

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should file this certification separately with a completed application. No certification may be made unless a completed application meets the requirements of Part 194 of the Regulations and is filed clearly and legibly in data ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side of 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 any time during the year and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1 NAME OF PROPERTY

Address of property Street 20 W. Madison Street
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21202
Name of historic district in which property is located National Register Historic Land District, 1971
Baltimore City Historic District, 1964

2 DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

(see instructions for map and photographs requirements - use reverse side if necessary)

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS

3 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(use reverse side if necessary)

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Date of construction (if known) c. 1830 Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known) mid 20th century

4 NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER

Sommers and Sommers, c/o Milton Sommers
Street 824 Park Avenue
City Baltimore State Maryland Zip Code 21202
Telephone Number (during day) Area Code (301) 728-1400

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

Signature Prepared by: Barbara Hoff, Dalsemer, Calzen and Associates, Inc. Date _____
14 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60.6)

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Signature [Signature] Date _____
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

is hereby certified a historic structure
 does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

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DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

20 West Madison Street exemplifies the truly high style buildings to be found within the Mount Vernon Historic District; buildings that in fact epitomize their particular style. Buildings such as it blend with one another to create the significant architectural environment of the district. This structure is a large, detached Greek Revival townhouse built of masonry with a running bond brick facade, chemically cleaned and repointed. It is three stories high, three bays wide, with a high basement, shallow gable roof, slightly advanced central pavilion and a central portico.

The basement has a marble face with one by one wood casement windows in each end bay with a plain iron grill in front of each window. Marble steps with paneled raised cheeks lead up to the wooden portico resting on marble plinths. The portico consists of two fluted Ionic columns, two fluted pilasters, and a full entablature above. The doorway is a tripartite arrangement of sidelights on either side of double wood door with molded panels. Fluted engaged columnettes divided the doors from the sidelights which have a panel beneath them. A pediment surmounts this doorway.

The windows are all six over six double hung wood sashes with marble sills and lintels. All of them have one over one white aluminum storm windows, and they shorten at each higher story. The first floor windows also have simple iron grills and simple marble moldings over the lintels. The eaves have been reworked in recent years, and now have an aluminum box cornice with an aluminum fascia below. The roof above contains three gabled dormers with one light by one light sliding wood sash windows. There are four interior chimneys, each with a chimney hood. On the third story there is an iron fire escape which wraps around to the northern wall.

Between the building and the one on the east is a one story brick wall with a central entrance and granite coping. The brick on the east facade is common bond with three bays of windows having six over six wood sashes, flat arches, marble sills and aluminum storm windows. The central bay on the first floor has a brick oriel window.

The west wall of 20 West Madison Street is three bays wide built of common bond brick. The basement has four small openings, two of which are well detailed cast iron coal chutes. In the center of this level is a bricked up opening. There are four stories of windows, detailed in the same manner as the south facade, except they have flat arch lintels.

The north wall of this structure is built of common bond brick, and has one story, one bay brick addition on the eastern bay. It has asbestos siding, a shed roof, boarded basement window, and an unoriginal plain wood door. The floors above have six over six wood double hung windows with flat arches and stone sills. An iron fire escape extends down the bay from the third story.

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There is a back building two bays wide, two stories high, and two bays long. The windows are identical to those on the west wall, and there is a simple box cornice beneath a shed roof and beneath the second story windows. On the north wall of the back building is a three bay addition, one story high. It has four small basement windows, all four by four wood casements with stone lintels, flat arches, and aluminum storm windows. The main windows are identical to the west facade, and the shed roof has a wood boxed cornice.

The interior still retains its original rowhouse plan of rooms organized in a line parallel to a circulation axis, and the rooms have been converted into apartments with a variety of surface finishes applied during recent years.

The entrance hall is dominated by an oval, spiral staircase which has a bracketed, open strung face string. The turned newel is highly molded, and the balusters are molded as well. The underside is paneled. The hall has much detailing: a baseboard, chair rail, and ornate crown molding. The first floor doors to rooms have pilasters and a full entablature above. The doors themselves are paneled wood. Round arches open along the hall axis towards the rear of the hall, each arch has paneled pilasters, architrave surround, and keystone in the arch. The hall also has an extremely ornate mirror roughly twelve feet high.

The apartments themselves have most of their original details: natural wood floors, wood chair rails, simple Greek Revival mantel, and architrave surrounds opening. There is no other original embellishment.

