

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4417

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 422-424 West Franklin Street

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 422-424 W. Franklin Street not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: vacant |

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

name Herbert Zinz

street & number 3507 Anton Farms Road

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21208

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds Baltimore City Courthouse SEB376

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 73

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input 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 1910 mixed use building faces south on W. Franklin Street and abuts two partywall structures. The three story, five-bay building is unique for the copper-faced oriel window that is suspended from the fourth bay of the second and third stories.

The first story has been altered.

The unit to the east (#422) has a solid panel door with a rippled glass transom in the first bay. Two stone steps rise to the entrance. The second and third bays are recessed and angled into a circa 1940s storefront. Within this storefront, to the east side is a glass door set in metal surrounds and topped by a transom. To the west is the display window that is subdivided into two sections: the first section is composed of four plates of glass and the second section is a large single plate of glass. The windows are set in metal mutins. The wall of the facade has been covered with black-painted plywood sheets.

The unit to the west repeats the pattern of #422 with a recessed, angled door and the two-section display window. Remnants of the circa 1940s fluted aluminum siding is still visible on the facade. Black vitrolite panels are attached above the first story.

The second and third stories are not visually divided into two units. The wall is laid with Roman bricks in a stretcher bond. The first, second, third, and fifth windows have rough cut stone sills and lintels. The fourth bay contains a two story, curved oriel window veneered with green copper. The half-round oriel has three windows at each story. The bottom of the oriel is embellished with fluted aluminum panels, dating to the period of remodelling of the first-story storefronts. The spandrels are ornamented with raised swags and egg and dart molding. A stringcourse of overlapping discs runs across the top. The cornice of the oriel is identical to the cornice of the building; the only difference is that the main building has a brick cornice and the oriel has a copper version. The cornice is a band of metopes topped by bands of shingled squares (molded in terra cotta). A separate copper cornice runs across the roof line of the shed roof building. It has a profile of fillet, ogee, fillet, back band and egg and dart molding.

The north wall is partially visible from a back alley. The building is five bays wide and three stories high. The first three bays (east) are three bays deep and the fourth and fifth bays are only two bays deep.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" 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 _____ 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 preservation of this combination commercial-residential block is a significant feature for showing the architectural and community development of Franklin Street. As a building type, the three-story combination residential-commercial building type is frequently found in Baltimore, but the architectural details on the circa 1910 residential floors are unusual. The use of Roman brick, rounded two-story oriel window, and copper cornice and trim are unique.

The first story would have been used for commercial purposes and the upper stories would have been used as dwelling quarters. The provision of separate entrances for the street level and upper stories indicates a segregation of tenants and activities. The multi-purpose building type indicates the mixed character of the neighborhood in the nineteenth century.

The first-story alterations, circa 1930s-1940s, are typical of commercial remodellings during the period. Large sheets of plate glass were set into angled facades with vitrolite or fluted aluminum veneers on the wall surfaces. The glossy black panels or shiny aluminum flutes created a planar, geometric simplicity that was definitely unVictorian. The angled facade running towards a recessed entrance was a popular marketing device: the recessed entrance permitted additional display areas along the vestibule wall and the slant of the facade wall "drew" the sidewalk traffic in.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

state code county code

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city or town Baltimore state MD

