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Location: 393 National Road (east side of National Road between Roth Street and Berry Street).  
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U.S.G.S. Wheeling Quadrangle, West Virginia  
Universal Mercator Coordinates 17.524500.4436390

Significance: Located along the National Road which was the main thoroughfare into Wheeling from the east as early as 1838. The National Road began in Cumberland, Maryland and terminated in Wheeling, West Virginia. Eventually it was extended to Illinois. This was the first "Federal Highway" and the area's most important east-west route from the 1820s through the 1950s.

Description: A two-story wood frame structure with a raised basement. The structure faces west on National Road, is built into the hillside and built to the front property line of National Road. It is situated on a narrow lot, two stories and exposed foundation on the facade and one-story in the rear. The building was built as a residence in a rectangular form with a cross gable in the rear, and small rear ell addition. The facade is two bays wide.

There is a projecting wood cornice at the front roof line that has been "wrapped" with aluminum soffit and fascia panels. There is a deep frieze board below the soffit. There were probably wood brackets supporting the cornice, but they were removed.

The roof is covered in rolled asphalt. There are no gutters or downspouts. There is a large brick double chimney at the rear cross gable in the center of the house between the front and rear rooms.

The exterior walls are covered in wood shingles which conceal the original wood clapboard siding. The original window sash have been replaced. The same is true of the front entry door. The windows and door are surrounded with plain 1 x 4 trim.

The property is set above the front walk with a concrete wall approximately 30 inches high and with a reset concrete stairs of four risers. A wooden stairs with wood shingle side wall leads to a small stoop area that is covered with a shed roof, supported by two plain 4 x 4 wood posts. There is a wood panel door on the end of the stairs which leads to the basement, which is faced with textured terra cotta structural block.

The windows are one over one single pane wood double hung sash. These windows were probably installed c. 1950. The building was extensively remodeled on the exterior which destroyed all original architectural features.

There is a covered porch area on the south side where the rear ell addition was installed. The porch deck is 1 x 4 tongue and groove wood with bead molding.

The floor plan is one room wide and two rooms deep. The walls and ceilings are plastered. There are no interior wood cornices. The window and door casings are plain 1 x 4 wood with rounded edges. The sills are plain wood with projecting bullnose end. The floors are pine, covered with sheet goods linoleum. The few remaining interior doors are four panel wood. Most of the hardware is modern. The interior stairs are plain without balusters. The fireplace mantle has been stripped. There is a variegated rectangular ceramic tile surround and hearth with a gas heater unit in the opening.

History: Probably built in the 1870s. The architect and builder are unknown.

This property is located in the Fulton Area of the City of Wheeling. The Fulton Area was first platted in 1838, using the National Road as the main thoroughfare into Wheeling. The Fulton Area is separated from the Wheeling Creek waterfront and the downtown area by a steep hillside called "Wheeling Hill." This area contains many units of workers'

housing probably due to the industries that developed along Wheeling Creek and the flat floodplain on the east side of Wheeling Hill. Some of these industries included Shenk, Weimers and Zoeklers Meat Packing, the Wheeling stockyards the Blaw Knox foundry. This residential property at 393 National Road was probably built as workers' housing for employees of one of these industries.

According to the Ohio County deeds, the initial owners of the house were Jacob and Emma Dick et al. In 1907 the house was transferred in ownership to Albert and Mammie Betz. In 1917, the Betzes sold the house to Joseph and Mammie Yocke who remained its owners until 1922 when the house was sold once again. This last owner of record is Andrew J. Marshall.

