

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 113-115 North Howard Street

and/or common ---

2. Location

street & number 113-115 N. Howard Street not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes checkboxes for building(s), site, object, public/private, occupied/unoccupied, work in progress, accessible, and various present uses like museum, park, residential, etc.

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

name The Gutman Realty Corp.

street & number 5518 Baltimore National Pike telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21228

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds Baltimore City Courthouse RHB3449

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 178

city, town Baltimore MD state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. B-4337

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

Resource Count: 1

This three-story, institutional building with stuccoed facade faces west on N. Howard Street. It abuts a partywall structure to the south and an alley to the north. Dating to the third quarter of the 19th century, the Picturesque Eclecticism style of this building is typical of fraternal or public institutions of the period. The gabled parapet wall is flanked by short towers. The stuccoed wall creates a white surface that is ornamented by red-painted trim. The street frontage is 27'3" and the depth is 90'.

The first story has been altered and is presently boarded up. The north side of the facade contains a modern recessed entrance with an aluminum sided soffit and recessed lighting. A band of display windows runs across the south side of the facade. A modern, cut stone foundation wall runs below the windows.

The second story has a display window running across the facade. The modern plate glass window is subdivided into five large panes of glass by metal mullions. There is no architrave.

A 19th-century, ornamental frieze and cornice runs above the second-story windows. Thirteen cast iron rosettes dot the entablature. The centers of each rosette are hollow tubes. The rosettes alternate with fourteen hollow tubes. These tubes may have originally held a second ornament. A simple metal cornice frames the bottom of the entablature. A larger, projecting metal cornice frames the top. Three large rings are centered in the cornice, perhaps to suspend an awning.

The third story contains a gable-profile parapet wall with a horizontal band of windows. The gable wall is flanked by short, narrow towers. The square towers do not rise above the crest of the peaked gable. The edges of the towers are outlined in back bands, with a narrow cornice and half-moon capitals all painted red. The windows have been boarded up, but the architrave remains. The window is framed on all sides by a simple back band with mitred corners. A long lintel stretches over the opening. The profile of the lintel is ogee, fillet, back band, quarter round and bead. A metal cornice follows the gable and is crested with a rosette at the gable peak. The hollow tubes of the second story are also inserted into the gabled cornice and half-moon trim of the towers.

The north facade faces the alley (Marion Street). The building is approximately two bays deep with an original attached back building of eight bays. A small display window is cut into the first story; it has no lintel and the sill is of header bricks. There is also a cellar window with a I-Beam lintel. A wide metal frieze divides the second and third stories. The third story is stuccoed. It has a now-blocked window. A narrow cornice runs between the towers that flank the end walls. The towers are not

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1850s 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.

This circa 1850 institutional building is an unusual urban example of the architectural style of picturesque eclecticism that was popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The fanciful style and stuccoed materials of this building stand out among the more traditional forms of "commercial style" architecture that dominate Howard Street. The only comparable building is found at 306-310 North Howard Street. Although much altered, the facade of the building suggests that it had an institutional and not commercial purpose, perhaps as a fire station or meeting hall of some kind, possibly with commercial enterprises rented out on one of the stories to defray operating expenses. This sort of use would be consistent with the need for public services in city centers.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Richard Longstreth, The Buildings of Main Street, (Washington: 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

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Baltimore, MD
Section 7 Description
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embellished with back bands, as on the facade, and the angled back band services a simplified capital.

The attached back building is two stories high and has a shed roof. The first story has original windows in the (moving west to east) first, sixth, and eighth bays , and later cut-in windows in the second and seventh bays. The second story has original windows in all eight bays. All the original windows have brick splayed jack arches. The windows are now bricked up. The cornice has an ogee and bead profile.

