

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12 SURVEY NO.: B-3985
 AREA: Madison Square-Oliver Historic District MAGI NO.: 0439853601

ADDRESS: 1601 E. North Ave.
 CURRENT NAME: Engine House No. 19

BLOCK: 1102 LOT: 79 LOT SIZE: 40' x 120'
 HEIGHT: 2 Stories MATERIALS: Brick/Terra cotta
 CONDITION: Good OWNER: Mayor & City Council of Baltimore City
 ADDRESS:
 USE: Vacant ACCESSIBLE: Yes; restricted
 DESIGNATION: LIBER/FOLIO: JB 1457-45



HISTORIC NAME: Engine House No. 19
 DATE: 1894; 1908
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: /Morrow Bros.; Maryland Terra Cotta Co.
 STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Classical revival

DESCRIPTION:

Engine House 19, located at 1601 E. North Ave., at the southeast corner of North Ave. and Bond St. in Baltimore City, is a two story rectangular brick and terra cotta structure with a flat roof. The North Ave. facade is white terra cotta in a coursed ashlar pattern, over a granite foundation, and is two bays wide. The first story has a recessed rectangular opening with a flat arch and a consoled keystone in each bay, and a belt course above. The second story has paired windows with architrave trim in between pilaster strips. Above this is a block cornice of pressed metal, and a parapet topped by a scrolled pediment, with cornucopias, in the center. The Bond street elevation is eight bays wide. From right proper, the first bay is two stories of terra cotta, with a narrow doorway on the first story and a single window on the second. The remaining bays are brick, the second through seventh bays with segmentally arched windows in the first story. In the second story, bays two through four have round arched windows with a pressed metal block cornice above, and bays five through seven are a half story with lunettes. The eighth bay is a five-story hipped roof tower with a segmentally arched door in the first story, segmentally arched windows in the second through fourth, and paired rectangular windows in the fifth.

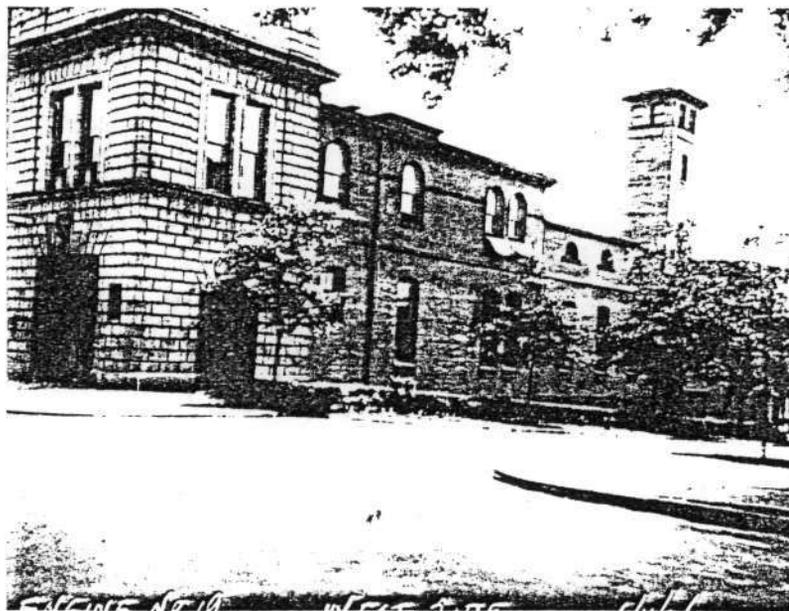
SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

Engine House 19 stands out as a major architectural feature in a neighborhood such as Oliver that constitutes primarily residential, religious, and educational structures. The yearly reports for 1893 noted that "a building should be erected on the lot purchased at the southeast corner of Bond street and Boundary [North] avenue,...and an engine company placed in service, as it is some distance from the nearest engine company, in a constantly growing section of the city." This recommendation was promptly acted on, and the outcome reported in the 1894 yearly report. "The house has a frontage of 40 feet on North avenue, and on Bond street 110 feet. There are two large arched entrances in front.... There are stalls for four horses.... The second story has a large bedroom, a captain's room, linen-room, bath, and water-closets, and a large hay loft. The tower for drying hose is 56 feet high. Ordinance No.6 provided \$15,000 for the erection of this building, and it has been satisfactorily completed, and was accepted November 5, 1894." The sand brick front was damaged by Morrow Bros. in cleaning it with acid and had to be oiled. It was perhaps this that led to the present terra cotta front being added to the building in 1908 by the Maryland Terra Cotta Co.

