

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

## PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: The William Tinker House

Address of property: 1807 Lancaster Street

City: Baltimore County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Maryland Zip Code: 21231

Name of historic district in which property is located: Fells Point Historical District

- Check here if request is for:
- certification that structure contributes to significance of the district
  - certification that structure does not contribute to significance of the district
  - easement purchase or (for donation of easement) on structure or land for conservation purposes

2. Description of Exterior Appearance:  
see attachment A

see attachment A

3. Statement of Significance:  
see attachment B

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Date of construction (if known): 1782-1790 Original site:  yes  Moved  Date of alterations (if known): 1876-1889

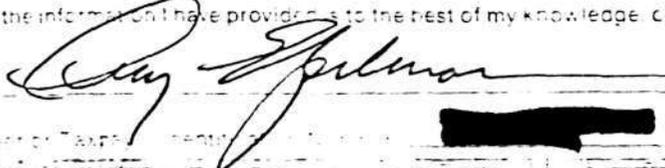
Name of Applicant: Craig E Spilman

Address of Applicant: 1606 Park Avenue

City: Baltimore State: Maryland Zip Code: 21217

Telephone number (during day) Area Code: 301-396-6424

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.



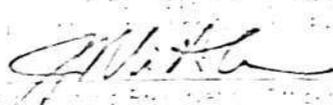
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Request is for:  approval of structure with fitting boundaries of a Registered Historic District and  contributes  does not contribute to significance of the district

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Date: 11-22-82

## 1807 LANCASTER STREET

PRESENT CONDITION

Due to condemnation in 1968, the interior of the house requires a 100% renovation. The exterior walls of the house are completely (100%) intact. The cornice, lintels, windows, and brickwork can be perfectly restored to its original Victorian architectural design.

ARCHTECTORAL STYLE

1807 Lancaster Street was originally built (1782 - 1790) in the Early Federal design and consisted of two seperated buildings. The rear building was built as a two story structure and contained the kitchen. The original walls of Flemish bond brick are still intact and the only change is that it has been connected to the front building. Between 1876 and 1889, the facade of the house was converted to Victorian design. The dormer in front was removed, the roof raised to accomodate three full stories and the facade faced with hard surfaced, pressed brick. Lintels were constructed of brick in the splayed flat-arch design. An ornamented wood cornice was built which was characterized by scroll sawed ventilator panels. Windows were of the four over four pane variety. The house currently reflects the changes made during the conversion to Victorian archtecture. The front portion remains three stories and the rear portion remains the original two story structure of Early Federal design.

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SIGNIFICANCE

In 1763, Edward Fell, owner of the land now known as Fells Point, laid out his land in streets and lots and sold them with deeds which required that they be built within two years or revert to Mr. Fell. In 1773, it was incorporated into Baltimore Town. Mr. Fell was a shipwright from Lancaster, England. On January 5, 1782, William Fell sold lot #147 (now identified as 1807 Lancaster Street) to a butcher, William Tinker, for four pounds sterling. In the deed, Mr. Fell specified that a brick, fire proof home, was to be built on lot #147. By October 11, 1793, a two and one-half story house of Early Federal design had been erected on the lot. On this date the deed was transferred from William Tinker to his son, Thomas. On June 13, 1806, he sold the house to John Tobin for \$1,615. Due to Mr. Tobin's inability to pay taxes, 1807 Lancaster Street was auctioned by the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Mr. Sheppard C. Leakin, on July 8, 1824 for the sum of \$1,070. John S. Gittings and John Merryman were high bidders. On December 16, 1833 they sold the house (it had deteriorated badly) to Hugh McDonnell for merely \$400. At this time, the mortgage was placed in the hands of Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, brother of the deposed French ruler and husband of Baltimorean Betsy Patterson. The house was again sold on May 2, 1850 to Henry Knoebel for \$1,800. It changed hands again on June 2, 1868 (Franz and Theresa Brune - \$1,500) and again on September 16, 1876 (Peter Peterson - \$1,000). Sometime between this date and June 14, 1889 when Lorenz and Sophie Zamanski became the owners (\$1,775), the house was partly rebuilt. The front dormer was removed and the roof raised to create a full third floor. The entire facade was rebuilt to fit the architectural style of the Victorian period. Flemish bond brick of the Early Federal period was replaced with a newer pressed brick that had a hard surface and was darker (orange-red). The kitchen, a separate two story building of Flemish bond, was connected to the front building and renovated inside. The ornamented wood cornice was characterized by scroll sawed ventilator panels. The lintels were splayed brick flat arch type, seldom seen in Fells Point. Sills were of wood and windows were four over four with vertical muntin being heavier than horizontal. From 1889 until the house at 1807 Lancaster Street was condemned in 1968 to make way for a highway, no changes of any significance occurred. The owners were as follows:

