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701-15 ALLEGHENY PLACE

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

These rowhouses were built between 1876 and 1885. It is a relatively rare example of semi-detached Italianate alley dwellings. The two-story, two-bay houses are of red brick. The attached two units are mirror images of one another. Private access.

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SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER SURVEY

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A

other names/site number semi-detached alley dwellings/ B-4463 (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 701-15 Allegheny Place not for publication ___

city or town Baltimore vicinity N/A
state Maryland code MD county Baltimore City code 510
zip code 21217

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
8	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
8	_____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: multiple dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

roof

walls BRICK

other WOOD

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance See continuation sheet.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development
Ethnic Heritage

Period of Significance c. 1876-1940

Significant Dates c. 1876-1885

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Oliver W. Cash (?), builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maps

- Bromley, G.W. and Co. Atlas of the City of Baltimore, Vol. 1. Philadelphia: 1885, 1896.
Hopkins, G.M. Map of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. 1876, 1877.
Sanborn Map Company. Insurance Maps, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. 2,3, and 7. New York: 1890, 1901, 1914, 1928.
Simmons, Isaac. 1852 Revision of the Thomas H. Poppleton Map. Baltimore: 1852.

Baltimore City Directories

Baltimore City Land Records

Scharf, J. Thomas A.M. History of Baltimore City and County. Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Lot = 14'1" x 85'

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	—	—	—	3	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—

— See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Block 293, Lots 68-75

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are based on a city lot(s) retaining original property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name multiple owners
street&number _____ telephone _____
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21217

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning; Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic

Known Design Source: Oliver W. Cash, builder (?)

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DESCRIPTION

This is an intact and cohesive grouping is a relatively rare neighborhood example of semi-detached Italianate alley dwellings. The two-story, two-bay houses date from between 1876 and 1885. The attached two units which form each block are mirror images of one another; doors thus form the two end bays of the four-bay buildings.

Both doors and windows are flat-arched, with wooden sills. Basement windows are narrow, single-paned openings. The remaining windows have one-over-one double-hung sash, and doors are single-leaf, originally with transoms. A modillion cornice with a broad overhang is still extant.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The southern half of this block, between Cumberland Court and Cumberland Street, was developed by 1885. The builder of these semi-detached Italianate duplexes with a slight setback could not be verified on the block index.¹ However, setback duplexes of this sort also appear in the southern half of the block, along Carey and Calhoun Streets as well, indicating that a single builder was likely responsible for more than just this court.

