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McCabe Mansion, (Seitz Funeral Home)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McCabe Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

Seitz Funeral Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5209 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

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V DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McCabe Mansion is a marble building of two and a half stories and five bays. Some of its elements suggest the Second Empire style, popular in America at the time this structure was built. The foremost element emphasizing this style is the mansard roof. Four central chimneys and five gabled dormers project from the roof and a parapet cornice decorates the roof line. The central bay, double, casement window of the second story is topped with an elliptically arched sunburst detail. The French double door of the projecting frontispiece has a round-arched detail of similar design. The remaining windows of the front facade are double hung, with 9/9 lights. First story windows and the decorated window of the second story have window baskets. The facade is greatly distorted by the addition of the four two-story columns of the front porch. The left wing of the building has also been added.

The McCabe Mansion fronts a busy commercial corridor, the York Road.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c.1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT possibly Col. Lawrence McCabe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first marble mansion to appear in Govans was erected at York Road and McCabe Avenue by Colonial Lawrence McCabe. McCabe, along with his brother, were builders of bridges and tunnels, the largest railroad and city contractors in Maryland. Among their vast number of accomplishments were the tunnel and bridge for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at St. Paul Street, the North Avenue Bridge built in the early 1890's, and a large part of New York's subway system. McCabe was also contracted to work on the Holland Tunnel in New York, a venture on which he lost a great deal of money. Unable to maintain his marble home, McCabe sold it to a harness maker named Harry Lerch and moved across the street to a little cottage. The mansion was later sold to another city contractor named Carozza and presently is the Seitz Funeral Home.

The mansion is a variation of the Second Empire style. It is built of marble which, it is said, was a surplus of the marble to be used in the construction of Baltimore's City Hall.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bill Tamburrino, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1977

