

Asheville Multiple Resource Area
Buncombe County

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NAME: Biltmore Avenue Cluster: 130-132 Biltmore Avenue

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LOCATION: 130-132 Biltmore Avenue

OWNER: P. Greer Johnson, Jr.
360 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

DESCRIPTION: 130-132 Biltmore Avenue is a two-story, uncoursed rubble granite apartment building with a high, slate-shingled mansard roof. The front elevation, located directly on Biltmore Avenue, is stuccoed, and incised to look like ashlar, with corner rock-faced granite quoins and rock-faced granite jack arches and arched window surrounds. There are small, gable-roofed porches on either side of the elevation, with a pair of thermal windows between them. On the second floor are two three-sided oriel windows. The side elevations have segmentally-arched windows. The roof line is ornamented with three tall chimney stacks on either side elevation, each stack stuccoed and incised to look like limestone ashlar. Another stack projects from the center of a gable-roofed single dormer on the front slope of the roof.

SIGNIFICANCE: 130-132 Biltmore Avenue is one of a row of granite apartment buildings on the lower end of Biltmore Avenue. These structures are an unusual form for North Carolina, their massing and detailing reminiscent of European or English models rather than the typical Late Queen Anne or Colonial Revival residences. It is likely that these buildings were influenced in their design by similar structures designed by English emigre architect R. S. Smith, or were actually designed by Smith. 130-132 is the most traditional of this row, reminiscent in its details of English Queen Anne domestic architecture, with its Georgian flavor. According to Sanbon-Perrin maps, the building was erected about 1905 as "flats", the latter in itself unusual for Asheville in this period, when the demand for multi-unit housing was met either by large hotels or the subdividing of standard houses. (over

DATE: ca. 1905

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UTM: 17-359480-3939420

ACREAGE: Less than 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: See Plat Map, Ward 1, Sheet 5, Lot 25½

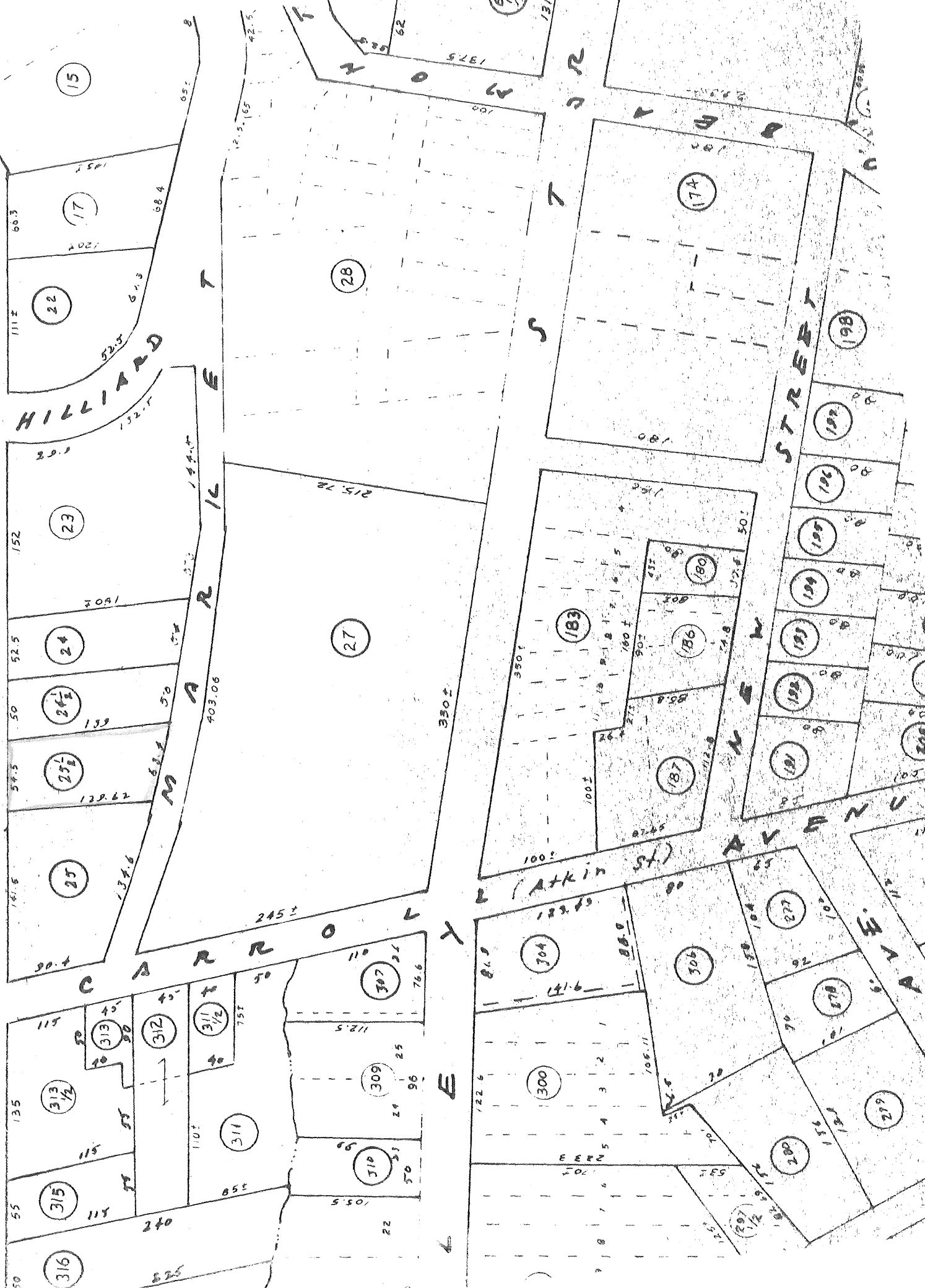
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