The back (east) wall is partially re-laid in cinder block. There is a door in the first story on the north side and a loading door position between the first and second stories on the south side. These doors are modern additions with metal panels. Brick lintels indicate that the openings were once wider.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATAHISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:
Building

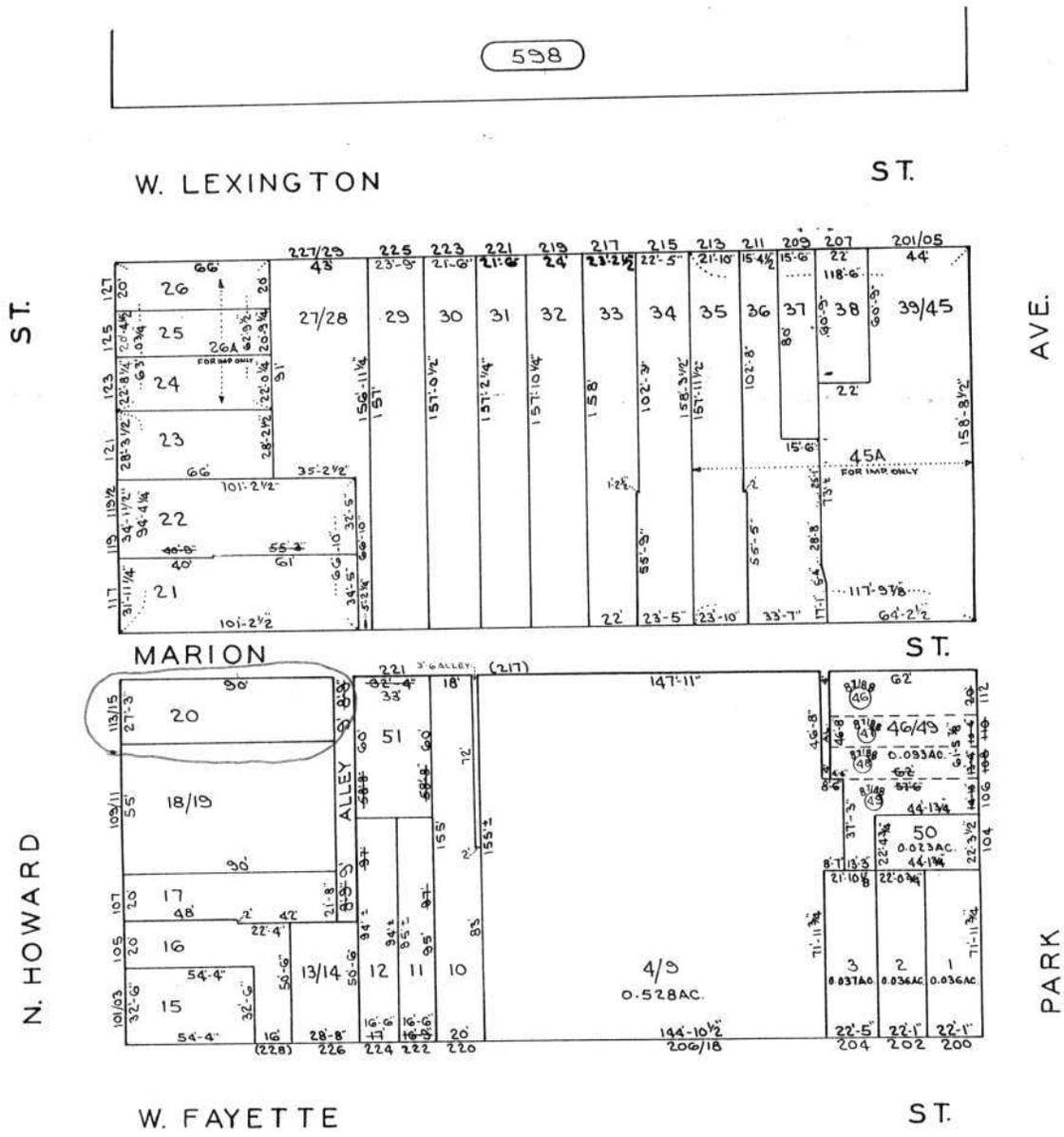
Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
unclear