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

Historic Environment:
Urban

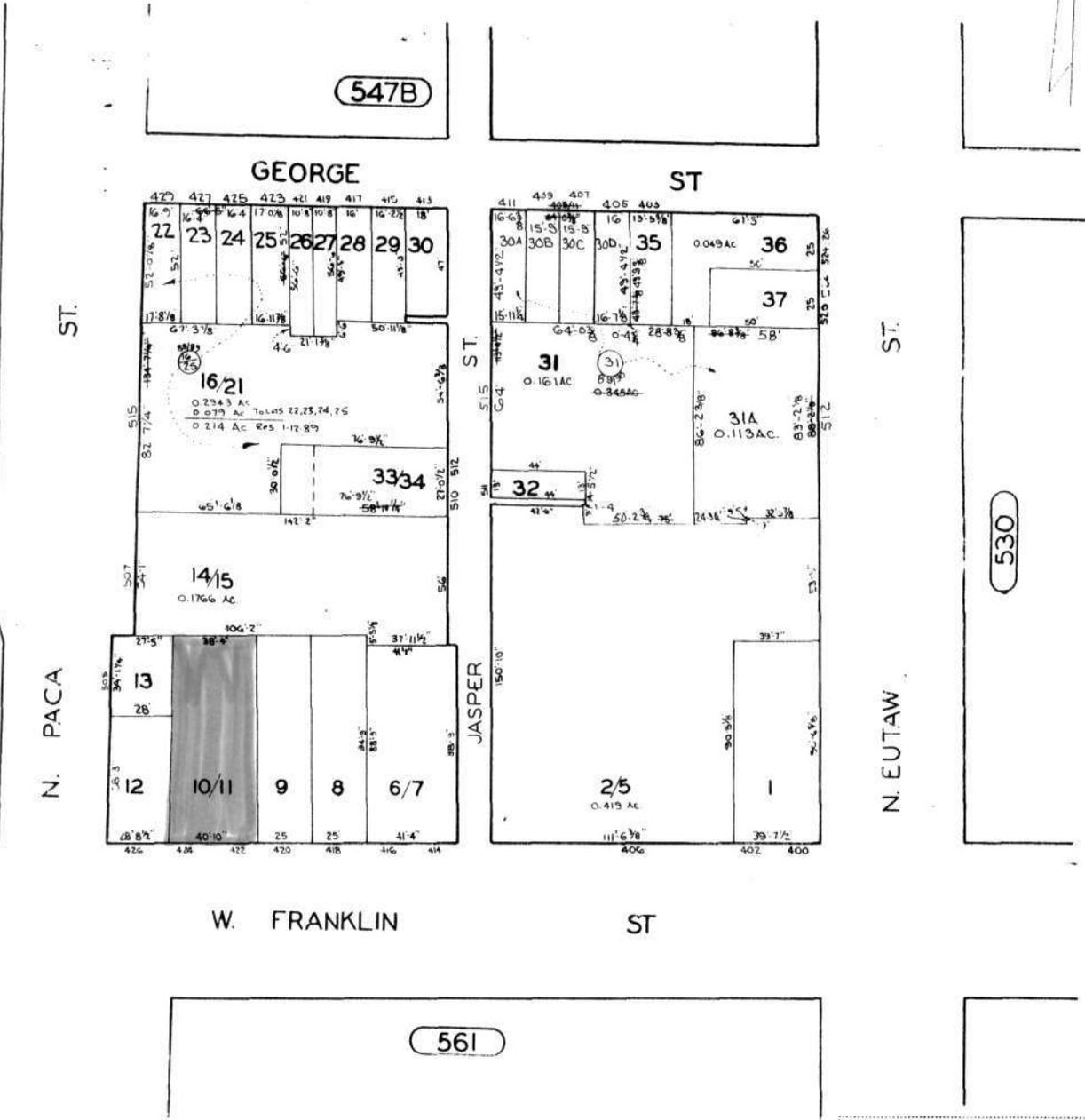
Historic Function and Use:
Commercial/Residential

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

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BLOCK REVISED
 LOTS 14/15 THRU 25, 31 THRU 34, 36, & 38 THRU 53 AREA CHANGED (LOTS CONSID. PER D.P. C.S.H. 86-382-384
 LOT 16/25 DIV. PER D.P. & DEED C.H. 89-218
 LOTS 30A-31A PER DEED & SUB-DIV. C.S.H. 90-188

