

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**

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Survey No. 4730

**1. Name**

Historic 411- 413 South Dallas Street  
And/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 411- 413 South Dallas Street  
city, town Baltimore  
state & zip code Maryland 21231 county

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	X occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
X building(s)	X private	<input 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	X private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	X 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name  
street & number telephone  
city, town state & zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber  
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio  
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title  
date federal state county local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state & zip code

## 7. Description

**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.

The east side of the 400 block of S. Dallas St. is built up primarily with groups of two-story-and-attic houses built c. 1845 – 1855. One of a pair of two-story houses with the low-pitched gable roof so characteristic of the small street houses built in the 1850s and 1860s survives and there is an infill pair of houses dating to the early 1900s that has been converted to a single house with street level garage.

411 – 413, 427 – 429, and 431 - 433 S. Dallas St. are pairs of two-bay-wide, two-story-and-attic brick houses typical of a popular type of Baltimore rowhouse built in the late 1840s and early 1850s to serve the city's growing working class population. The lower-pitched gable roof allowed for a more spacious upper story, which now could be lit by small rectangular windows at both the front and rear of the house, instead of the earlier dormer windows. Despite its practical nature, this new feature had its roots in a stylistic change in Baltimore's fashionable housing, the small "attic" windows being an important part of the façade design of much larger town mansions being built in the new Greek Revival style.

The houses are two-and-a-half stories in height, two-rooms deep and each house has a one-story brick rear kitchen addition somewhat narrower than the house. The houses are constructed in running bond, and were originally painted; one has been covered with stucco. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple corbelled brick cornice. The roofs are covered with modern asphalt shingles overtop the original cedar shakes. A double chimney located at the peak of the gable roof serves both the front and rear rooms. Each house also has a chimney at the rear of the kitchen addition. Because early house lots in Baltimore were laid out back to back, without rear service alleys, the service entrance to the backyards is through the sallyport located in the center of each pair.

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At 411 – 413 the door and window openings have splayed brick lintels on the first and second floors, and flat wood lintels on the attic story. The sills are wood. 411 has been renovated and now has 6/6 replacement sash and a modern six-panel door, set beneath a three-light transom. 413 has 1/1 replacement sash and a modern door. Both houses sit on medium-height basements, the entrances being reached by three concrete steps. 427 – 429 have flat wood lintels and wood sills on the second and attic story windows, but the entire first floor of both houses has been converted into garage space and stuccoed over. 431 – 433 has segmentally arched brick lintels on all openings, with plain tympanums, and wood sills. The window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. Doorways had a single-light transom, which has been covered over and have modern replacement doors. Both houses sit on medium-height basements, the entrances being reached by three concrete steps at 431 and five brick steps at 433.

The houses are two rooms deep, with the front room being entered directly from the front door. The front and back rooms of the first floor are separated by a wide opening, with the tightly winding, narrow stairs set in the rear room, in the space between the partition wall and the fireplace. There are two bedrooms on the second floor of the main part of the house, each with a fireplace. The third floor attic rooms have low sloping ceilings, with a maximum ceiling height of about seven feet at the peak of the gable sloping down to about four feet at the front and rear of the house. The one-story rear addition served as the kitchen, with its own cooking fireplace.

415 – 417 S. Dallas St. are a pair of two-bay-wide, two-story brick houses with a Renaissance-Revival-style sheet metal cornice that were probably built as in-fill housing c. 1900. The first floor of 415 has been converted into a garage. The houses are built in common bond, which was always painted. The shed roof is capped with a sheet metal cornice consisting of a crown molding, decorated with a row of dentils, framed by two end brackets that connect to a lower molding strip. The arched cap of the brackets rises slightly above the roofline. First floor door and window openings have splayed brick lintels; those on the second floor have segmentally arched brick lintels, composed of a double row of headers, and tympanums decorated with an anchor. The sills are brick. The windows are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The doorway has a modern six-panel door, but no transom. The houses sit on medium-height basements, the entrance being reached by three brick steps.

419 S. Dallas St. is the surviving member of a pair of two-story brick houses with the low-pitched gable roof so characteristic of the small street houses built for working class residents in the 1850s and 1860s. The two-room deep house is built in common bond, and was always painted. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple corbelled brick cornice beneath the later boxed wood cornice. Door and window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The windows are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The doorway has a modern six-panel door but no transom. The house sits on a medium-height basement, lit by a single-light sash. The entrance is reached by three concrete steps.

