

Hughes Furniture Manufacturing Company (private, 1895)

B-1012

Baltimore City, Md.

Statement of Significance

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**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. ~~B-2324~~ B-1012  
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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Hughes Furniture Manufacturing Company

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 1200 block Haubert Street  not for publication

city, town Baltimore  vicinity of  congressional district

state Maryland  county

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Proctor and Gamble Manufacturing Company

street & number P.O. Box 2077 telephone no.: 752-2440

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21230

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liberMLP 9241

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 315

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title none

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate preferred name)

The Hughes Furniture Company complex is typical of late nineteenth century factory construction. Although it was built in three sections over the period from 1895 to after 1913 the entire complex is of post and beam construction with brick masonry bearing walls. The oldest structure, at the northern end, has a shed roof sloping six feet from Haubert Street down, while the later sections have a slightly pitched gable. The south facade (probably post World War I) has a stepped parapet wall. Aside from these minor differences, all three sections are remarkably similar particularly with regards to the fenestration. The single one over one sash windows have segmentally arched lintels. Nearly all have been bricked up but their regularity accentuates the immense size of the plant. It was certainly one of the largest furniture plants in the city. Nothing remains internally on the process.

<input type="checkbox"/> private residence <input type="checkbox"/> religious <input type="checkbox"/> scientific <input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> year restricted <input type="checkbox"/> year unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> being considered <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable
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4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_ (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. box 2077

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore

## 5. Location of Legal Description

condemner, registry of deeds, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore City Court

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ Fayette and Calvert Streets

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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After the Civil War, Jacob Hughes founded the furniture manufacturing company of Geelhaar, Hughes and Co.. The company was in existence only two years when it was absorbed by the Atlantic Furniture Manufacturing Co.. Hughes became a part of the Atlantic management, and worked there for about twenty-three years. In February of 1895, he founded the Hughes Furniture Manufacturing Co. in Locust Point. It occupied the entire block bounded by Haubert, Mariott, Decatur and Beason Streets, and employed about 125 people.

At first the company manufactured cheap and medium grade goods. The increased demand for better furniture, however, led them to re-equip their plant in 1900 so that they could produce finer work. By 1910 Hughes was manufacturing chamber suits, dressers, chiffoniers, toilet tables, wardrobes and hall racks out of a variety of woods, including oak, mahogany, birdseye maple and Circassian walnut. They shipped their finished products throughout the South.

Today part of the building is used as warehouse space by Procter and Gamble; most of it remains empty.



1. SITE NO

B-1012

HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record  
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

2 INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

manufacture

3 PRIORITY

4 DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES  NO  UNKNOWN

5 DATE

1895

6 GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7 OWNER/ADMIN

Proctor &amp; Gamble Co.

8 NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Hughes Furniture Manufacturing Co.

9 OWNER'S ADDRESS

Box 2077

10 STATE  
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG  
DIST

3

STATE  
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.  
DIST.

3

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET &amp; NO.)

1200 block Haubert St.

12 EXISTING  
SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-I HAER NPS CLB CONF STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

13 SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW)

 INTERIOR INTACT EXTERIOR INTACT ENVIRONS INTACT

14 UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SIGN

SCALE

 1:24 1:62.5QUAD  
NAME

Baltimore East

UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SIGN

SCALE

 1:24 1:62.5QUAD  
NAME

15 CONDITION

70  EXCELLENT71  GOOD72  FAIR73  DETERIORATED74  RUINS75  UNEXPOSED76  ALTERED82  DESTROYED85  DEMOLISHED

16 INVENTORIED BY

LESLIE BARR

AFFILIATION

BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

DATE

2/83

17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS,  
MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

SEE ATTACHED

(CONT OVER)

18 ORIGINAL USE

Manufacture

PRESENT USE

warehouse

ADAPTIVE USE

19 REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Blum History of the Jews in Baltimore 1910

Bud Nieman, Proctor + Gamble (PR Dept.)

