

B-3022 - B-3027  
2-50 E. Montgomery St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1795/1848-1876

The north side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. is most noteworthy for containing 36 E. Montgomery St., the earliest (1795) surviving brick house in the Federal Hill area. The original two and a half story high, three bay wide house, with two dormer windows and belt course, is now in extreme disrepair, with the easternmost bay having collapsed and large sections of the roof missing. On either side of 36 E. Montgomery St. there were originally a number of early two and a half story houses, but these have all been razed, or replaced by later structures. The western section of the block was not improved until 1848 when a row of two story plus attic brick houses (2-12 E. Montgomery St.), and a row of three story, two bay wide, gable roofed houses (14-18, and 20 E. Montgomery St.) were built. At the eastern end of the block there is a group of large, three story, two bay wide Italianate-style townhouses, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's. 50 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, three bay wide brick building with shed roof that until recently served a mixed commercial/residential function. All of the houses in this block are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

50 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: restoration contemplated

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21202

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, three bay wide brick structure with shed roof is what remains of an elaborate three story, Italianate buildings which appears clearly in Sacshe's 1869 Bird's Eye View of Baltimore. Judging from the 1869 print, which is usually quite accurate, the building originally had three arched windows at the second story level, with three smaller windows above. There was a wide, arched entrance in the center of the facade, flanked by two smaller windows. A belt course, or decorative molding strip of some kind, marked the division between the first and second floors, emphasizing the prominence of the second floor, almost as if the house stood on a high basement and the second floor was the main floor ( a common feature in high-style Italianate design). The shed roof appears to have been surmounted by a projecting cornice.

Today, little of this original detail remains. The building is a full three stories in height, about 20' wide, and extends back on its lot about . It is constructed in running bond. The shed roof has no cornice. Instead, there is a central raised section which gives the building a 1920's Art Deco flavor. All of the window openings have splayed brick lintels. The sills are composed of a row of headers. The wide doorway also has a splayed brick lintel. No original sash remains and the openings are either boarded or plastered over. The structure sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by a single low stone stoop.

If the fenestration pattern shown in the 1869 view is accurate, then one must assume that the original openings were modified by an in-fill of brick, or the facade may have been completely re-faced when the building was modernized.

The first floor of the building is now a single long, open room. The second and third floors probably served as residential space but no original stairway remains for access to the upper floors. No original detailing remains on the first floor interior of the building.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1861 -1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Karl Kaufman

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is interesting as representing the first encroachment of a large-scale residential/commercial structure in this block, which until it was built consisted only of two or three story gable roofed houses, many dating back to the early nineteenth century. Although the original appearance of the building is sadly altered, it seems to have continued to served a mixed residential/commercial use throughout its history. In the 1870's and 1880's the building served as a tavern run by Charles Pfeffer.<sup>1</sup>

The building is currently being offered for sale by the City to a private owner who will hopefully renovate it.

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore City Directory , 1873, 1887

