

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4750

1. Name

Historic 408 - 422 South Regester Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 408 - 422 South Regester Street
city, town Baltimore
state & zip code Maryland 21231 county

3. Classification

Category
 district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership
 public
 private
 both
Public Acquisition
 in process
 being considered
 not applicable

Status
 occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress
Accessible
 yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use
 agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 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.

This row of eight three-story, two-bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and simple brick corbelled cornices were built in the 1860s by Edward W. Robinson, the builder of the earlier, gabled-roof houses in this same block on the east side of Register St. and Griffin Ct. and the north side of Eastern Ave. Only one of the houses retains its original brick facade, which was always painted, the rest have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, range between 11'1", 11'3", and 12' wide and occupy lots 71' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is a paired, slightly narrower, three-story backbuilding for each pair of houses. This backbuilding, equivalent to the "pantry" area in houses of this period, which connected the main house to the long backbuilding and contained the service stairs, contained the stairs leading to the apartments on all floors. The houses are constructed in common bond and were originally painted. Each house had a single hooded chimney located at both the front and rear sections of the house. The shed roofs are capped by a simple brick corbelled cornice decorated with a row of brick modillions to give added decorative effect.

Door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels, with plain tympanums, and brick sills. All of the windows are filled with replacement 1/1 sash. Original doorway transoms are now obscured and the houses show a variety of replacement door types. The houses have no basements and each house was originally reached by one or two brick steps.

8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other: specify	

Specific dates 1867

Builder/Architect

Edward W. Robinson

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

This group of houses is significant in that it represents a rare and early form of tenement living in Baltimore, where narrow, three-story houses were built along alley streets to provide rental living spaces for the large numbers of workers arriving after the Civil War to work in new port-related industries. This type of housing did not prove popular and is only seen on a few blocks in Fells Point, a block or two in west Baltimore, and some blocks in the southwestern portion of the city.

The houses were built by Edward W. Robinson who developed this entire block during the 1850s, 1860s, and 1870s.

Judging by the buyers of nearby houses the tenants in these buildings were primarily German-American laborers.