Source: Ohio County Deed Books, City-County Building, Wheeling, West Virginia

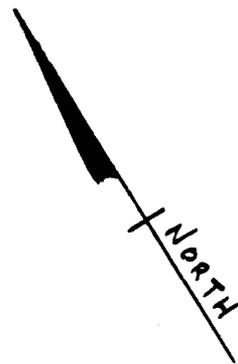
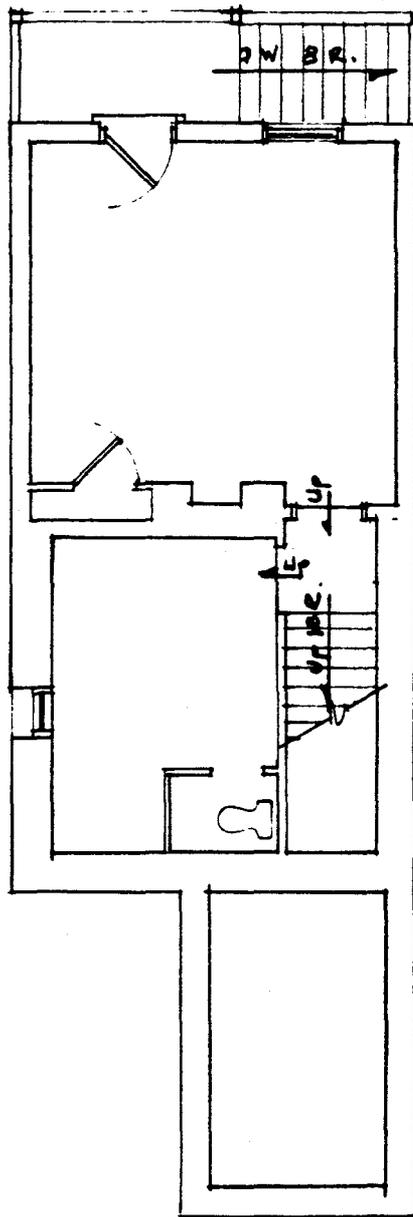
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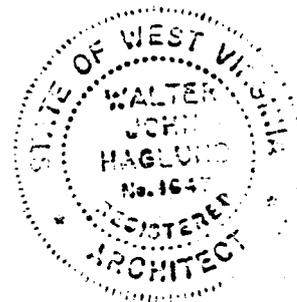
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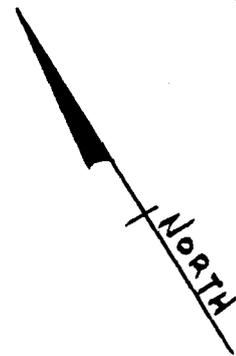
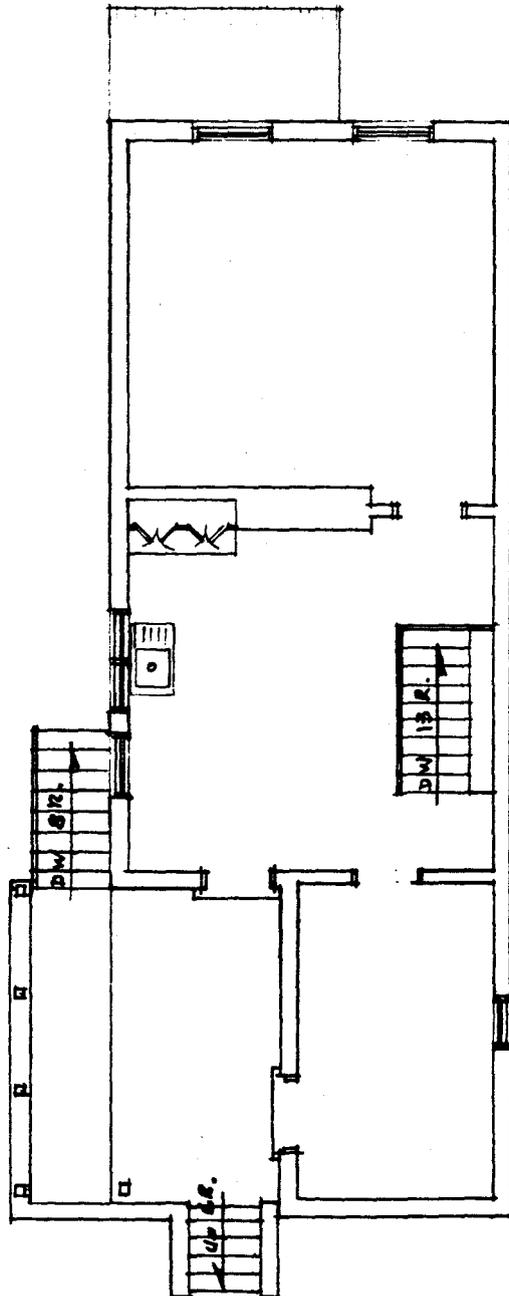


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