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Downs Stationers, (Lycett Stationers)

Architectural Survey File

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Last Updated: 04-12-2011

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO. : 0422285711

Address: 317 North Charles Street

Current Name: Downs Stationers

Block: 603 Lot: 13 Lot size: 27 ft. x 99 ft.
Height: 4 Materials: Brick and Metal
Condition: Good Owner: Isaac C. Lycett
Use: Commercial Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation: Liber/Folio: SCL 5567/573



Historic Name: Lycett Stationers

Date: 1906

Architect/Builder: Baldwin & Pennington, arch.

Style (if appropriate): Renaissance Revival

Description: The first floor storefront has a deeply recessed central entrance between display windows. A narrow transom with vertical muntins and an awning is above the storefront. Immediately above the transom is a second, larger transom with three parts and several vertical muntins. A wood frame around the upper transom has three applied signs reading "Importers Lycett Stationers Engravers." This higher-than-usual first story provided light and space in the store for a gallery for the display of art goods. The second and third floors have a single central bay consisting of a two-story, three-sided oriel with copper sheathing flanked by gray Roman brick walls. The windows in the bay are modern single pane or two-part windows with transoms. Above the oriel is a narrow belt course. The original low fourth story was enlarged during the mid-20th century and now has three windows in two parts, separated by horizontal transom bars. The lower part has two horizontal muntins and the upper part is 2/2. The original diapered brick ornamentation flanking the fourth story windows is still visible. A simple cornice molding completes the facade.

Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: local

The Lycett Stationers store facade is a typical example of the early 20th century storefront design which proliferated along Charles Street and its side streets as a result of business relocations after the 1904 Fire. Although this is a less decorated design, the general plan of store display windows and single central bay on the upper floors was repeated in many variations. Lycett Stationers occupied the building from 1906 until the mid-1970's.

Sources: BS 5-3-06; city directories.

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, February 1985



IMPORTERS

ENGRAVERS

315

ENGRAVERS

DOWNS

STATIONERS

Lycett Stationers
317 North Charles Street
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
West elevation

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lycett Stationers Building (NOW VACANT)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

317 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CITY, TOWN

Room 900

STATE

26 South Calvert St

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This four story high, single bay wide flat roofed row building is faced with tan brick resting on a crumbling painted granite base. A tripartite commercial front fills the first floor, consisting of two window bays and a central, ramped, recessed entranceway.

The square windows consist of nine fixed square panes of glass set in thick wooden sash painted turquoise blue. This arrangement continues along the interior sides of the entranceway. The entranceway is paved with tiles which spell "LYCETT" and leads to a six light panelled wooden door. A row of painted, modelled panelling spans the face of the building above the entranceway, and a tin hood conceals a retractable canvas awning.

Over each window above the panelling is a fixed tripartite transom, and above the entrance is a nine part transom. Flat wooden panelling with molded edges enframes the whole first floor at the top and sides, and three wooden shop signs are applied above the transom units.

Two heavy brackets rise from the sign to support a two story high tin sheathed oriel window, which emerges from a recessed surface in the brick. Beaux-Arts/Mannerist columns separate the large central bay from the angled sides. Single panes of glass are set in wooden frames and hinged at the top; the side windows featured a single large pane set over a shorter one.

A belt course of glazed headers set on end runs above the oriel. Three tall windows at the fourth floor level are double hung with 4/3 lights set in wooden sash. They are flanked on either side by a diamond motif outlined in yellow brick. The whole is topped by a plain tin cornice.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See 300 St. Paul Place.

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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

NAME / TITLE Bill Pencek, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DATE 1976

STREET & NUMBER Room 900 TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN 26 South Calvert St. STATE Baltimore, Md. 21202