## 8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theatre
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<input 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** c. 1845 – 1855; c. 1900

**Builder/Architect**

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

411 – 413, 427 – 429, and 431 - 433 S. Dallas St. are significant as being representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1840s and 1850s to accommodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront and in the emerging industrial districts of Canton and southwest Baltimore. Although showing stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1830s and 1840s (in the proportions of the attic windows, the chaste exterior details, and the double parlor floor plan), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the earlier Federal-style two-and-a-half story houses, but the opening between the two rooms is wider, reflecting popular Greek Revival tastes. The increase in height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room of the dormer story, thus providing welcome additional private living space to large families or those who had to take in boarders. The houses do not differ markedly from similar two-story-and-attic houses built on nearby main streets—they are simply somewhat narrower versions priced to serve less affluent residents of the old walking city.

Both groups of houses are especially significant as being located in the oldest part of Fells Point, only a few blocks from the water, and represent an integral part of the history of this National Register district. Nearby houses were slated for demolition in the 1960s as part of the planned East-West highway connection existing segments of I-95 to the north and south of the city, but were saved by local preservation activists who created the Fells Point National Register District in 1969.

## 9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*  
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

## 10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

## 11. Form Prepared by

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city, town	Baltimore		

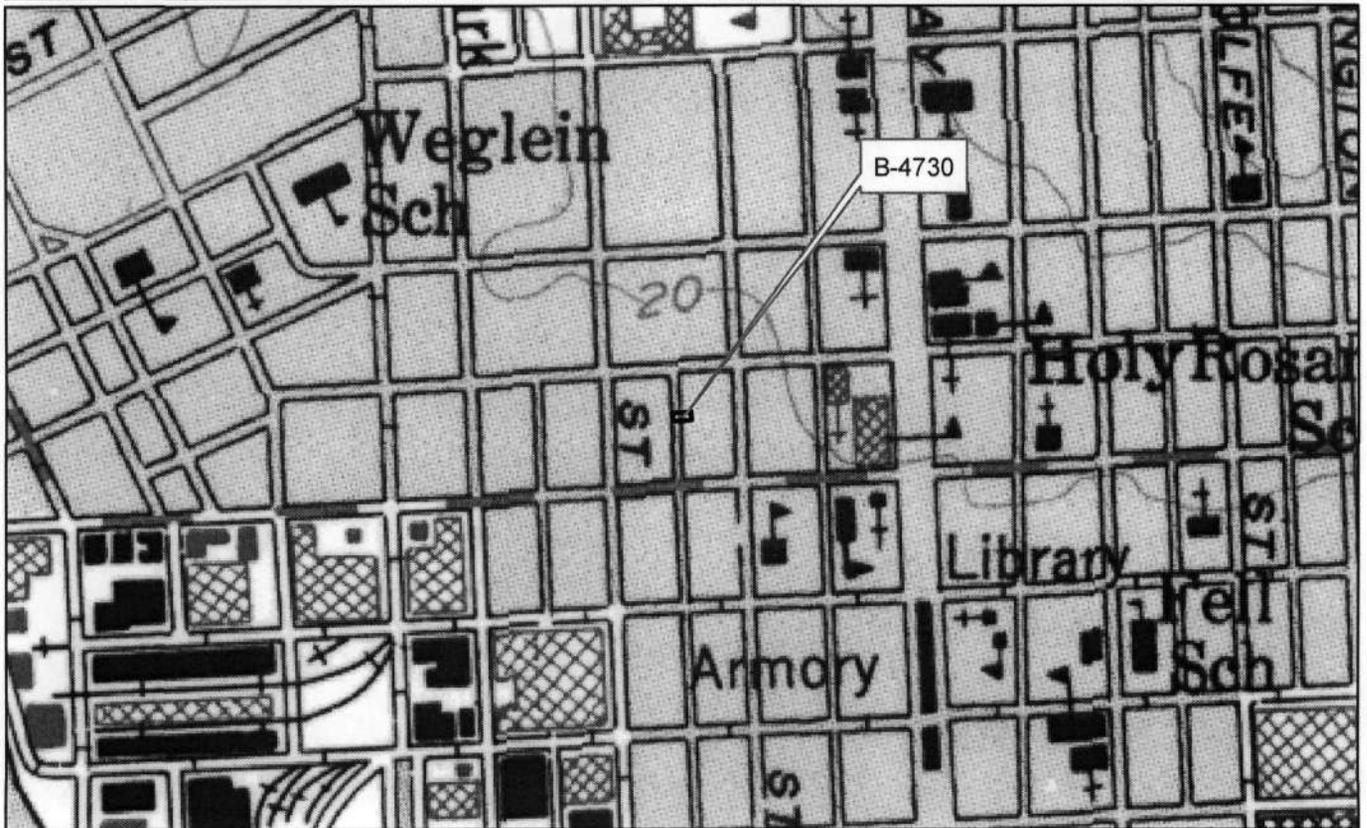
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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