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## Latrobe House, (Fallon & Hellen Furniture and Interiors)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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***Last Updated: 04-12-2011***

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0421735411

Address: 11 West Mulberry Street

Current Name: Fallon &amp; Hellen Furniture &amp; Interiors

Block: 580	Lot: 5	Lot size: 28 ft. x 150 ft.
Height: 3		Materials: Brick
Condition: Good		Owner: J. D. Lears et al
Use: Commercial		Accessible: yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: RHB 3640/664



Historic Name: Latrobe House

Date: ca. 1830-32

Architect/Builder: John Walsh &amp; William McQuinn, builders

Style (if appropriate):

**Description:** The three-bay facade remains largely as built about 1830-32. The Flemish bond brickmasonry is painted tan and the wood door and window trim is dark brown. Other than the arched door surround with its recessed panel pilasters and plain hood cornice, there is no ornamentation on the facade. The recessed doorway has a fanlight. The base of the elevation is faced with stone and the windows have stone sills and flat gauged brick arches. The 6/6 windows are slightly recessed and have no trim. The cornice has a flat fascia and simple box. A single dormer is centered in the gable roof with an arched 6/6 window. A bronze plaque between the ground floor windows reads as follows: "In this house, then the home of J.H.B. Latrobe, there was awarded in October 1833 to Edgar Allan Poe, the Baltimore Saturday Visiter's (correct spelling) Short Story Prize, which brought him recognition as a writer of prose. Erected 1955 by the Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore." A second historical marker sponsored by private citizens regarding this event is scheduled for placement in June 1985.

**Significance:**

Area: architecture, literature

Level: local

The award of the Saturday Visiter prize to Edgar Allan Poe in the Latrobe House gave him the immediate local attention which resulted in his eventual employment by a Richmond newspaper and widespread interest in his subsequent literary works. The house was owned by Latrobe, the son of the architect Benjamin H. Latrobe, from its construction until the mid-1850's. During his residence there, he designed the portico for the Basilica of the Assumption. Adopted in 1841, the foundations were laid, but the portico itself was not completed until 1865, to an enlarged and modified design by Eben Fazon. The Latrobe House is one of a row of three early 19th century houses on Mulberry Street which retained much of their original architectural character. The Latrobe House facade is the least altered of the three.

**Sources:** Curator of Poe House; Cuyler, History & Description of Balto. Co-Cathedral Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, March 1985 (1951)





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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

BL 580  
Lot 5

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: 11 West Mulberry Street

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 11 West Mulberry St.

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland COUNTY:

**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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: John V. Lyons Etal.

STREET AND NUMBER: 517 Yarmouth Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21204

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Records Office, Room 601

STREET AND NUMBER: Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21202

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): RW 330-176

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Commission for Historical and Arch. Pres.

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900, 26 S. Calvert St.

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

11 West Mulberry, lot 5, is an attached house of common bond brick with a brick watertable and a gabled roof, with a dormer window. The first story has 2 rectangular windows, 3x5 panes with wooden sills and brick flat arched lintels. The door has a transom, a full arched opening, no vestibule, and is flanked by wooden pilasters. There is a wooden ~~XX~~ cornice over the door, and a fan window below that. The second floor has three bays, three windows, 3x4 panes, with wooden sills and flat arched lintels. The third floor is the same as the second. There is a brick chimney ~~on~~ the left of the roof.

The back is of common bond brick. On the first and second stories a wooden porch protrudes from the extension. It is half the size in length and width. There is a door on the first story on the right. A central window with 3x4 panes is on the second story, and on the third story there is a window with one pane. All the windows have flat arched brick lintels and wooden sills.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see 512 CATHEDRAL

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

**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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:  
 26 x 153

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: nancy Venditti, Amanda McQuiddy, Achsah O'Donovan

