

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-5023

1. Name

Historic 851 - 869 Reinhardt Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 851 - 869 Reinhardt Street
city, town Baltimore
state & zip code Maryland 21205 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

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.

These two groups of two-story, two-bay wide vernacular Queen Anne-style brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal and stepped brick cornices were built c. 1895. Most of the houses retain their original brick facades, which were always painted. After the use of wood was outlawed for cornices in 1892, sheet metal and stepped-back bricks became the predominant materials used. This decorative brickwork, represents a vernacular translation of high-style Queen Anne designs first seen in Baltimore rowhouses c. 1880.

851 – 855 are two stories in height, 12' wide, and occupy lots 50' deep. 863 – 869 are 11' wide and occupy lots 50' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no back building. The houses are constructed in running bond and were always painted, though two are now covered with formstone. Each house has a single hooded chimney located near the rear of the house. The shed roof is capped by a sheet metal crown molding set above a frieze created by three rows of slightly projecting stretcher bricks set above three rows of progressively recessed stretchers framed by five rows of slightly projecting, yet progressively recessed headers.

Door and window openings at 851-855 have splayed brick lintels and wood sills; those at 863-869 have segmentally arched brick lintels, with plain tympanums and wood sills. No original sash remain and openings are either boarded or have 1/1 or 6/6 replacement sash. Doorways have double-light transoms, but no original doors remain. The houses sit on low basements, each front door being reached by two concrete steps.

3. 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	
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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. 1895

Builder/Architect

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 according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1870 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 and southwest of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' x 15'-wide three-bay-wide, two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-bay-wide, two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 - \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

Occasionally, the builder retained ownership of his small street houses to provide income for himself as rental properties. In this way people of varying means could afford to live in the same block. If they couldn't afford the purchase price of the small street houses, then they *could* afford the \$8 or so a month it would cost to rent one, while they saved to be able to buy their own home later.

The houses are especially significant because of their proximity to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yards, the nation's first railroad, and its related railroad-oriented industries, like car and rail shops. Housing of this type was built to provide inexpensive housing for the wide variety of both Irish and German immigrants who came to southwest Baltimore to work in railroad-related industries in the decades after the Civil War.

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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Crownsville MD 21032-2023



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831 869 Reinhart St
BACTO. HD

FREIGHT HO.

R.R. SHED

RAIL ROAD CO.

267
B & O
FREIGHT YARD

MACHINE SHOP

PAINT SHOP

REPAIR SHOP

66 63 MCHENRY

S. AMITY ST.
RYAN 2017

S. POPPLETON

UNION FRUIT CO.
B. & O. R. HAY SHED

PARKIN

289
BAY LEFT
WAYWARD

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COLUMBIA

STOCKHOLM ST.
6 ST.
AVE.
PINKNEY ST.

