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Location: 1318-1320 North Calhoun Street, Baltimore
(City), Maryland

USGS Baltimore West, Maryland Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.358/520.4351/530

Significance: The residential rowhouses at 1318-1320 North Calhoun Street are one of two pairs which exemplify an early speculative group in the west Baltimore neighborhood now known as Sandtown-Winchester, in which their 20-foot setbacks creating front yards are uncommon (see HABS No. MD-1005).

Description: The two-story, two-bay brick rowhouses share a party wall and are detached from the surrounding structures. They are set back approximately 20 feet from the street with low wire fences surrounding the front yards. The facades are oriented toward the east. The window and door openings are boarded in 1318 and the sash is missing. The front door is a solid core replacement. The running bond main elevations are topped by a continuous wood modillion cornice, which is partially fire-damaged at 1320. The interior plan is the same in each house in reverse arrangement. The two-room ground floor is repeated on the second story and each house has a two-story frame extension on the rear or west elevation. The stairway is in the rear room against the outer wall. The interior of 1320 is badly damaged by fire and thus inaccessible. The interior of 1318 is severely deteriorated and few interior features remain intact.

History: Francis Eline, a local builder, probably built 1318-1320 North Calhoun Street about 1870 along with 1314-1316 North Calhoun. They were intended for working class housing, with functional designs and small rooms. No residents' names or occupations have been discovered prior to 1928; that year Henry Brown, the owner of a confectionery shop at 1310 North Calhoun, lived at 1318 and George

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Sands, a waiter, lived at 1320 North Calhoun. The two houses are in extremely deteriorated condition and are scheduled to be demolished in June 1990 for a housing project.

