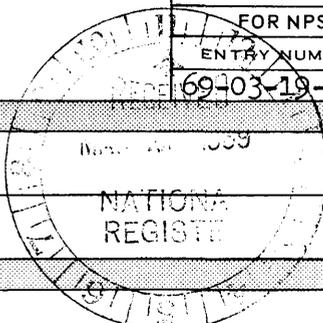


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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: Fells Point Historic District
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Fells Point Historic District

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Boundaries as shown on annexed map
 CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City
 STATE: Maryland CODE: 19 COUNTY: Baltimore City CODE: 510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Maritime</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Multiple public and private
 STREET AND NUMBER: City of Baltimore
 CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City STATE: Maryland CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore City Hall
 STREET AND NUMBER: Holliday Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City STATE: Maryland CODE: 19
 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 75 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust
 STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704
 CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 21404

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fells Point is a harborside residential and light industrial community that encompasses approximately 75 acres in the eastern section of the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

The character of its townscape is set by its groupings of small, two and a half story houses which were the homes of the seamen, ships carpenters, sailmakers and other artisans involved in the port activities of the area. (Examples are the houses at 1631 and 1633 Lancaster Street, photographs of which are included in the attached materials.)

These smaller houses are interspersed with occasional larger, more elaborate three and a half story houses which were the homes of the owners of the ship yards for which the area was famous and of prosperous merchants and sea captains. (Examples: Captain Steele House, 931 Fell Street; Captain Forbes House, 1626 Thames Street; Merchant's house at 1732 Thames Street -- photographs and descriptions included in attached material.)

A few of the earliest houses in the area are built of wide beaded edge clapboards, as those at 709 - 719 South Ann Street, but the majority are of brick laid in Flemish bond, many with belt courses between the floors and moulded brick water tables at the base.

Most of the approximately 475 houses within the boundaries of this historic area were built in the 18th and very early 19th centuries. Approximately 175 of these remain without significant alteration and the remainder have only been altered to the extent of having the roof raised to form a full third story.

The area also has some interesting pre-Civil War warehouses like "Brown's Wharf" (See photo) at 1617 Thames Street, and a few good Victorian buildings (as at 817 South Bond Street) which mark the end of the building period in Fells Point.

One of the area's most significant features is the still extant, large open market square on the water at the foot of Broadway which dates from the 18th century and still has the stall numbers carved in the curbstones. (Shown on plat in Baltimore City Archives dated 26 November 1773, with same dimensions and boundaries as existing square today. See also Chapter 24, Acts of the Maryland Assembly, Ordinance NO.58, 1781)

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

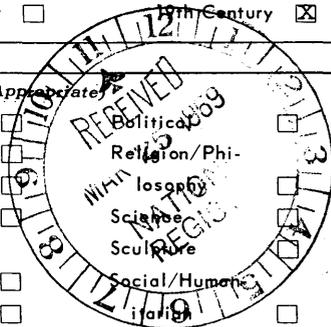
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- 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)

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| Aboriginal | Education | Political | Urban Planning |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | Religion/Philosophy | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | Theater | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | Transportation | _____ |
| | Music | | _____ |



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

Fells Point is a unique 18th century residential neighborhood embracing a still active port and having much of its original architecture and its original town plan intact.

William Fell, a Quaker, settled and built his first storehouse on what later became Fells Point some time prior to 1763, when the section was laid out as a town by Edward Fell, his son. By 1770, a bustling harbor settlement had been established which traded Maryland's agricultural products with Europe and the West Indies. Fells Point was incorporated into Baltimore Town in 1773.

As the port of Baltimore grew, the earlier established port of Annapolis began to decline and the shipbuilding industry, concomitant with commerce, moved up the Chesapeake to be reestablished at Fells Point. In 1775 a Fells Point Ship Yard produced the first Frigate of the Continental Navy, the Virginia; in 1797 the Constellation was launched from its docks. Between 1784 and 1821 at least 800 ships were built at Fells Point shipyards, according to a Registry of Baltimore Shipping compiled by Howard I. Chapelle, Senior Historian, Department of Science and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

It was the famous "Baltimore Clipper" for which Fells Point is best noted. A light-hulled topsail schooner with tall, raked masts "calculated for extraordinary sailing," the clipper, with its speed and maneuverability, was easily converted to an emergency warship. During the War of 1812, converted clippers sank 1700 British merchant vessels. From Baltimore alone, 126 privateers captured or damaged 556 British vessels. For this reason primarily, the British decided to attack Baltimore in 1814 to "clean out that nest of pirates."