SOURCES: Fire Comm. report, 1893; Inspect. Bldgs. report, 1894; Archives, Rg.3 S.1 Box 110 #44, Rg. S. Box 17 #90.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Kenneth M. Short, August 1987



Engine House No. 19
(B-3985)

PROPERTY REHABILITATION



LEGEND

- PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY
- ▬ STRUCTURE
- ▨ REHABILITATION
- ▩ ACQUISITION FOR REHABILITATION

OLIVER NDP

PLANNING DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

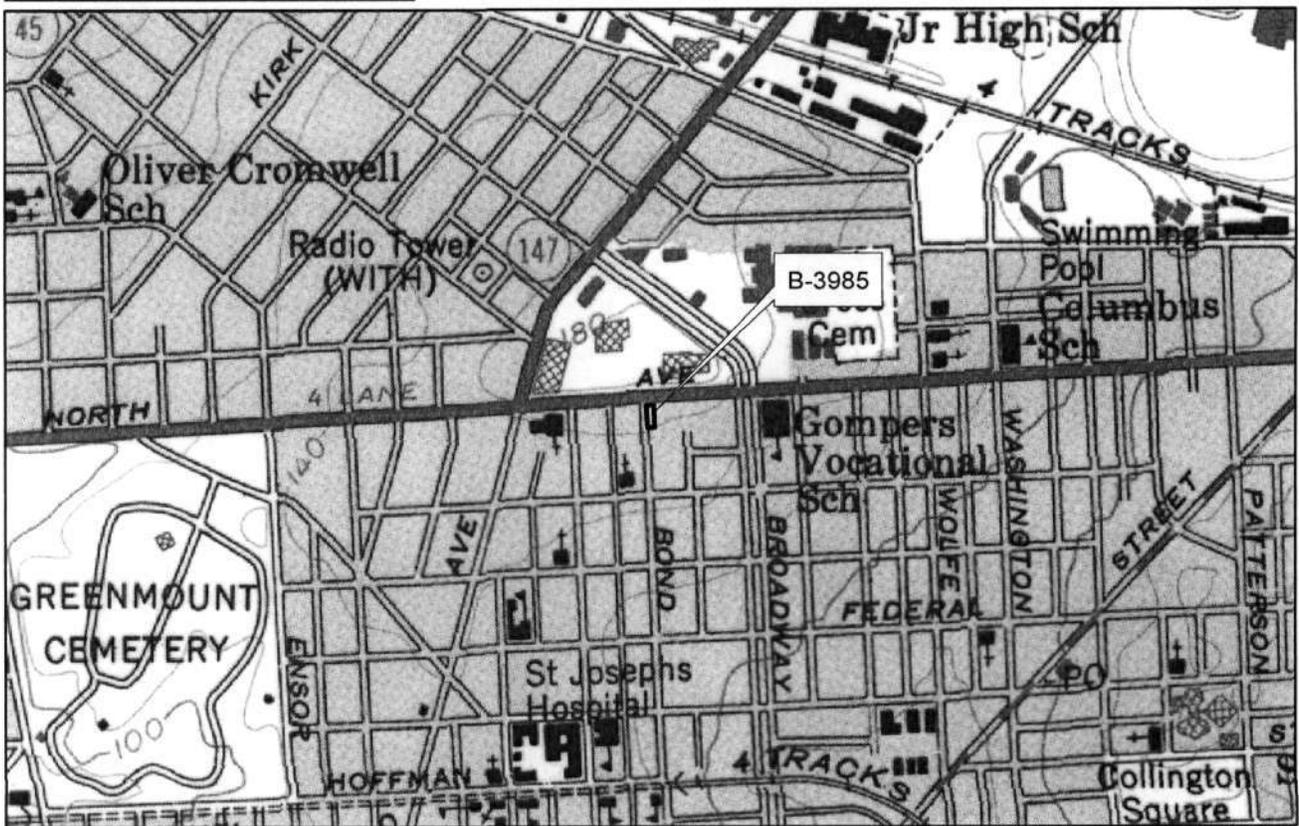
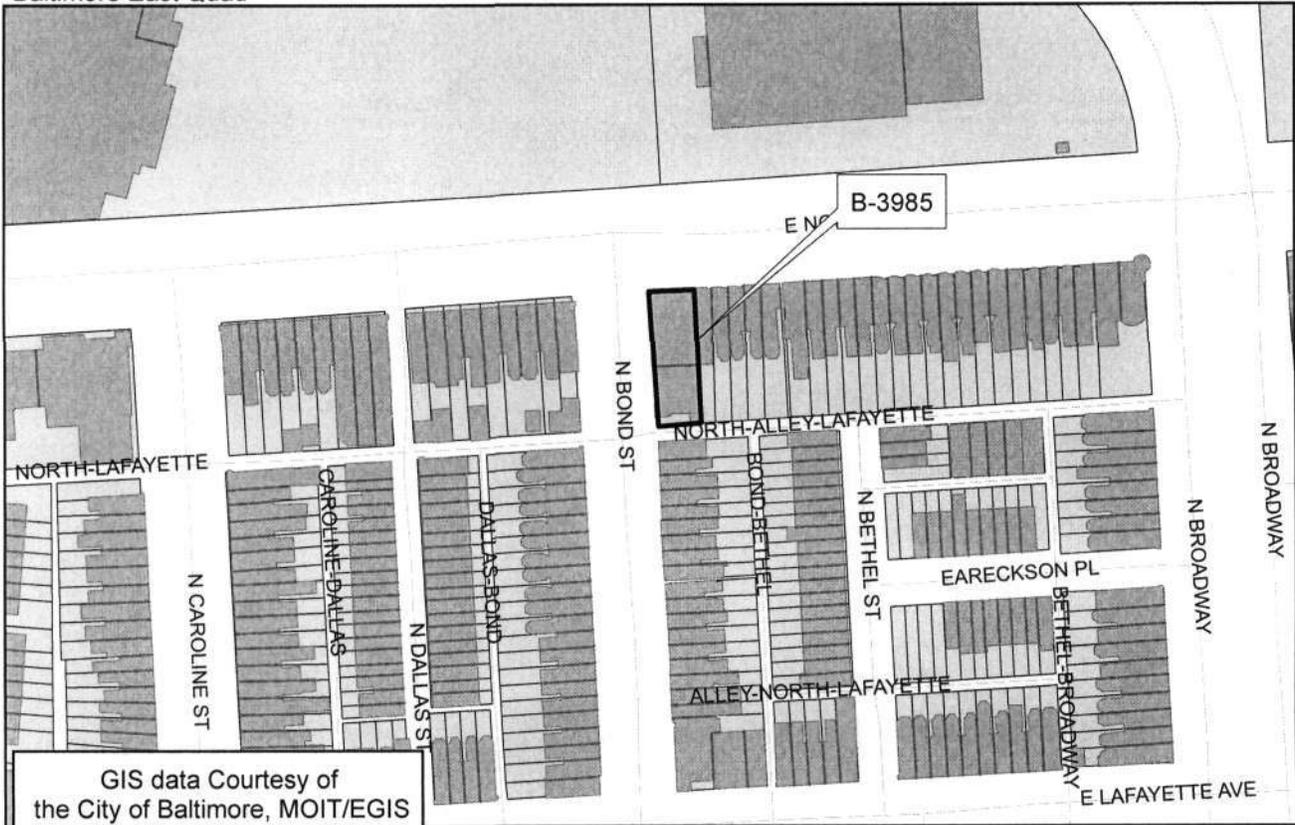


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Engine House No. 19
1601 E. North Avenue
Block 1102 Lot 079
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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1601 East North Avenue

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North elevation, pediment detail

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NORTH MAIN STREET
WATER TOWER

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North elevation

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West elevation

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