The conversion of this structure into an apartment house is typical of the area which now consists mainly of professional offices and apartments. In general, the building still retains its original character in its materials, scale, plan, proportion, and details. As a result, the building augments the special environment of the Mount Vernon Historic District.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

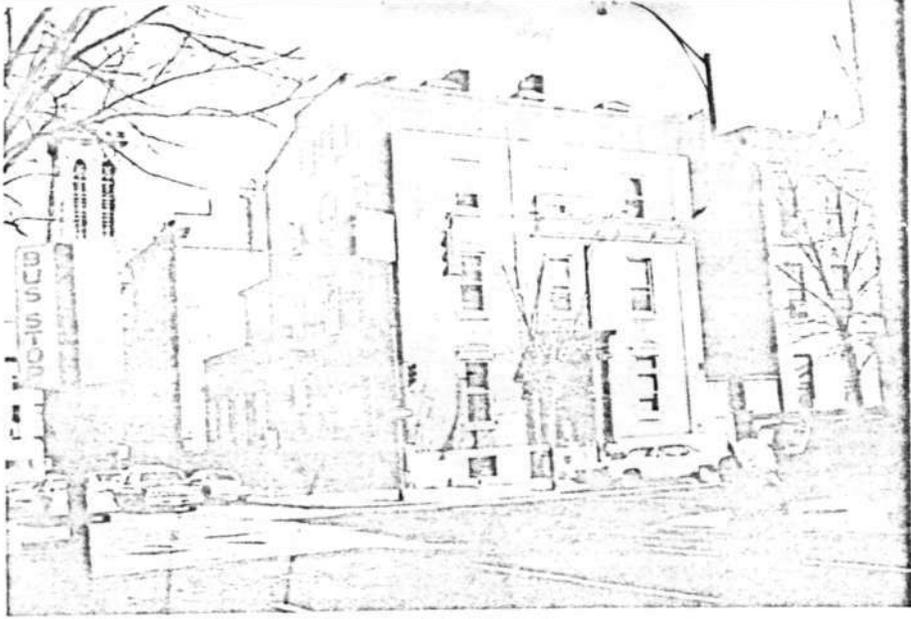
The significance of 20 West Madison Street lies in its architectural contribution to the environment of the Mount Vernon Historic District.

The Mount Vernon Historic District is both a Baltimore City District and, in part, a National Register Historic Landmark District. Mount Vernon was the first Historic District in Baltimore City, designated in 1964 and expanded five times to the current boundaries, which have been certified by the Department of the Interior for purposes of the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives. The ordinance creating the Mount Vernon Historic District also established the Baltimore City Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation to oversee all changes within the District and to recommend other areas and buildings in the City for historic designation. The Historic District and the Commission were outgrowths of the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Plan, one of the City's earliest efforts to incorporate preservation and renovation of existing structures with new development. The current Historic District now encompasses two Urban Renewal Areas: Mount Vernon and Midtown-Belvedere.

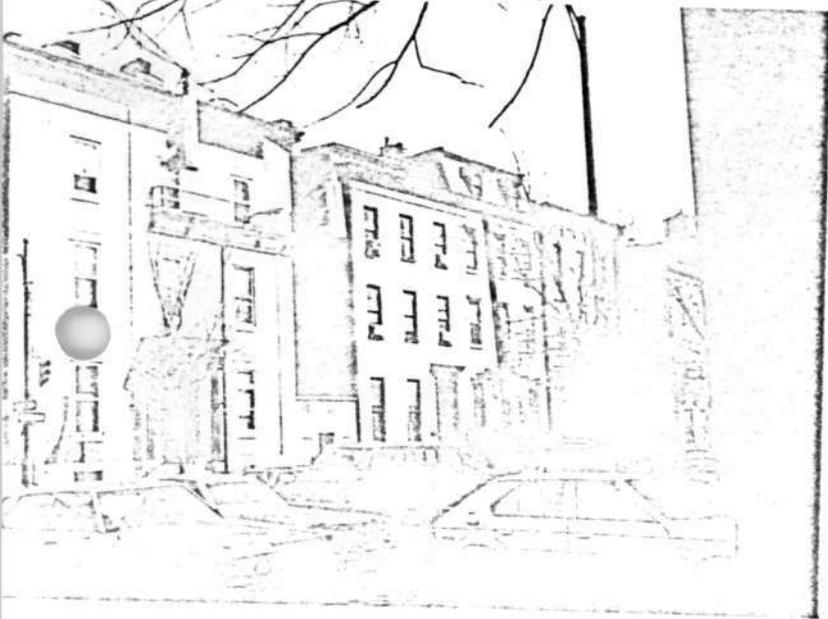
The Mount Vernon Historic District grew from the early 19th century through the early 20th century and retains structures--residential, commercial, and religious--from that time. The area was Baltimore's most fashionable neighborhood and as such includes some of the finest architecture in the City, built for wealthy residents, congregations, and institutions, and designed by architects of local and national renown. The greater portion of the district was once the estate of John Eager Howard, revolutionary war patriot and statesman. His mansion, Belvidere, was located at what is now the 1000 block of North Calvert Street. The centerpiece of the district is the Washington Monument and Mount Vernon Place. The monument is the first formal monument erected to commemorate George Washington and is one of the finest examples of monumental architecture in the country. It was erected from 1815 to 1829 and designed by Robert Mills, one of the first American born and trained architects in the country. The development of the squares known as Mount Vernon Place and Washington Place, dates from the 1830's, when the land was subdivided by Howard's heirs, who then built some of the first houses. Prior to the construction of the monument and the development of the squares, brick working class houses were built on Tyson Street, Read Street and North Howard Street, the earliest dating from 1810. These buildings still exist, some are residences and others have been converted to antique shops. The houses on Hamilton Street date from 1820 and were designed by Robert Cary Long Sr., the architect of the Peale Museum and Davidge Hall.