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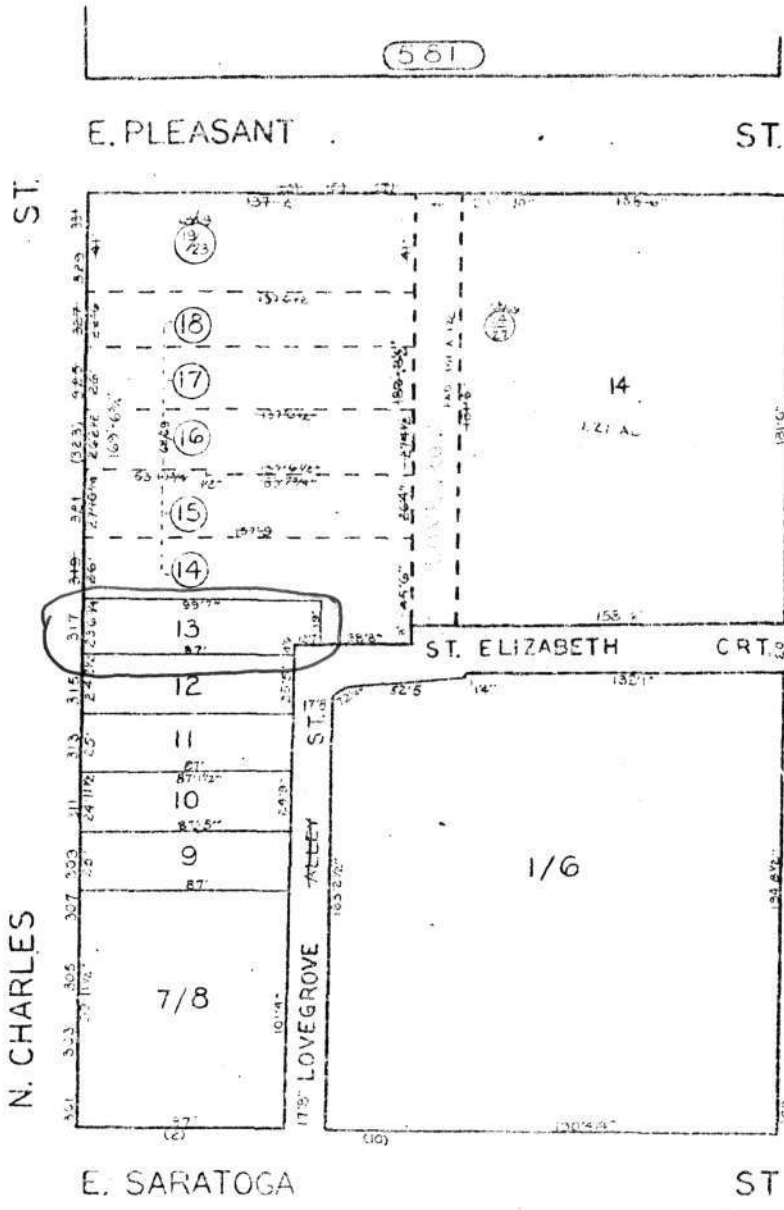
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REVISIONS

2011-14 PERMITS CONSID. FOR APP. DATE 10018
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PLACE

ST. PAUL

GARDENS

PRESTON

603

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PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