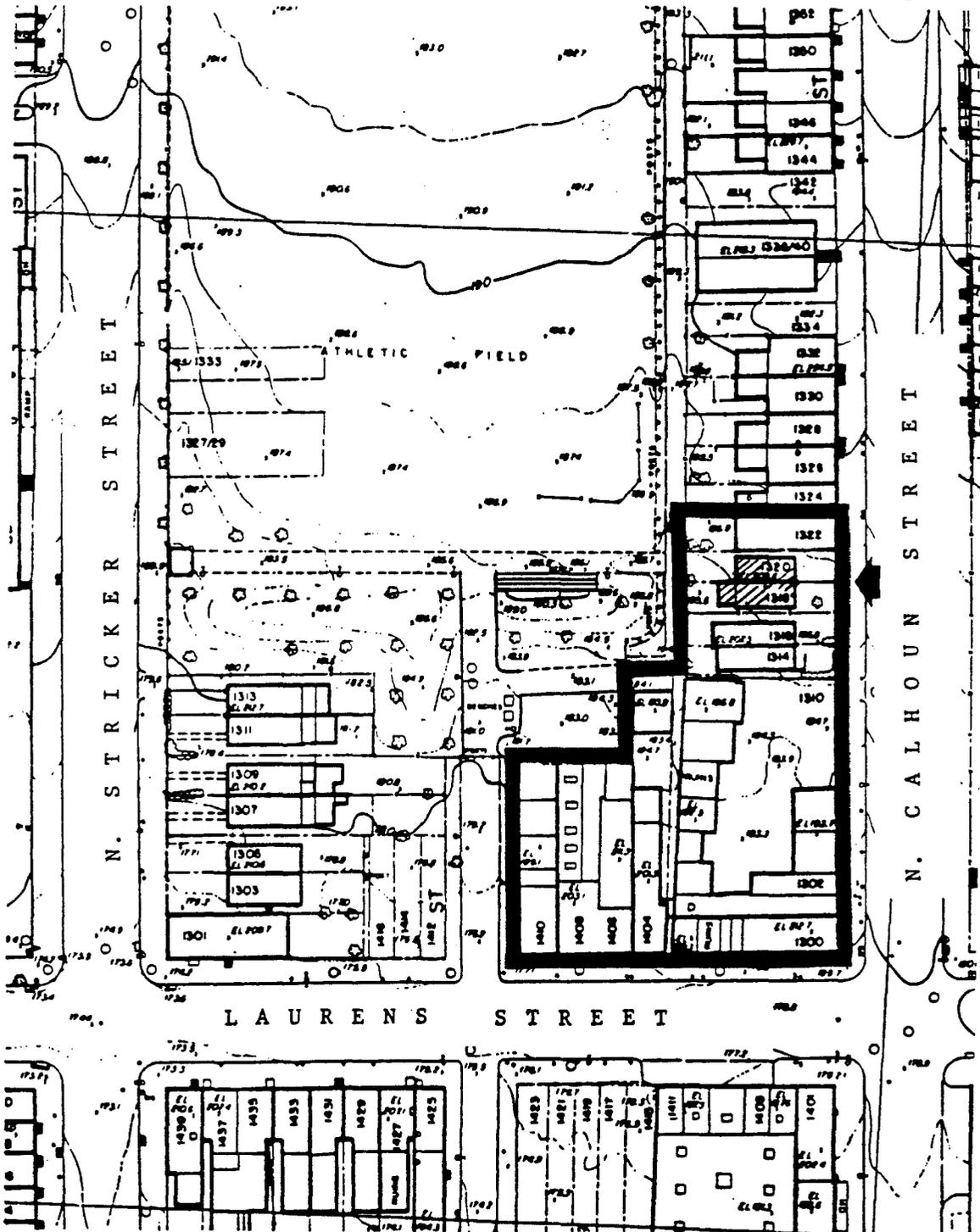
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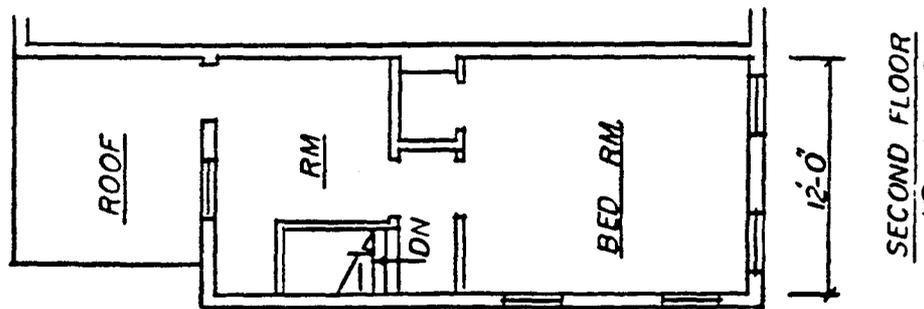
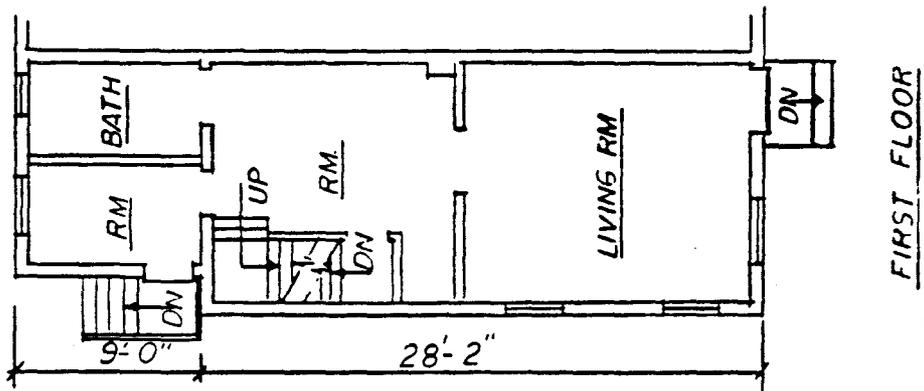
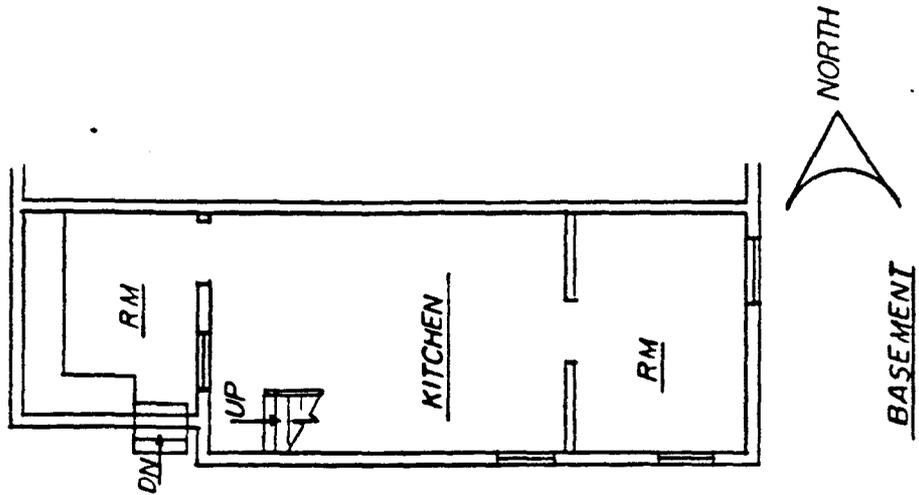
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