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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
904 North Charles Street (The Mount Vernon Restaurant)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
904 North Charles Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE: Maryland COUNTY:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Christ Alewizatos

STREET AND NUMBER:
904 North Charles Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21201

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. #): MLP 6297-523

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1975 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 900, 26 South Calvert Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21202

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

This 3½ story, mansarded town house combines elements from the Second Empire with those of the High Victorian Gothic, and undoubtedly dates c. 1870. Constructed of brick, the first floor level of the building has been gutted to accomodate the needs of a restaurant, and the exterior has subsequently been rebuilt with concrete, plate glass, glass block, neon tubing, and a small canvas awning above a 'prettified' entrance. The second and third levels are three bays wide, each floor sporting three double-hung windows with 2/2 lights. A deep wooden cornice supported on groups of brackets marks the beginning of the decoratively shingled mansard, into which are let three round-headed roof dormers, one of which retains original casements. The dormers are capped with broad projecting hoods and are decoratively bracketed at the sides. The impression of a convex sloping roof is conveyed by two arched wooden moldings running from roof crown to conice at the outside extremities of the dormer row. A feathery row of iron cresting is perched on the roof crown.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At one time a parcel of land belonging to Colonel John Eager Howard, Block 511 was awarded to James Howard McHenry in 1829, two years after the Colonel's death. Positioned merely one block north of the Washington Monument, the southern, Read Street edge of the block is already included within the existing boundaries of the Mount Vernon Historic District.

Charles Street

The 900 block of the western side of Charles Street is the site of one of the most interesting mixes of architectural styles of the second half of the nineteenth century to be found in Baltimore. Although in some cases the buildings have been seriously altered, the eclectic character of individual taste reflected in a streetscape of wide variety is held in check by a uniform adherence to choice of scale and building material.

The oldest building on the block, the house at 932 North Charles, was built c. 1858. This Renaissance styled brownstone home originally adjoined a similar structure to the north until the 1930's, when it was replaced by a one-story Deco-esque supper club. To the south, a series of four town houses, built at various times within the 1860's, show what could be done to change the simple brick box by applying various types of window ornament, cornices, etc. Number 926 North Charles, originally part of a three house row, unfortunately no longer stands. French, Italian, and Renaissance elements give variety to what are essentially identical structures.. At 904 North Charles, built c. 1870, the standard structure has swelled into a product of Second Empire France, but has solid Baltimore foundations.

By 1886, when the Theodore Cooke house was built at 914 North Charles, new money could support the lavish exuberance of the Queen Anne style, breaking the dependence on the row format of the 50's and 60's. In 1895, when the members of the Baltimore Club had their clubhouse built at 916 North Charles by architects Wilson and Wilson, they chose a vertical Queen Anne style over the horizontal, Romanesque style of the contemporary Maryland Club by Baldwin and Pennington,

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:
 22'6" x 150'

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 William Pencek, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Commission for Hist. and Arch. Pres. DATE: 10/7/75

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

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21202

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

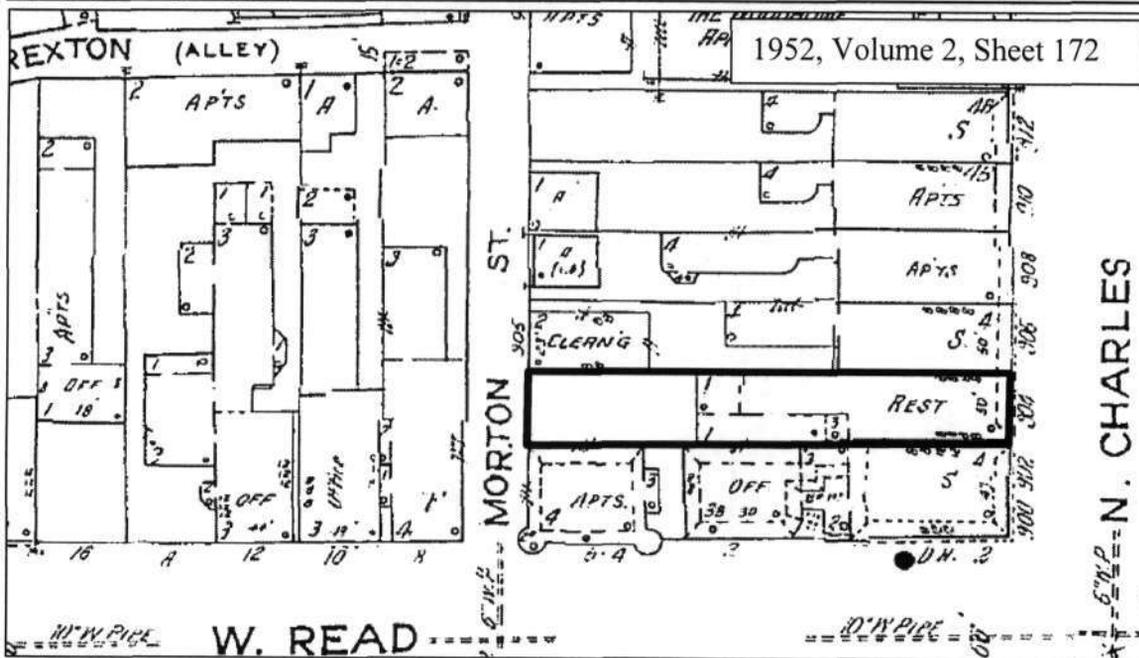
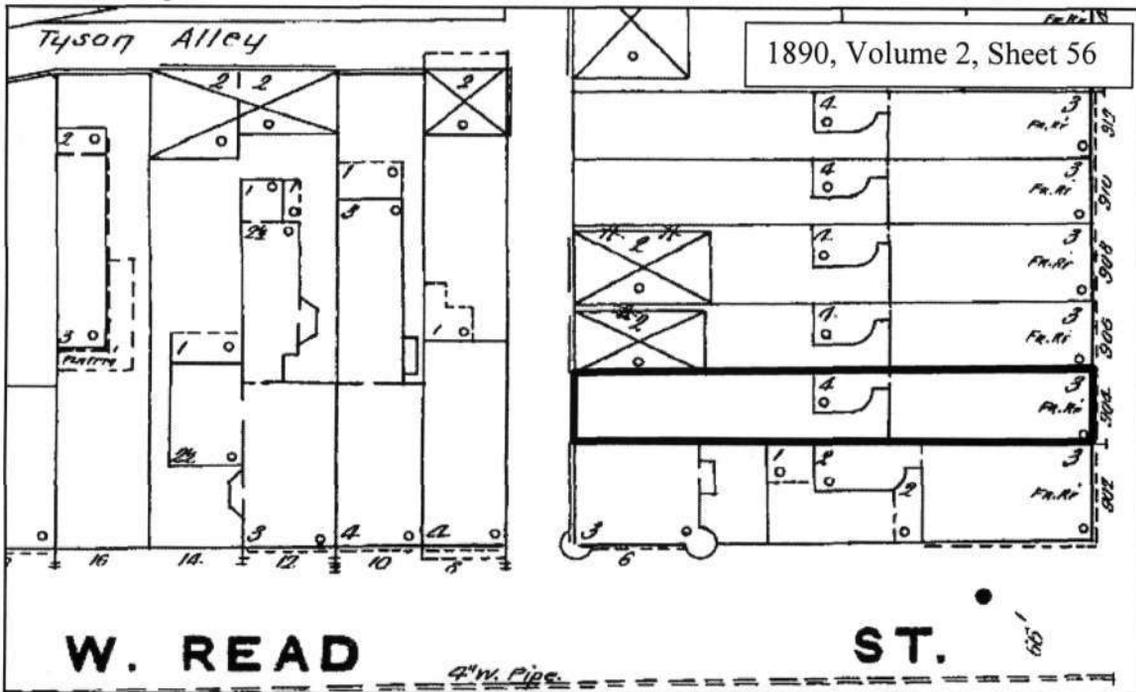
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which was being built less than a block away.

This block is rich in historic and architectural associations, to a degree which can be measured by the variety of building style present, and by its proximity to the Washington Monument along a major axis.

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 Mt. Vernon Restaurant
 904 North Charles Street, Baltimore
 Sanborn Maps



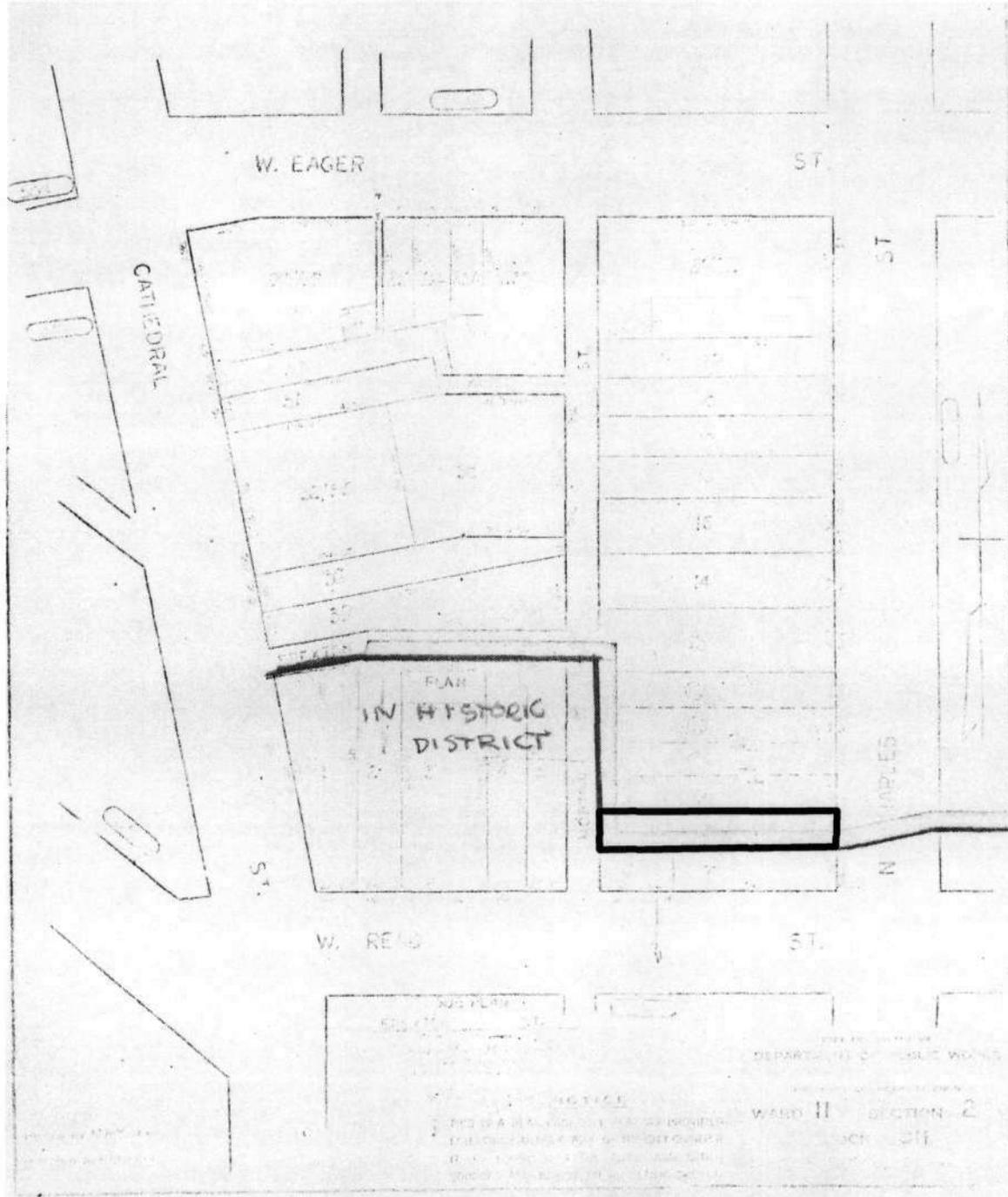
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Mt. Vernon Restaurant