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

TELEPHONE

396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

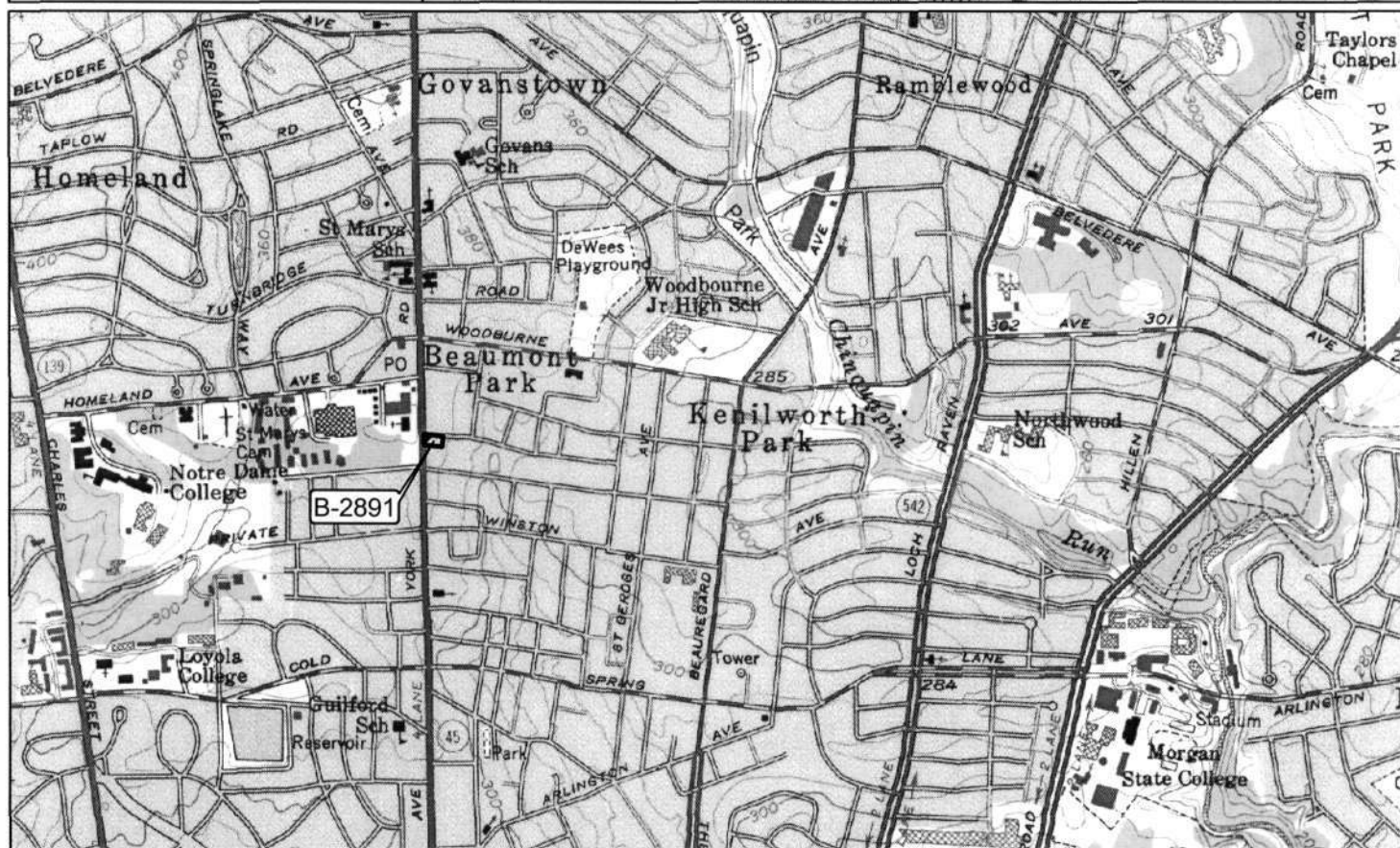
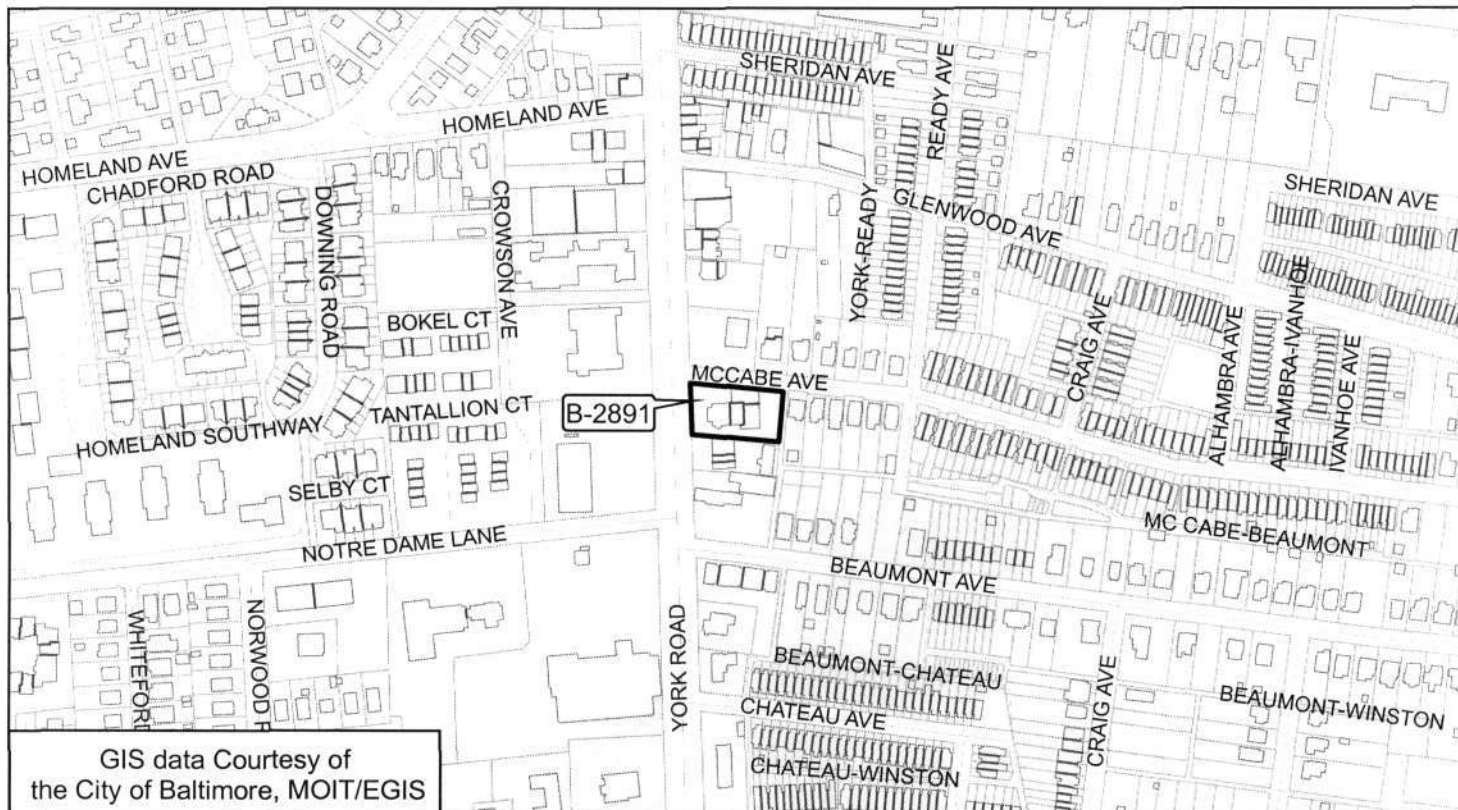
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