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

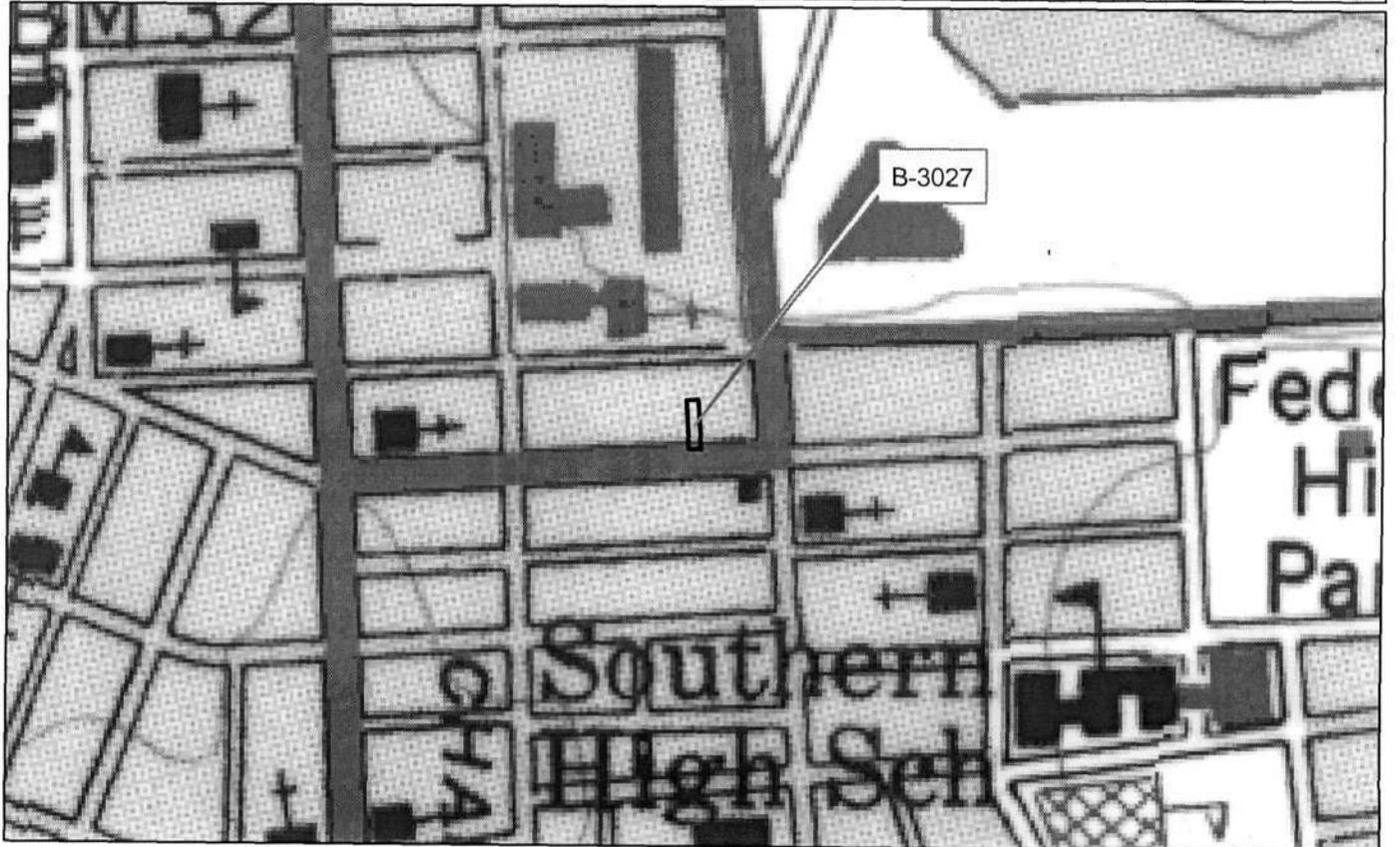
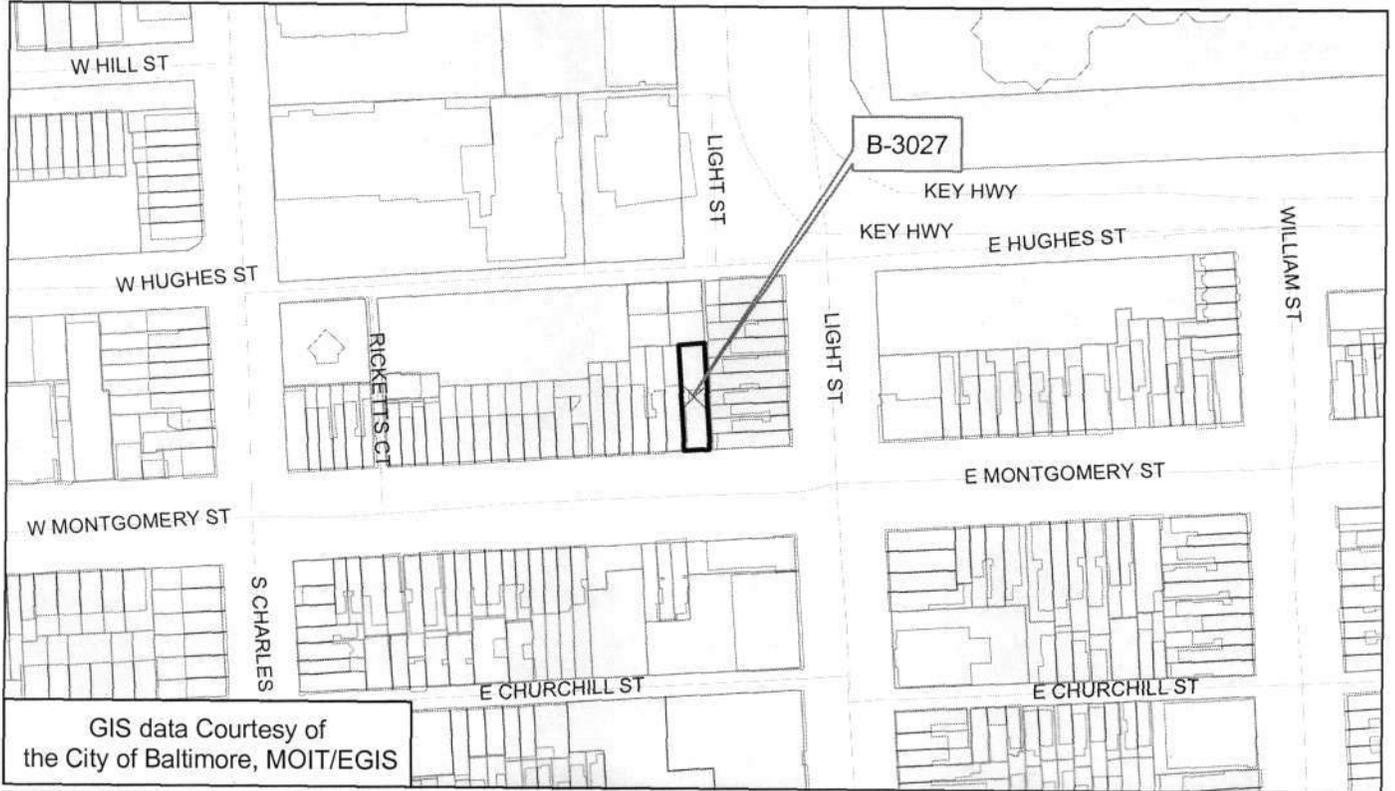
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50 E. Montgomery Street  
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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50 E. Montgomery St.

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South elevation