

File No. 9981.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CITY OF BALTIMORE
WATER DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, May 7th, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

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Enclosed I send you a sketch showing a condition in our distribution system, which is typical of a number of other similar situations at different locations, which we are anxious to eliminate, if possible.

The sketch intends to show a three inch water main in the back yards of Nos. 217 to 231 N. Calhoun street and a 4 inch main in those of Nos. 212 to 226 N. Carey street. These mains were laid by the department 25 or 30 years ago, and, of course, before the requirement made by your office that all mains should be laid either in a dedicated or public street or under an easement. They were probably laid at a time when the property was being developed, and no doubt alleys were intended to be left open where the mains now are, but the proposed alleys were not left open or their location changed, so as to leave the mains in their present situation. These mains should, of course, be taken up or out of service and the houses on Carey and Calhoun streets supplied from a water main in the alley, as shown by the dotted lines on the sketch.

We are willing to lay a main in the alley and to put in service connections as far as the back fence without cost to the owners of the properties affected, but we are in doubt as to whether we can compel these property owners to cut off from the old mains and connect with the new services. At the time the mains were laid the regulation which you will find at the top of Page 7 in the enclosed pamphlet was in effect, this rule having been previously passed by the Water Board and made a part of the regulations for the government of the department.

Kindly advise me, if in your opinion, we can compel the property owners mentioned to cut off their connection with the old mains and to connect up with the new services.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Alfred M. Quick,
Water Engineer.