

2705 Keyworth Avenue (Rowhouse)
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Location: 2705 Keyworth Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

USGS Baltimore West Quadrangle, Maryland
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.356685.4354480

Significance: Built wide and shallow enough to allow sunlight to reach every room, this is an early example of so-called "daylight" houses that were constructed near Baltimore's parks between 1915 and 1955 as the rowhouse response to suburbia.

Description: Located five blocks northwest of Druid Hill Park, in the Lower Park Heights community of northwest Baltimore, this is the second from the southwest end of a row of four houses that faces the Louisa May Alcott School No. 59 on Keyworth Avenue. Three bays wide and two stories high, the rowhouse features dark red brick laid in Flemish bond; a one-story porch with brick steps, wood floor, and square brick columns; double entrance doors, one of flush wood and one with wood and glass panels; a quasi-mansard parapet with asphalt shingles and central dormer; and wood modillions at porch and main roof cornices. At the facade, the double-hung wood windows have twelve-over-one lights, stone sills, and flat-arched brick lintels. Much of the two-story rear porch area has been enclosed to expand interior living space. This property is not accessible for inspection.

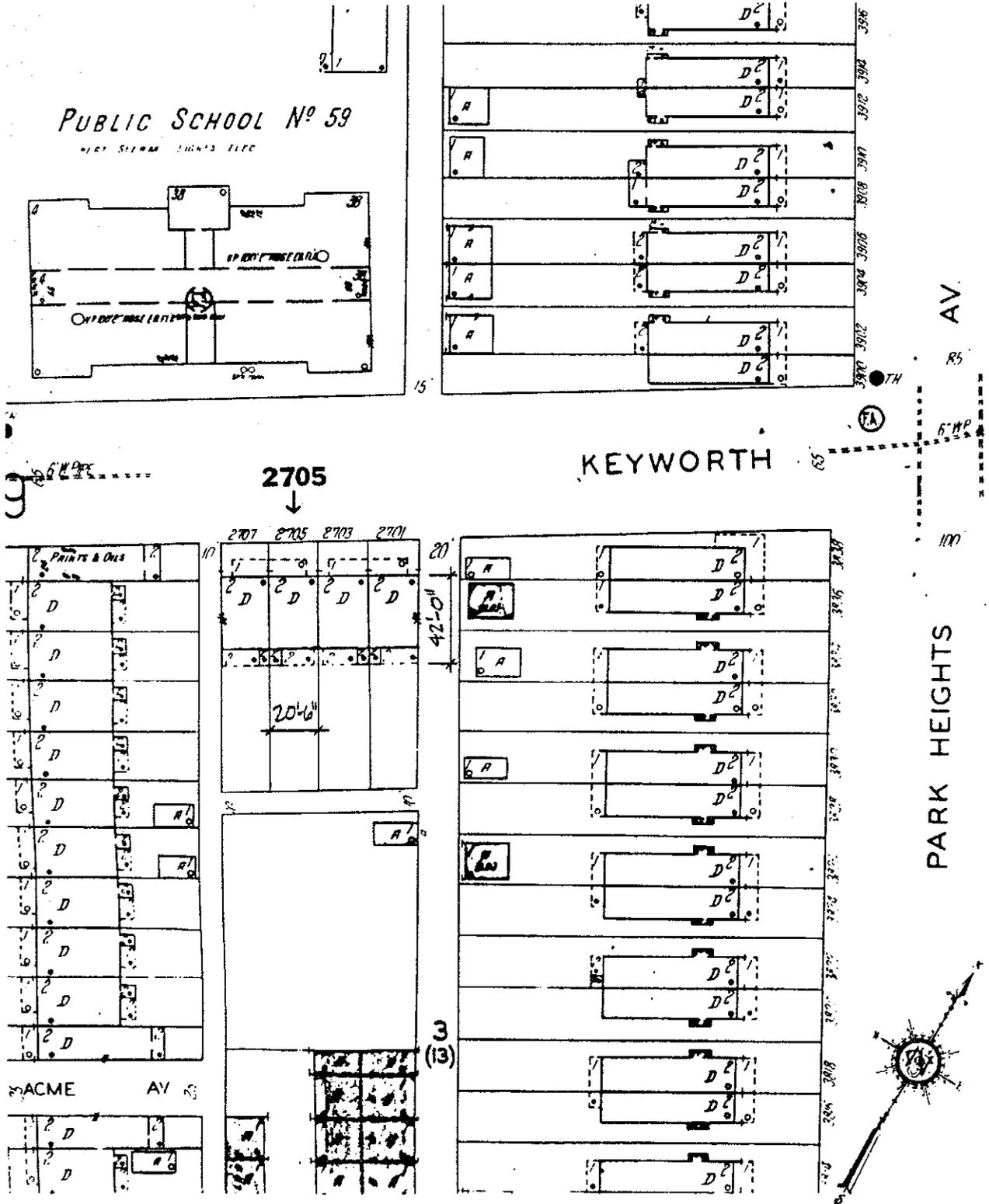
History: Record searches at the Maryland Historical Society, Enoch Pratt Free Library's Maryland Room, the Baltimore City Archives, and the City's offices of Permits and Property Location revealed no significant history of this particular property. The Topographical Survey Commission's 1914 Map of the City of Baltimore shows a vacant block at this location. A deed indicates that the Acme Building Company sold the house and land at 2703 Keyworth Avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reina in June, 1918. Presumably, this row of similarly designed houses was constructed in the intervening period.

Source: Hayward, Mary Ellen, Grants Coordinator, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland; Telephone interview: 22 December, 1989.

Rowhouse: A Baltimore Style of Living, An exhibit, Peale Museum, Baltimore, Maryland, 1989.

Historian: Hattie Fields Russell
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Sanborn Insurance Map, Volume 9, Page 970, Baltimore, Maryland, 1929. Scale unknown.