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**1. NAME** 0001

COMMON:  
Federal Hill Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Federal Hill Historic District

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
See attached (location map with boundaries)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Baltimore City

STATE Maryland	CODE 19	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Multiple public and private, City of Baltimore

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Baltimore City

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Baltimore City Court House - 6th Floor

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West block of Calvert St., Between Fayette & Lexington Sts.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Baltimore City

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 50

**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:  
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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

An original 1752 wash drawing by John Moale at the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland, is the first known recorded view, from Federal Hill, of "Baltimore Town." Other views show cattle grazing on raw, steep, eroded, open land sloping to the water.

The property was first developed on the harbor at the end of the eighteenth century primarily as a commercial and industrial enterprise relating to the seafaring trades. On the Hill,

...on May 9, 1797, David Porter notified the commercial port of Baltimore that his observatory rooms were then ready...at an elevation of one hundred and fifty feet above the tide...the signals that notify of approaching craft identifying the thousands of vessels that make up the commerce of this city.

In the early 1880's the Signal Observatory was replaced with an ornate mid-nineteenth-century tower and pavilion. The signal service was discontinued when the observatory tower was felled in 1902 by high winds. The pavilion existed until the 1950's when it was razed for the construction of the present bandshell.

Beneath Federal Hill, from Hughes Street to Cross Street, from the harbor on the east, to Camden Station on the west, is a large complex of tunnels, caves, and storage rooms. Some are brick-vaulted and others are earthen. Most were formed from the excavation for clay and white sand which began on Henry Street in 1799. During the Civil War the Union Army rebuilt some of these tunnels for escape routes and for storage. They were rendered useless with explosive mines until the end of the nineteenth century. After the mines were removed the tunnels were used by breweries for beer storage and in the early twentieth century were abandoned commercially. The city backfilled certain dangerous tunnel entrances due to cave-ins.

Federal Hill Park, an almost perfect square, is an elevated plateau, 82 feet above its base, 150 feet above tidewater, bounded by Hughes, Warren, Covington and Johnson Streets. The base covers  $8\frac{1}{2}$  acres and the plateau surface measures  $4\frac{1}{4}$  acres. The existing six-foot high stone walls were constructed in 1881 on Hughes, Warren and Johnson Streets. In 1881, the historian, J. Thomas Scharf, described the slope angle as one and one half to one foot and "On the north side, Hughes Street...two slopes with a terrace between before the upper terrace is reached, which is four hundred feet long and twenty feet wide...the other

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sides will be similarly arranged..." The plateau today is divided into walk-ways landscaped with shrubs and flowers and has many specimens of large trees. The stone walls also remain.

Baltimore City surrounds the Hill. Immediately north and to the east of the Hill is the harbor of Baltimore City which is deep enough to serve large cargo vessels. The Baltimore Drydock Yards of the Bethlehem Steel Company occupy the length of the waterfront to the east of the Federal Hill area. Several hundred early dwelling houses remain from the eighteenth century and mid-nineteenth century. These were originally, and are still, occupied by merchants and seamen associated with waterfront industries. Some examples of these are:

14 West Montgomery Street (c. late 18th century) An excellent example of a small townhouse. The architecturally important front door frame has been removed to the Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland, for exhibit. A carved wood cornice remains with other woodwork and trim. It has a brick belt course and water table of early design.

118 East Montgomery Street (c. 1780) is considered the earliest brick house in the area, structurally sound but in need of renovation.

110 Montgomery Street (c. 1845) is a brick house laid in Flemish bond; has interior woodwork of the period.

105 East Montgomery Street (c. 1830) is a transition townhouse, small in size with a Federal style, characterized by the use of some Greek Revival motifs. Greek Revival style medallions are used at frequent intervals as ornaments on the window lintels. The dormer details are noteworthy.

An increasing number of these houses are being restored. Examples are 413 Hamburg Street, 125 East Montgomery Street and 104 East Montgomery Street.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Residence & some business predominately, 19th century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
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Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Communications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		_____

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

The Maryland Historical Society marker to be dedicated in May, 1969, will read:

**FEDERAL HILL**

SINCE THE FOUNDING OF BALTIMORE, 1729, THIS HILL HAS BEEN A POPULAR POINT FOR VIEWING THE CITY'S GROWTH. HERE 4000 PEOPLE FEASTED, 1788, TO CELEBRATE THE RATIFICATION BY MARYLAND OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND IN HONOR OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT GAVE THE PLACE ITS NAME. AN OBSERVATORY, BUILT HERE, 1795, SIGNALLED CITY MERCHANTS OF THE APPROACH OF THEIR VESSELS, A SERVICE WHICH LASTED A CENTURY. SHIPYARDS HAVE LONG BEEN LOCATED NEAR THE HILL, AND IT HAS BEEN MINED FOR CLAY AND SAND. DURING THE CIVIL WAR UNION TROOPS FORTIFIED THE SITE, AND IT WAS MADE A PUBLIC PARK, 1880.

