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**Yale Steam Laundry (including Garage and Stable)**

437 and 443 New York Avenue, NW

This prominent industrial building was one of the city's largest privately constructed service facilities. It housed the main offices and central plant of one of the handful of laundry companies that once dominated the industry in Washington. Such "power" laundries were high-volume mechanized operations catering primarily to hotels, restaurants, and other businesses, and employing several thousand workers, many of them women. Founded in 1885, the business was sold to the Liberty Laundry Company in 1917, but continued to operate until 1976 under the Yale name. The original structure, built in 1902, housed the washing and dry cleaning equipment, presses, and hand finishing rooms in a vertically organized operation that moved laundry from the bottom of the building to the top. The garage, built in 1919, provided space for trucks as well as for stables, feed and wagons (due to frequent idling and exhaust, laundries were among the last to embrace motorized delivery). The 1924 addition housed newer machinery in a more modern, horizontally organized operation. The main building is three stories, steel-framed, with facades of limestone and red brick, in Italian Renaissance Revival style with Georgian Revival windows and detailing (Thomas Francis, Jr., architect). Of particular note are the corbelled smokestack and the large molded brick sign in the frieze. The garage is two stories, concrete-framed with large multi-light industrial windows and red brick facade; the utilitarian addition is similar (both A.B. Mullett & Company, architect). *DC designation December 17, 1998, NR listing March 18, 1999; within Mount Vernon Square HD*

**The Yellow Tavern**

1524 33rd Street, NW

Small Federal house built c. 1795; circa 1788 on Market Street; two buildings with a cobbled courtyard in the rear, Flemish bond with a fine doorway probably taken from another house; when Georgetown was a port it was a stopping place on the road to Frederick, and a popular meeting place for Thomas Jefferson and other notables; John Cox entertained General Lafayette here; *DC listing November 8, 1964; within Georgetown HD*

**The Yellow House**

1430 33rd Street, NW

Federal house built c. 1800; *DC listing November 8, 1964; within Georgetown HD*

*Yugoslavian Embassy (1961) at 2410 California Street NW: see Sheridan-Kalorama HD*