904 N. Charles Street, Baltimore

Block 0511, Lot 008

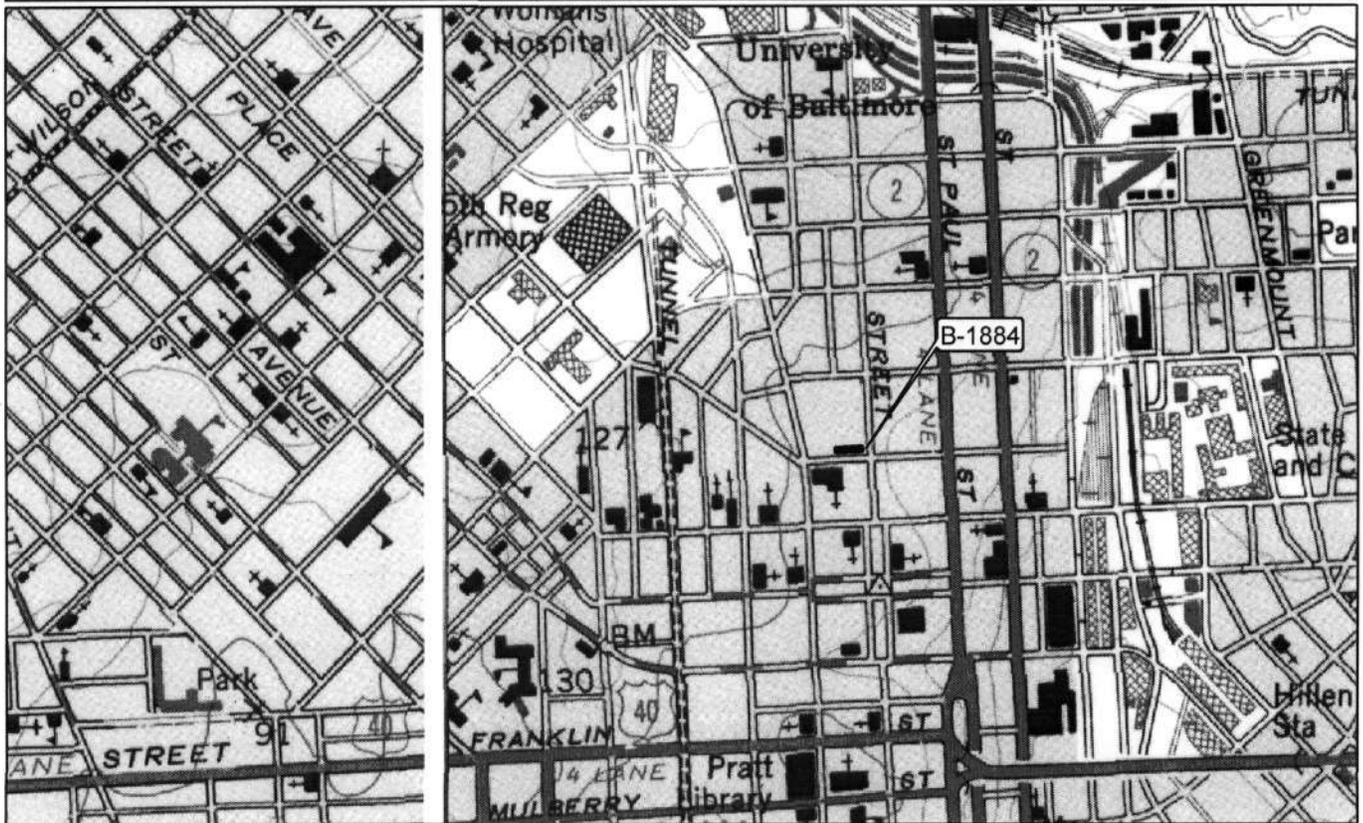
Baltimore Department of Public Works Tax Map, Ward 11, Section 2, Block 511

