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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**232 West Lanvale St.**  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**The Dobbin Cottage**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**232 West Lanvale St.**  
CITY OR TOWN:  
**Baltimore**  
STATE: **Maryland** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes:		
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>		
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>		
					No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>			
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____			
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____			
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
**Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Shivers, Jr.**  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1404 Bolton Street**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore** STATE: **Md.** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Liber: MLP 7675; Folio: 60**  
**Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City**  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Room 610, Baltimore City Court House**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore** STATE: **Md.** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **.1 acre**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Bolton Hill Historical Preservation District Survey**  
**Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation**  
DATE OF SURVEY: **1967** Federal  State  County  Local   
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation**  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**402 City Hall**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore** STATE: **Md.** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A rare surviving example of the small "Gothic" house within the city, this house has three gables, two verandas, and a bay window, features that "made possible the fuller enjoyment of the circumambient scene."<sup>(1)</sup> Although its original property once was at least twice as large as the present lot, the house still stands detached in its garden. Noteworthy features of this cottage are the picket fence along the sidewalks, the brick walks that hug the house, and the fantasy of the three sets of terracotta chimney pots. Inside and out, the house is little changed, because modernizing has been done superficially. The house gives the feeling of being a simple country house. Inside are four square rooms on the first two floors, two on each side of a broad center hall in which the stair curves up to the third floor where there are two rooms. A back wing includes kitchen and powder room on the first floor and two baths on the second floor. The woodwork in the two parlors is late Greek Revival in style; the windows are made to look as though they were casements, but in fact are not.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

(1.) Henry-Russell Hitchcock, Architecture: Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, p. 255.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	Urban Planning
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	Religion/Phi-	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	osophy	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	Science	_____
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	Sculpture	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	Social/Human-	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	itarian	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military	Theater	_____
	Music	Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This cottage ornée is significant as probably the oldest residence in the district, having been built before 1851. <sup>(1)</sup> Its front porches once faced the open slope southward towards George Grundy's country seat, "Bolton," and the city beyond. Across Bolton Street in another detached house lived the Reverend Henry Van Dyke Johns (in whose memory Memorial Church was named). Tradition has it that 232 W. Lanvale Street was built by the Reverend Mr. Johns for his daughter. The first owners were Mr. and Mrs. John Robins, of Burlington, N.J., who purchased property from John Gibson in 1850 and sold it to Mrs. William W. Taylor in 1863. The house came into the possession of the Dobbin family through the will of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wethered, who bought it in 1878, and, it remained in their hands until purchased by Mrs. Nancy Howard Venable in 1949.

Occupants include distinguished academicians. Most recent was William Force Stead, who taught at Catholic University, and whose poems appear in the Oxford Anthology of Modern Verse. For more than thirty years the dean of the University of Maryland Law School, Roger Howell, lived there with his family, including Janet Howell Clark who was Headmistress of Bryn Mawr School, 1933-1935, and then a dean at the University of Rochester.

<sup>(2)</sup> The few other structures shown on Poppleton's 1851 map have either disappeared or been altered in appearance or use.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hitchcock, Henry-Russell, "The Detached House in England and America", Architecture: Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, Baltimore, 1958. p 253

Janvier, Meredith, Baltimore in the Eighties and Nineties, Roebuck & Son, Baltimore, 1933.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE								
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	
SE	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	
SW	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