In May 1788, to celebrate Maryland's ratification of the Constitution, 4000 marchers accompanied Commodore Joshua Barney, Revolutionary hero, and his "Federalist," a fifteen-foot model of a full-rigged ship, in a triumphant parade up this hill from Fells Point where the model was built.

The ship, followed by all the captains, mates, and seamen in the port of Baltimore at the time was

"...finally anchored on the lofty bank southwest of the basin, from which that occurrence received, and has ever since borne, the name of "Federal Hill."

On the Hill the event was celebrated by a banquet for the 4000 accompanied by bonfires and fireworks. After the pageant, the "Federalist" was navigated, by Commodore Barney personally, to Mount Vernon and presented as a gift to General George Washington. The original bill listing the banquet fare is in existence. Thanks to William Goddard, then editor of the "Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser" and financier of the affair, untold gallons of grog and toddy were consumed as well as

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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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	39 °	16'	50"	76 °	36'	20"	0	'	"
SE	39 °	16'	39"	76 °	36'	12"	0	'	"
SW	39 °	16'	35"	76 °	36'	49"	0	'	"

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 IV  
 Orlando Ridout IV  
 Title State Liaison Officer  
for Maryland  
 Date April 16, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Ernest Allen Connally*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date APR 17 1970

ATTEST:  
*William J. Smulegts*  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Date FEB 16 1970

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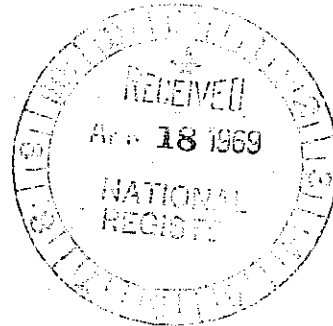
Information for 36 East Montgomery Street, Federal Hill,  
Baltimore, Maryland, Code: 19/510 [36 Montgomery Street]  
will be found in the following survey:

Historic American Building Survey

1964

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C. Code: 08



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## #7. DESCRIPTION

At the present time the historic district of Federal Hill consists of Federal Hill Park and the houses on the streets facing and sloping away from the park to the west and south. The hill is bounded on the north and east by the waterfront. That part of Federal Hill which is now a park of about eight acres is the focal point of the historic district. It is planted with large trees and grass and contains a curving drive, walks, a pavilion, and many benches facing west, north, and east. From the hill, about eighty feet above the water, there are panoramic views of the city and harbor.

The majority of houses date from the mid to late nineteenth century with a scattering of earlier structures. All are of brick construction with extensive use of white marble trim. The majority are attached rowhouses of two or three stories, approximately fifteen feet in width. Dormer windows are common on the older houses and provide considerable variation in roofline within a block. With the exception of those facing the park, these are modest houses with little exterior ornamentation.

As evidence that the Federal Hill Historic District is a viable and actively developing area, we cite that:

1. Within the last ten years there have been approximately twenty houses restored or renovated in keeping with the architecture of the building. This includes nine houses on Warren Avenue, two houses on East Hamburg Street, and nine houses on East Montgomery Street. This does not include those which have been well maintained in approximately their original condition over the years or those which have been "improved and modernized" in a manner not in keeping with the period of the house. There are houses immaculately maintained by their owners and representing a continuing investment in the area. There are other houses which have been appropriately restored during the last thirty years.

2. Local realtors confirm the rise in property values (i.e. purchase prices) over the last decade in the area immediately around Federal Hill Park. Prices in the 400 block of Warren Avenue facing the park have more than doubled during this period. The nearer the houses to the park, the greater has been its increase in value.

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3. The Federal Hill Celebration, commemorating the 181st anniversary of the naming of the hill, held on May 11, 1969, was an outstanding success. Three aspects of the Federal Hill area were emphasized by the Celebration: its importance as a nautical and commercial center, its historical prominence, and an acknowledgment to those people in the community and city whose efforts preserved Federal Hill from destruction by the East-West expressway. This event was planned entirely by neighborhood residents, but attracted visitors from all over Baltimore. The historical marker recently erected by the Maryland Historical Society was dedicated at this time. There were booths representing a variety of community organizations, a major exhibit of old prints and maps of the area sponsored by the Peale Museum, an art exhibit, children's events, etc. Five hundred tickets were sold for a tour of seven restored houses. The Celebration is planned as an annual event.