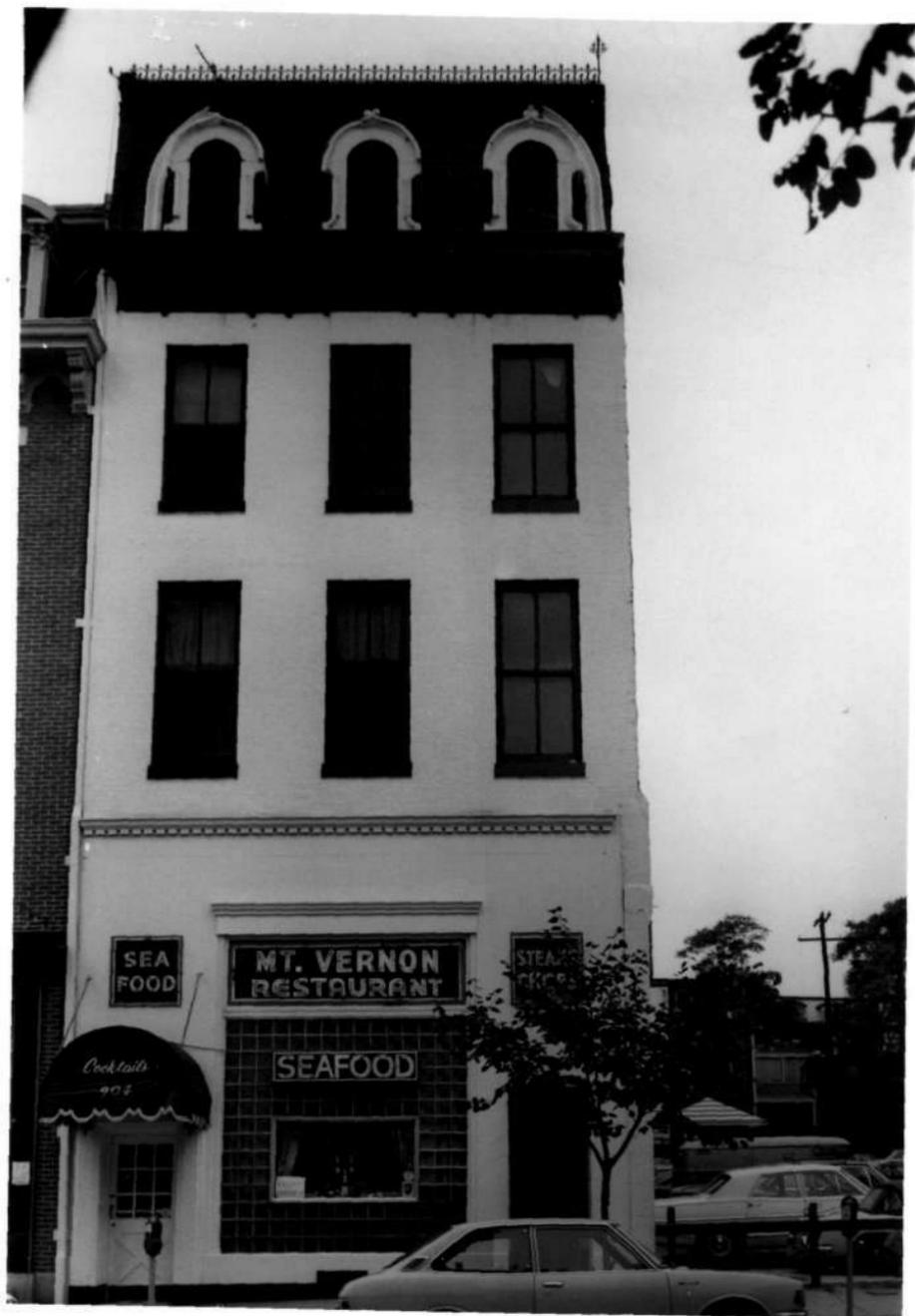


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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



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Mt. Vernon Restaurant

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BLOCK 511
Neg. 15A

CB Thompson
Sept 12, 1975

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