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Location: 223 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore Maryland

Present Owner: Mrs. Francis S. Arthur  
3409 Orbitan Road  
Baltimore, Maryland

Present Use: Bakery

Significance: Arthur's Bakery is one of the oldest continuing retail establishments in downtown Baltimore, occupying various buildings in the retail district since 1832. Arthur's moved to this structure in 1893. Structure is of architectural significance as one of last examples, although greatly altered, of early to mid 19th C townhouse construction that proliferated throughout the area surrounding the site chosen for what is today Lexington Markets.

PART L. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical history:

1. Date of erection: pre 1823 with L 19th C addition to rear c. 1893, and second addition to that, 1905.
2. Architect: Unknown
3. Original and subsequent owners: Original owner unknown; purchased in 1893 by Arthur family and has been in their ownership since. Deed trace being prepared and will be appended.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

In continuous use as a bakery since 1893, by one of the oldest establishments in the city.

C. Bibliography:

- a. Primary and unpublished sources: Letter from Maryland Historical Society to Arthur's Bakery, June 20, 1977  
  
Statement prepared by Arthur's Bakery re: history of firm
- b. Secondary and published sources: Baltimore City Directories; The CBD West, an Historical and Architectural Perspective (City of Baltimore Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation, 1976)

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Three and one-half story brick townhouse, three bays in width, with gable roof parallel to the street line. First floor altered mid 19th C and again c.1983, with addition of Classic Revival storefront.
2. Condition of fabric: Front facade in fair condition, north side consolidated when contiguous structure removed, 1978. Rear wall fair. Integrity of original design compromised with storefront. Roof covering and dormer in need of major repair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Original structure 18' x 25', with rear additions making structure 95'
2. Foundations: Brick (service tunnel extends under sidewalk)
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Original section has red brick walls, plastered on north wall exterior. South wall is party wall, east wall removed when additions made. Rear additions have architectural tile walls, last addition concrete block.
4. Structural system, framing: Original section timber frame with masonry bearing walls; additions tile walls with timber framing, except for floor of third floor, center section, which is reinforced concrete (to support brick ovens).
5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: None
6. Chimneys: One later brick stack at south wall, east of ridge line.
7. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: Entrance to bakery is centered in shopfront, recessed-modern glass door. Entrance to upper floors is in left bay-later door.
  - b. Windows: First floor, modern glass shopfront; second and third floors three rectangular windows, splayed brick arches, timber sills, later l/l sash with aluminum inserts to visually simulate six lite sash. Left window in third floor is wider than rest, used as a loading door c.1893 when ovens and bakery were on this floor.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof on original section, ridge line parallel to street; shed roof sloping to east on rear additions; all covered with building paper and tarred.
- b. Cornice and eaves: Wood box cornice
- c. Dormers, cupolas, towers: A gable roof dormer front and rear on gable roof of original structure, 6/6 sash, in poor condition

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor consists of sales area, preparation room, small office, storage and stairs to upper floors, front to rear.
- b. Second floor has original living room, dining room and large storage area, front to rear, with stairs at north east and northwest corners.
- c. Bedroom; original bakery with ovens on third floor
- d. Attic is inaccessible
- e. Basement is now used for bakery.

2. Stairways: Original stair in northwest corner, with turned balusters and molded rail, turned newel at first floor; c.1893 stair (enclosed) at northeast corner to upper floors; Stair to basement is under front (original stair).

3. Flooring: All floors except rear part of third floor are wood, with that floor area concrete. Basement floor is also concrete.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls in original section are plaster on brick, other walls plaster on tile. Ceilings in first floor of front and center section are pressed tin, wood in rear section of first floor; ceilings in original section, second and third floor are plaster on lath, center and rear sections exposed.

5. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: First floor has c.1893 panel doors and casings. Second floor doors in front section are six panel design, with molded casings, c.1893 doors and casing in rear. Doors in front section of third floor are six pan

grained, as are casings, with doors in rear part c.1893.

- b. Windows: Modern store windows first floor front, 1/1 wood sash in rear walls of all floors. Second and third floor windows 1/1 sash with modern aluminum inserts to simulate 6 lite sash in upper sections, front wall. Molded casings at front walls, flat casings at rear.
6. Decorative features and trim: Second floor front room has molded base, plaster ceiling cornice, black marble fireplace surround; second floor center room has plaster ceiling cornice and medallion, black marble fireplace surround, molded base. Pocket doors divide these two rooms; front stair hall has plaster ceiling cornice, molded base. No trim of note in other spaces.
7. Hardware: Nothing of significance remains in situ
8. Mechanical equipment:
  - a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation: Heating is oil fire hot water, boiler in basement; no A/C; natural vent.
  - b. Lighting: Modern fixtures except hanging fixture, center area, first floor, and chandelier, front room, second floor
  - c. Plumbing : Modern
  - d. Industrial equipment: Modern ovens in basement; c.1893 brick ovens, flour sifter and storage bins, third floor.
9. Notable original furniture: Excellent golden oak counters front room, first floor; excellent mirrors, gilded and marble frames, and oak counters, center room, first floor.

D. Site:

- a. General setting and orientation: Was in mid block, facing west. Building to north has been demolished, building to right scheduled for demolition.
- b. Historic landscape design: None
- c. Outbuildings: None

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