

9925 RAILROAD AVENUE (DUPLEX)  
Texas  
Baltimore County  
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Location:

Texas, Baltimore County, Maryland

USGS Cockeysville, Maryland Quadrangle

Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18. 357605. 4369215

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Significance:

This area was developed in the early and mid-nineteenth century to exploit the nearby "white alum" limestone quarries. Built to house workers at the local lime quarries, this duplex is the only remaining intact frame duplex structure along Railroad Avenue, and is a good local interpretation for the period.

It should be noted that the historical significance of this structure is due to its interrelationship with the remainder of the historic district, rather than as an individual structure.

Description:

The house faces Railroad Avenue, which runs parallel to the railroad track (Pennsylvania Railroad). The four-bay, two-story rectangular duplex has a one-story shed roof addition attached to the east (rear) side. The frame house (balloon frame construction) has a single pitch canted roof with a shallow-molded, unadorned wood cornice. The roof is covered with strips of rolled asphalt. The house was originally clad with drop wood siding. The exterior is now covered with lapped asphalt sheets. The two chimneys are centered on each half of the house. The chimneys are brick which has been covered with roofing tar or other black waterproofing material.

Windows are one-over-one sash with wood sills and lintels. The house rests on an irregular-coursed stone foundation laid with mortar. The foundation is built into a slight hill, and a stone wall retains the area to the rear (east) of the house.

The front porch is supported by brick piers with a shed roof. The dimension of the porch is approximately 5'9" x 15'10". There is a basement

on each side of the duplex which is entered through ground-level doors adjacent to the front porch.

History:

This lot was part of a 44-acre tract purchased by Samuel Griscom in 1844 and developed into a residential complex for arriving Irish immigrants. Lot 3 was being rented by James Wright before 1857. Owned in 1858-1859 by Samuel Wagner, the property's inventory stated that "all the improvements being one old log house." Cartographic evidence suggests that the log house was replaced with the present structure before 1866. According to Baltimore County Deeds, Michael and Annie McNeal sold the house to Joseph and Josephine Gagliano in 1910, and the Gagliano's lived there until 1971, when it was acquired by Richard and Domenica Tracy.