June 22, 1912: Andrzej Janczewski for \$2,200

July 22, 1950: Emilia Janczewski

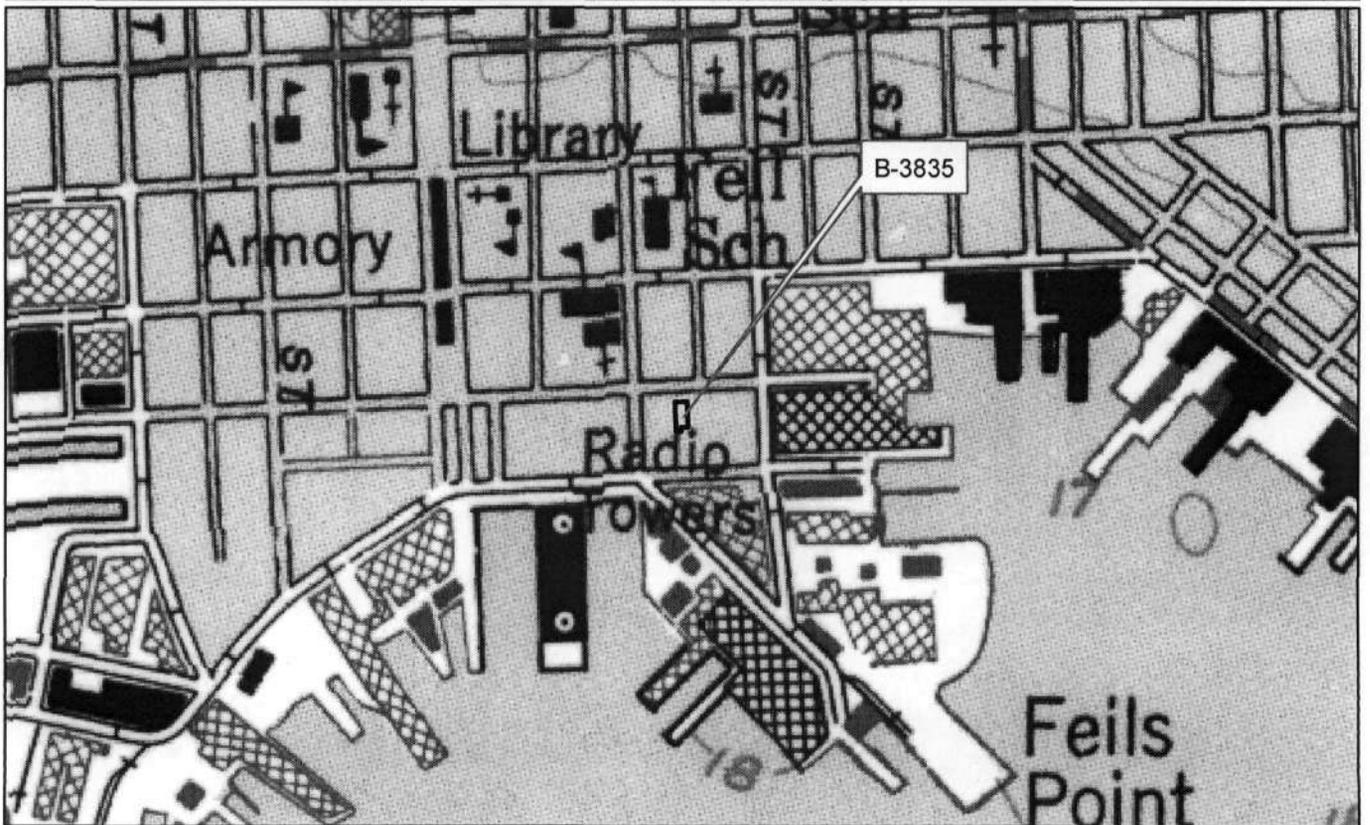
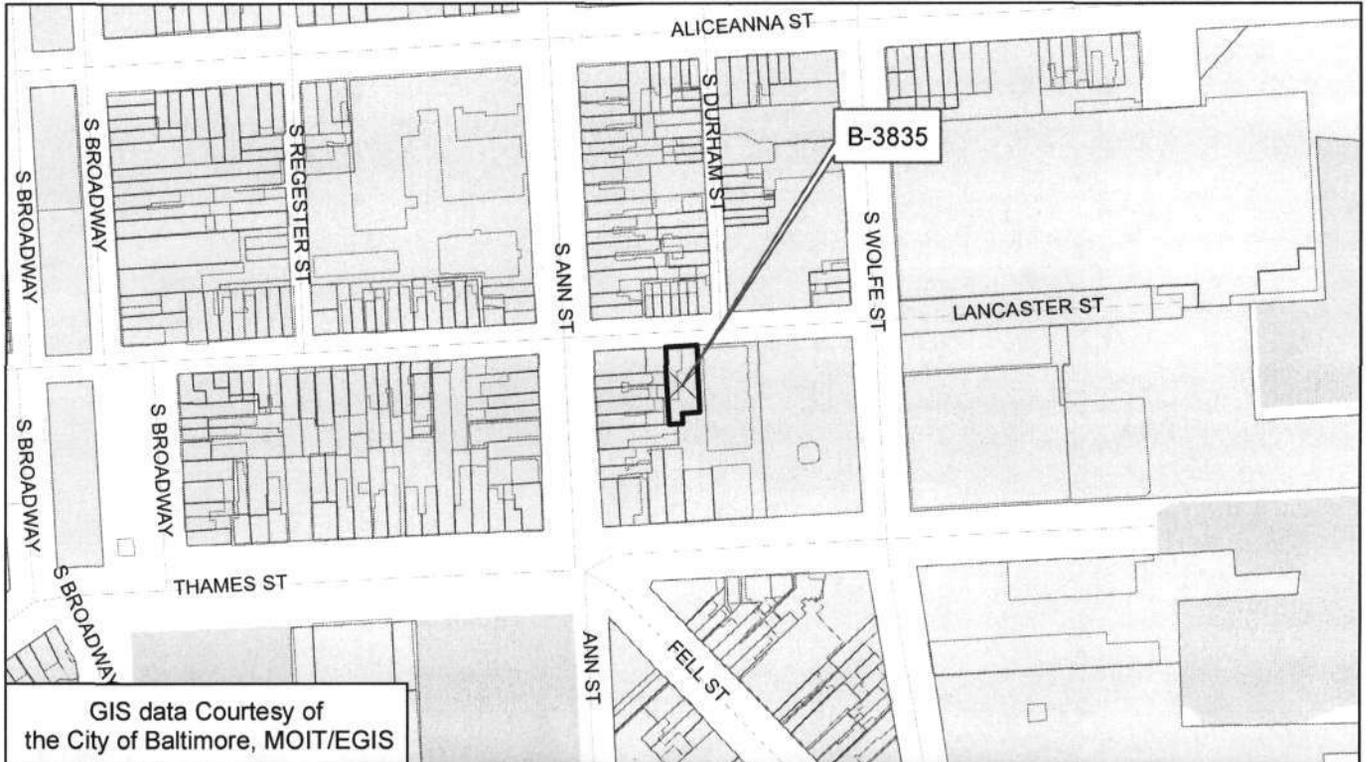
April 2, 1964: Leon & Ruth Janczewski

