

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
 HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4323

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

9 N. Howard Street

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9 N. Howard Street

not for publication

city, town Baltimore

vicinity of

congressional district Seventh

state Maryland

county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Max Properties, Inc.

street & number 1777 Reisterstown Road, Commercentre East, Suite 293

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code

MD 21208

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse

SEB2000
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street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610

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 folio

city, town Baltimore

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This circa 1860 Italianate, three-bay, five-story, commercial brick building faces west on N. Howard Street and abuts a partywall structure to the north and Fairmount Alley to the south. The stretcher bond facade is painted cream with brown trim. The street frontage is 26'2" and the depth is 100'.

The first story has been remodelled into a curtain wall facade. A recent brick veneer frames the edges of the wall and the foundations beneath the display windows. The entrance, a glass door with fixed transom, is slightly to the south of center on the facade. It is flanked by two display windows. The large sheets of plate glass are held by metal mutins. An extremely deteriorated 19th-century signboard runs across the facade above the first story. A roll-down theft guard is affixed to this board.

The second through fifth stories have three bays of 1/1 sash windows with stone sills. The height of the windows decreases as the building rises. The windows on the second, third, and fourth stories have rounded tops. The lintels are molded cast iron hoods with raised molding at the edges and an acanthus leaf edge. The centers of the hoods are crested with a scroll-flanked shield with a figure 8 or scroll inscribed. The hoods had some sort of drop or pendant at the ends, but only the ghost lines and drilled holes remain. The windows on the fifth story have fully rounded tops that form half-moons. The arched lintels are simpler, composed of molded bricks with corbelled drop pendants.

The cornice of the shed roof building is made of wood. The cornice consists of two corbelled back bands that appear to be a later repair. Below this, a row of raised molding, modillions and a dentil course run. A second cornice of applied molding and raised brick runs below the uppermost cornice.

The north wall is blank. It has "Manchester Shoes for Men" painted on the brick surface.

The south wall, facing Fairmount Alley, is six bays long with uneven fenestration. The first story is blank in the first bay. Five openings with stone sills are situated in the second through sixth bays: a window with two-brick soldier course, a window with three-brick soldier course, a window with brick splayed jack arch, a wide window with two-brick soldier course, and a door with a rolling gate. All the openings are now bricked up. The second story windows are not on axis with those above and below.

8. Significance

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates circa 1875 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The architectural design of this five-story, three-bay building is a good example of a two-part commercial block dating to the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The first story would have been used for a sales or display area and the upper stories would have been used as offices or light manufacturing areas. The absence of a second entrance indicates that the building was originally constructed for one tenant with multiple operations. Although the first story has been substantially altered, it likely contained a glazed display window that was part of a new commercial aesthetic of bigger display windows that was made possible by technological advances in glass making and the casting of iron supports. The facade is trimmed with unusually decorative Italianate cast iron window hoods and an ornate cornice that are typical of the Victorian period's taste for ornamentation, even on utilitarian buildings.

The nineteenth-century brick building is a representative example of the architecture on the unit block of N. Howard Street. The five-story height reflects the growing land values that encouraged builders to build tall buildings on the lower section of N. Howard Street near the intersection with the commercially valuable Baltimore Street. The twentieth-century facade is representative of one of last periods of commercial vitality for the street, although it is much less detailed than others on the block.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Richard Longstreth, The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture (Washington, DC: Preservation Press, 1987).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

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9 N. Howard Street
Baltimore, MD
Section 7 Description
7.1

The first bay is blank and the five remaining bays have tall, narrow 2/2 sash windows with vertical mutins, stone sills and two-brick soldier courses. The third, fourth, and fifth stories have 6/6 sash windows with stone sills and two-brick soldier courses in bays two through six. These upper story windows are on axis with those of the first story. A fire escape runs down the fourth bays. A brick flue rises above the roof between the fifth and sixth bays and the third and fourth bays. The third, fourth, and fifth bays have cellar windows with brick splayed jack arches.