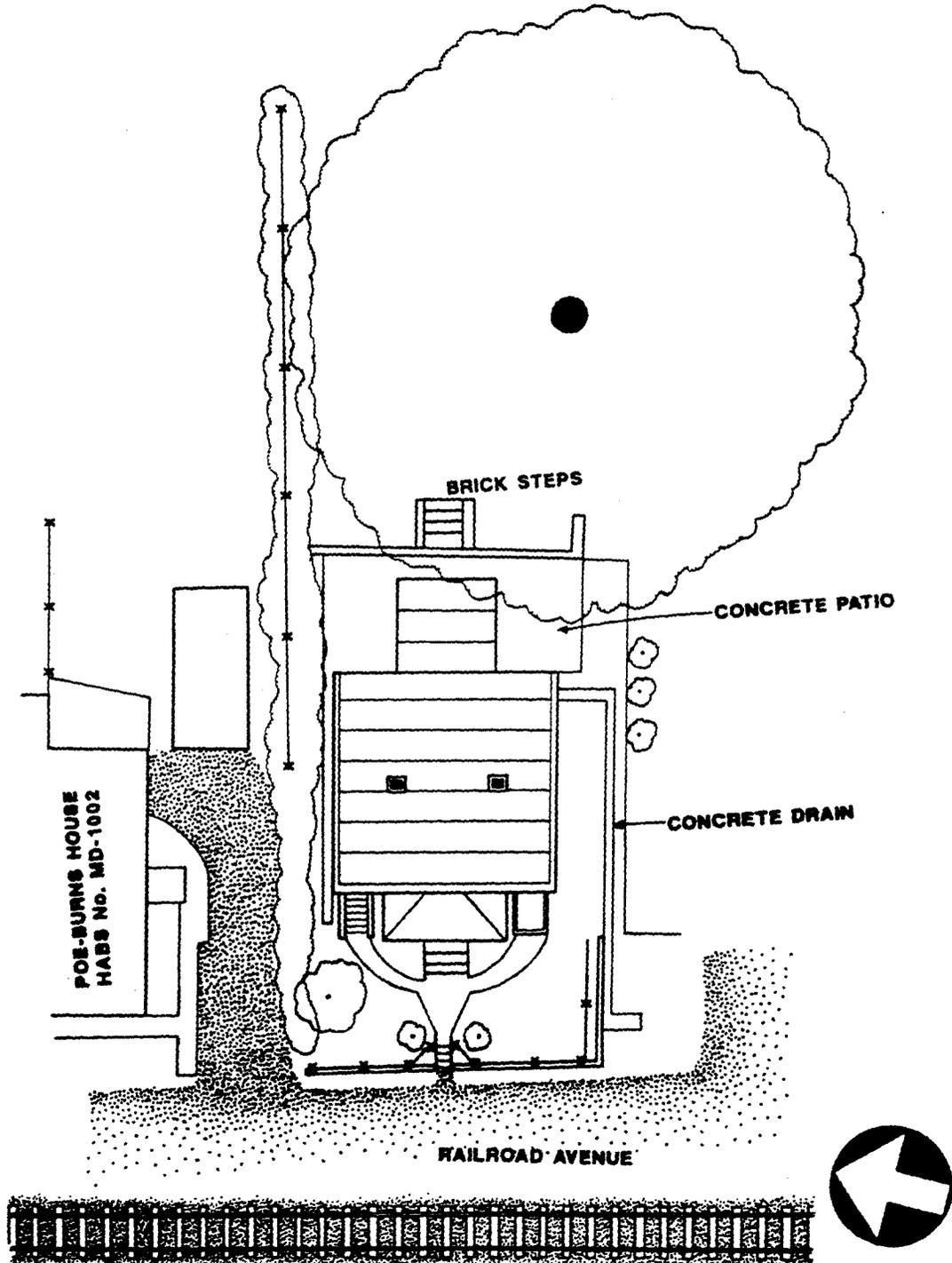
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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, Texas Village, 1985.  
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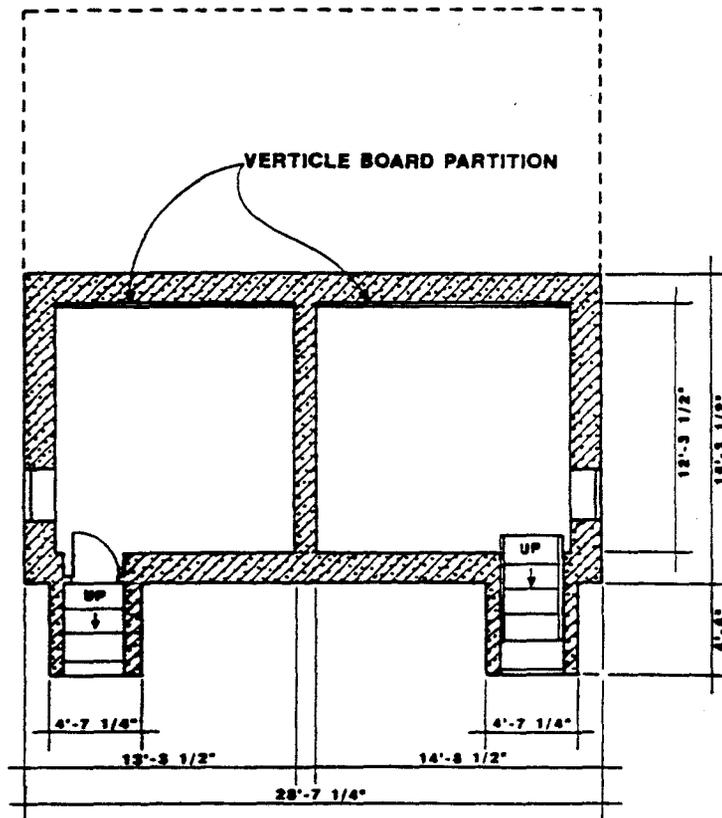
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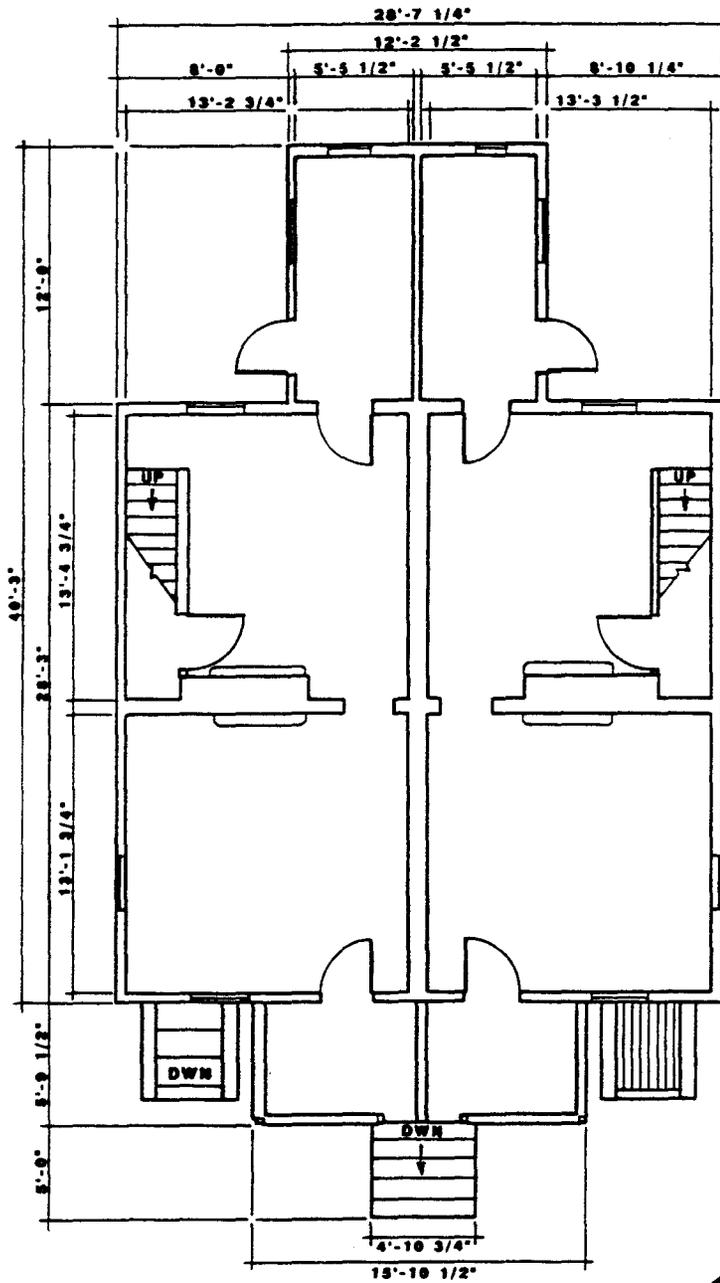