The area which is now the Historic District continued to develop. Baltimore's prominent and wealthy residents moved north to the rural area because the land around the harbor was rapidly becoming industrialized and because the City was flooded with immigrants, who flocked to Baltimore to work in the newly established industries. Construction continued to take place in the 1880's and 1890's after the Howard estate had been sold. By the early 20th century, Mount Royal Avenue and parts of Howard Street had been developed, completing the construction in the district.

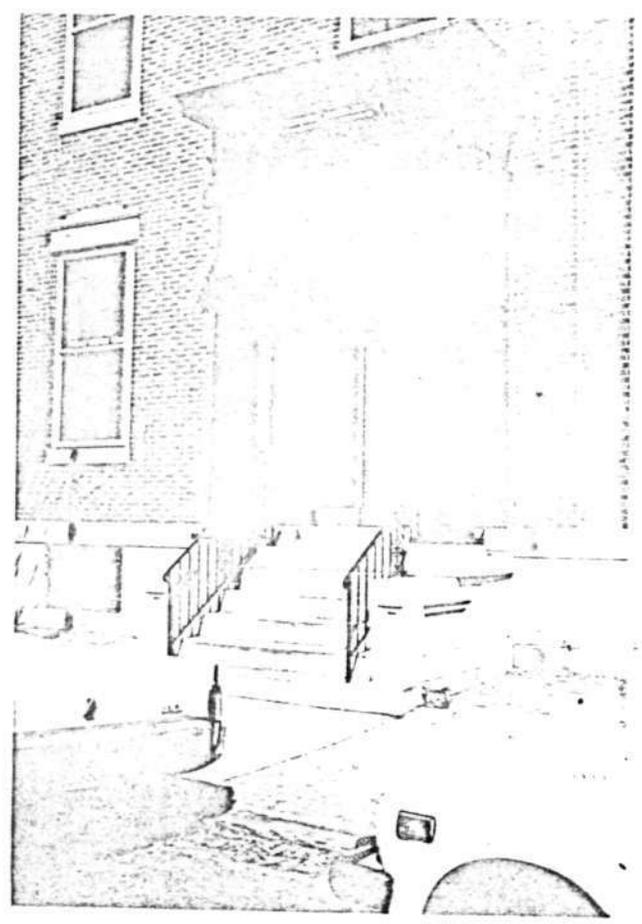
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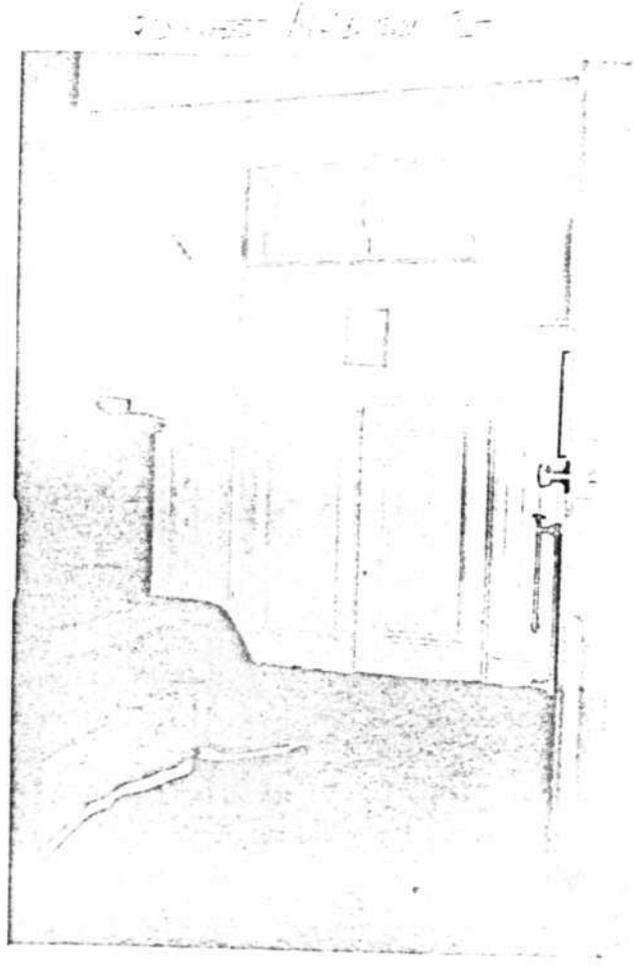
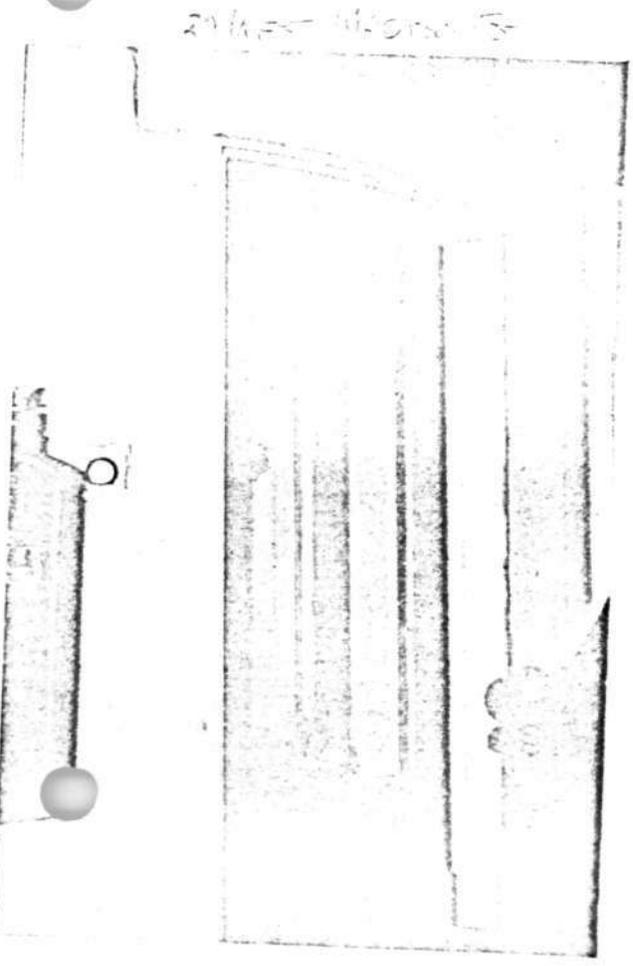
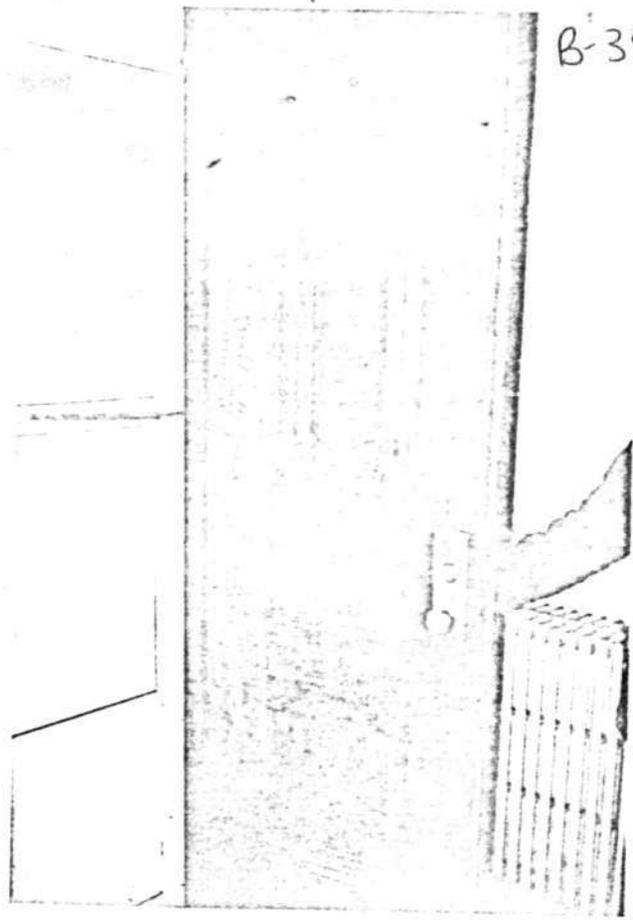
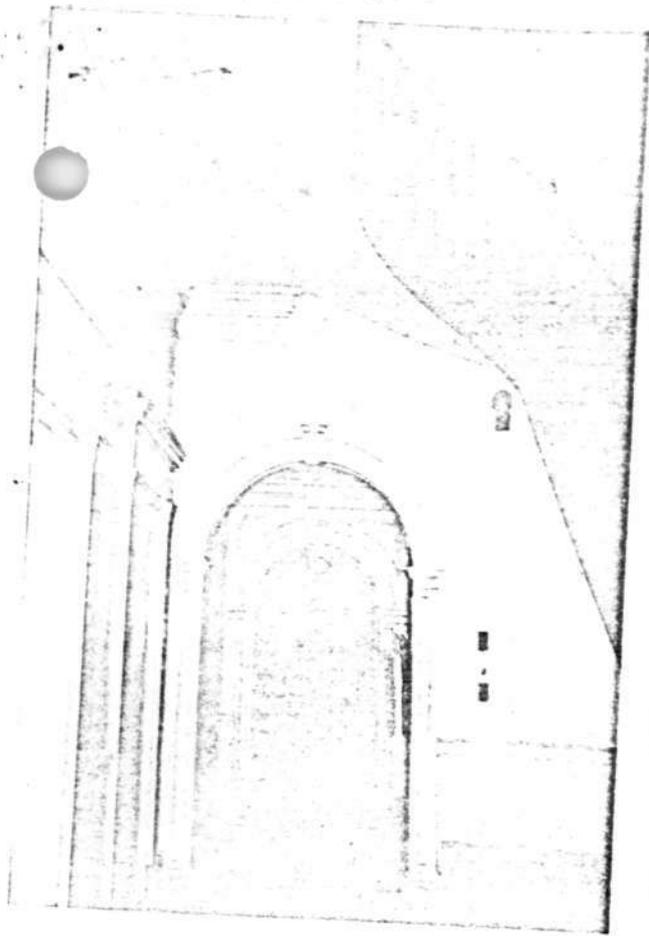