ORGANIZATION: ~~CHAP~~ CHAP DATE: 11/20/75

STREET AND NUMBER: 265 Culvert Street

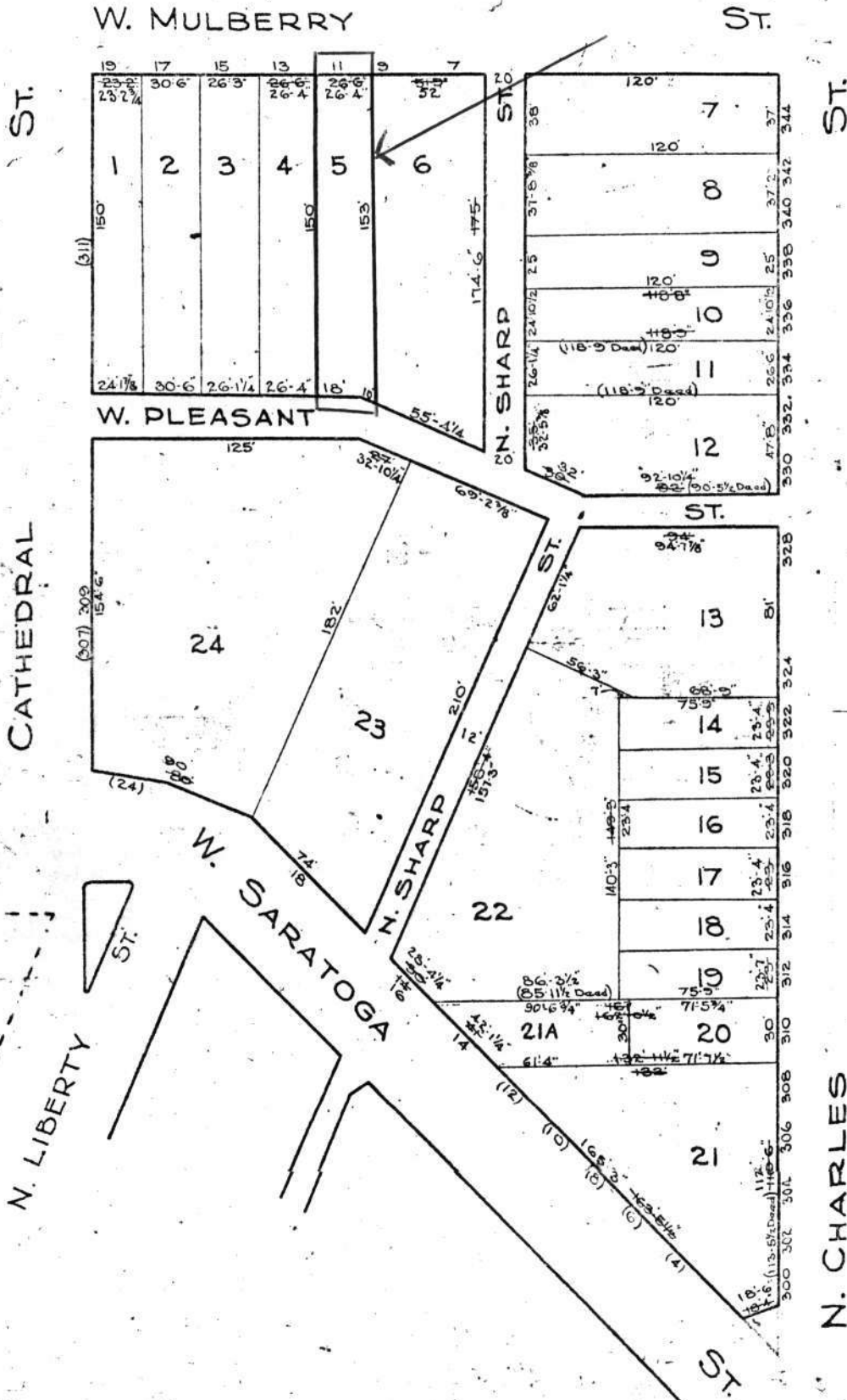
CITY OR TOWN: ~~Baltimore~~ Baltimore STATE: Md

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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 LETTERED BY J. S. J. Rokosky  
 CHECKED BY W. M. L. G.  
 7-17-22 - G. J. M.

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS  
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION  
 WARD 4 SECTION 2  
 BLOCK 580  
 SCALE 1" = 50' FEET DATE May 1922





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Block 582

11 West Mulberry St.

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