

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4831

### 1. Name

Historic \_\_\_\_\_ 2210 - 2214 Canary Court  
and / common \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ 2210 - 2214 Canary Court  
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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 three two-story, two-bay wide Italianate-style houses on the north side of Canary Ct., west of Madeira St., were built in 1882 – 1883 by the same builder who was responsible for 302-308 S. Madeira St., to the east. Only one of the houses retains its original brick façade, which was always painted; the other two are covered with formstone.

They are two stories in height, 11'4" wide and occupy lots 46'6" deep. Each house is two rooms deep and there is a one-story rear addition. They are constructed in common bond and were always painted. Now, two of the façades have been covered with formstone. The shed roof has a simple brick corbelled cornice.

Door and window openings have splayed brick lintels and brick sills. All windows are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. Doorways have single-light transoms and one original door may remain at 308 S. Madeira St.—an Arts-and-Crafts-style door with long, vertical glass panels and small square and rectangular panels at top and bottom, all framed by narrow molding strips. The houses sit on low basements with entrances being reached by one or two brick or concrete steps.

The floor plan consists of a front and back room with the stairs rising in the middle of the house, parallel to the façade. The stairs, with an elegant balustrade and newel post, are partially open to the front parlor.

## 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"/> 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 **1882 - 1883**

Builder/Architect **George Hershman**

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 the level of architectural stylishness achieved by many builders of small street houses in the late nineteenth century. The houses were built by George Hershman, a prolific builder of working class houses in East Baltimore, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1880 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-or three-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

The land originally belonged to the Patterson family as part of their 18<sup>th</sup> century estate, which also included the land given by the family to the city for Patterson Park. In the 1870s the Patterson heirs began developing this block by leasing parcels to various builders, who built 15'-wide two-story houses on Gough and Bank Streets, and three-story houses on Collington and Patterson Park Avenues.

Hershman obtained his construction financing from the Tenth German-American Building Association and sold his houses to mainly German-American semi-skilled tradesmen and laborers employed in nearby factories. Buyers, too, received mortgages from both the Ninth and the Tenth German-American Building Associations.

Hershman also built 307 - 323 and 310 - 316 S. Madeira St. and the row of six houses on the south side of Canary Ct., originally called Madeira Ct.

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## 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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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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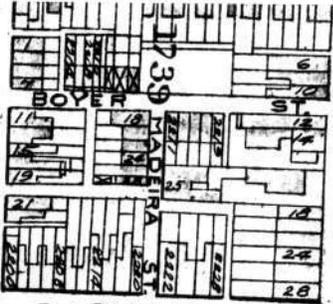
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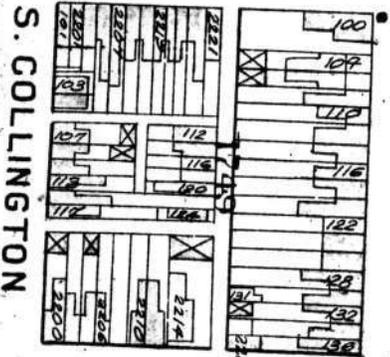
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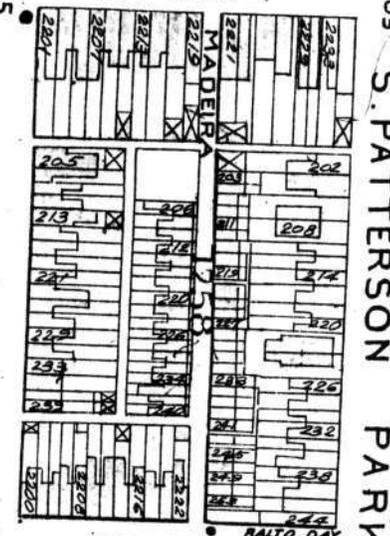


