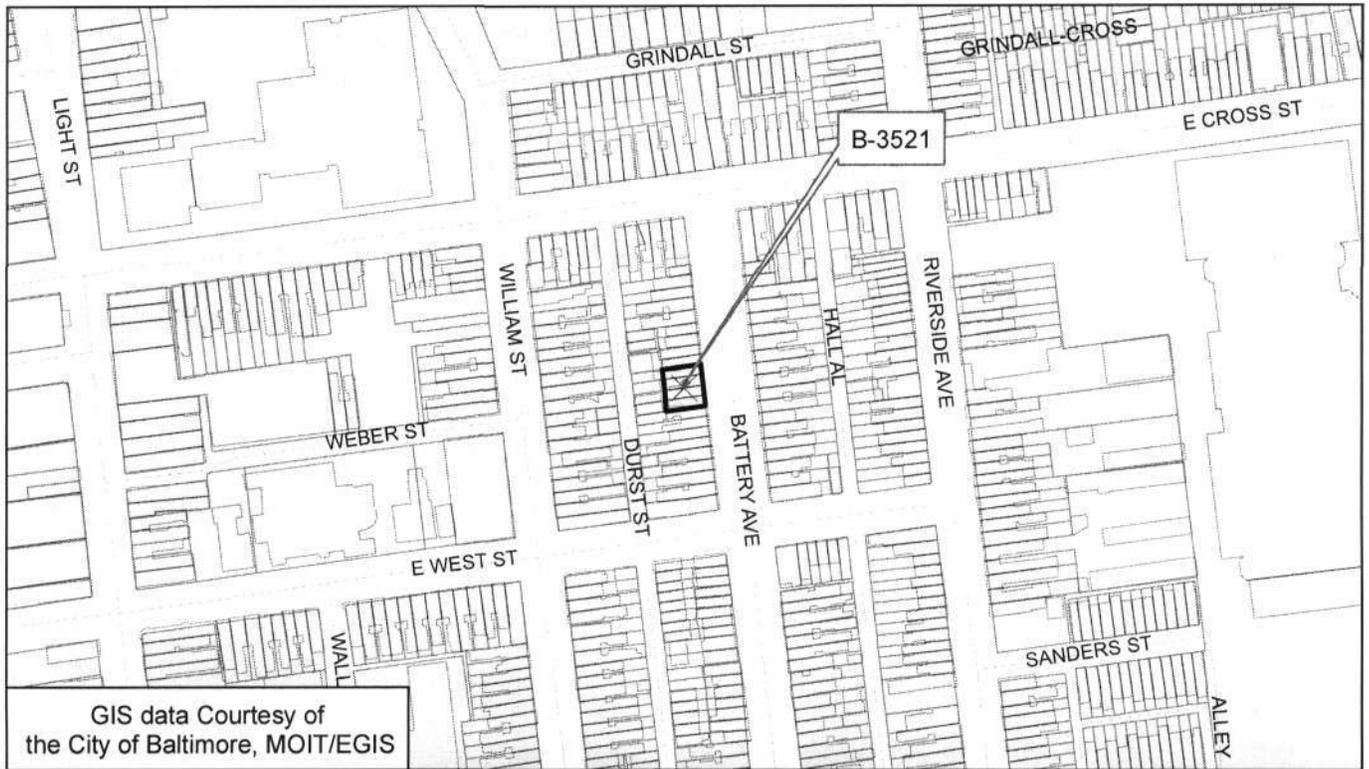
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NOTICE

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1118-1124 Battery Avenue
Block 0952 Lots 013-010
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation