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Swinderman House
13 John Street
Westminster

c. 1875

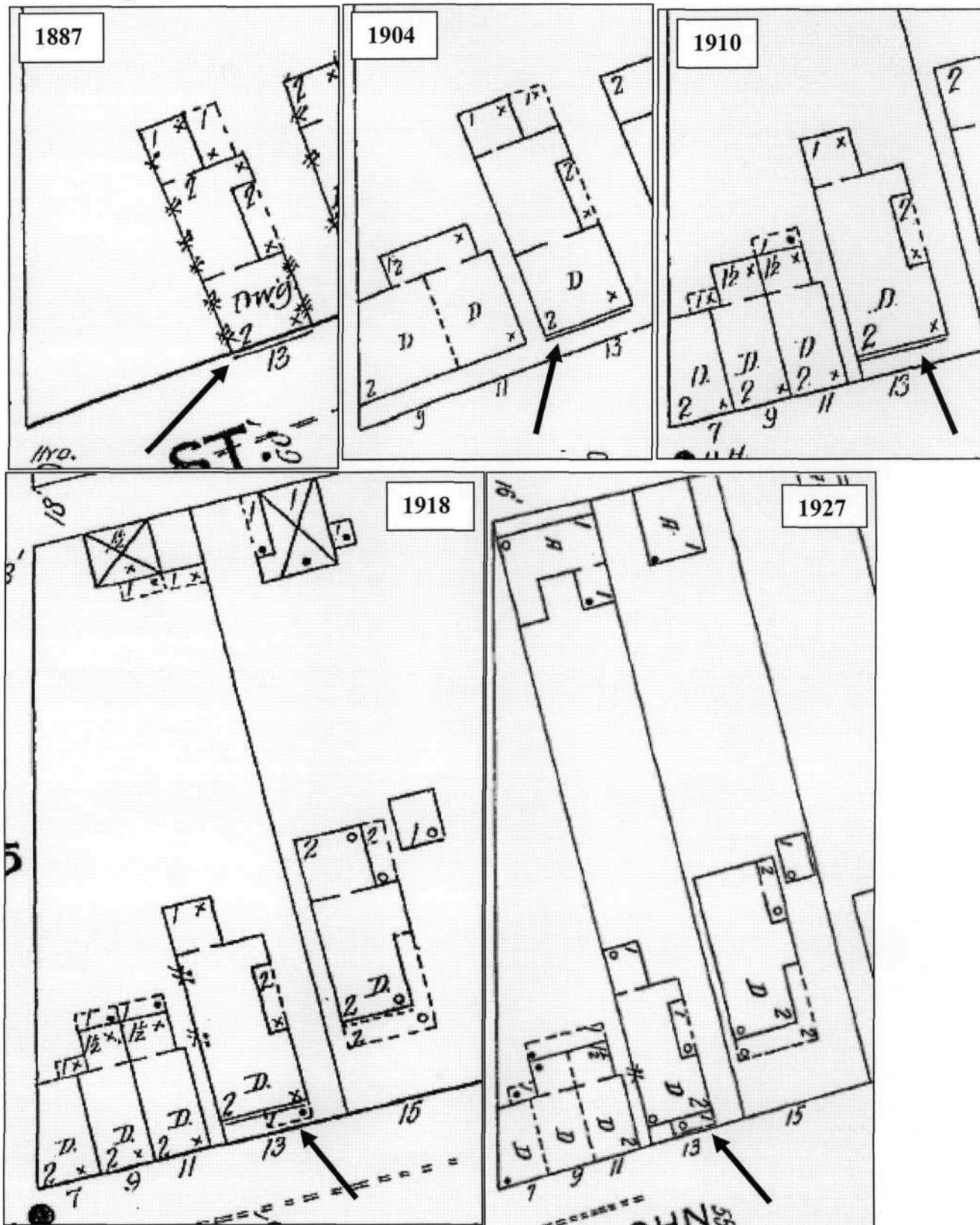
Constructed of five-course common bond, the Swinderman House faces east towards John Street, three bays wide and two stories high. The principal entrance is in the north bay of the first story. The door, currently glazed, is surmounted by a transom. A one-story shed-roofed porch on turned posts with a balustrade was added to the northern half of the first story between 1910 and 1918. Windows are 6/6 sash with jack arches. The house is five irregular bays deep, including 2 ½ in the main block and 2 ½ in the wing. On the first floor of the south gable end, currently accessed by a roofless brick patio with an iron rail, includes a plate glass shop window and an entrance in the central three bays. The attic gable holds two 4-light windows flanking the flush chimney. An early one-story gable-roofed addition, one bay by one bay, stands at the rear of the building. The north side of the house includes a two-story porch in the wing. An interior chimney protrudes through the approximate center of the rear wing, and another flush chimney rises from the one-story addition.

The land about this building was the north part of the Grandadam Farm and was sublet from the Redemptionists to John J. Baumgartner in 1869. Two years later Baumgartner leased one lot, number 14, to Joseph Swinderman (or "Schwinderman") who then built the brick structure we see there today. Swinderman's three-bay two-section house adheres strongly to the Pennsylvania school; perhaps this is not surprising as his name indicates an ancestry with

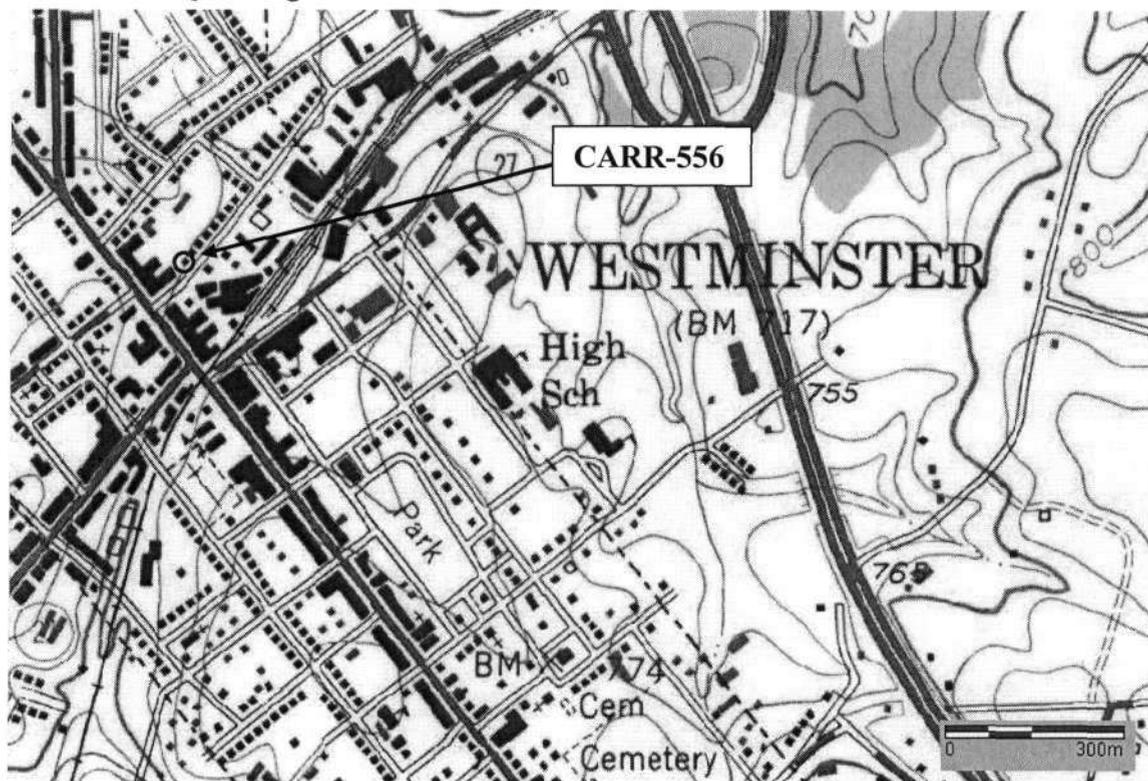
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deep ties to the Palatine Germans who settled and flavored the central sections of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

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