

craftsmen and, after ca. 1870, by the Dettling family. Mrs. Dettling ran a varieties and grocery at this location. Precise assignment of house numbers to structures on Lots 58A, B, and C is not possible since the documents provided contradictory information. Individuals listed as residing and/or conducting business at Lots 58A, B & C are the likely occupants. These individuals include skilled craftsmen, and unskilled laborers working for the railroad and the factories. Isaac Eaton, milk dealer, conducted his business at Lot 58 in the last decade of the 19th century (Wilm. City Directory 1890). Several of the households in this area took in boarders.

No further excavations are necessary within the proposed right-of-way as this area is clear of all significant cultural resources. However within the survey limits, several intact cultural deposits and structural features located through archaeological testing indicated that the cultural resources in the eastern portion of Lot 58A, B & C retain much of their integrity. This area should be preserved for future consideration (Map 2). All other areas within the survey limits do not warrant any further excavations.

Block 1183, Spring Alley to Third Street: (Maps 2 & 18-20; Plates 14-18; Figures 31-33; Appendices 1-5)

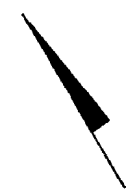
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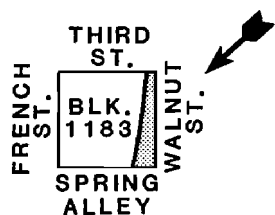
Ninety five percent of the entire area within the right of way had been cut and levelled during demolition. As much as 4.5' of soil had been removed against the building at the edge of the right of way and in the rear of Lots 56 and 57 a 3 to 4 foot embankment documented original surface level. To the south and



FRENCH ST.
 THIRD ST. ↗
 BLK. 1183
 WALNUT ST.
 SPRING ALLEY

WILMINGTON BLVD.
PLATE 14
 # 163-A-36





WILMINGTON BLVD.
PLATE 15
 # 178-2-27



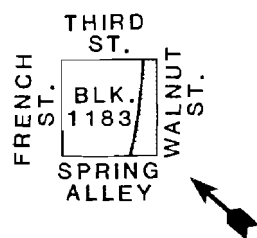


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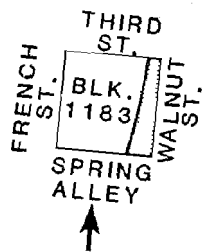
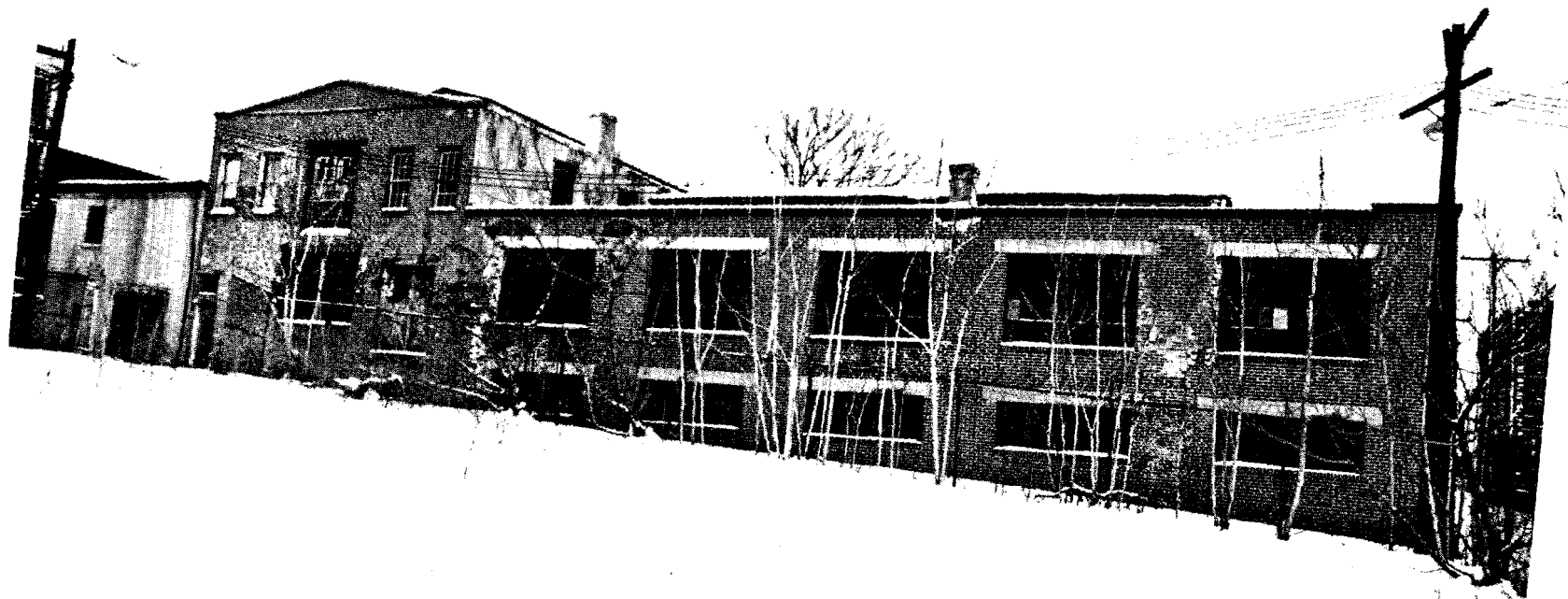
WILMINGTON BLVD.
PLATE 16
178-2-21