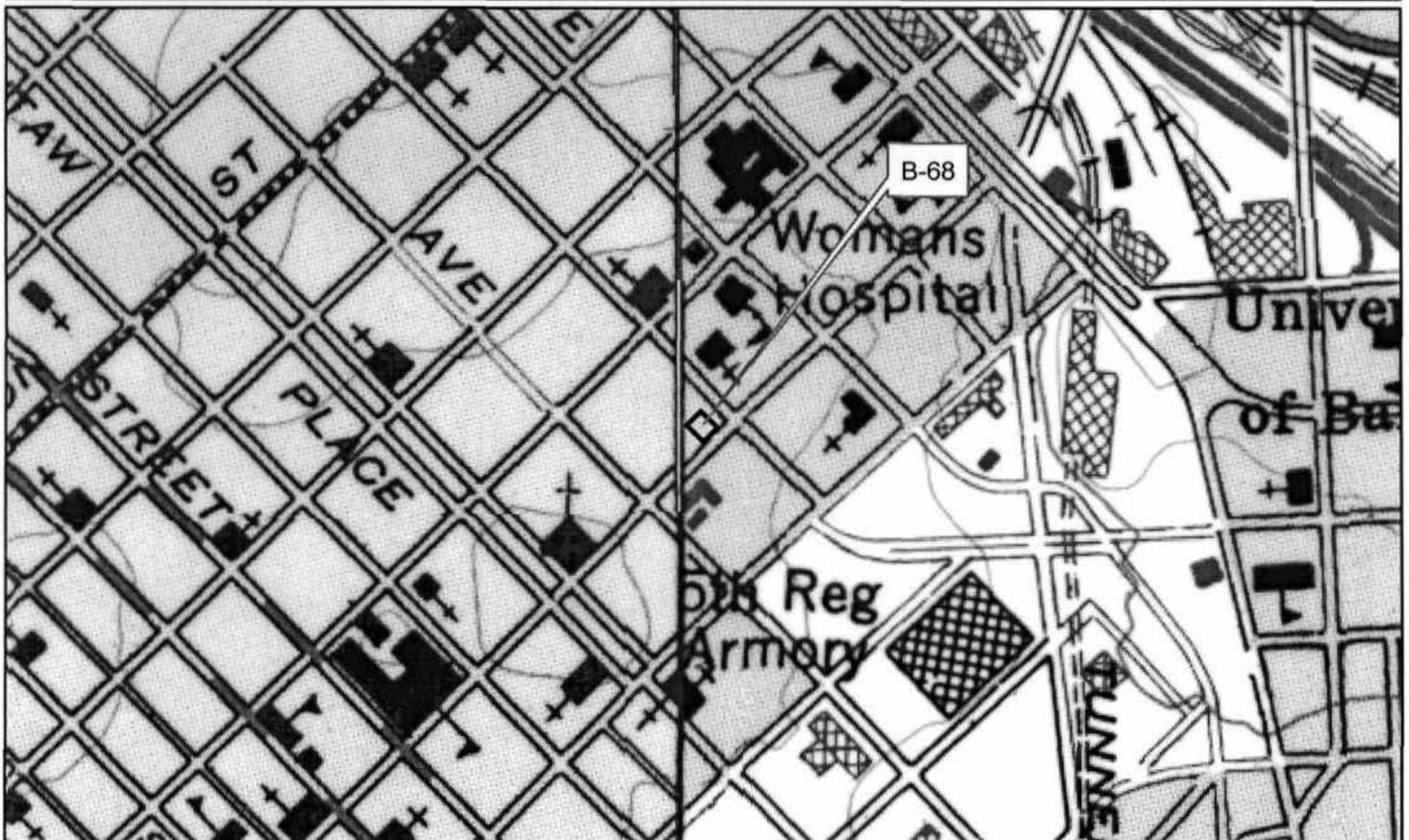
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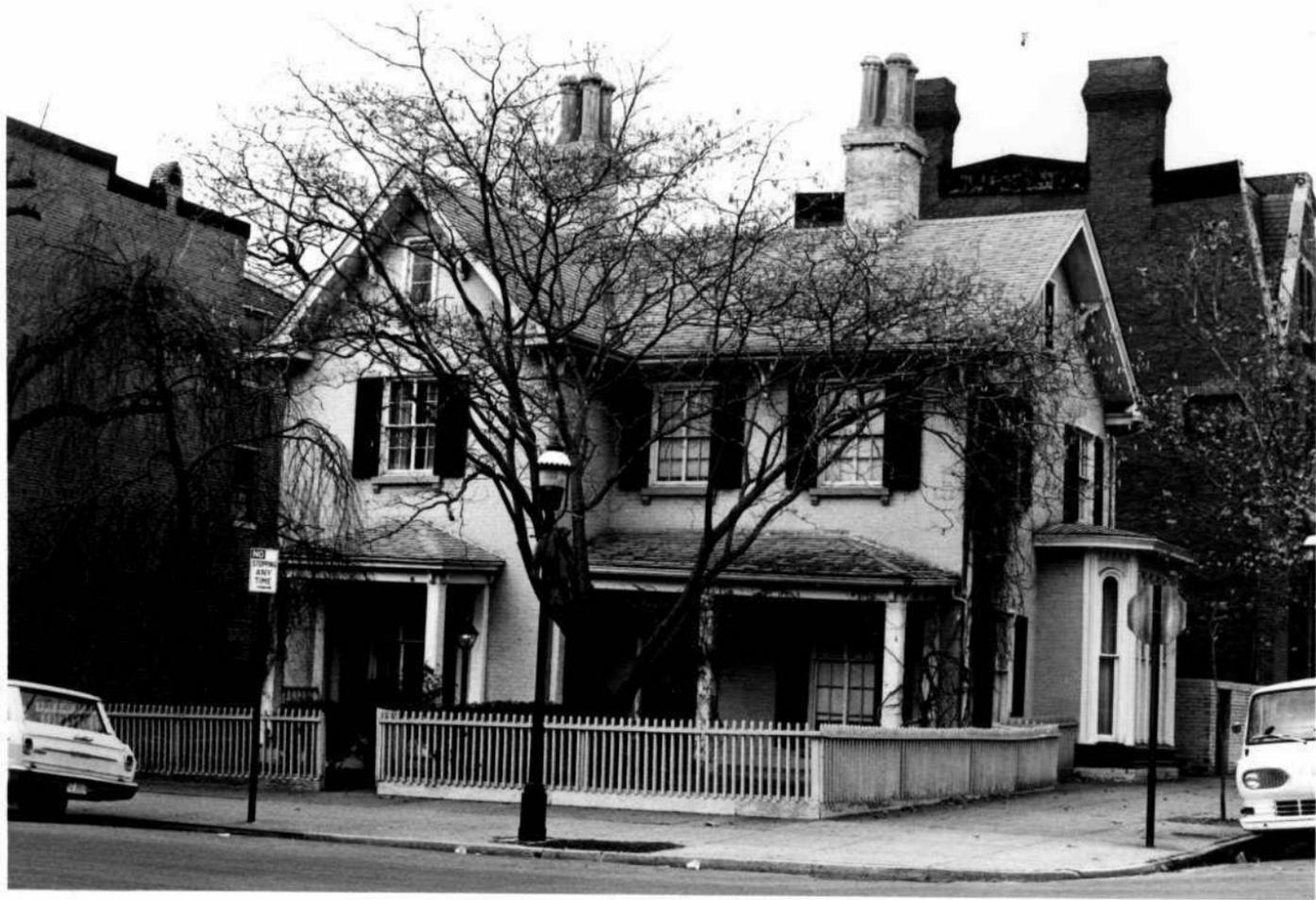
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The Dobbin Cottage  
232 West Lanvale Street  
Block 0401 Lot 001  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





Dobbin Cottage,

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232 West Lanvale St.  
Bolton Hill Preservation District  
from the south

Roger Miller, 1969