This early maritime community stands almost intact with its strand -- Thames Street, its market place -- Broadway, and its rows of little houses in streets with names which

[see Continuation Sheet]

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Mar. 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 21404 CODE: 19

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 Orlando Ridout
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date March 24, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date MAR 28 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Nuttall
Keeper of The National Register

Date MAR 27 1969

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Fells Point Historic District

#6. Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill,
Montgomery Street and Fells Point

July to November, 1967

Photographs and architectural description and
evaluation of houses within historic boundaries,

on file at 1815 Thames Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21231

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Baltimore Heritage, Inc.

1963

7 volume photographic survey with sketchy archi-
tectural descriptions and dates

Peale Museum

225 N. Holliday Street

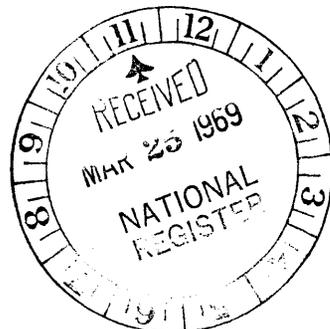
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#7. Since World War II the area has suffered a decline,
which is accelerating with the current threat of the
proposed expressway, but it is a stable community of
middle class working people. Since 1967 there has been
a widespread revival of interest in the architecture and
history of the area, and restoration of a number of pro-
perties began in 1968.

See attached reprint of a description of Fells Point
from: Segment Area Report 4
Urban Design Concept Associates

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#8. tell of the origins of its early settlers -- Fleet, Bond, Thames, Lancaster, Shakespeare, Wolfe and Caroline.

See attached: Warner & Hanna Map of Baltimore, 1799
(Fells Point Historic District marked off in red)
with comment on the urban development.

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#9. Howland, Richard H., and Spencer, Eleanor, Architecture of Baltimore; Johns Hopkins University Press, 1953.

J. C. Gleason & R. L. Eney,
Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Architectural History
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Address: 1815 Thames Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21231 Code: 19



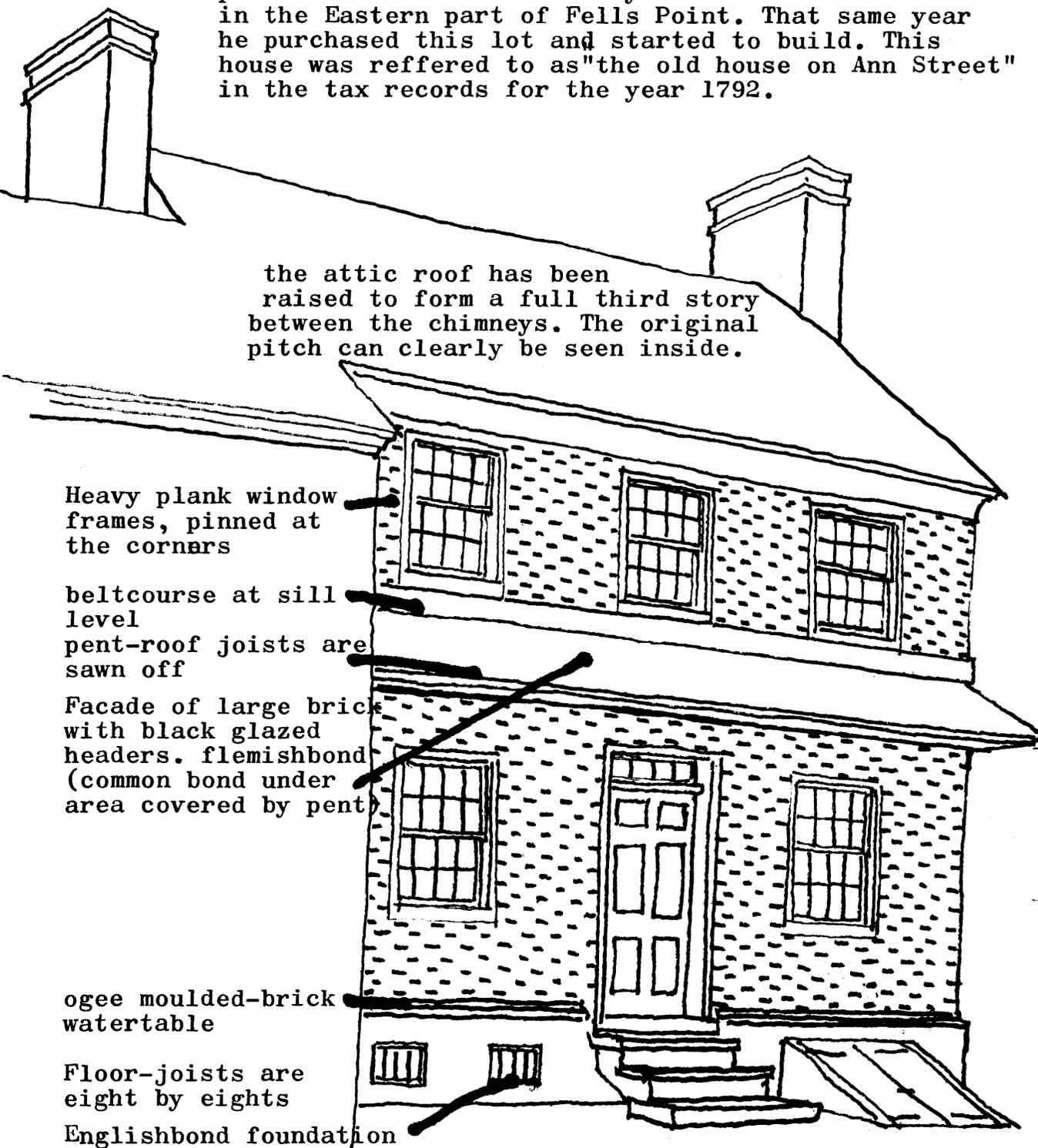
Baltimore East Quadrangle
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale: 1: 24 000
photorevised 1966