WILMINGTON BLVD.
PLATE 17
 #178-2-22

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WILMINGTON BLVD.
PLATE 18
#429-6

west of the project area in the center of the block, the surface walk-over had revealed an original ground surface containing numerous previously looted features (Map 16).

Lot 55 Privy/Well Looters' Pit #1 Feature 1:

The previously looted, brick-lined privy/well in the northwest corner of Lot 55 was situated against the east wall of the warehouse on Lot 53 (Map 17). It was estimated that approximately 2.0' to 3.0' of the top of the feature, along with surrounding cultural levels, were removed during structural demolition on the block. The looters' backfill consisted of a mixture of clay and topsoil with 20th-century artifacts throughout. At a depth of approximately 12.0' water was encountered, and excavations ceased at approximately 14.0 below current surface. Artifacts recovered from this feature included ceramics, glass, metal, seeds, bone, buttons, plastic, wood and leather. Ceramics and glass dated the feature to the last half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century (Provenience #070, Appendix 2 Tables 2-8). Sixteen ceramic sherds exhibited English and American makers' marks ranging from 1845 to 1929 (Appendix 4). A 1914 penny and 1930s "depression glass" tableware (Weatherman 1970:80-81) documented 20th-century use of the feature. See Appendix 3 for faunal analysis and interpretation.

Lots 56 & 57 Strata Cuts:

A bank slope at the rear (west of the right of way) was tested by strata cuts. This consisted of clearing a vertical section of the original bank to note the stratigraphy and locate buried features and/or original topsoil. The two strata cuts

placed at the rear of Lots 56 (Strata Cut 1) and 57 (Strata Cut 2) (Figure 31) identified natural soil horizons which remain in the center & rear yard portions of the block. No features were noted and no artifacts were present.

Lots 40 & 39 Trenches:

Backhoe Trench #1 in the rear of lot 40 encountered cultural horizons and natural soil stratigraphy (Figure 32). This profile is consistent with Strata Cuts 1 & 2. Backhoe Trench #2 in the rear of Lot 39, however, was placed in an area that had been subject to severe demolition and revealed 3.0' of sterile select fill (Figure 33). No artifacts were present in either trench.

Block Synopsis

Maps 5, 7, 8, and 15 show the settlement in this block in 1868, 1876, 1884, and 1901, respectively. During the 19th century this portion of Walnut Street was occupied primarily by skilled craftsmen employed by the factories and the railroad (Wilmington City Directories 1863, 1872, 1881, 1885, 1890). Several of the dwellings functioned as boardinghouses during this period.

The two looted features within Lots 38 and 56 (Map 15) are locations of where features were located prior to demolition.

No further excavations are necessary within the proposed roadway nor the survey limits. The project area is cleared of any impact to significant cultural resources.

BLOCK 1102, THIRD TO FOURTH STREET: (Maps 2 & 21-23 ; Plates 19 & 20; Figures 34-36; Appendices 1 -5; and Plates 19 & 30)

Excavations

Block 1102 within the project right-of-way in the central