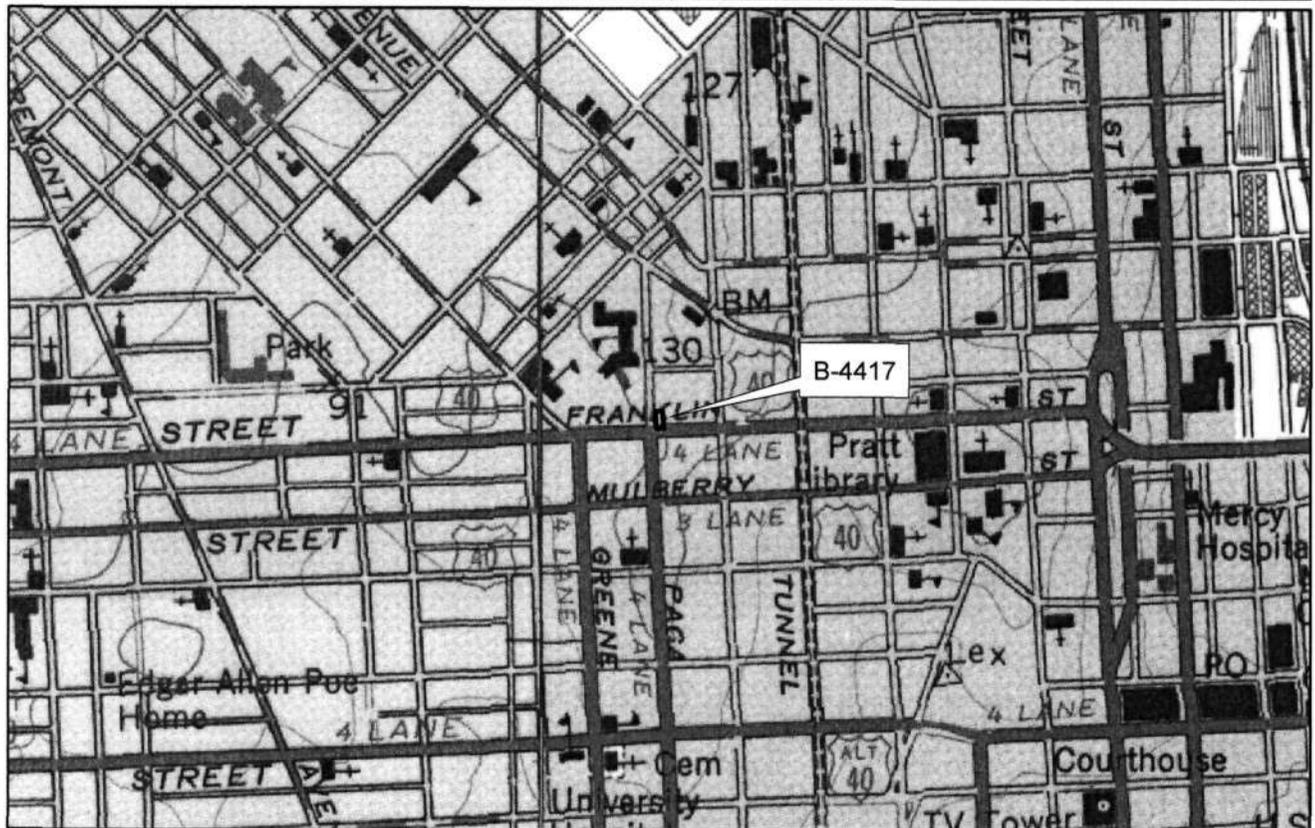
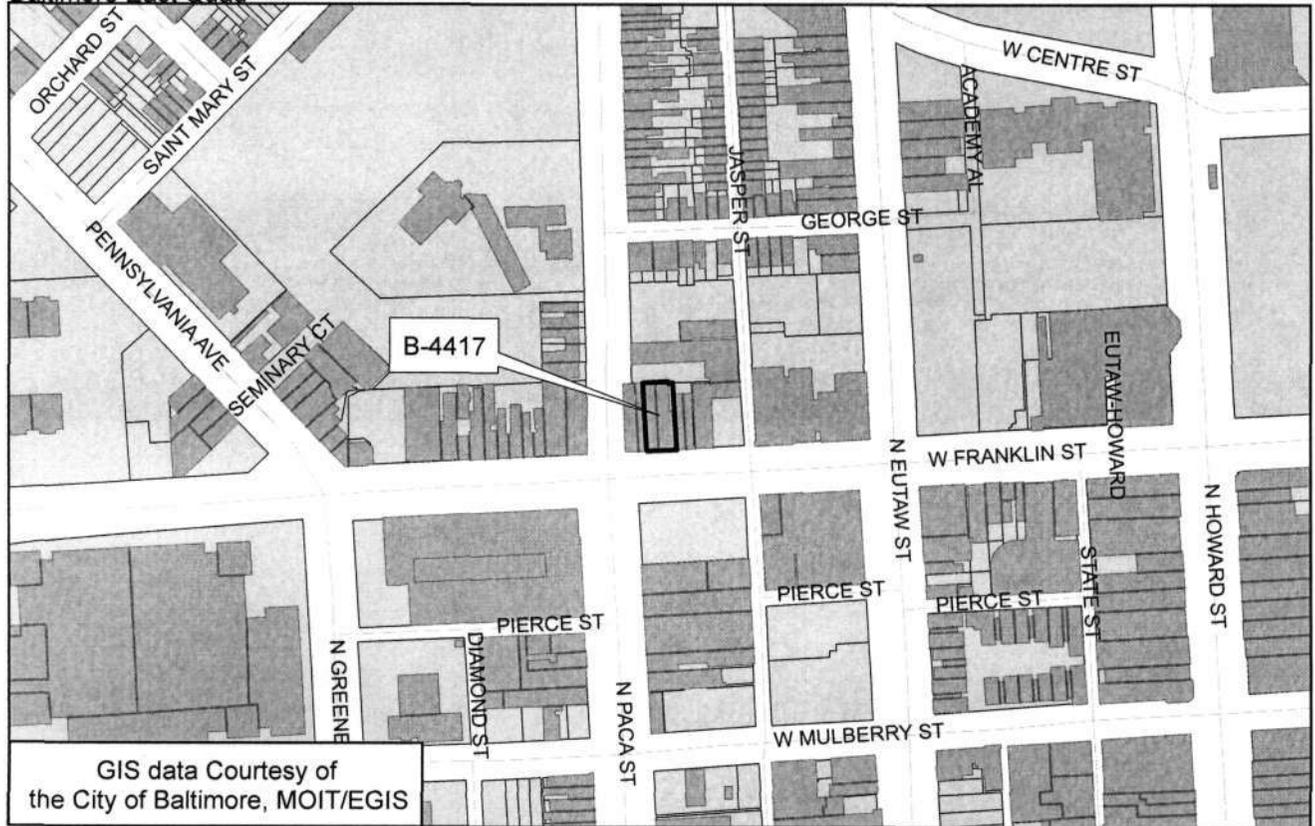


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CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 17 SECTION 8
 BLOCK 547-A
 SCALE 1"=50'-0" DATE MAY 1986

B-4417
422-424 W. Franklin Street
Block 0547A Lot 010
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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422-424 W Franklin St

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Facade, south elevation

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Facade, detail

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