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major streets. Minor streets and alleys contain mostly the smaller Federal houses.

This is a district of row-buildings. There are no free-standing structures (except for the gas station). Some of the set back houses have one side wall free. A nearly universal feature of all types of row-houses is 'back buildings'. In the earliest cases they were once free-standing summer kitchens and utility buildings which became connected to the houses by subsequent intervening structures (643 Washington Boulevard). Later in the 19th Century they were built contiguous to the house proper. Narrower than the house itself, they often had promenade porches on one side, usually facing that of a neighbor (626 and 628 Washington Boulevard).

There are several structures in Ridgely's Delight which do not fall into the categories of typical houses. These include the larger light-industrial structures in the northwest corner along Pratt Street where style and materials harmonize with the neighborhood and which furthermore act as a buffer to heavy traffic.

Several other structures also differ from the norm or are of particular interest; they include:

337-339 South Fremont Avenue is a remarkable late Victorian brick adaptation of an Italian Palazzo for commercial use. The brickwork and detail are extremely fine; the facade composition is of a quality rarely exceeded in west Baltimore, sophisticated and in scale with the neighborhood. The second and third floors were used as the ever popular and ambiguous "halls," the first floor commercial or light industry.

401 South Fremont is an evolutionary end point of Victorian commercial architecture. Continuous horizontal banding of several individual brick courses give a 'moderne' look to the segmental arch windows, overhanging bay window and metal cornice that are Victorian holdovers in an Edwardian building.

612, 614 and 616 Washington Boulevard are one building which continues north through the block to Portland Street and has been industrial/commercial since the late 1870's. The Washington Boulevard facade appears to have been originally three separate houses and has a cast iron shop front across the entire first story.

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