

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4428

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 319 West Mulberry Street

and/or common Miller Appliance

2. Location

street & number 319 W. Mulberry Street not for publication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 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 checked="" 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 Miriam and Donald Miller

street & number 319 W. Mulberry Street telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds Baltimore City Courthouse SEB77
liber

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 517
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

Survey No. B-4428

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved 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 enframed window wall building dates to the last quarter of the 19th century. The brick, two-story, shed-roofed building faces north on West Mulberry Street and abuts a partywall structure to the west and an alley to the east. The street frontage is 20' and the depth is 57'8".

The first story contains a glass window wall flanked by brick walls at the edges. A recessed, angled vestibule to the east contains two doors with transoms. The ceiling of the vestibule is ornamented with pressed tin and the floor is laid with white and brow tiles. The first door against the south wall is half-glazed with two panels below; it opens into the stair hall. The second door is on the angle of the recessed vestibule. This glass door is set into wood surrounds with a mail slot cut in. The transom is filled with an air conditioning unit. The door opens into the first-story business. A display window is also positioned on the angle of the recess. Two more display windows complete the first story facade. These windows project slightly beyond the plane of the facade. The windows are set above wood-panelled foundations walls. The cornice above follows the plane of the bowed projection. The cornice has a profile of fillet, ogee, fillet, and back band projecting over an ogee, bead, back band, fillet, cove. bead. and back band. Rosette and dot embellished brackets terminate the ends.

The second story has a quadripartite window centered on the brick wall. The window is composed of four 1/4 sash windows set in between fluted pilasters. A simple cast iron lintel runs above.

The cornice has a bold projection. Its profile consists of fillet, ogee, fillet, back band with modillion blocks running above a stringcourse of raised molding. The cornice turns the east corner on the alley.

The east wall faces the alley. The building is four bays long. The first (south) bay contains a raised door with transom and a cellar window below. The rest of the first story is blank. The second story has four 6/6 sash windows, except the third which has 6/1 sash. All openings have two-brick soldier courses and wood sills. The shed roof has a corbelled brick cornice.

The south wall is stepped down: the first bay is one story and the second and third bays are two stories. The first bay is blank. The second and third bays have bricked-in windows with solid courses at each story.

The interior of the first-story commercial space has pressed tin ceilings and crown molding. The walls are covered with plaster. A beam runs along the ceiling of the third bay. This beam is supported by posts.

8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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		

unknown

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

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 two-story, one-bay, commercial building is an example of a circa 1900 enframed window wall design. Architectural historian Richard Longstreth writes that the enframed window wall design was "most commonly used for retail stores" and that the design "reflects an effort to give greater order to the facade composition of small and moderate-sized commercial buildings."¹ The quadripartite window in the second story indicates the commercial usage of the upper floors, as well as the first story. The single entrance indicates that the building was intended for one tenant, although it is possible that the interior stairhall made provisions for controlling access to the upper floor. The yellow brick and colonial revival cornices add a touch of period style to this commercial building.

¹ Longstreth, The Buildings of Main Street, pp. 69, 68.