Maryland
Fells Point

812 South Ann Street

In 1764 Robert Long, from Cecil County, Md. persuaded Edward Fell to lay out into lots the land in the Eastern part of Fells Point. That same year he purchased this lot and started to build. This house was referred to as "the old house on Ann Street" in the tax records for the year 1792.



the attic roof has been raised to form a full third story between the chimneys. The original pitch can clearly be seen inside.

Heavy plank window frames, pinned at the corners

beltcourse at sill level
pent-roof joists are sawn off

Facade of large brick with black glazed headers. flemishbond (common bond under area covered by pent)

ogee moulded-brick watertable

Floor-joists are eight by eights
Englishbond foundation

This is a most rare type of house to find in the Baltimore area. There is no other existing house with glazed headers known or recorded in the Baltimore area. An interested group of citizens is exploring the possibility of purchasing the house for restoration and use as a community headquarters.

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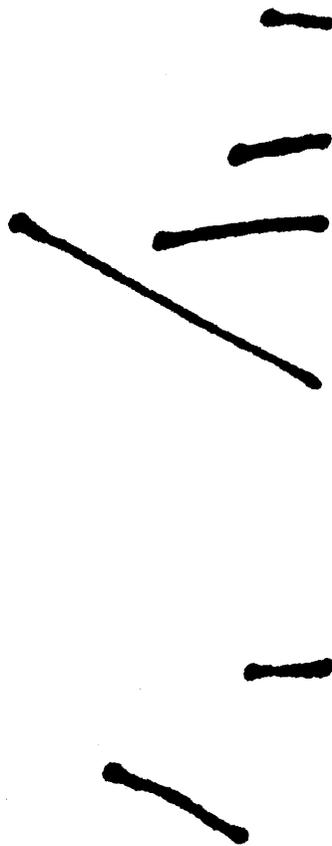
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812 SOUTH ANN ST.