4. The extensive Inner Harbor Redevelopment project plans of 1969 immediately to the north of Federal Hill eventually will include new office buildings, a hotel with marina, headquarters of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, restaurants, parks and promenades, and housing. The "U.S.F. Constellation," a major tourist attraction, is permanently located in this area at Pier 1, Pratt and Light Streets. Federal Hill is one of the prominent features seen from its deck.

The hill itself is to be enhanced in a later stage of the project, since warehouses and industrial buildings at the foot of the north slope are slated for clearance, to be replaced by open space and playing fields for Southern High School.

5. The South Baltimore Community Council was organized in 1968 as a non-profit association to promote through research, education, public discussion, corporate action and other appropriate means, the rehabilitation, renewal and improvement of South Baltimore. The Council formally opposed the plans for the interstate expressway which would have destroyed much of Montgomery Street and Federal Hill Park. It has actively encouraged development in the Federal Hill area and has helped through its sponsorship of the Federal Hill Celebration



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and other projects to generate local and city-wide appreciation for the area.

6. The Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill, Montgomery Street and Fells Point is a city-wide group pledged to take every possible and necessary action to save and restore the heritage of Baltimore's early waterfront communities of Federal Hill and Fells Point. Since its organization in 1967, representatives of the Society have met with federal, state, and city officials to enlist their support in saving these areas. Popular events, such as the annual Fells Point Fun Festival, the Federal Hill Celebration, and park band concerts sponsored by the Society have attracted widespread favorable notice and support.

7. Southern High School which faces Federal Hill Park is one of ten Community Schools in Baltimore. It is open to all adults and children in South Baltimore for educational and recreational services. The school has been made available year-round for use by the community at no charge. This school on Federal Hill continues the long tradition of the Hill as a center for community activities.

8. Federal Hill is an attraction for tourists, especially during the summer. It is included in bus tours of the city, is seen and described on tours of Baltimore Harbor, and is featured in guidebooks of the city. The Hill has long been a favorite spot for school children, photographers, and artists.

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tons of beef, ham and cheeses.

The Duke de la Rochefoucauld-Liancourt visited Baltimore in 1796. He was particularly impressed with the Signal Observatory, founded 1795, atop the Hill by Captain David Porter, father of Commodore David Porter, War of 1812, in cooperation with the Maritime Exchange. The Exchange was located adjacent to the Observatory in a broad-porched frame house in which resided Captain David Porter. His house may be seen in many of the 1861-64 prints of the Hill.

A constant watch over the lower Patapsco River was kept from the Hill. A flag was hoisted on the Observatory Tower to give advance notice of an incoming vessel approach-  
int the merchants and owners in the Exchange downtown. "...this little establishment is not only grateful to the merchants..." but was also "already encouraged with many subscriptions..."

In 1799, the city's first glass manufactory made the first recorded excavations in and about Henry Street.

Other prominent industries that owed their existence to the Hill were brick-making and pottery. There is little doubt that the tunnels that criss-cross one another under the Hill, tunnels that periodically mystify the town when they cause cave-ins, or turn up during excavations, were dug by the clay quarriers. For about 50 years the area was extensively mined for its excellent red clay and fine white sand. In the 1850's, Rittenhouse's was the big pottery in the neighborhood, and may have been responsible for, at least, some of the tunnels.

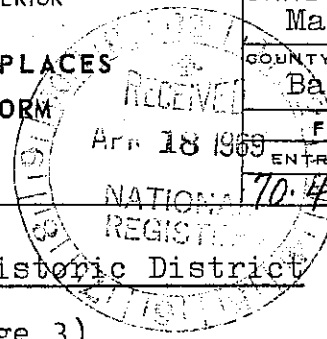
During the War of 1812 intensive digging was begun for a tunnel leading from "Barney's Warf" into the northern side of Federal Hill. It was here that Commodore Joshua Barney ran privateers, a prototype of the renowned, swift Baltimore clipper-ships, out of Baltimore Town to attack British ships; and in the same tunnel he stored munitions.

There were guns on the Hill in 1819 which fired a welcome salute to General Andrew Jackson. Five years later, in 1824, the guns were fired again to welcome the Marquis de Lafayette.