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

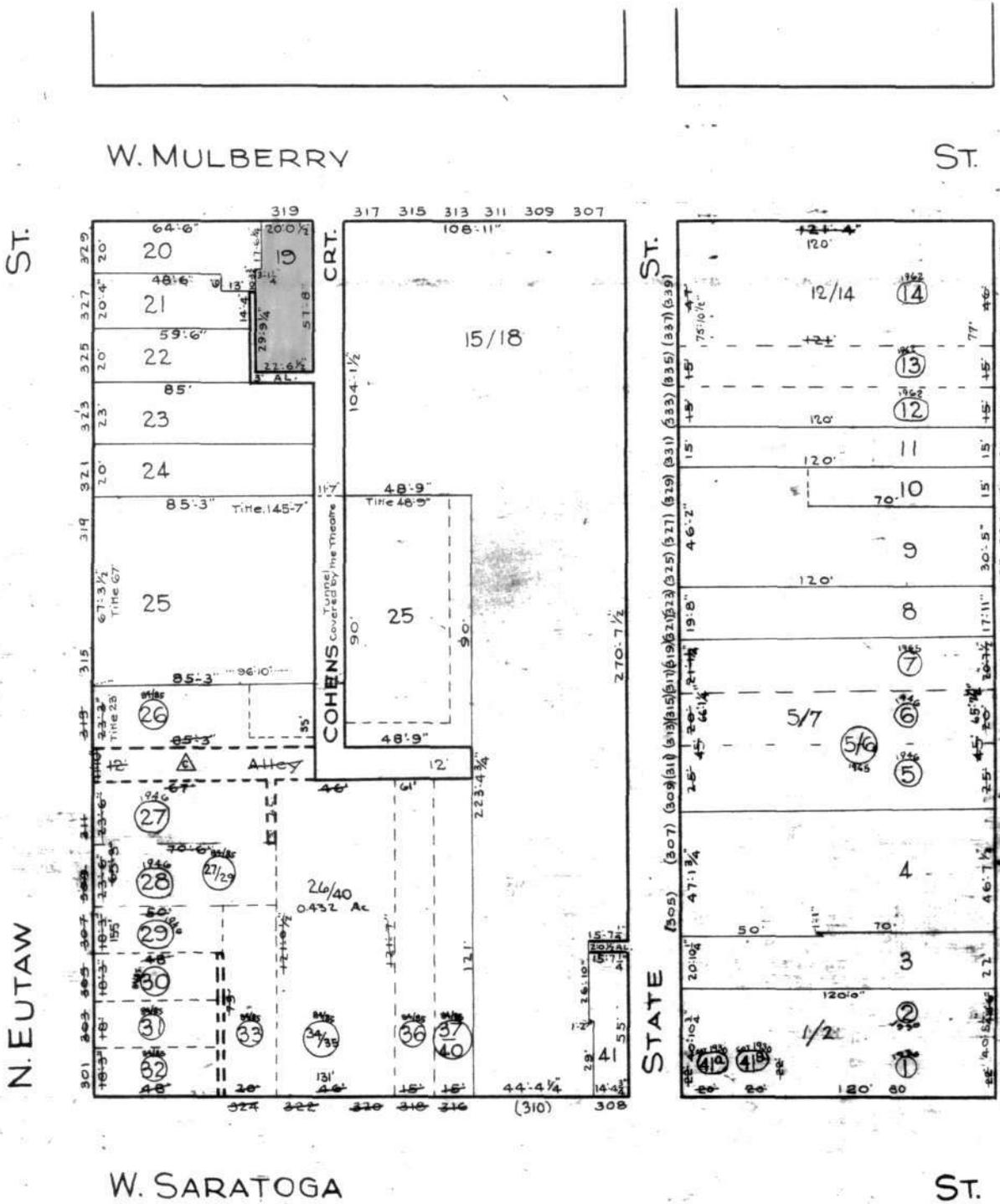
Historic Function and Use:

Commercial

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

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lots 42/47, 48, Ass'd. in P.S.C., Per BotA, C. Sh. 5278.
lots 12, 13, 14 Cons'd Per App. C. Sh. 8880
lots 5/6 & 7 Cons'd Per App. C. Sh. 9440
lots 26 thru 37/40 Cons'd Per App. M & Field C. Sh. 85-203



W. SARATOGA

ST.