The rear, east wall faces a small alley and dumpsters. It is six stories high, including a raised cellar, due to the slope of the lot. The three-bay wall has windows with brick splayed jack arches. Metal shutters cover the glass. A fire escape runs down the second and third bays.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1879-1930

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

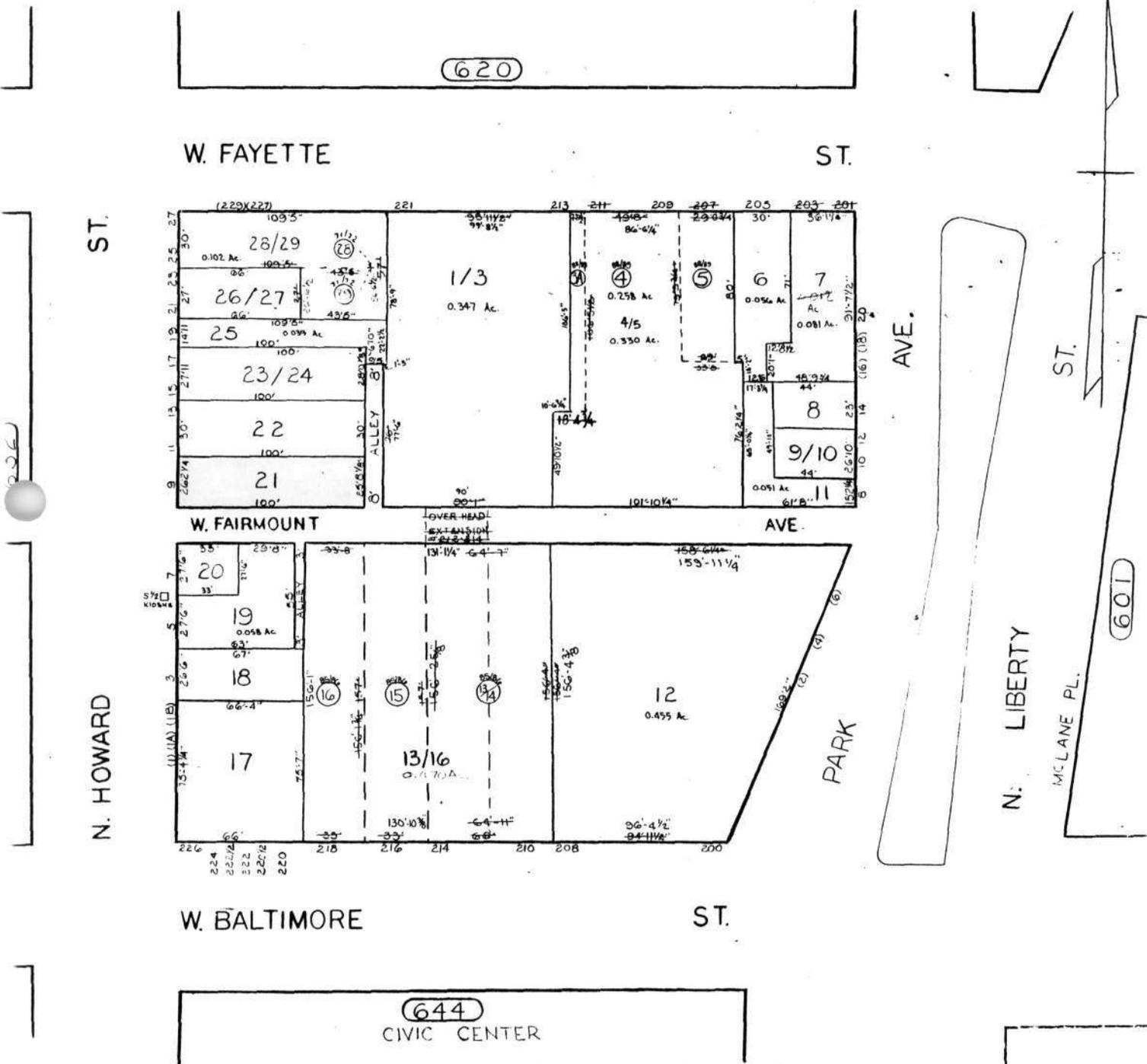
Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
Commercial/Manufacturing