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Frances Trollope visited Baltimore in 1830. She and a companion strolled along "a fine terrace of beautiful verdure (Federal Hill) which commands a magnificent view of the city, with its columns, towers, domes, and shipping; and also of the Patapsco River, which is here so wide as to present almost a seaview. This terrace is ornamented with abundance of evergreens, and wild roses innumerable..."

By the early 1840's the base of Federal Hill was jammed with a hodgepodge of oyster-boat docks and shipyards. Ruark's, Bixler's, Booze's, Waite's, Beecham's, Skinner's and Woodall's were the famous yards in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Such vessels as the barkentines "Good News" and "White Wings" and such steamers as the "Tred Avon", "Emma Giles", "Mason L. Weems" and "Cambridge" were built in its shadow. Large ships from all over the world, having always drydocked for repairs in the shipyards at the foot of the Hill, continue an activity prominent for over a century and a half.

Sir Arthur Cunynghame, a colonel in the British Army visited Baltimore in 1850 and published an account of his travels. "During my walk to Federal Hill, which commands a good view of the city and harbor, the noise produced by the constant hammering at shipbuilding, and steamboilers, etc. etc. was quite deafening. I observed many pretty clippers in the harbor, for which class of schooner this town is celebrated."

In 1851 a mob of several hundreds, angered at the execution of 50 Americans in a Cuban revolution, marched to Federal Hill to burn in effigy the remiss American consul at Havana.

During the Civil War, Union forces built and maintained fortifications on the Hill.

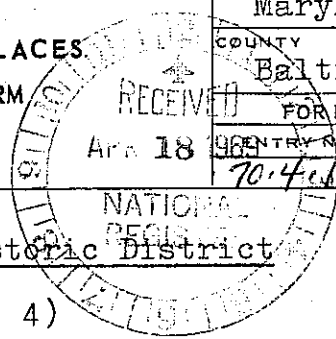
Some of the tunnels under Federal Hill were discovered by the Army at the time of General Butler's occupation of the Hill; and were believed to have been constructed by Southern supporters to blow up the fortification. This was disproven as further investigation revealed abandoned miners' tools. The tunnels were enlarged to form a route from Fort Federal to the Camden Railroad Station and also an escape route to an awaiting boat in

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the nearby harbor.

When South Carolina seceded from the Union in 1861, an ecstatic mob of Southern supporters raised an unidentified flag on Federal Hill and proceeded to fire salutes from a cannon which they brought; Union supporters battled them, burned their flag, and ran up the American flag, threatening to kill anyone who attempted to bring it down.

A month later, on the night of May 13, 1861, General Benjamin F. Butler led the 6th Massachusetts Regiment and elements of Cook's Light Artillery into Baltimore to occupy Federal Hill. The 6th Regiment was replaced three months later by "Duryea's Zouaves" who built the earthworks on Federal Hill. In the meantime, the signal service continued uninterrupted throughout the Civil War.

...the post of Federal Hill was amply garrisoned, and strong fortifications, mounting upwards of fifty heavy guns, and commanding the greater portion of Baltimore and Fort McHenry, were thrown up by the Fifth New York Zouave Regiment...This fort inclosed the entire crown of the hill. The angles of the bastions were so arranged that the guns mounted on them could rake by an entire flanking fire all the streets by which the hill could be approached. When completed the work was a very strong one, its huge cannon in close proximity to South Baltimore...and the basin...below.

After the war, Fort Federal, as it was known, was purchased by the city for use as a park. Its present shape is in part the result of the 1861 fort known as Fort Federal.

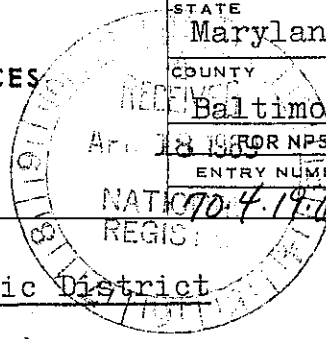
In 1882 the Armistead Monument was erected on the Hill to honor Colonel George Armistead, commander of Fort McHenry when the British attacked in the Battle of Baltimore on September 13, 1814.

Since its origin, Federal Hill Park has always been "crowded with the pleasure-seekers of South Baltimore." It has long been a favorite rendezvous for sweethearts, a playground for children who slide down its slopes on large pieces of flattened cardboard (a South Baltimore tradition), and a leisurely promenade for strollers and tourists.

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The "Inner Harbor" is no longer seething with sailing ships and steamboats. Large modern cargo vessels - freighters, barges, and tankers, armed naval ships, numerous tug boats, and assorted pleasure craft - now support the trade and provide the romance for which the area is famous.