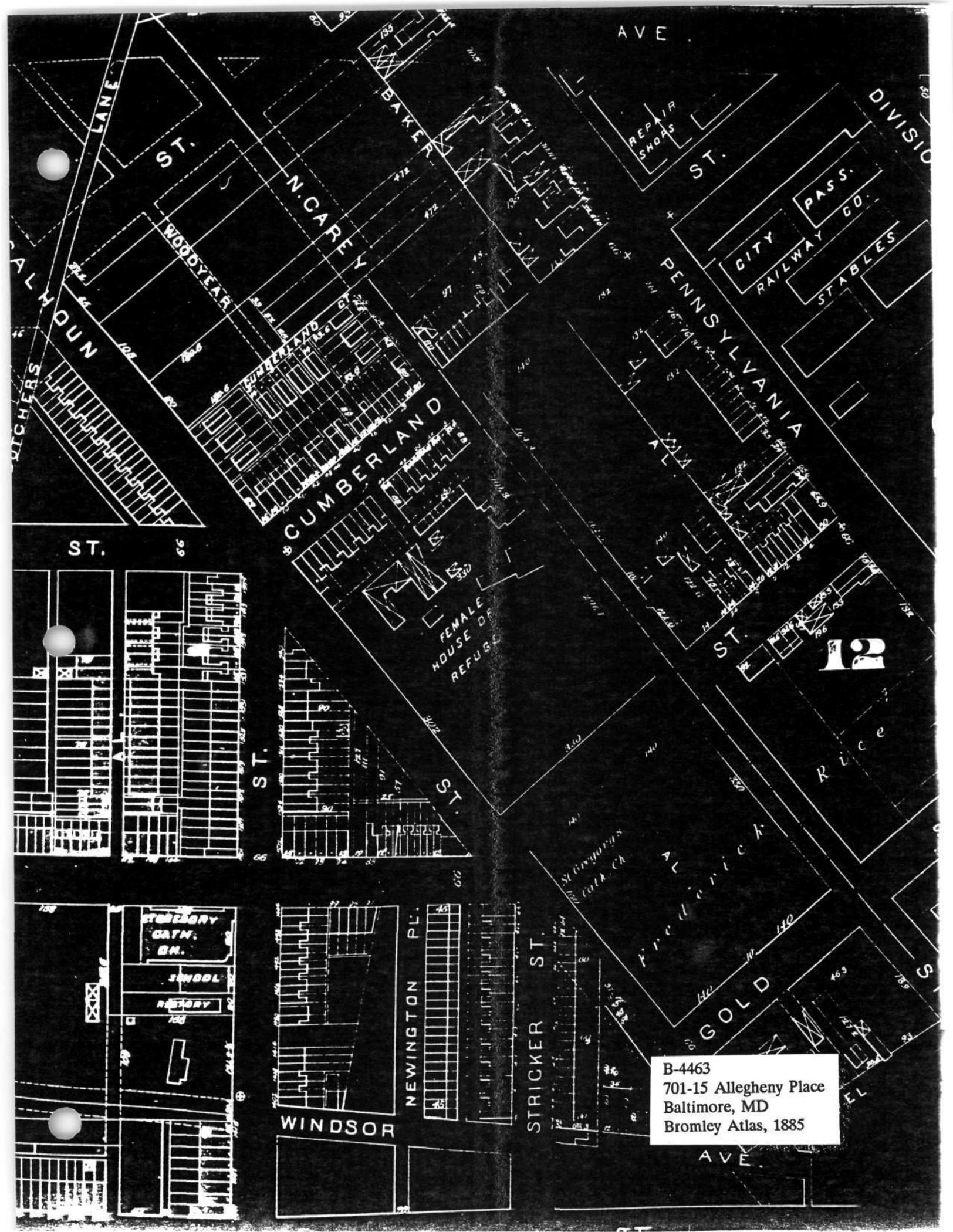
One transaction gives an indication of who owned and built some of the property on the block at approximately the time when these units may have been constructed. On March 22, 1871, a Samuel Oler leased four lots of land on the northwest side of Cumberland Street, 16 feet northeast of Calhoun Street to Oliver W. Cash.

Like many other investors in the neighborhood, Oler was a butcher. His estate is identified on the 1876 Hopkins Map as the triangle of land between Gilmor and Calhoun (now the upper portion of Stricker), and Baker and Cumberland. Oler did business out of the city markets, and is listed as butchering at 74 Centre, 42 Lexington, and 25 Hanover Markets. He also lived down the street from his development project, at the corner of Pennsylvania and Cumberland. Oliver W. Cash is listed in the 1871 City Directory as a carpenter who also lived on Cumberland, near Pennsylvania Avenue.