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

LOT 28/29 PER P.L.S.; C.S.H. 409
LOT 7 AWM CHANGED PER LETTER C.S.H. 84-052
LOTS 1/3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 19, 25 (28/29 AWM CHANGED PER PLS C.S.H. 85-219
LOTS 13/14, 15 & 16 DIM CORR PER DEED, C.S.H. 85-487
LOTS 13/14, 15 & 16 CONSD PER APP. C.S.H. 86-253
LOT 3A, 4 & 5 CONSD PER O.O. & App. C.S.H. 85-467

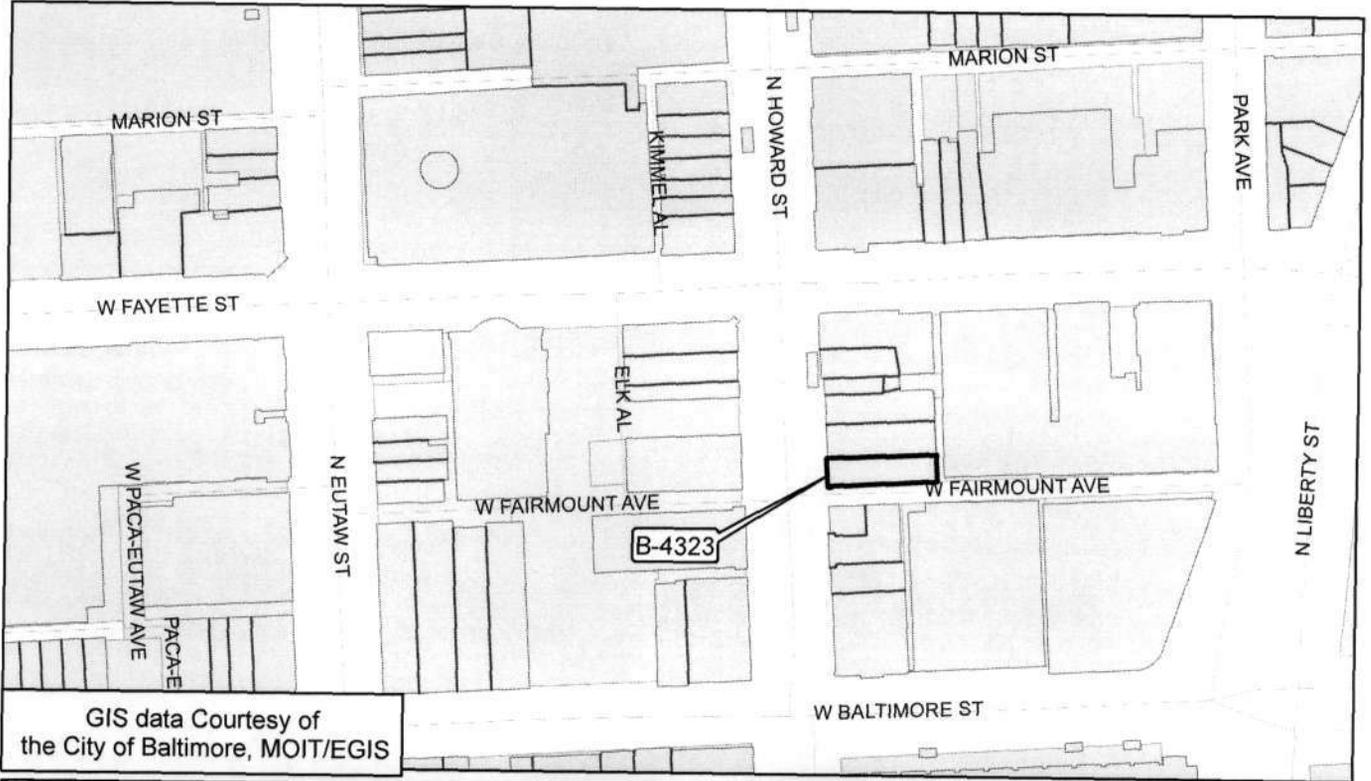


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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
WARD 4 SECTION 10
BLOCK 633
SCALE 1"=500'
DEC 1966

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9 N. Howard Street
Block 0633, Lot 021
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



MANCHESTER
SHOES
FOR MEN

Wear

FOR
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9 N. Howard St.

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

8/91

Maryland SHPO

NW Elevation, facade

1/2



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9 N Howard St.

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

8/9/1

Maryland SHPO

SN Election, facade + alley

2/2