

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B- 4770

1. Name

Historic 111 - 125 South Chapel Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 111 - 125 South Chapel 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 | <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 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 checked="" 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 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 | | 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: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | 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 100 block of S. Chapel St. comprises several different units of houses which have had their facades altered in addition to being covered with formstone or aluminum siding. The majority are two-bay-wide, two-story brick houses with low-pitched gable roofs typical of the small alley houses built in Baltimore in the 1850s and 1860s, often along especially narrow secondary alley streets running perpendicularly off the main "alley" street. An unusual three-bay-wide-house is a two-story-and-attic house of c. 1850 and another is now a full three stories.

111 S. Chapel St. is a two-story, gable-roofed house constructed in running bond that was always painted. The very-low-pitched gable roof has a simple brick corbelled cornice. Door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and brick sills. Window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The single-light doorway transom has been covered with aluminum siding and the door is a modern replacement. The house sits on a medium-height basement, with the entrance being reached by three brick steps, set parallel with the façade.

113 S. Chapel St. is a two-story early Italianate-style house, built in the 1870s, with a shed roof and simple brick dentiled cornice. It is constructed in common bond that was always painted. Door and window openings have flat wood lintels and brick sills. Window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The doorway has a single-light transom and the door is a modern replacement, matching that of 111 S. Chapel St.. The house sits on a medium-height basement, with the entrance being reached by five concrete steps, set parallel with the façade.

115 – 117 S. Chapel St. are a pair of two-story, gable-roofed houses that are now covered with formstone and aluminum siding so that all original details are obscured. The very-low-pitched gable roof has a simple brick corbelled cornice, also now hidden. Door and window openings probably had flat wood lintels and wood sills. Window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. Original doorways have been remodeled and both doors are modern replacements. Both houses originally sat on medium-height basements, with the entrance being reached by four stone steps, set parallel with the façade; now 117 has had its façade remodeled so that the doorway opens directly off the street..

Continuation sheet

119 S. Chapel St. is a two-story early Italianate-style house, probably built in the 1870s, with a shed roof that has been covered with formstone. All original details, including the cornice, are obscured. Window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The doorway has a single-light transom and the door is a modern replacement. The house sits on a low basement, with the entrance being reached by two concrete steps.

123 S. Chapel St. is a three-story house with a shed roof that has been covered with formstone. All original details, including the cornice, are obscured. Window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The doorway has a single-light transom, now covered with aluminum siding, and the door is a modern replacement. The house sits on a low basement, lit by a double-light sash, with the entrance being reached by three concrete steps. A flat-linteled sallyport runs back along the northern portion of the house.

125 S. Chapel St. is a three-bay-wide, two-story-and-attic house with a low-pitched gable roof that has been covered with formstone. All original details, including the simple, corbelled brick cornice, are obscured. Window openings are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The doorway has a single-light transom, now covered with aluminum siding, and the door is a modern replacement. The house sits on a medium-height basement, lit by a double-light sash, with the entrance being reached by four concrete steps, set parallel to the façade.

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 |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theatre |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <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. 1850 - 1860

Builder/Architect

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

These houses are significant as being representative of a surviving group of extremely modest two-story, gable-roofed houses built in Fells Point in the 1850s and 1860s to serve as inexpensive housing for the influx of newly arrived immigrant families seeking work in harbor-related activities or in the first small factories being built at this time. Houses sold for about \$500 - \$600 to mainly German-American craftsman and laborers, or rented for some \$8 a month. Most such houses were held as rental property and most were located along narrow alley streets, or along even narrower courts. In terms of design, the houses are basically the descendants of earlier Federal-style working class housing built in the early decades of the century, but without the usual dormer story of such houses. Because there is no dormer story the roof slope is much less steep in these later versions of the style. The houses are quite tiny, with two small rooms on each floor and a centrally located, tightly winding, narrow staircase.

They are still inhabited by working class residents.

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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100 Community Place

Crownsville MD 21032-2023

B-4770
111-125 S. Chapel Street
Block 1746, Lots 071-76 (& rear of Lot 025)
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



GIS data Courtesy of
the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS





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