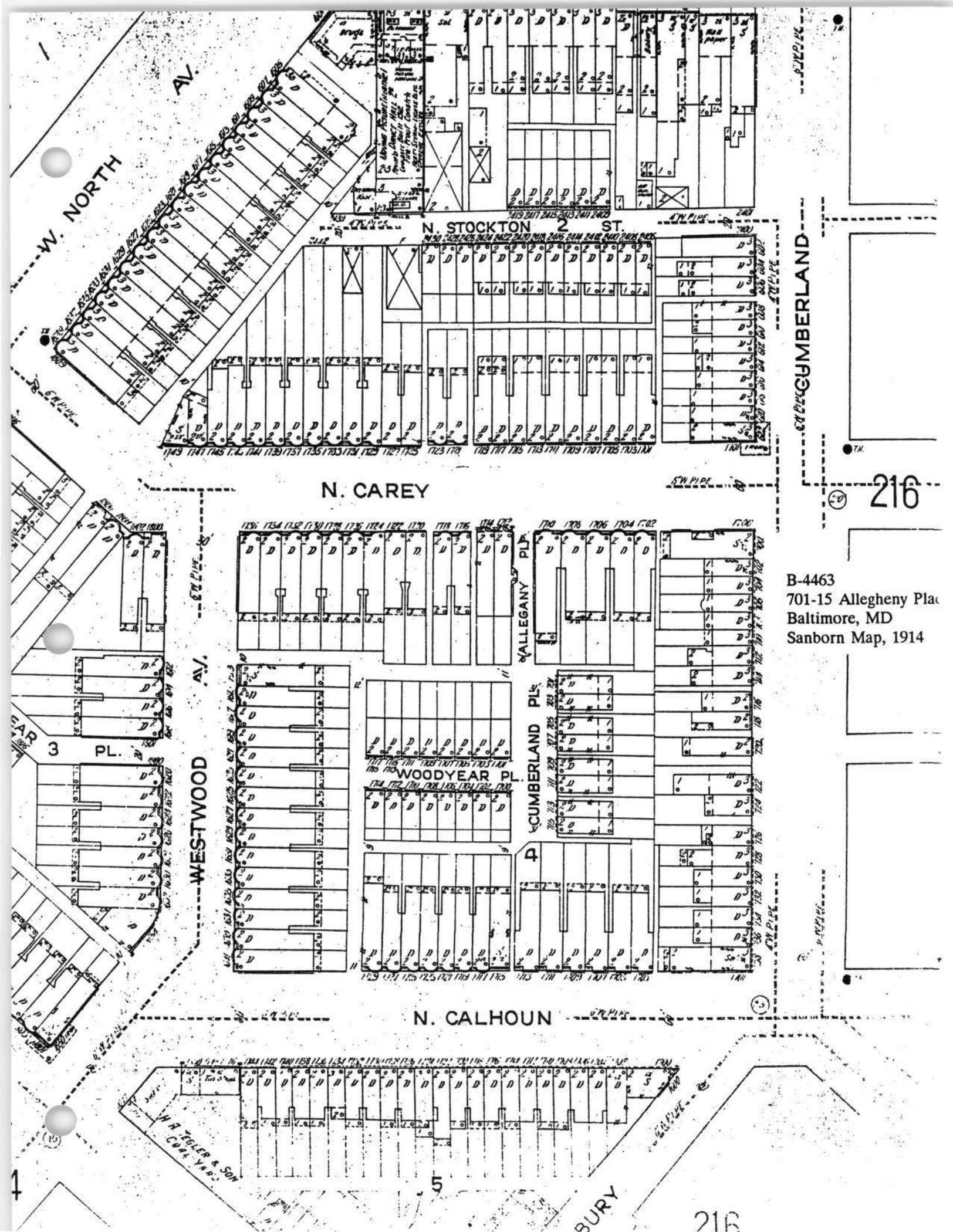
In 1876, the owner of the Cumberland Court property on which these dwellings stand was a Mrs. Riefle,² who also owned the adjacent block between Carey and Pennsylvania Avenue. Mrs. Riefle was undoubtedly the wife (or, more likely, the widow) of Henry Riefle, identified in Scharf's History of Baltimore City and County as one of the Directors of the Butchers Hide and Tallow Association.

¹ Originally, this alley was called Cumberland Court. The block index listings report transactions on Cumberland Street only.

² Riefle appears in various historical sources with both one and two 'f's.



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Bromley Atlas, 1885



W. NORTH

N. STOCKTON ST.

N. CAREY

N. CALHOUN

WESTWOOD AV.