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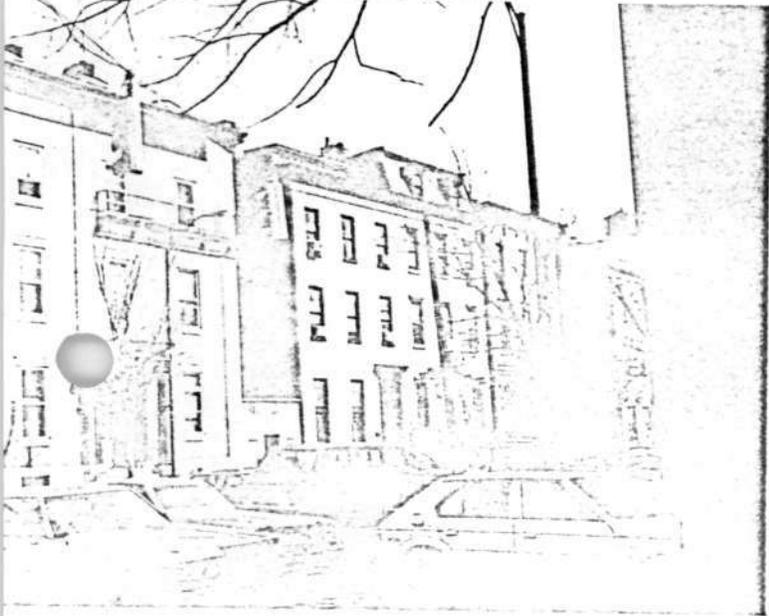




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