W. CROSS

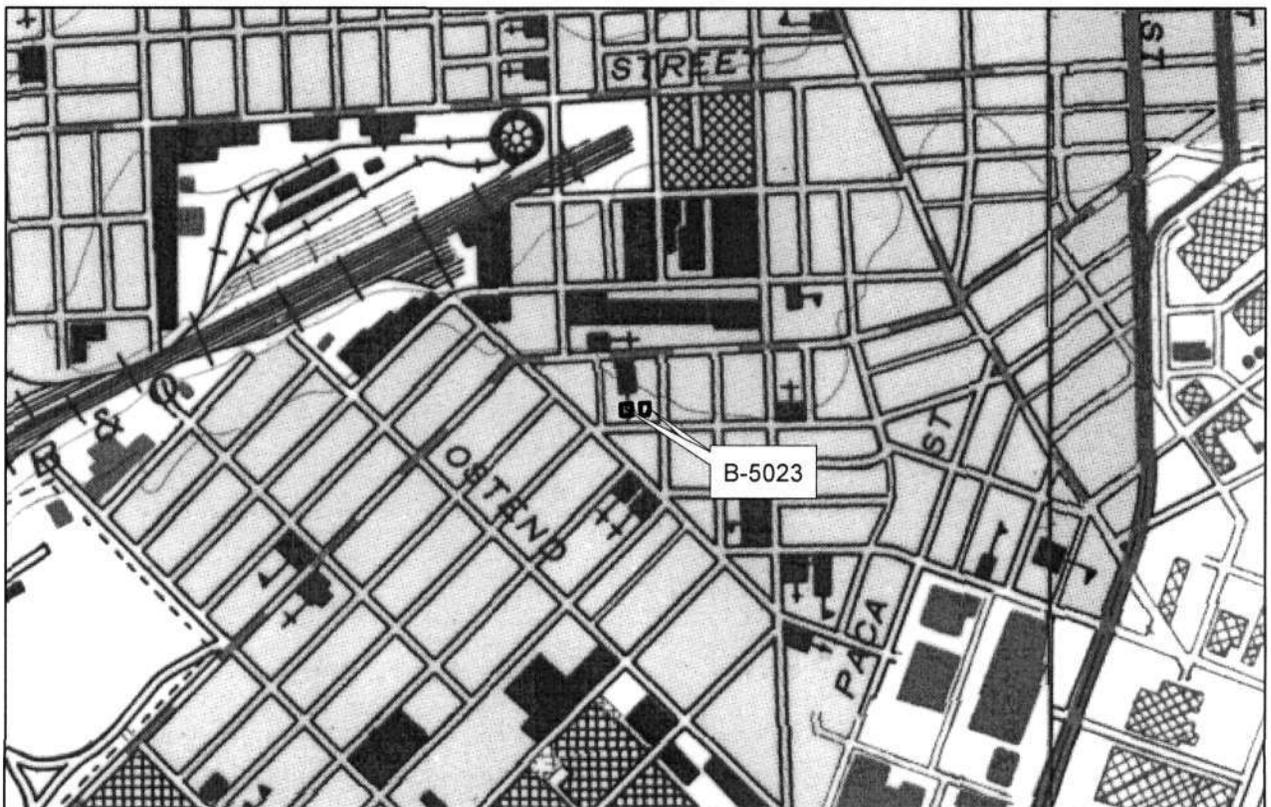
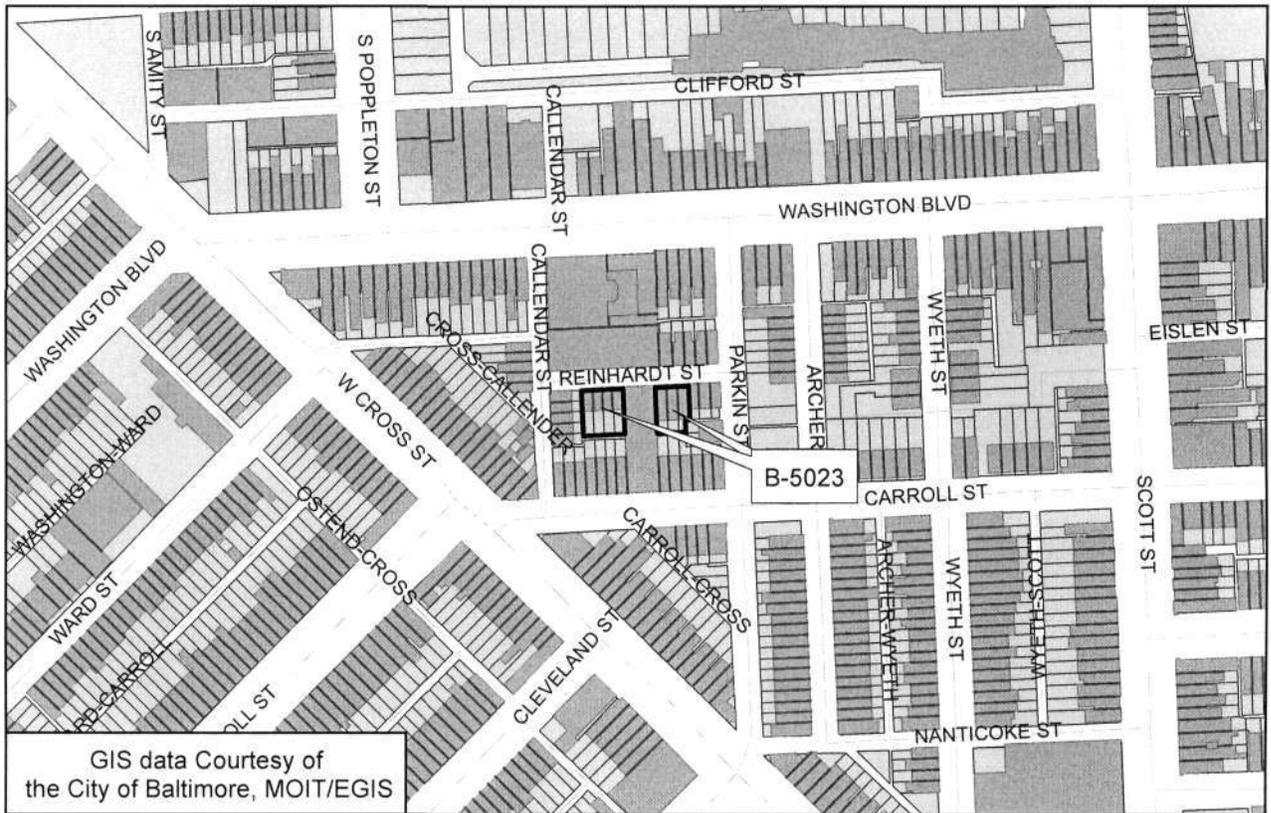
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MENSCHEN MEMORIAL CHURCH

ST. PETER

UNITED RAILWAY & ELEC. CO.

ST. JOSEPH ST.
CAMPBELL ST.
ST. PETERS
W. WYETH ST.
ST. ANNE ST.

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851-869 Reinhardt Street
Block 0850 Lots 090-095A
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad





851-655 Reinhardt

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BH 170 MD

C. Belfrage

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