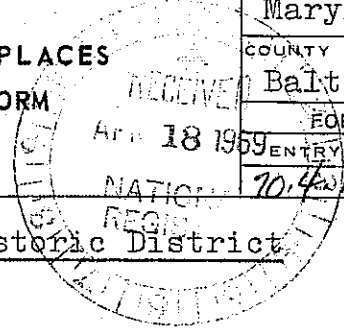
Federal Hill has always afforded the best panoramic view of Baltimore City and harbor. Visitors and residents still are drawn to the park on the Hill to observe the everchanging downtown skyline and waterfront activities.

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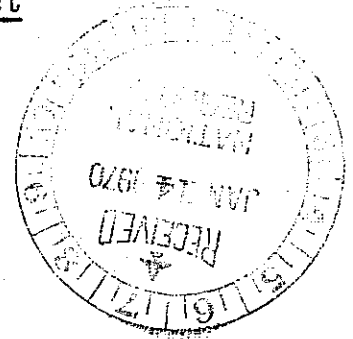
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## #9. REFERENCES

Recorder: Mr. Robert L. Baker  
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## #12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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State Liaison Officer for Maryland  
National Historic Preservation Act, 1966

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*of historic sites and landmarks in maryland*

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January 14, 1969

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Office of Archeology & Historic Preservation  
801 19th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

This is to state that the area of Federal Hill in Baltimore, Maryland, has been studied with care for its resources of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century architecture and history.

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 89-665, October 1966, the Governor's Consulting Committee has favorably considered the Federal Hill Historic District and it has been forwarded by the Governor of Maryland to your department as a nomination for the National Register.

Baltimore's harbor is the reason for the city's existence and the focal point of its history. As the second major port of the East Coast, the city's growth and development and its historical heritage derive from the harbor. It was for possession of this already old and important port and to blockade Baltimore's intrepid privateers that the famous battle which inspired our national anthem was fought.

It was from the hill which they called Observatory Hill that early ship owners watched for their homing vessels, and it was here that they celebrated the ratification of the Federal Constitution, giving the hill its present name - Federal Hill. It was from this same commanding vantage point, which today still affords the best view of the harbor and city, that Federal forces controlled the port during the Civil War.

This harborside neighborhood is an historic landmark of national significance which should be preserved and restored. The Federal Hill area has not only the park, which is the oldest in the city and the site of General Butler's guns during the Civil War, but the surrounding streets still have many eighteenth- and nineteenth-century houses of architectural charm and merit.



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Much that remains in the Federal Hill area is presently disguised by either neglect or renovations of the intervening years, but the overall early character of the area is immediately apparent. And recently, revived interest in the neighborhood has resulted in an encouraging number of restorations already undertaken, others planned for the near future, and a widespread awareness of the charm and historic value of the area.

The potential worth and value of landmark buildings suitable for rehabilitation and restoration are unusually extensive and compare favorably with the renewal accomplished in other early American cities such as Philadelphia's "Society Hill", Washington's "Georgetown" and Charleston Historic District.

The State Liaison Officer for Maryland, the Maryland Historical Trust and the Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill, Montgomery Street and Fells Point urge that this area be included in the National Register of Historic Landmarks. It is an important historic landmark area for the state and the city.

#### FEDERAL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

In accordance with instructions from the National Register the "actual" Federal Hill Historic District has been given a protective perimeter of approximately one block in depth and the "overall" description becomes:

##### Overall

##### East boundary:

Key Highway and Covington Street, north and east of northeast corner of the historic area boundary.

##### North boundary:

The water front, York Street as far as Light Street; south on Light Street to Hill Street and running to Hanover Street.

##### West boundary:

Hanover Street south to Cross Street.

##### South boundary:

Cross Street east from Hanover to William Street, north on William to Grindall Street, east on Grindall to Riverside Avenue, north on Riverside Avenue to Grindall Street running east across Covington to Key Highway.

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Actual Historic Area

East boundary:

Covington Street from Hamburg Street north to Hughes Street.

North boundary:

Hughes Street from Covington Street west to Charles Street.

West boundary:

Charles Street from Hughes Street south to Hamburg Street.

South boundary:

Hamburg Street from Charles Street east to Covington Street.

I trust this important nomination from Maryland will receive your endorsement.

Very truly yours,

*Orlando Ridout IV*

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State Liaison Officer

OR/cd

Enclosure: Map of Federal Hill, Baltimore, Maryland

cc: Dr. Ernest Allen Connally