(CONT OVER)

20 URBAN AREA 50,000  
POP. OR MORE? YES  NO

21 NPS REGION

22 PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

 YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN23 EDITOR  
INDEXER

24 LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO







HUGHES FURNITURE CO ~~B-1012~~ B-204

BALTIMORE CITY MD

PETER LIEBHOLD 5/83

looking North

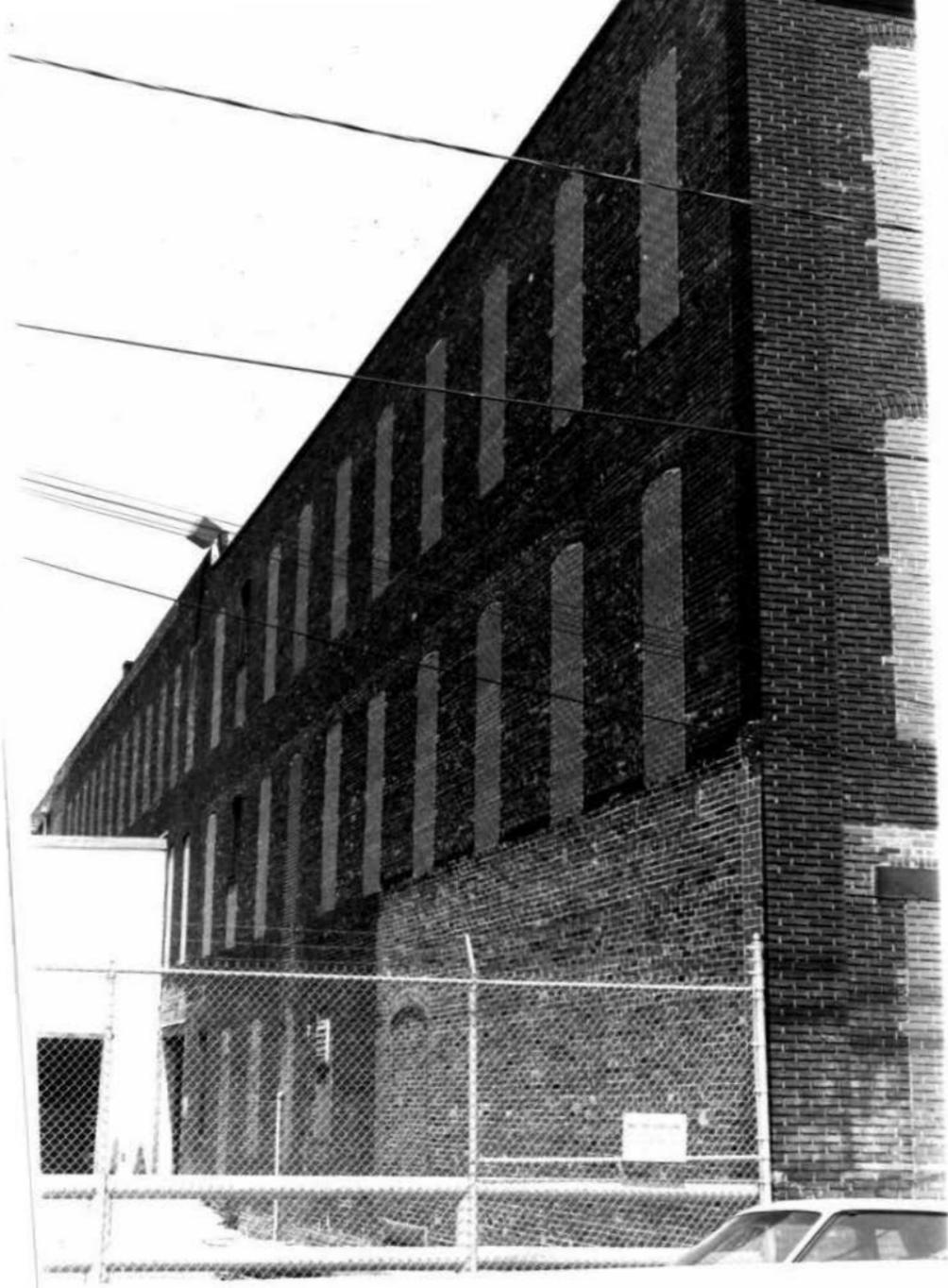


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looking North



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BALTIMORE CITY MD

PETER LIEBHOLD 5/83

looking N.E.



HUGHES FURNITURE CO. B-1012

BALTIMORE CITY MD

PETER LIEBHOLD 5/83

looking N.W.

facade detail



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BALTIMORE CITY MD

LIEBHOLD 5/83

NW facade detail

B-1012

Hughes Furniture Co.

Baltimore City, MD

Peter Liebhold 5/83

looking NW

facade detail