△ DENOTES ALLEY CLOSED IN FIELD

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FOR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
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BUREAU OF PLANS &
PROPERTY LOCATION

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ASS'D. IN P.S.C.
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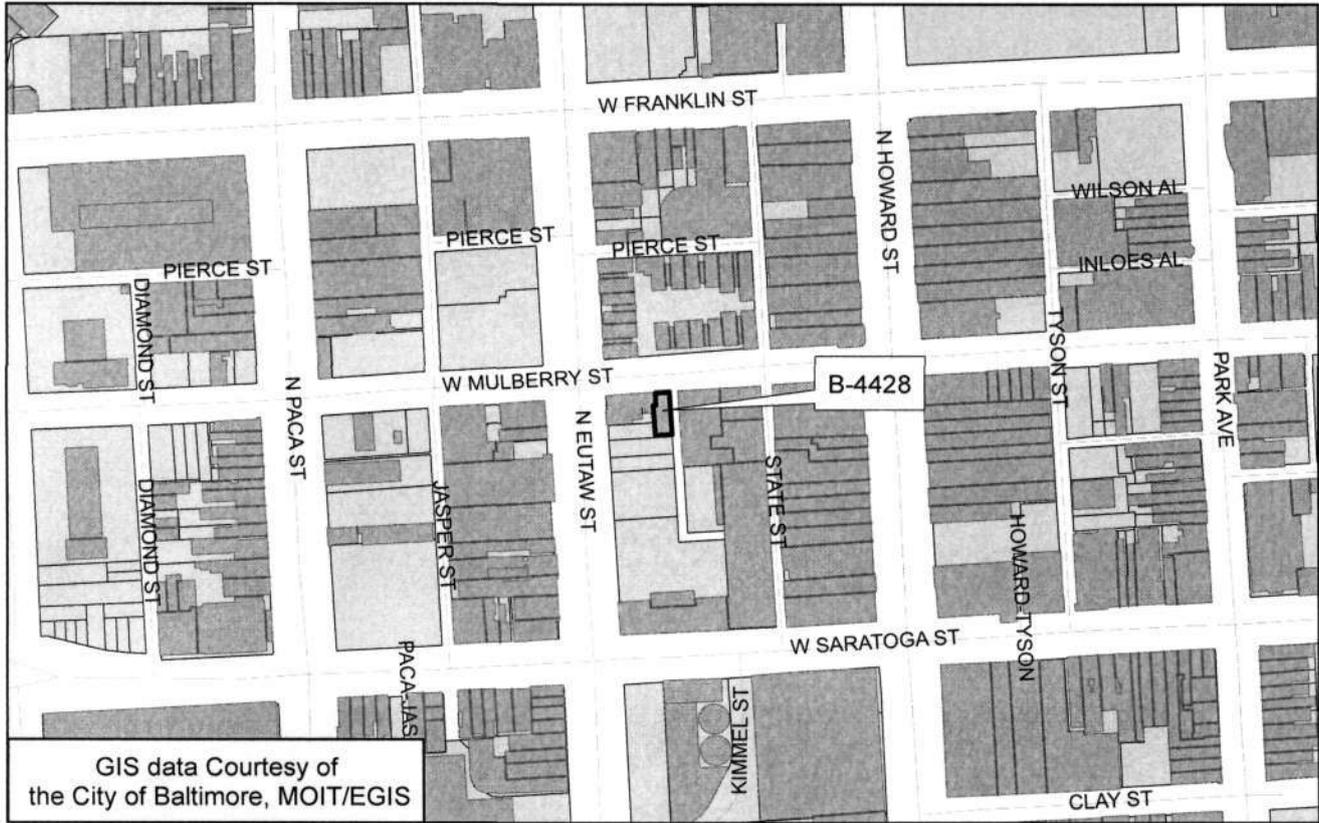
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B. B. R. R. R/W ASS'D. IN P.S.C. 2-21-51
(TUNNEL) 4/2/57/42-47

N. HOWARD

SECT 5
BLOCK 577

B-4428
Miller Appliance
319 W. Mulberry Street
Block 0577 Lot 019
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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MILLER APPLIANCE CO.

VACUUM CLEANERS
SALES - SERVICE - PARTS

MILLER APPLIANCE CO.
SALES & REPAIRS

B-4428

319 W. Mulberry St.

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

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Maryland SHPO

Facade, north elevation

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