

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4339

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 221 North Howard Street

and/or common Gold Rush

2. Location

street & number 221 N. Howard Street not for publication
Seventh

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Baltimore

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 checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Frank H. McCormick c/o Mercantile S.D. & Tr. Co.

street & number 766 Old Hammonds Ferry Road telephone no.: MD 21090

city, town Linthicum state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 three-story commercial building faces west on N. Howard Street and abuts two partywall structures. During the second half of the 20th century it was substantially remodelled into an enframed window wall commercial building. The historical fabric has been obscured. From the exterior the only dating tool is that of comparison to its neighbors at #219 and #223 N. Howard Street. Those buildings date to the last half of the nineteenth century. This building is similar in size and massing, particularly to that of the two-bay #219 with which it may have formed a double house, and thus may be estimated as of the same period. The street frontage is 14' and the depth 63'.

The enframed window wall facade was constructed during two different periods. The first story dates to a post-WWII period and the upper stories to the 1960s-1970s. The first story has a glazed central section, subdivided into three bays consisting of two display windows and a glass door. Black vitrolite panels frame the bottom, sides and tops of the windows and door. A large sign is superimposed over the first story.

The second and third stories have been converted into one story. The centered glass window wall rises the full two stories. The window is subdivided by narrow metal mutins into two rows of three large plate glass windows per row. Aluminum clapboard siding covers the wall surface.

The interior is finished with textured wallboard and acoustic tile ceiling.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 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 nineteenth-century building has been so completely altered that the original date, and thus its significance, cannot be determined. As conjecture, one can speculate that it formed part of a real-estate speculator's row development of low-cost shops or combination shop-houses. In massing, this 20th-century--clad building is similar to its neighbor to the south, (#219).

Rather, the building's significance must be seen in terms of what the 20th-century commercial alterations tell about the Howard Street district. The fact that the building was remodelled suggests that it was in a neighborhood with some commercial vitality that would make the effort worth while. At the same time, the commercial nature of the twentieth-century district is clear, this is clearly a commercial and not a residential building. The large plate glass windows on each floor are part of the post-World War II commercial aesthetic.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Richard Longstreth, The Buildings of Main Street (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"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<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
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization CHAP, Room 1037 date December 14, 1991

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city or town Baltimore state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATAHISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

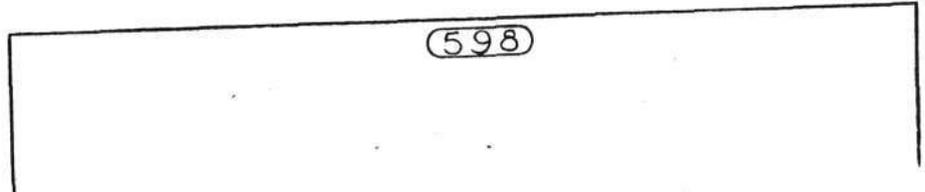
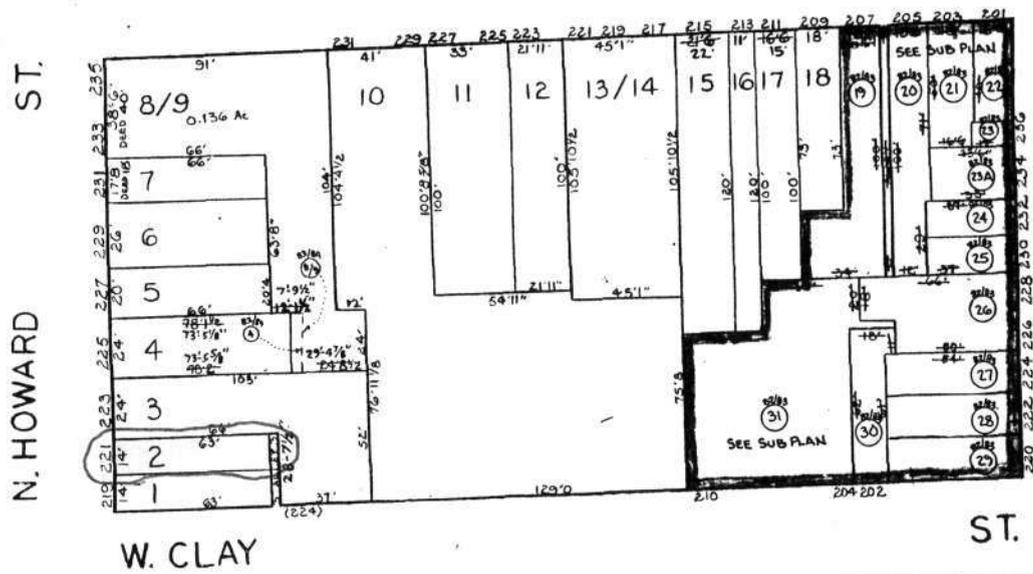
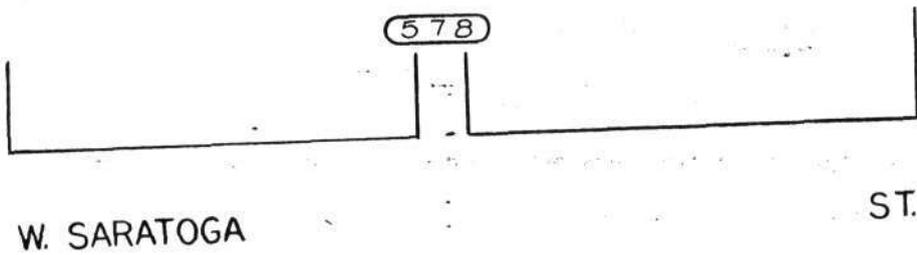
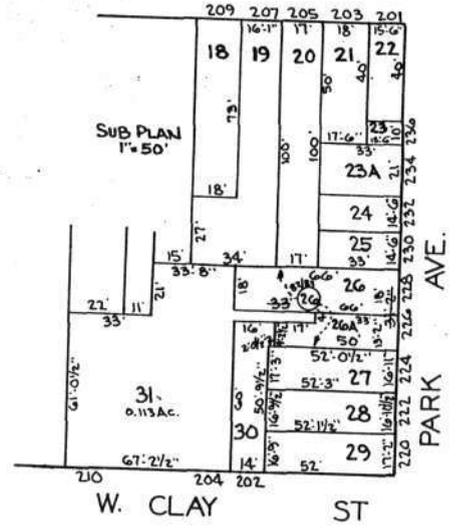
Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
unclear

