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c. 1837-1880's

223 - 201 E. Cross St. (South side)/ 1115 Durst Alley (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The south side of the 200 block of E. Cross St. is improved with a variety of house types ranging in date from the late 1830's to the 1870's and 1880's. 221-223 E. Cross St. is a pair of two story plus attic brick houses built in the early 1850's. To the west, at 219 E. Cross St. there is a two story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick house built in the 1860's; at 217 E. Cross St. there is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice representing a post-Civil War remodeling of an 1855 house; at 215 E. Cross St. there is a late Victorian two story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and Italianate bracketed cornice representing either an 1880's remodeling or replacement of the original 1850's house on the site; and at 213 E. Cross St. there is a two story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick house similar to that at 219 E. Cross St. and also built in the 1860's. Across Durst Alley to the west there is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick house at 211 E. Cross St.; a pair of two story, two bay wide gable-roofed houses at 207-209 E. Cross St. built in the 1850's; a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, now covered with aluminum siding, at 205 E. Cross St., which probably represents an enlargement of an 1840's or 1850's house; and finally a pair of two story, two bay wide late Federal style houses (though currently without dormer windows) built in the late 1830's by the Dempster family at 201-203 E. Cross St. Only one house of an original row of ten two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs built along the east side of Durst Alley in the 1850's survives at 1115 Durst Alley. These houses were probably built by William Webb, the builder of the row of two story plus attic houses on the front portions of the lots at 1110-1124 Battery Ave.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 221-223 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	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		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 plus attic brick houses with gable roofs was built in the 1850's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Cross St. Both houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 221 Cross is 12 1/2' wide, 223 Cross is 16' wide, and both houses occupy lots 55 1/2' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 223 Cross has an extra one story high addition with a frame second story. The houses are constructed in running bond but the facades have been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. Each house has a single chimney located along the west side of the rear roof gable; 223 Cross also has a single chimney located along the west side of the front roof gable. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the south 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 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 first floor window of 223 Cross has been replaced with a wide, modern plate glass window. All of the other window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 221 Cross has a modern flush door; 223 Cross has a late Victorian glass and panel door. Both doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on low basements, the entrance to 221 Cross being reached by two stone steps and that of 223 Cross being reached directly from the sidewalk. 221 Cross has a rectangular basement opening located to the right of the steps.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1854-58

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Arthur Treanor

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1118-1124 Battery Ave.

223 E. Cross St. served as a combination commercial/residential structure in the 1860's and 1870's and probably beyond. Arthur Treanor, who built the houses and the nearby house at 1100 William St. (on the rear of this lot) was a grocer who operated his grocery at 223 E. Cross St. in the 1860's and 1870's. He may have lived at 221 E. Cross, or he may simply have held the house as rental property.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 66, Folio 311; Baltimore City Directory, 1855-56, 1860, 1870

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12'6" x 55'6" (221); 16' x 55'6" (223)

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. & Eccles5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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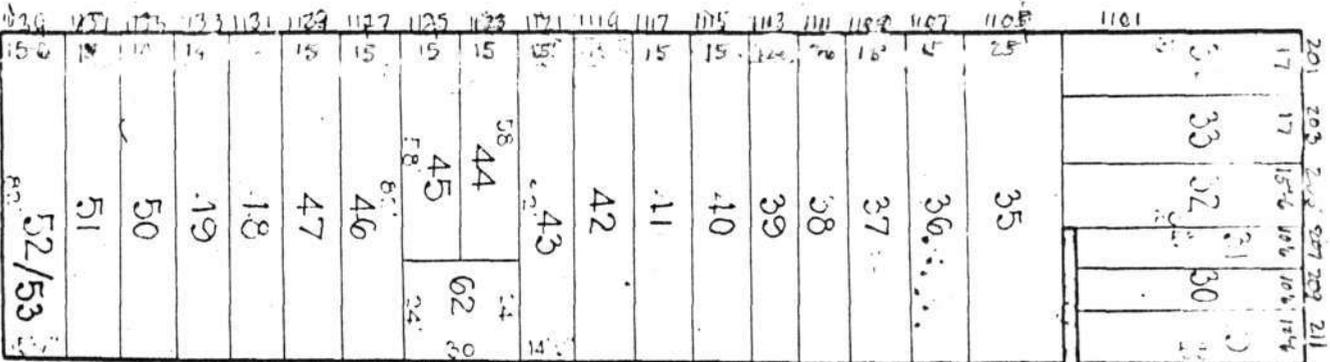
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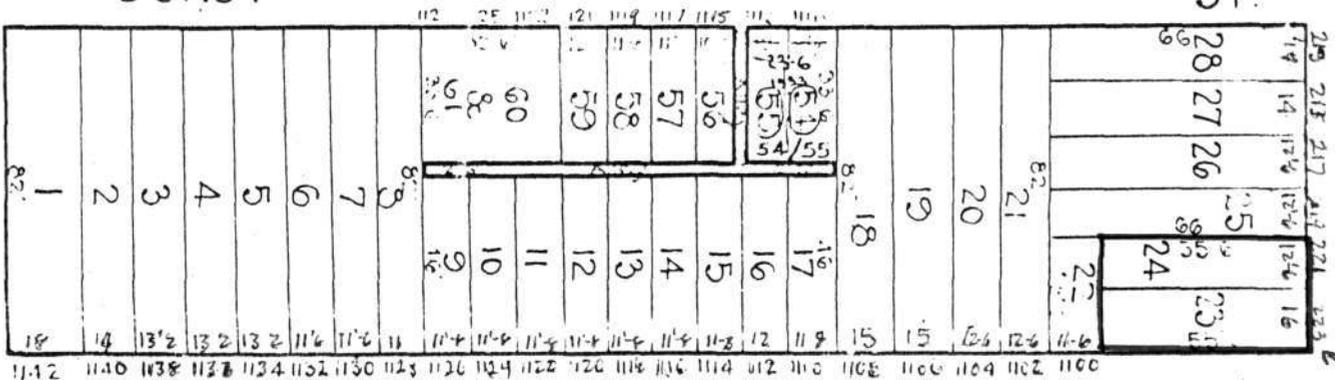
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Block 0952 Lot 024-023
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Baltimore East Quad.





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North elevation