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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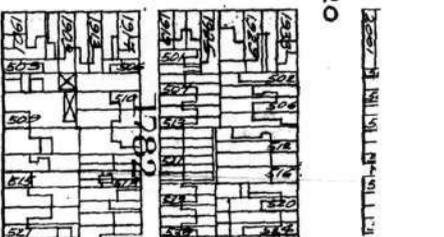
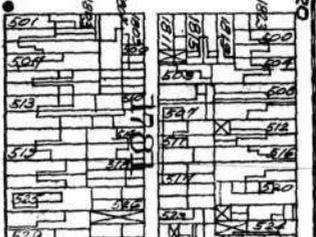
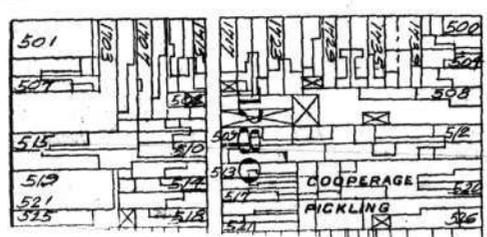
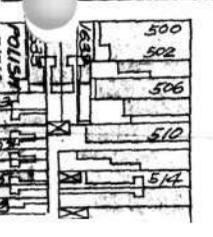
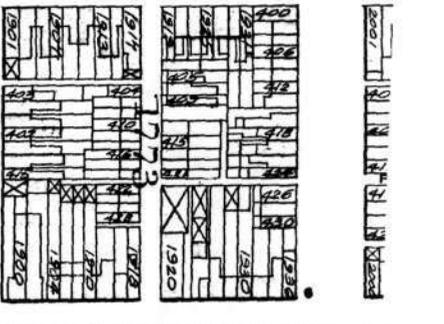
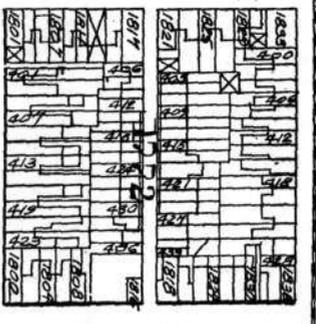
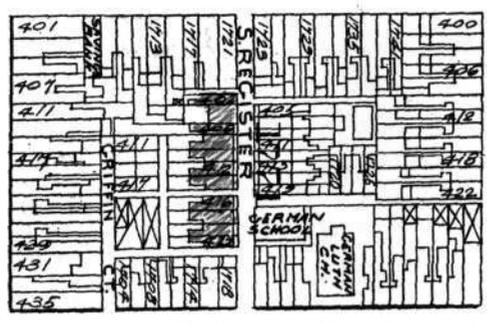
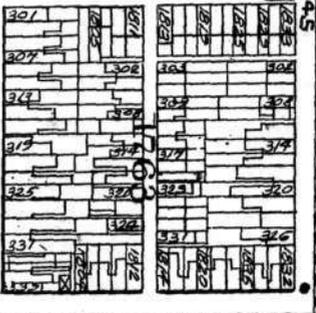
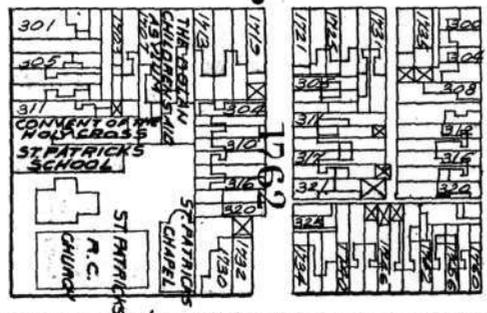
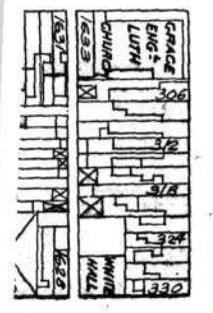
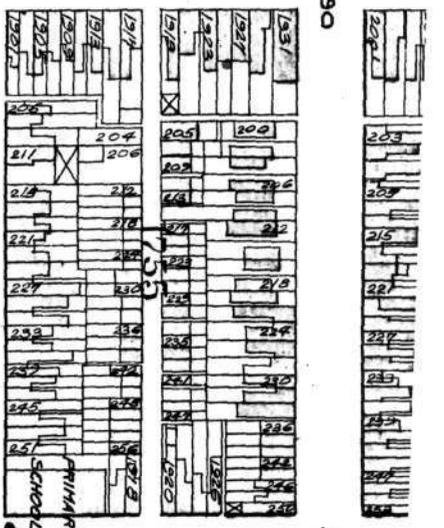
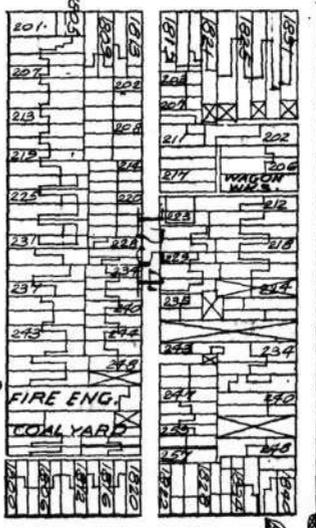
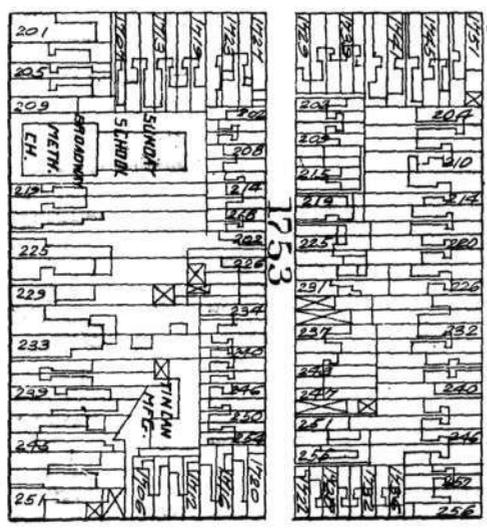
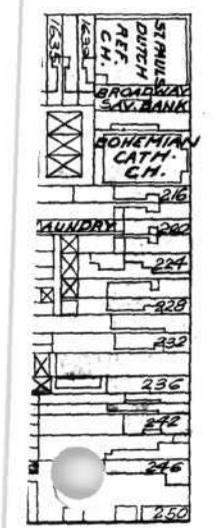
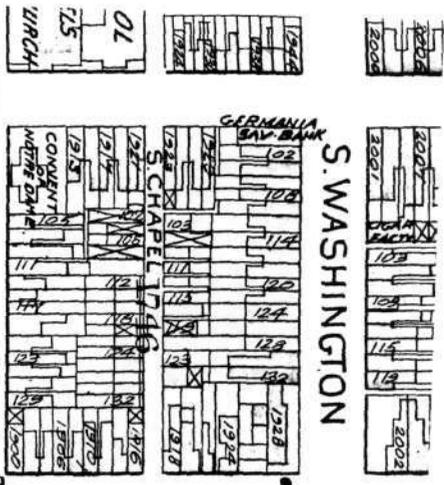
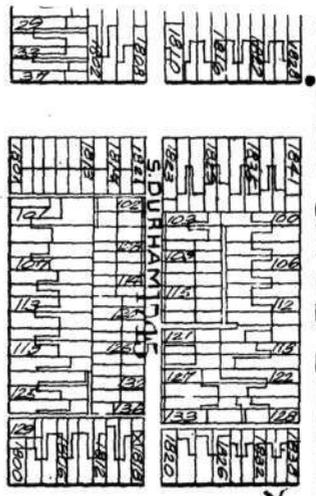
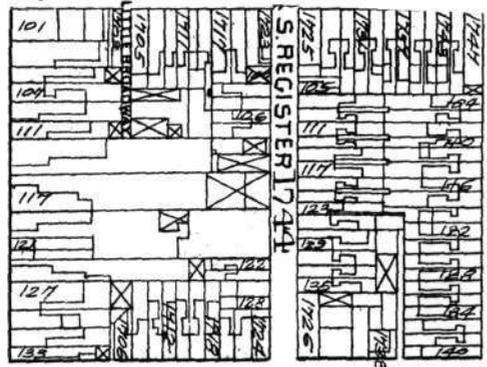
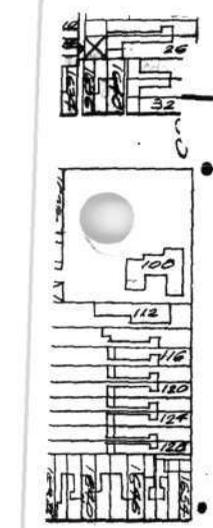
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