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

LOTS 15, 17, 20, & 23A THRU 31 PER DEEDS C. 51. 83-402 & 83-403
LOTS 4, 8/9 CONS'D & DIV PER DEED C. 51. 84-382

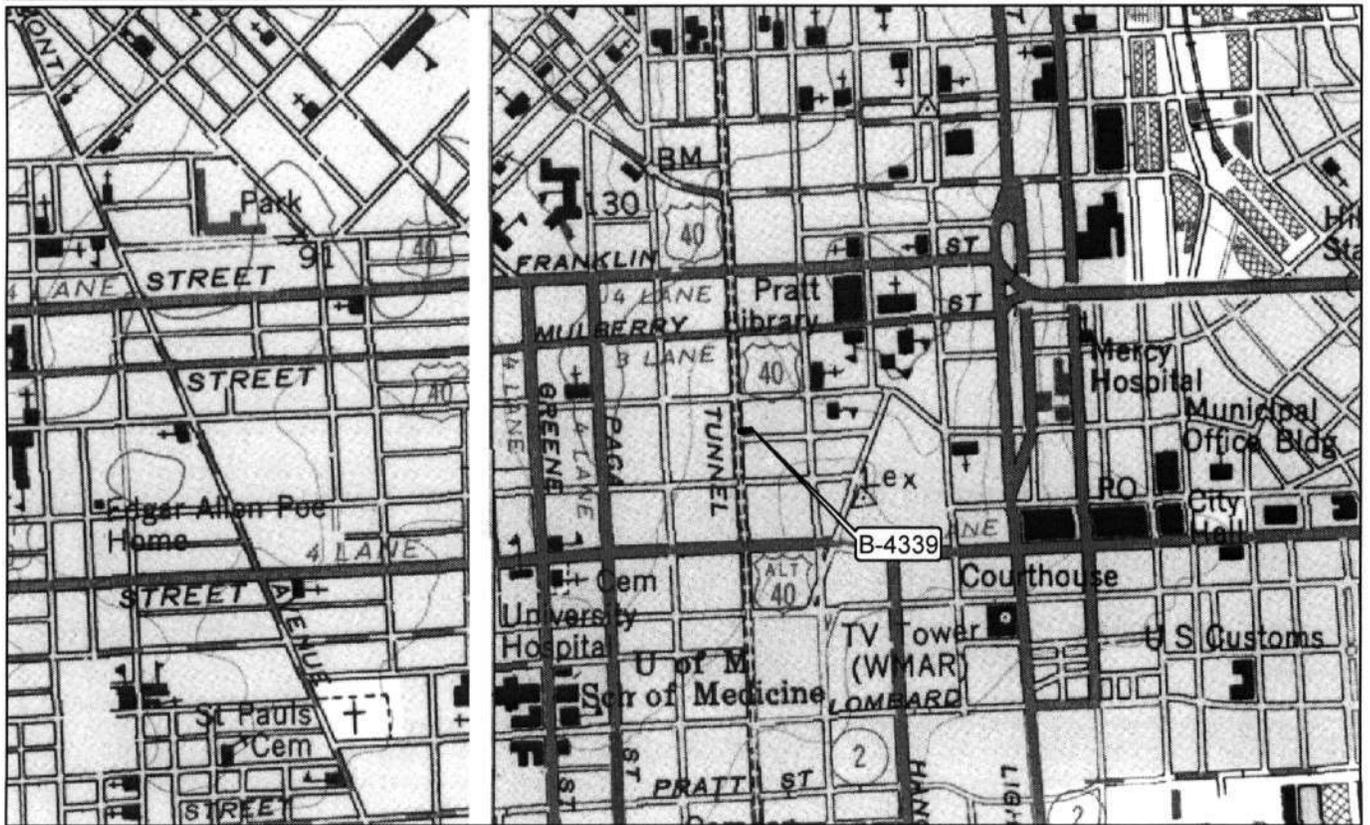
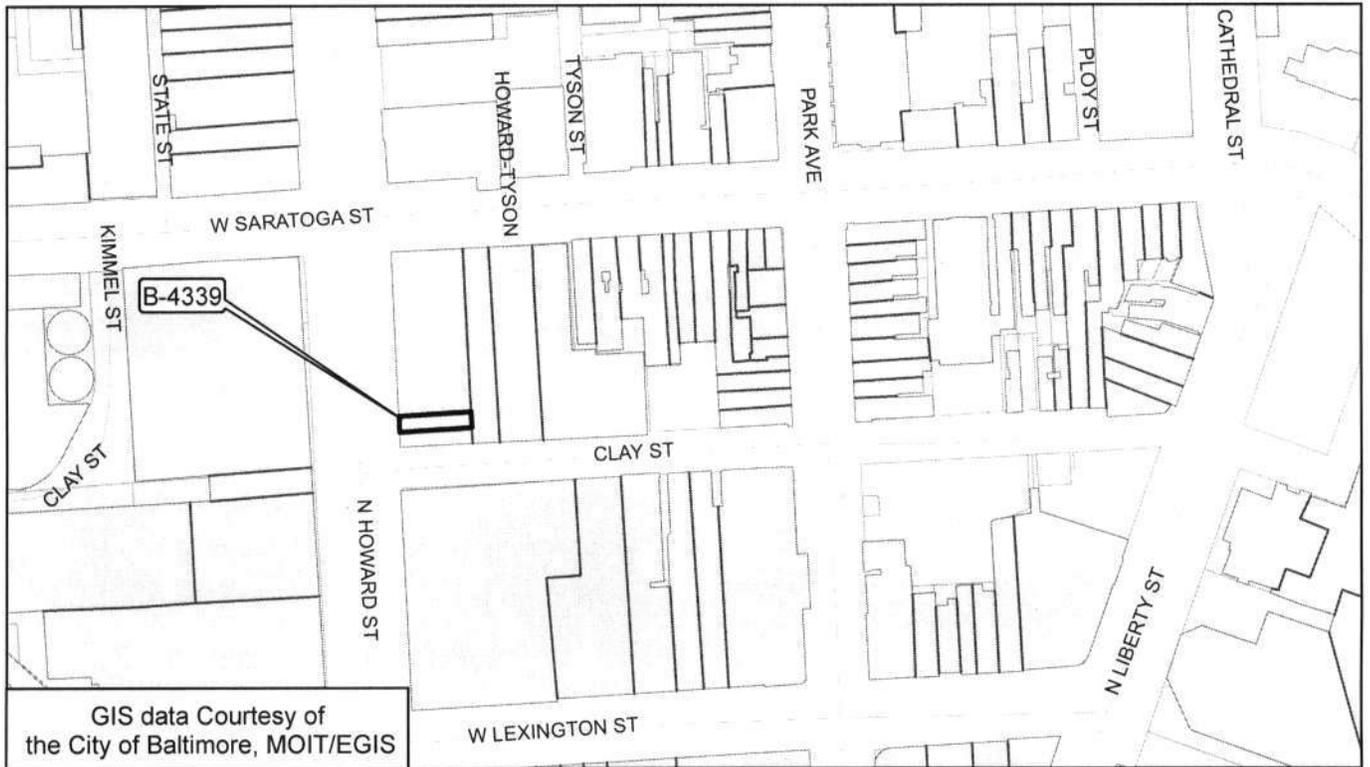


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 PREPARED BY P.L.W.
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 4 SECTION 10
 BLOCK 597
 SCALE 1"=50' DATE Nov. 1966

B-4339
Gold Rush
221 N. Howard Street
Block 0597, Lot 002
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





QUALITY
shoes

GOLD RUSH 14 Kt.
BY BUY GOLD & DIAMONDS

GOLD RUSH 14 Kt.
STOP
DIAMOND
JEWELRY
STOP

Bakers' BEAUTY SALON
219 S. HICKORY ST.
727-3543
WIG
PROFES
SIONAL

WIG CENTER
HAND BAGS - CUSTOM JEWELRY

bobcat

B-4339

221 N Howard St.

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

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Maryland SHPO

Facade, west elevation

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