

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-3953

AREA: .

MAGI NO.: 0439535604

ADDRESS: 1807-1809-1811 North Gay Street
CURRENT NAME:BLOCK: 1453 LOT: 4-6
HEIGHT: 2
CONDITION: GoodLOT SIZE:
MATERIALS: Brick
OWNER:
ADDRESS:
ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted
LIBER/FOLIO:USE: Vacant dwellings
DESIGNATION:HISTORIC NAME:
DATE: Ca. 1880
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

This group of three adjoining brick rowhouses were built about 1880 and are located on the southeast side of North Gay Street just north of the intersection of Gay with East Lafayette Street and North Patterson Park Avenue in northeast central Baltimore, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay facades are set back about 5 feet from the facade lines of the adjoining rowhouses on either side of the group. A one-story shed roofed frame porch originally sheltered all three buildings, but is missing at 1811, the northernmost of the group. The remaining porch at 1807-1809 has plain square piers resting on a rock-faced concrete block base. The porch roof cornice is ornamented by small quarter rounds placed to imitate dentils. The porch steps at 1807 are concrete; those at 1809 are wood. The steps are missing at 1811. All first floor openings in the three houses are boarded. No. 1807 has two bays on the first story, perhaps as a result of alteration. The arches are flat with wood lintels and sills. The second story window openings have segmental arches and are boarded only at 1811. Nos. 1807 and 1809 have one over one sash. The cornice is paneled and bracketed, with perforated soffits and carved motifs between brackets.

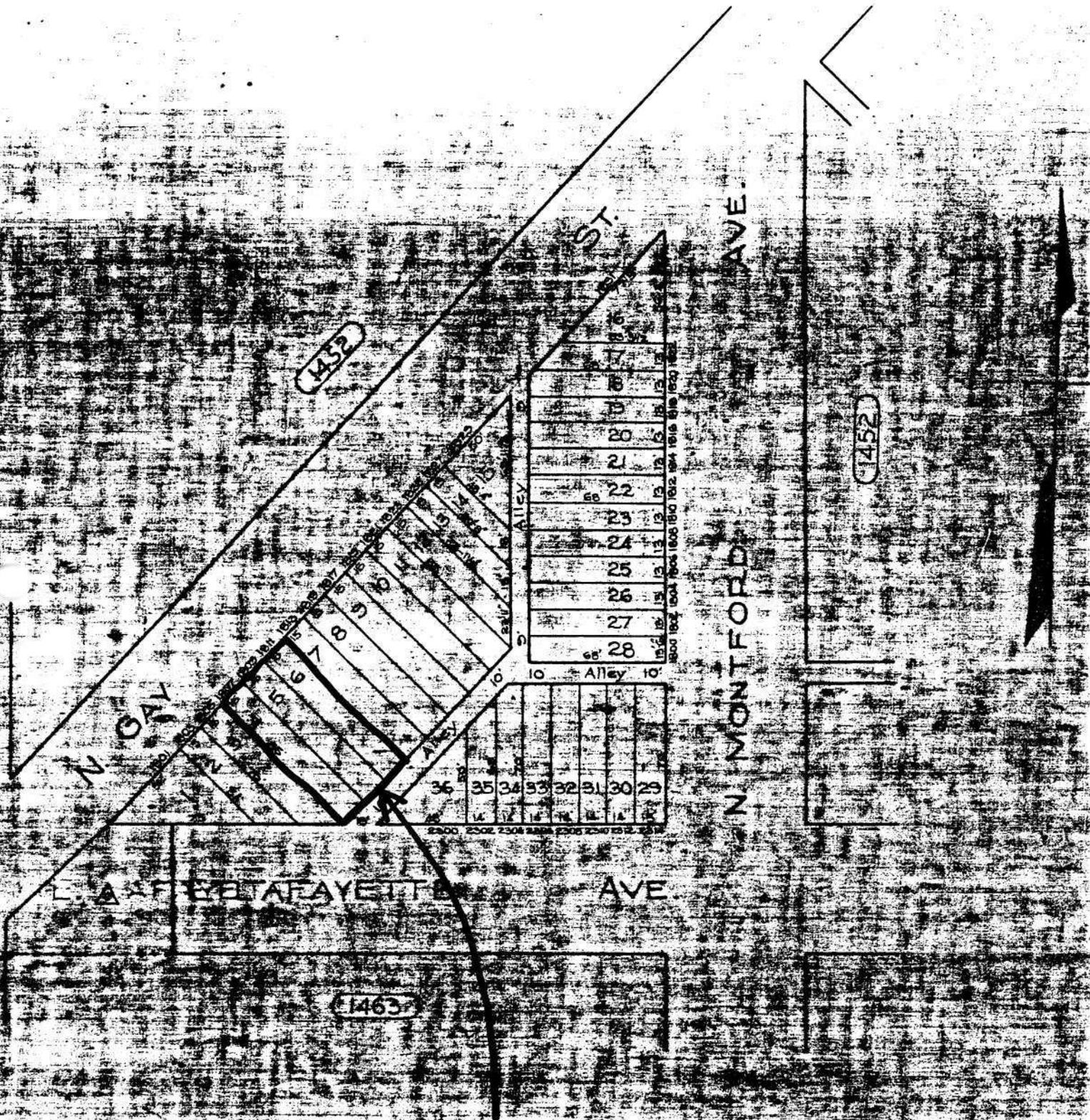
SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture

LEVEL: Local

The group of three rowhouses at 1807-1809-1811 North Gay Street is a contributing part of an undefined historic district of late 19th century rowhouses centered on the area of North Gay Street just south of East North Avenue in which several breweries were located. Most prominent among these were the American Brewery, the George Bauernschmidt Brewing Company, and the George Rost Brewery. The Rost Brewery was originally built in 1860 near the southeast corner of East Lafayette and North Patterson Park Avenue, about one block west of the North Gay Street houses. Most of the residential blocks around the breweries were the homes of German immigrant brewery workers. The setback feature is unique to the 1800 block of North Gay Street, but is found in a row of seven houses nearby in the 1700 block of North Patterson Park Avenue.

SOURCES: Bromley's Atlas (1896); Sanborn Insurance Map (1914, updated)
SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet L. Davis, CHAP, December 1986



1807-1809-1811 N. Gay St.
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Map from Baltimore City Dept. of Public Works, Bureau of Plans & Surveys, Property Location Div. Ward 8, Section 20, Block 1453

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1807-1811 N. Gay Street
Block 1453, Lots 004, 005, & 006
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

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Northwest elevations