A Corrected Map of Whitman's Washington Boarding Houses and Work Places

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Because of an error in the electronic transmission of the image, the map on the back cover of the last issue of the Walt Whitman Quarterly Review (Summer 2004) contained some inaccuracies. Below is a corrected map, designed by Emery Pajer, showing the location of Whitman's residences and places of work during the decade (1863-1873) he lived in Washington, D.C. I have also included an abbreviated key to the map; for details about each site, see the original note in WWQR 22 (Summer 2004), 23-28.

Residences

1. 394 L Street North. Now the site of the American Medical Association, entrance at 1101 Vermont Ave. NW. Whitman moved here in January 1863.

2. 456 6th Street West. Now the site of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, entrance at 415 6th St. NW. Whitman moved here in October 1863.

3. 502 Pennsylvania Avenue. Now part of the U.S. Capitol grounds, on a triangle of land across from the reflecting pool at the base of Capitol Hill. Whitman moved here in May 1864.

4. 468 M Street South. Now the Claridge Tower Apartments, entrance at 1221 M St. NW. Whitman moved here in January 1865.

5. 364 13th Street West. Now a multistory office building, entrance at 1220 L St. NW. Whitman moved here in February 1866.


7. 535 15th Street NW. Now the site of the Hotel Washington, entrance at 515 15th St. NW. It is unclear when Whitman moved to this, his final D.C. home.

Work Places

8. Federal office building, 15th and F Streets NW. Now the site of the Hotel Washington. Whitman worked in a building at this site twice, from 1863 to 1864, and from 1865 to 1871.


12. Armory Square Hospital, 6th Street and Independence Avenue SE. Now the site of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum.

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