CUMBERLAND

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Sanborn Map, 1914

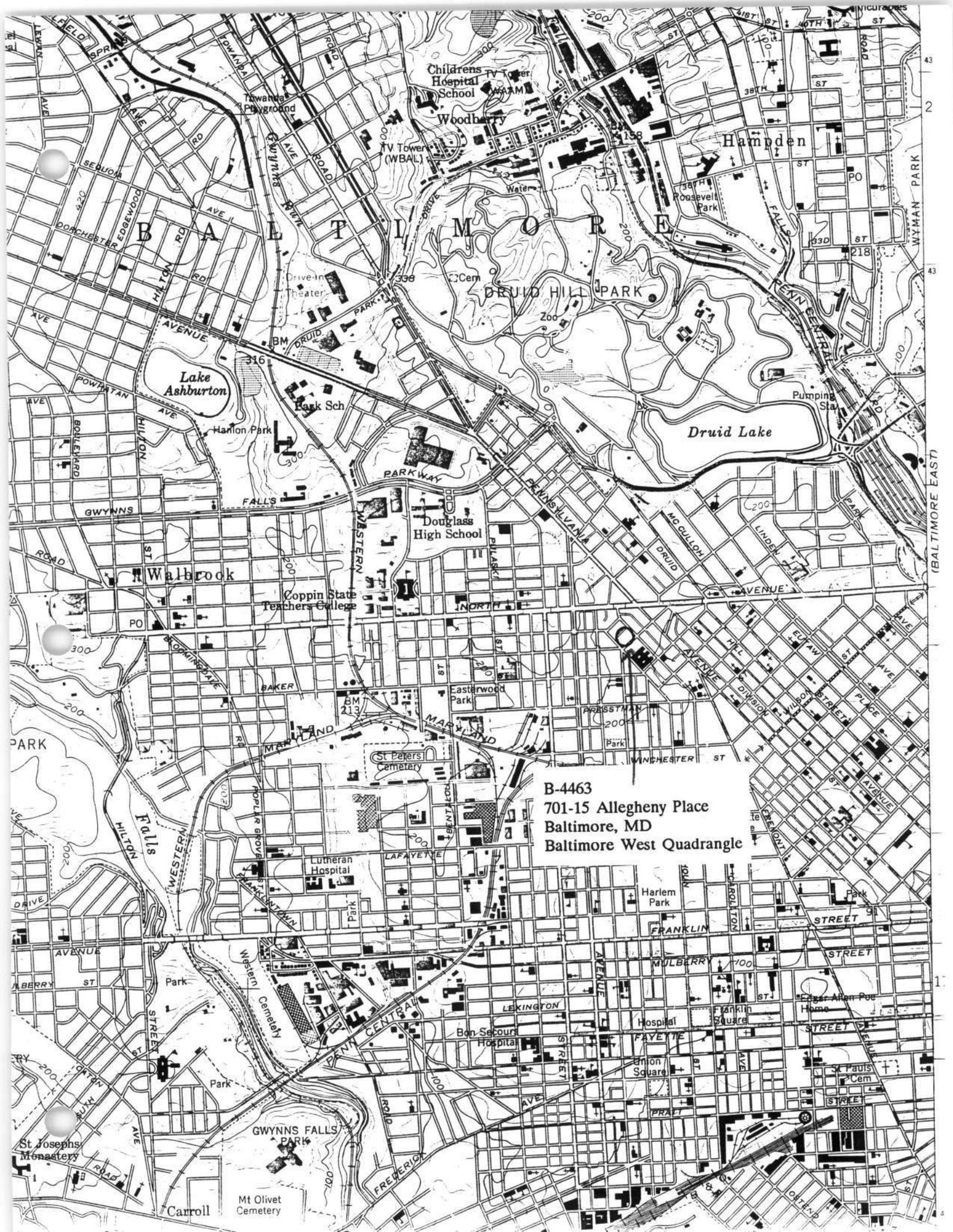
ALLEGHENY PL.

CUMBERLAND PL.

WODYEAR PL.

BURY

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Baltimore West Quadrangle

Childrens Hospital
TV Tower
School

Woodberry

Hampden

DRUID HILL PARK

Lake Ashburton

Druid Lake

Douglas High School

Wabrook

Coppin State Teachers College

St. Peters Cemetery

Lutheran Hospital

Harlem Park

St. Josephs Monastery

Mt Olivet Cemetery

Carroll

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CITY OF BALTIMORE, COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION
ALLEY DWELLINGS

701-15 ALLEGHENY PLACE (FORMERLY CUMBERLAND PLACE)

NORTHWEST ELEVATIONS

ROLL 5/NEG 27