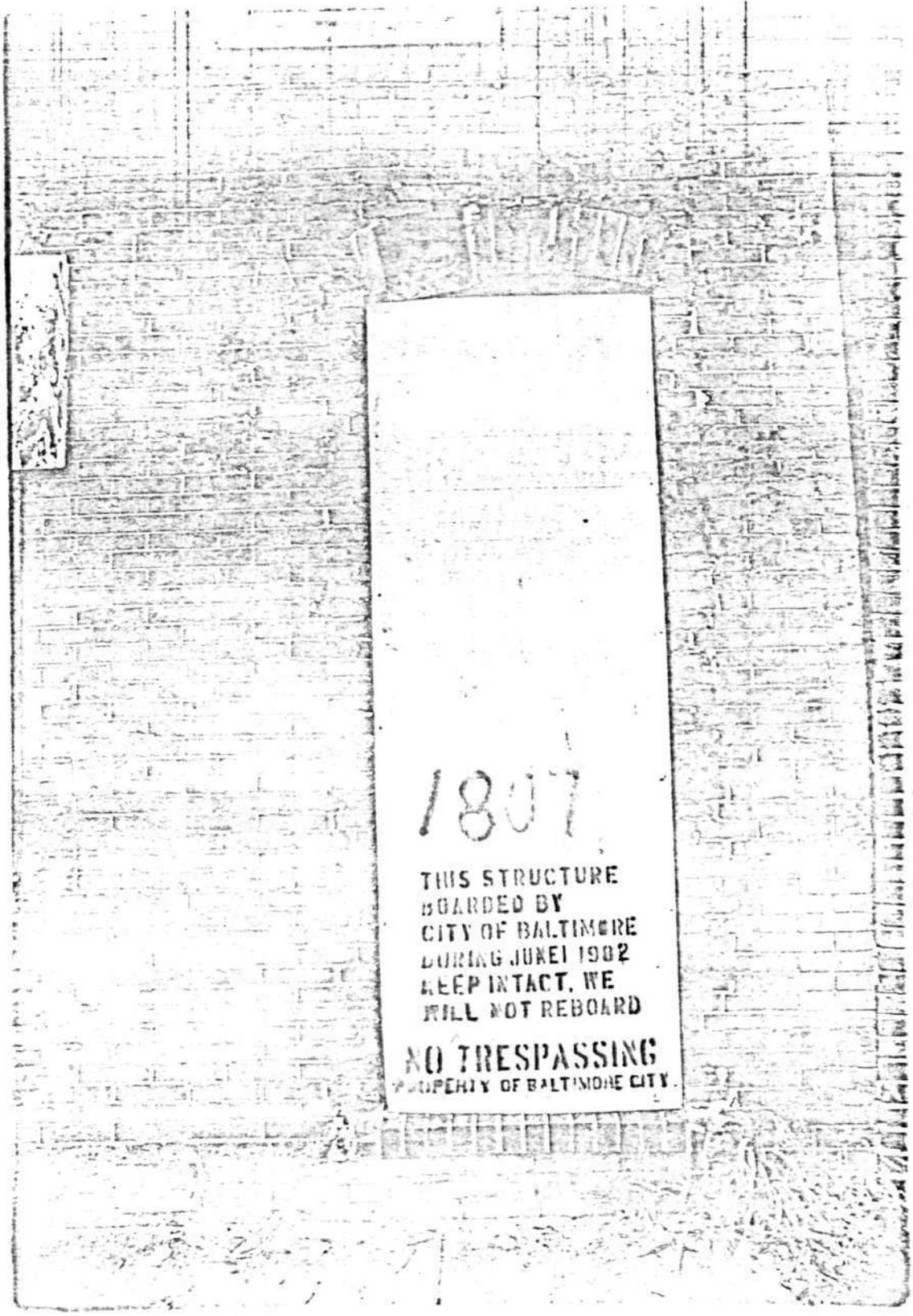
December 4, 1969: Mayor & City Council of Baltimore

July 16, 1982: Craig E. Spilman

It should be noted that Fells Point contains some of the oldest brick houses in Baltimore City. Additionally, the first ship of the United States Navy, the Constellation, was built at this sea port. In 1969, Fells Point became the first designated Federal Historic District. The house at 1807 Lancaster sits in the center of that district and is one of the few remaining 18th century houses that reflect the conversion from Early Federal architecture to Victorian. Unfortunately, its sister house at 1809 Lancaster Street recently had to be demolished.

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William Tinker Hosue  
1807 Lancaster Street  
Block 1862 Lot 014  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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THIS STRUCTURE  
BOARDED BY  
CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DURING JUNE 1 1982  
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