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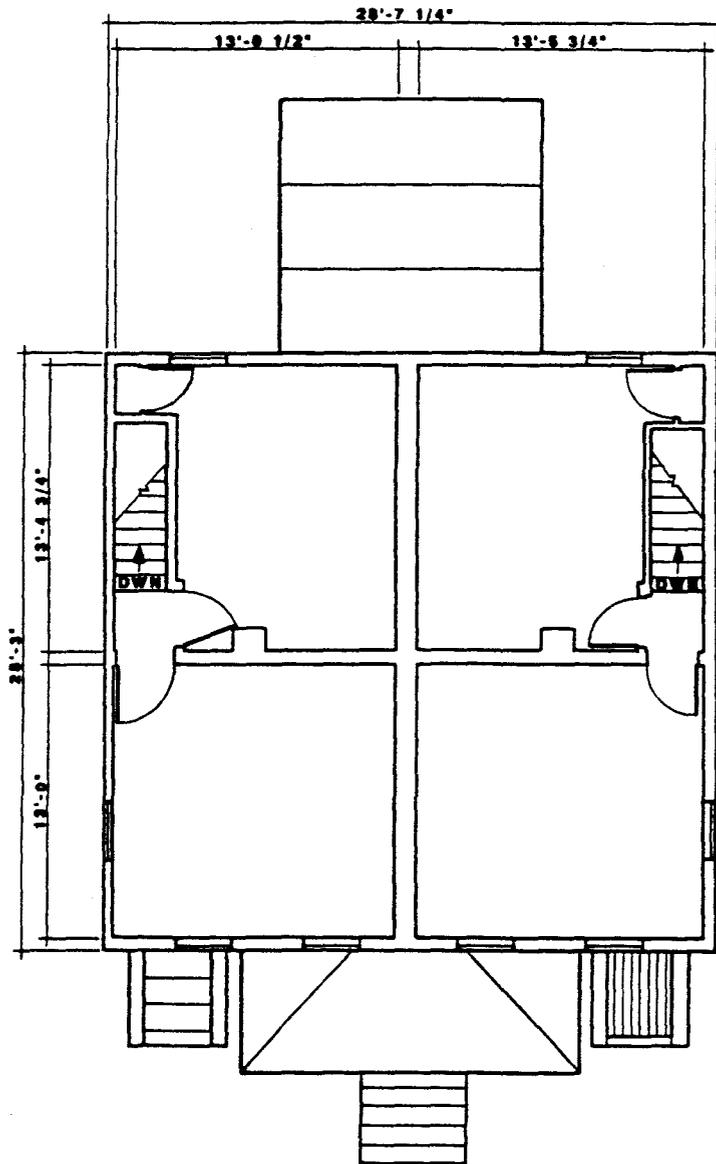
**BASEMENT PLAN**





FIRST FLOOR PLAN





SECOND FLOOR PLAN

