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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Marconi's Restaurant 106 West Saratoga Street

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
106 West Saratoga Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Baltimore

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Property Incorporated "etal" and Cran Reality, Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER:
435 Ritchie Highway N. E.

CITY OR TOWN: Glen Burnie STATE: Maryland 21061

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21202

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Baltimore City Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 10/26/75 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 900 26 South Calvert Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21202

| 7. DESCRIPTION | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | (Check One) | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | | | | | | |
| <p>The facade of the building is graced with restrained decoration. The symmetrical frontal fenestration, a trio of windows above windows with one first storey window space allotted to a simple rectangular door opening, gives the structure a unified, dignified appearance. Pilaster columns enframing the portal add a note of elegance and emphasize the entrance.</p> <p>The windows sequentially diminish in height from the first storey to the third, a classical architectural device. The mullion arrangement of the double hung windows on the second and third stories is such that each sash contains only one light. This arrangement became so popular in Baltimore that it became known as the "Baltimore window."</p> <p>Light is admitted to the basement through the method of starting the first story at approximately one-half storey above grade. The site slopes upward to the rear thus providing grade level access to the first floor from the rear.</p> <p>The attic created by the gable roof is made more functional by the installation of a single gable dormer located on the center line of the dwelling. This type of gable roof with a single dormer was quite popular in Baltimore and is evident in the row houses on Aliceanna Street and the houses which formerly stood on South Charles Street.</p> <p>Another feature often seen in Baltimore houses is the large chimney wall incorporated into the side wall construction. Pairs of windows are set into this flush chimney breast.</p> <p>Further effort at adapting to the mode of Georgian construction is visible in the simple ogee window and roof cornices, the roof cornice being used to conceal the rain gutter. The roof dormer has a pointed pediment and pilastered trim to match the door enframing. The pilaster fluting and the bold cap of the door frame contribute to the harmonious detail and emphasize the focal point of this nineteenth century building designed with dignity and repose.</p> <p>Additional exterior ornamentation is provided by the sandstone entry porch consisting of five risers and a stoop. The stoop is edged by a pair of decorative iron railings. A white globe-shaped lighting fixture hangs beside the door. An old iron footscrapers, probably original, is located to the left of the entrance steps. Three modern metal window boxes ornament the two first storey windows and the right side of the entrance. Black and white striped awnings with a scalloped edge shade the doorway and the two front first floor windows. The brick of the building is painted white and the trim a dark gray. The double entrance door with glass panels may be original. A simple iron railing edges the basement door entry way.</p> | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Louise K. Lantz |

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>a popular Baltimore restaurant since the 1920's</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Georgian tradition is evident in the severely plain, symmetrical facade of the house at 106 West Saratoga Street well-known to Baltimoreans since the 1920's as the fine restaurant, Marconi's. Its simplicity of design and pleasing proportions provide its aesthetic appeal. This type of Georgian Revival construction, a stylistic group common to Baltimore townhouses in the nineteenth-century, has such a persistent aesthetic appeal that its few remaining examples in Baltimore should be preserved both for their position in the architectural history of Baltimore and their present enhancement of the cityscape.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorsey, John. John Dorsey's Restaurant Guide . Balto., Md.:
The Sunday Sun, 1975.
Waesche, James F. & A.Aubrey Bodine. Baltimore Today.
Balto., Md.: Bodine & Associates, Inc. 1969.

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 TEN ACRES | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

25' x 155'

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
M. Bowie, L. **Lantz**, A. Kilduff, M. Koontz, L. MacClintock

ORGANIZATION: Commission for Hist. and Arch. Preservation DATE: 12/1/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 900 26 South Calvert Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21202

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

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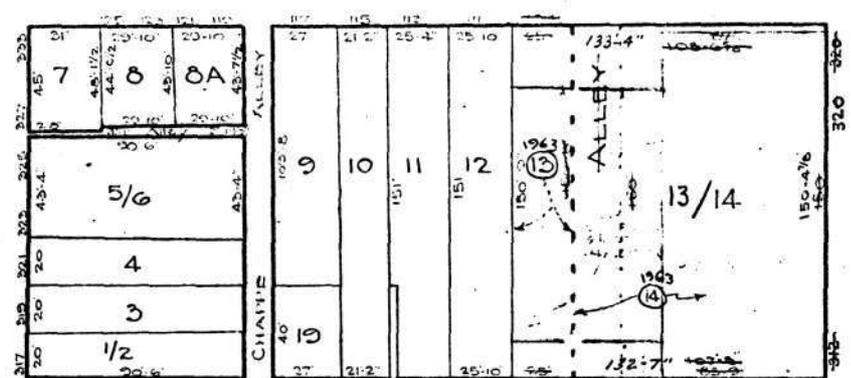
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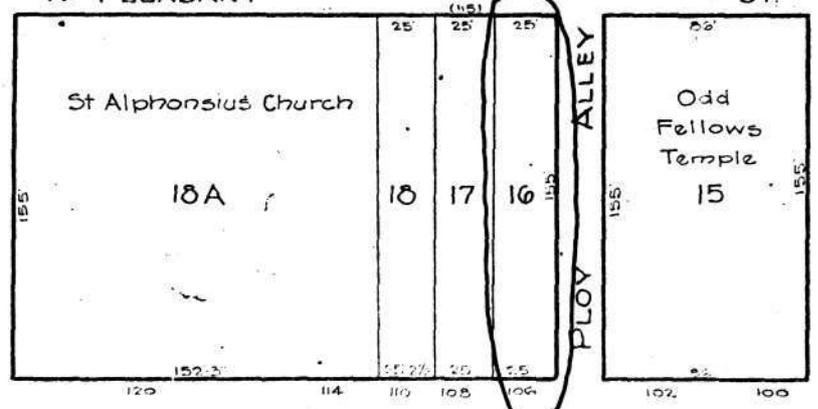
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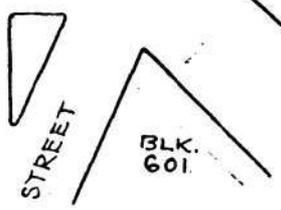


W. SARATOGA ST.

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 SOURCES AND IS NOT AN AUTHENTIC SURVEY.

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 LETTER BY W. S. Lee
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 4 SECTION 2
 BLOCK 579
 SCALE: 1" = 50' DATE: May 1957



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Marconis Restaurant
106 W. Saratoga St.

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10/26/75 Louise Lantz