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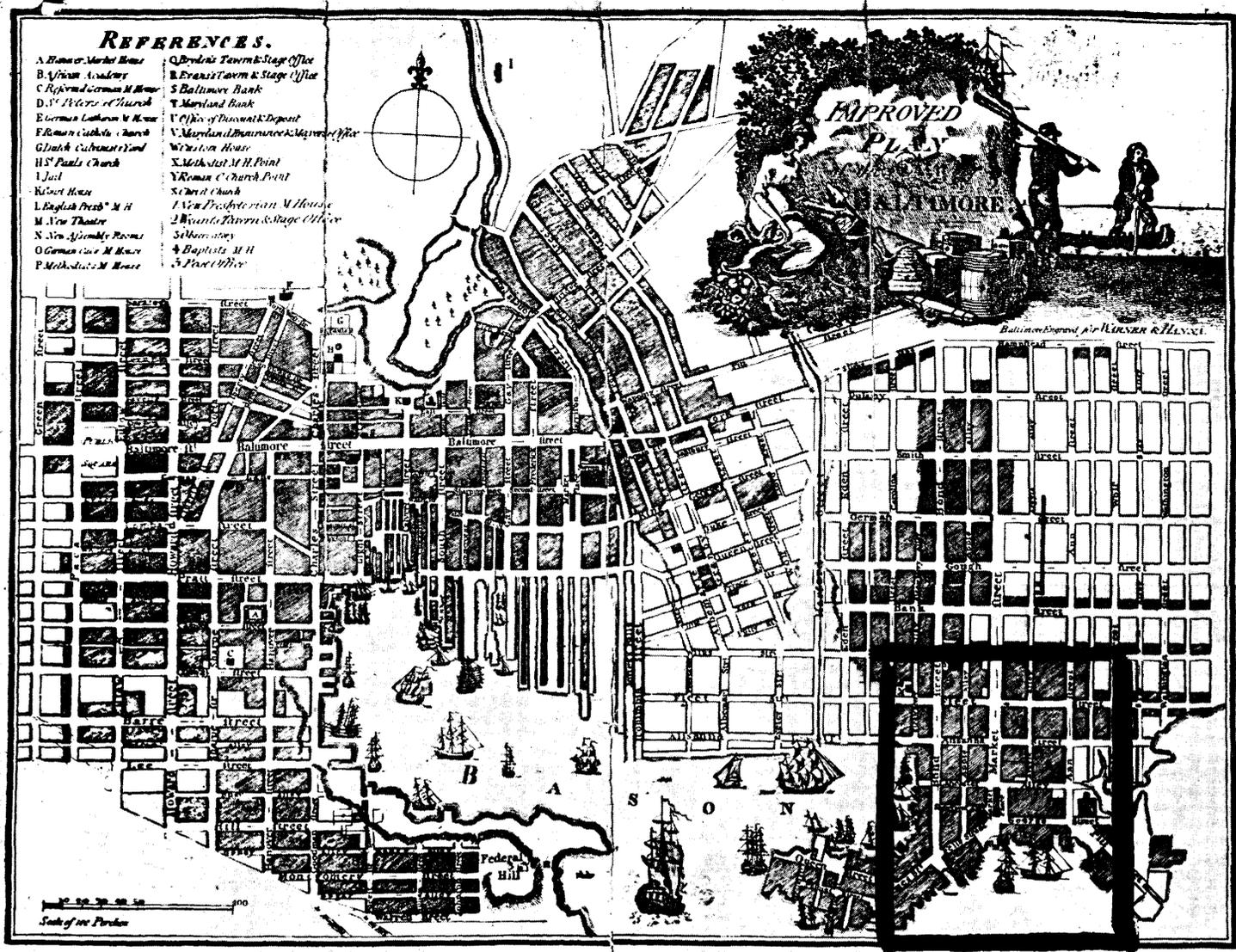
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MAP AND 19-510
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WARNER & HANNA MAP OF BALTIMORE, 1799

