

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Mulberry-Franklin District Survey District Inventory Number: B-5113
 Address: Bounded by W. Franklin St, Western Cemetery, Franklinton Rd., industrial area Historic district: yes no
 City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21223 County: Baltimore City
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
 Property Owner: various Tax Account ID Number: n/a
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
 Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
 Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
 Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 1/30/2006

Documentation is presented in: Enoch Pratt Free Library--Maryland Room vertical files; Maryland real property tax records; Roderick Ryon, West Baltimore Neighborhoods: Sketches of their History 1840-1960 (1993)

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Mulberry-Franklin District is a small, triangular, fragmentary neighborhood lying south of W. Franklin St., east of Western Cemetery, and west of Franklinton Rd. It consists of five short streets, none more than two blocks in length. To the south is an industrial area. Geographically, the neighborhood is isolated from nearby Rosemont by the widened W. Franklin Street and a group of commercial buildings immediately to the north. There are no contiguous residential areas nearby. Houses on Longwood St. overlook the cemetery and there are a number of mature trees on the open side of the street, but most streets are narrow and devoid of more than a few street trees.

Mulberry-Franklin consists of two-story modest-sized row houses constructed in the early 1900s. Stylistically, they have some elements of Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and Italianate styles, but are basically vernacular urban row houses. The most typical house type in the neighborhood is a two-story, two-bay brick row house with a shed roof, full-width flat-roofed front porch, and a second-story front bay window with a pronounced cornice. Colonial Revival and Italianate details are the most common. Hexagonal bays are the more common variation, though square bays are present as well. An unusual row of houses on W. Mulberry St. differs from the rest of the neighborhood. This row has Craftsman-style windows and simple front porches mixed

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MHT Comments:	
<u>John Farnham</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>7/26/06</u> Date
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with front-gabled and mock-mansard fronts; some houses have front corner chimneys as well.

Houses of this type were commonly built to house the working class in the early streetcar suburbs, and were touted by their developers as having "suburban" amenities like porches. These neighborhoods often deteriorated and became part of the "inner city" as the original demographic continued to move outward to new suburbs throughout the twentieth century.

Mulberry-Franklin overall has seen a high rate of deterioration, unsympathetic renovation, and loss of historic fabric. The majority of houses display replaced windows and/or porch columns. Newer siding and permanent metal awnings are common, and the houses overall are not particularly distinctive to begin with. The neighborhood is also a fragment geographically and does not relate directly to the larger Rosemont neighborhood to the north and east. It has no particular historical record, and there are other city neighborhoods of similar age that convey their history more clearly. Given the lack of integrity, distinction, and significant historical role, the Mulberry-Franklin District is recommended not eligible for the NRHP.

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Baltimore West

A black and white photograph of a residential street. On the left, a row of white, two-story row houses with dark roofs and small front porches. A utility pole stands in the foreground on the left, with a speed limit sign. The sign is rectangular with a black border and white background, containing the text 'SPEED LIMIT 25' in large, bold, black letters, and 'CHECKED BY RADAR' in smaller letters below. The street is paved and has several cars parked along the right side. In the foreground on the right, a silver SUV is parked, facing away from the camera. Further down the street, a dark van is parked. The street is lined with more row houses on the right side. Power lines are visible overhead. The sky is bright and overcast.

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500 blk. N. Longwood St., Mulberry-Franklin District

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