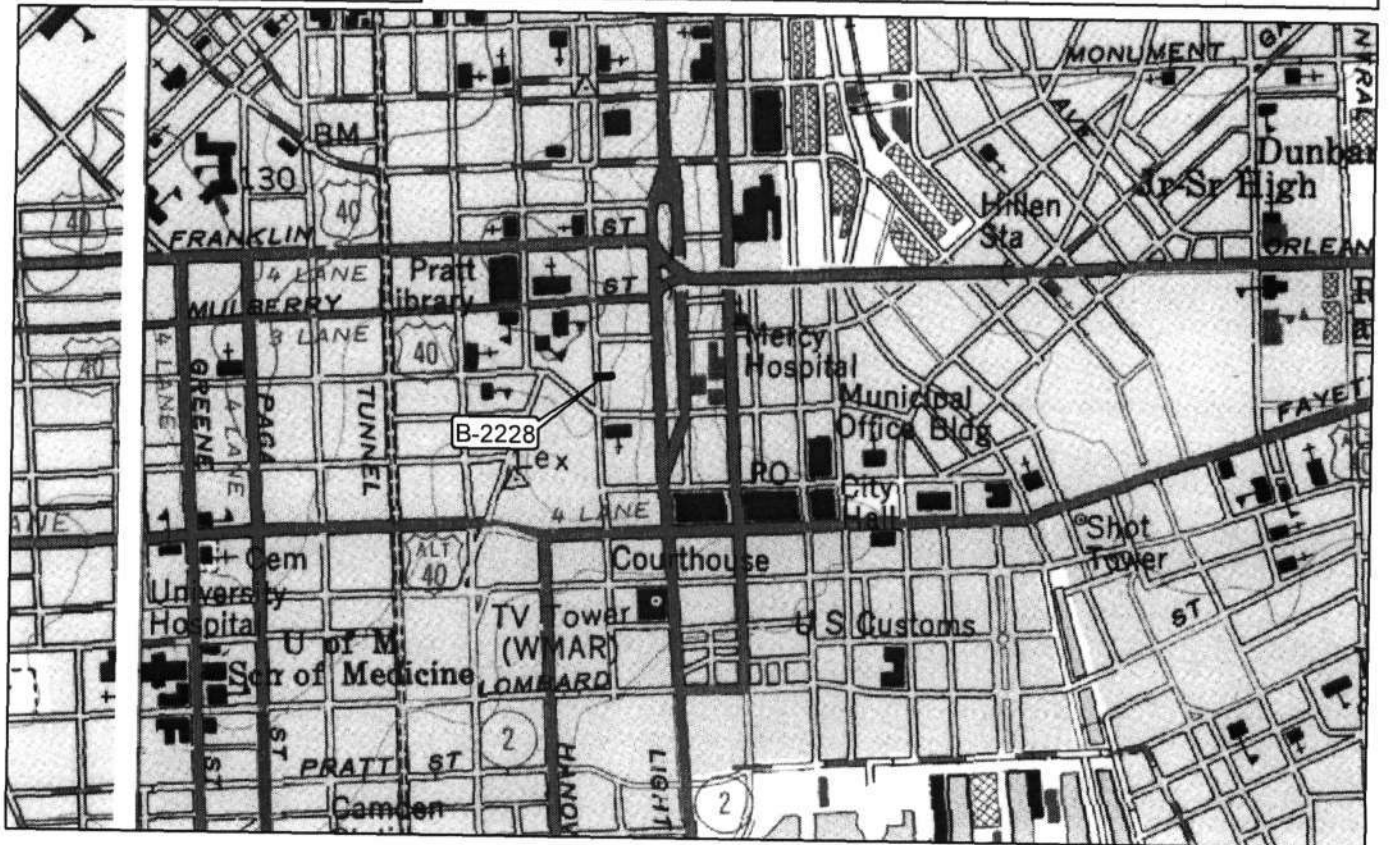
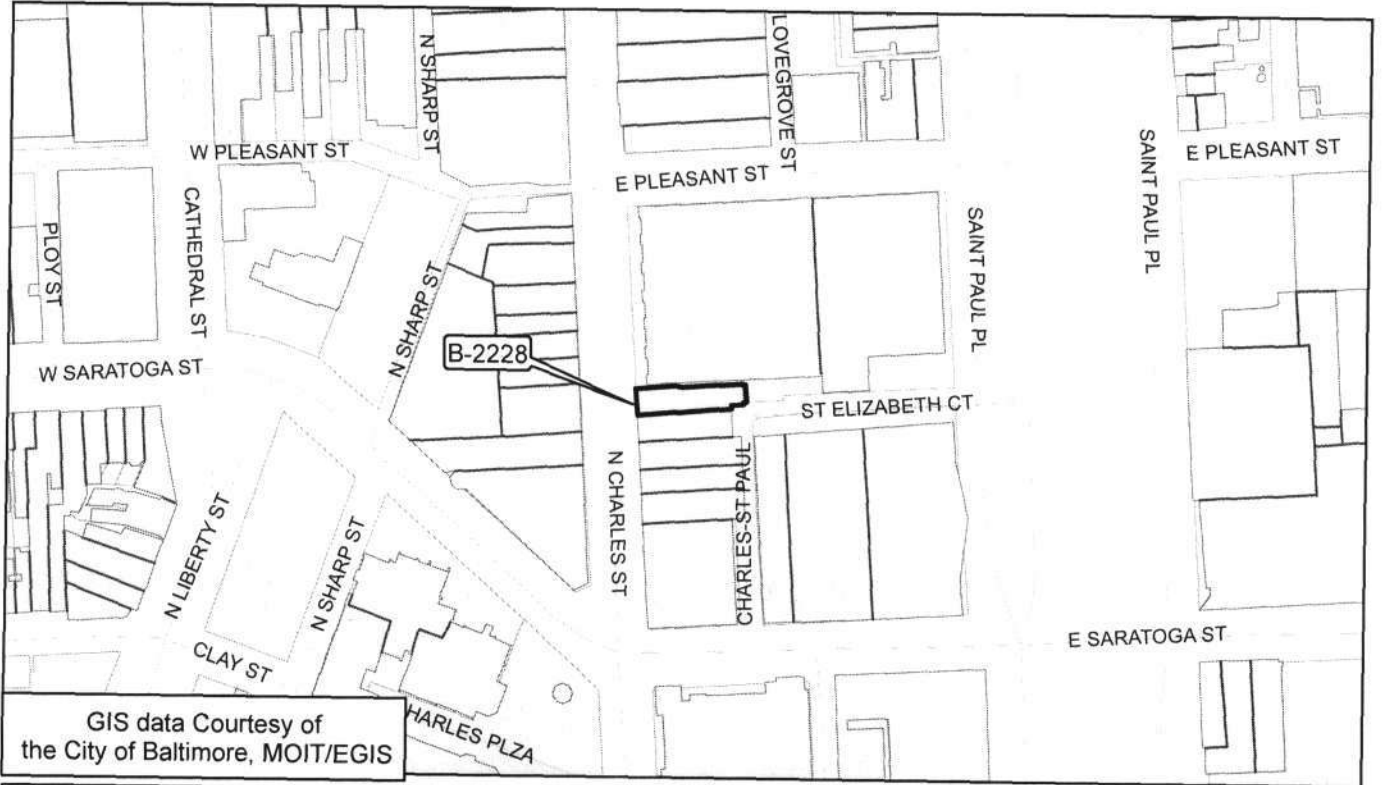
WARD 4 SECTION 1
BLOCK 603

SCALE 1"=50' 0"

DATE 12/15/66

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Downs Stationers (Lycett Stationers)
317 N. Charles Street
Block 0603, Lot 013
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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317 N. CHARLES

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