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

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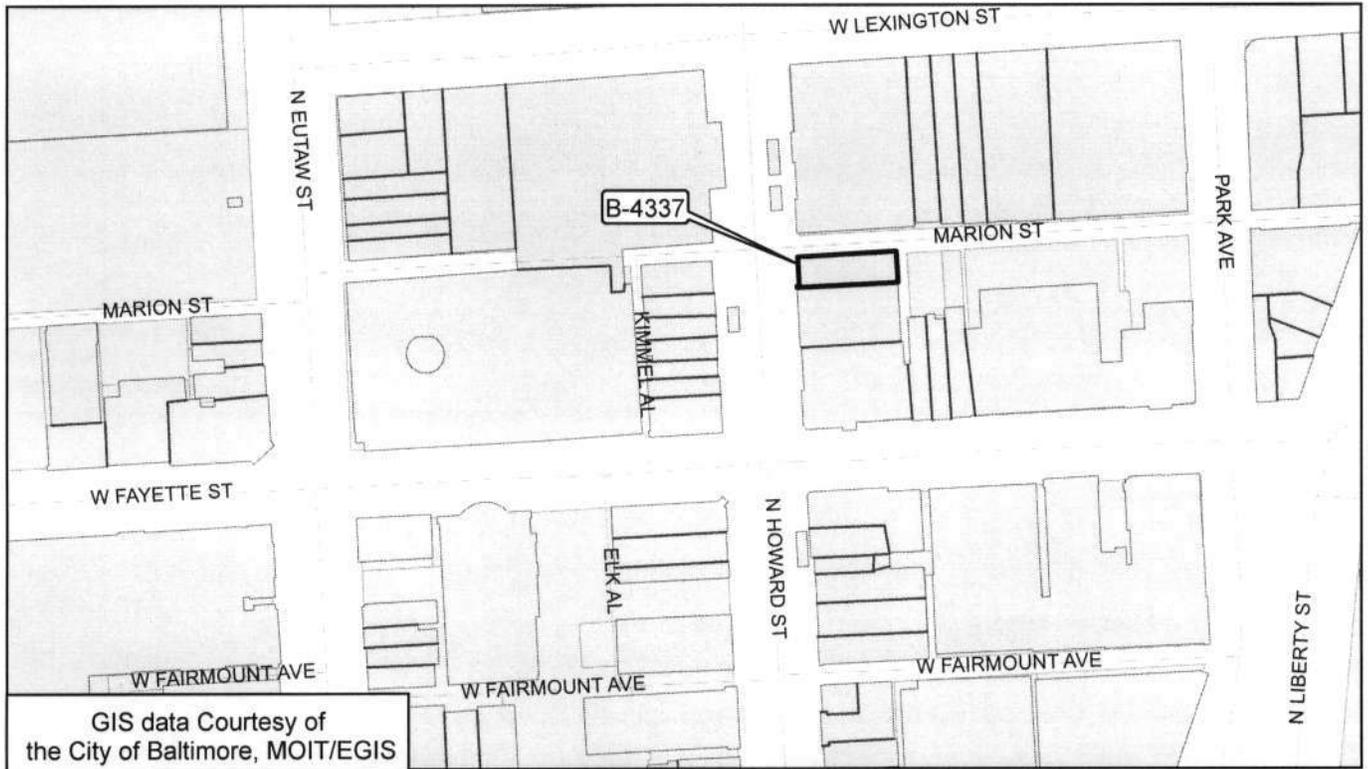
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 FOR UNDER ARTICLE 76(d) OF THE CITY CHARTER
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 COURSES AND IS NOT TO BE

CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 4 SECTION 10
 BLOCK 620
 SCALE 1" = 50' DATE DEC 1981

B-4337
113-115 N. Howard Street
Block 0620, Lot 020
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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Facade, NW Elevation

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