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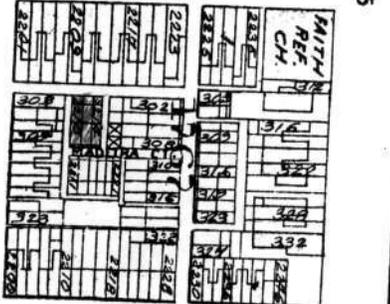
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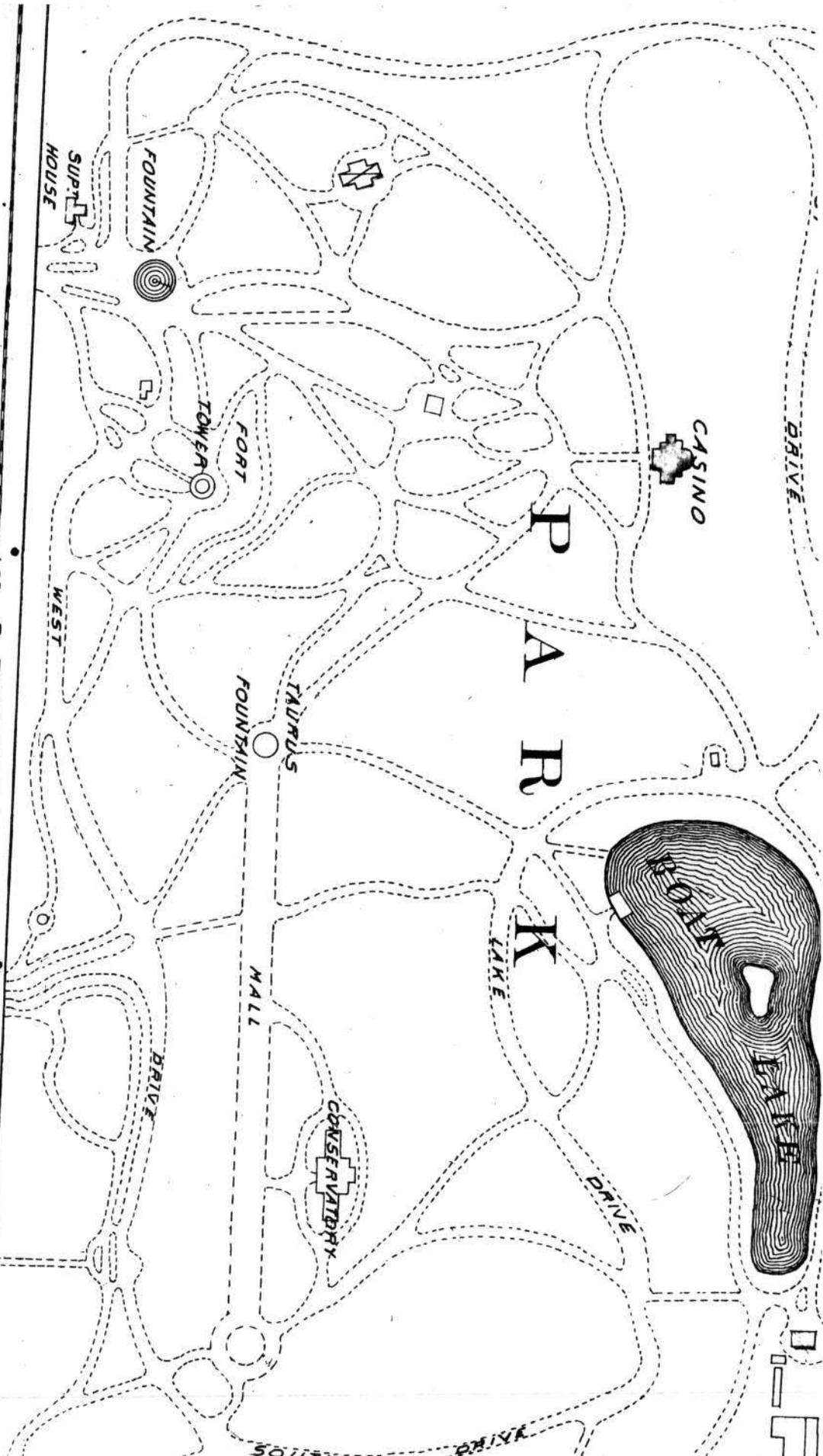
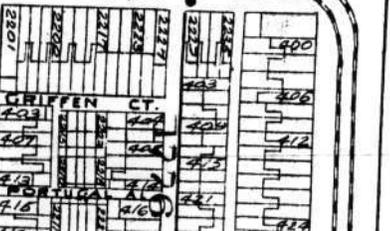


S. PATTERSON PARK

GOUGH



BANK



SUPPLY HOUSE

FOUNTAIN

TOWER

FORT

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TAURUS

MALL

CONSERVATORY

DRIVE

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