

BALTIMORE CITY - COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-1283

AREA: Barclay

MAGI NO.: 0412839704

ADDRESS: 700 Twentieth Street

PERMIT NAME:

BLOCK:

LOT:

LOT SIZE:

HEIGHT: 2

MATERIALS: Brick

CONDITION: Good

OWNER:

USE: Vacant Dwelling

ADDRESS:

DESIGNATION:

ACCESSIBLE:

LIBER/FOLIO:



HISTORIC NAME:

DATE: ca. 1905

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION: 700 Twentieth Street is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Twentieth and Boone Streets in Baltimore, Maryland, in the area to the east of the planning district of Barclay and north of Greenmount Cemetery. This structure is the end dwelling in a block of continuous rowhouses. The main facade, which faces south, is three bays wide and three stories tall, with a stone clad raised basement. The main facade is surfaced in multicolor brick. Although 700 Twentieth Street has a flat facade the majority of houses in the row alternate between bowed and towered facades. The windows, which were 1 over 1, have mostly been removed. The original window openings are intact, with flat stone lintels on all floors and stone sills on the second and third floors. The door also has a flat stone lintel and appears to have a large square transom, although it is presently boarded over. The building has a flat roof and a dentiled wraparound cornice. Below the cornice is a corbeled dentil-like belt course that continues across the row. There is a second story wood oriel in the center of the east elevation. The oriel has 1 over 1 windows, a dentiled cornice, and rectangular molded panels.

SIGNIFICANCE:

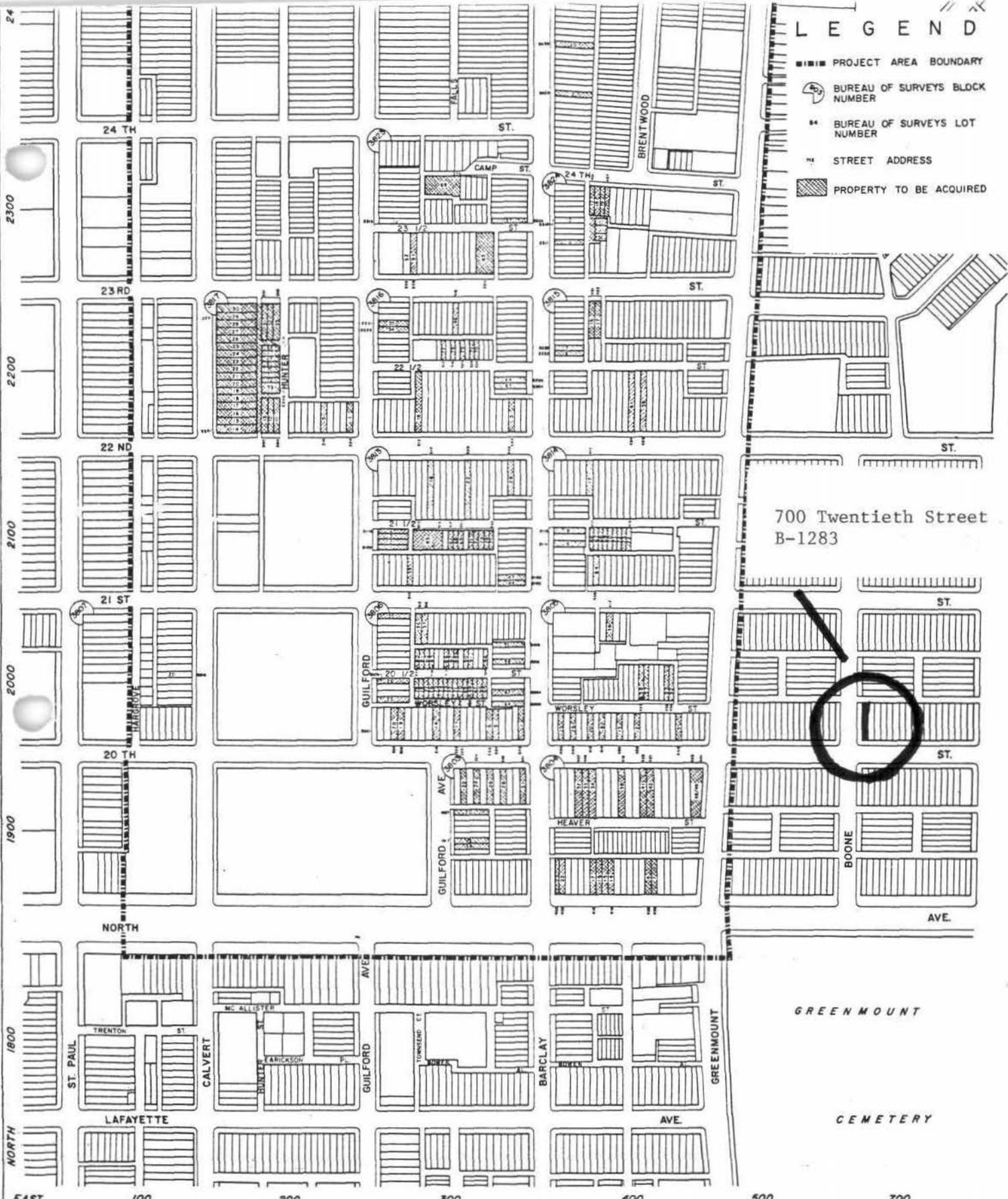
AREA: Architecture

LEVEL: Local

700 Twentieth Street is an example of an early twentieth century urban Baltimore rowhouse. It would be considered eligible for the National Register within the context of its surrounding area, a district with undetermined boundaries. 700 Twentieth Street is a corner dwelling in a block of continuous rowhouses, many of which have bowed or towered facades. Another house in the row, 712, has already been determined eligible. These rowhouses exemplify the traditional Baltimore aesthetic in which elegance is based on the use of form and proportion, not on the use of excessive ornamentation. Its planar facade remains uninterrupted. This row illustrates that this tradition continued into the twentieth century, during the period of increased nationalization of building styles. The land on which these dwellings are located was not developed until after 1896. Twentieth Street, however, was laid out before development began. In 1896 the land at the corner of Boone and Twentieth Streets was part of the Boone Estate. The land to the east of the intersection was the property of Richard Cromwell.

SOURCES: Maps--Bromley Atlas 1896, Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1914

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Mary K. Mannix
October 1896



LEGEND

- ▬ PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY
- Ⓛ BUREAU OF SURVEYS BLOCK NUMBER
- Ⓜ BUREAU OF SURVEYS LOT NUMBER
- *** STREET ADDRESS
- ▨ PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED

700 Twentieth Street
B-1283

BARCLAY

PLANNING DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



PROPERTY ACQUISITION

DATE 9/15/76
DRAWN BY BLS
APPROVED BY:

REVISION:
12/4/76

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EXHIBIT

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Rowhouse

B-1283

700 Twentieth Street

Baltimore (City), Maryland

Photo: Mary K. Mannix

Date: August 1986

Neg. Location: Maryland Historical
Trust

East & South elevations

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