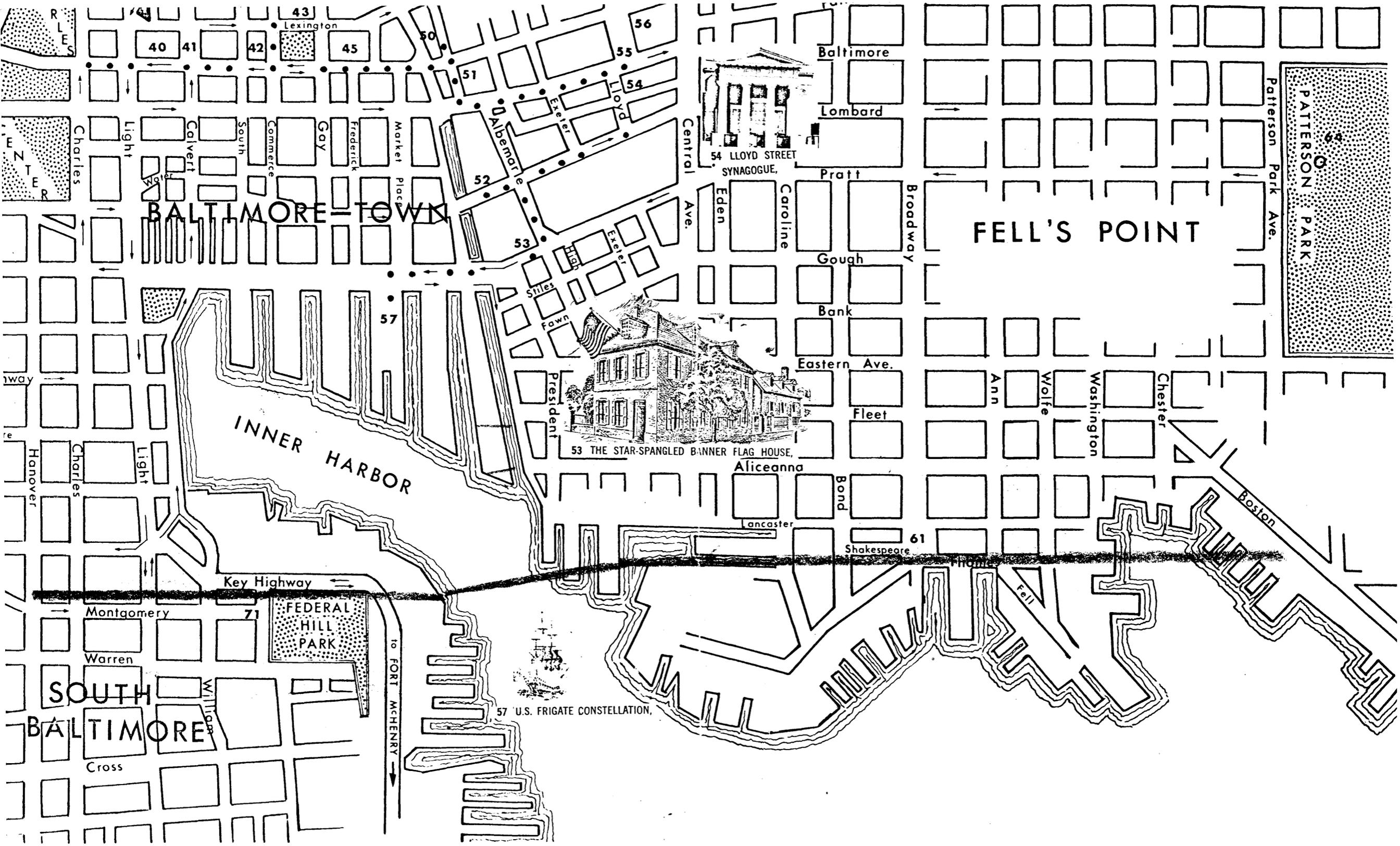
a. Urban development

Reproduced here is a map drawn by Warner and Hanna in 1799 that depicts Baltimore and the Fells Point area at the conclusion of their first phase of major growth; that is, from the end of the Revolutionary War to the beginning of the 19th century.

Drawn some thirty-six years after Fells Point was first laid out by Edward Fell, it is an index to the rapid growth this area has experienced during this short span of time.

An account of 1787 indicates that there were at that time a total of 1950 houses in all of Baltimore. It has been estimated that approximately 750 of these would have been in Fells Point. If we accept a reasonable rate of growth for the period of 50 or 60 houses per year, then Fells Point would have had double that number, or about 1500 residences, by the turn of the century.

It is evident that by the end of the 18th century a large and well-planned community of rectangular blocks and wide streets had developed. It extended from the harbor northward to Eastern Avenue (then Wilk's Street) and westward across the neck of the peninsula to the harbor basin. Here one can see the streets and wharves much as they are today. Thames Street was then, and is now, the Strand—passing through the base of the old Market Square at the foot of Broadway (then Market Street) and running along the waterfront with close-built buildings between the street and docks. It was not until the early part of this century that those buildings on the south side of Thames Street (in the present 1700 block) were demolished to construct the City Recreation Pier. Thus, the north side of the block gained an open view of the water and the remaining buildings achieved an importance in their relationship to the harbor that they did not formerly enjoy.

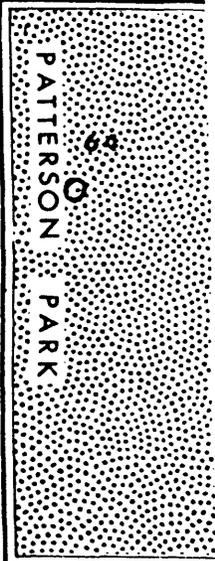


BALTIMORE TOWN

FELL'S POINT

INNER HARBOR

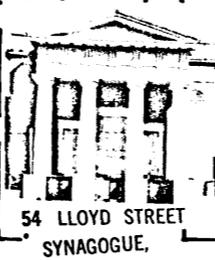
SOUTH BALTIMORE



53 THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE.



57 U.S. FRIGATE CONSTELLATION.



54 LLOYD STREET SYNAGOGUE.

Lexington
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Market Place
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Gay
Commerce
South
Colvert
Light
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Albemarle
Eden
Central Ave.
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Baltimore
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