

KERCHNER-HOOVER HOUSE  
1226 North Stricker Street  
Baltimore  
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Maryland

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Location: 1226 North Stricker Street, Baltimore (City),  
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USGS Baltimore West, Maryland Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.358/460.4351/460

Significance: The Kerchner-Hoover House is a fair example of  
an Italianate Revival rowhouse, a type which  
proliferated in the 1870's in the western  
Baltimore district currently known as Sandtown-  
Winchester.

Description: The house is a three-bay, three-story brick  
rowhouse which occupies the easternmost half of  
a rectangular lot with dimensions 16 feet, 6  
inches by 92 feet. Marble sills are at the  
first story full height window openings and  
wood sills are on the upper story windows. All  
windows and door openings on the front  
elevation are boarded and the frames are  
missing. The original door surround and marble  
steps are also missing. The running bond  
facade has a pressed metal bracket cornice.  
The roof is flat and slopes toward the rear.  
The rear portion and the interior are extremely  
deteriorated. The upper floors are  
inaccessible. The original floor plan and  
interior features may be visualized by  
reference to the HABS documentation for the  
Harver-Dukehart House at 1224 N. Stricker St.  
(MD-1007). No original mantels were found in  
the Kerchner-Hoover House, but the walnut stair  
railing, balustrade, and closer decoration are  
still discernible though deteriorated.

History: The Kerchner-Hoover House was built about 1875,  
according to land records and historical maps.  
It is one of a group of four adjoining houses  
with identical plans built on the 1200 block of  
North Stricker Street. Three of the group  
remain standing. The western sections of  
Baltimore were rapidly being developed from  
estates to rowhouse blocks during the 1870's  
and 1880's, the area being settled by working  
and middle class residents. Frederick Kerchner  
and his descendants in the family of John E.  
Hoover, were butchers, clerks, stenographers,

and salesmen. They lived in the house from 1898 to 1916. The house is presently unoccupied and will be demolished for a housing project.

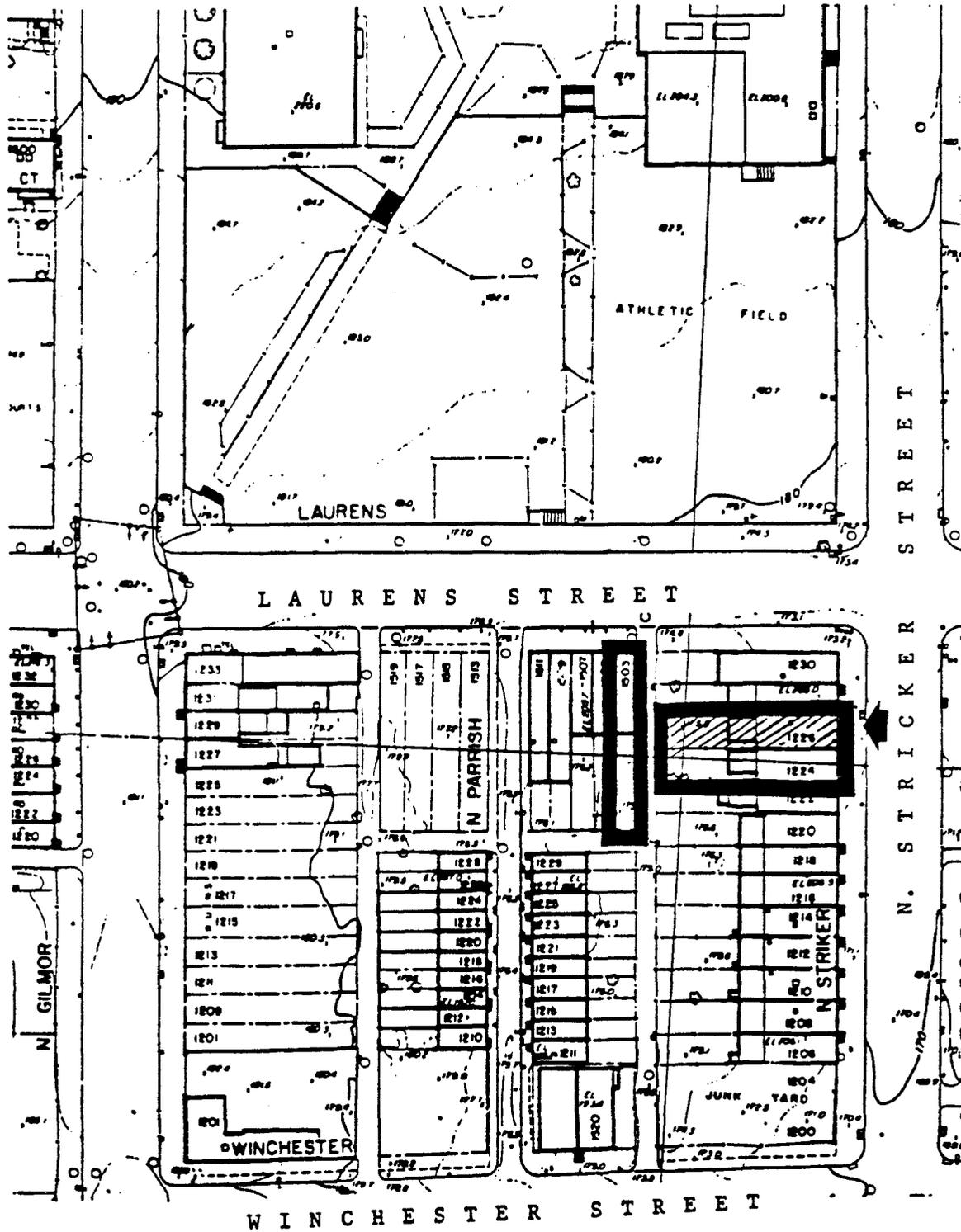
Sources:

Land Records of Baltimore City  
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City Directories of Baltimore, 1898 - 1964

Historian:

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