

Statement of Significance
J.S. Young Company (B-1023)
Baltimore City, Md. (private, 1869)

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

Part of the
Canton NR
Historic District

Survey No. B-1023

Magi No. 041023514

POB yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J.S. Young Company

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2701-2733 Boston Street not for publication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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 checked="" 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 Charles Blum

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber RHB 3365

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 366

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

Survey No. B-1023

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|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input 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 | date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

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

When the American Tobacco Company moved the J.S. Young Company operations to Canton in East Baltimore in 1911 the first buildings they erected were the one-story office building on Boston Street, the east Power House, and the east wharf facility. The remaining structures were built shortly thereafter.

Along the eastern boundary of the site, the large three-story Aniline House occupies the center of a line of buildings. Originally a two-story, ten-bay brick structure, it was later raised a third story. To the north is a four-bay addition which has also been raised. These buildings contained large vats where imported woods were boiled to extract dyes. To the south was the Extractor House, where the liquid was separated from the wood pulp. The original power house separated the Extractor House from the wharf and a long storage shed.

To the west of the Aniline Works is a group of buildings which comprised the Licorice Plant. Adjacent to the pier is a large one-story brick warehouse for storing the bulk licorice root which was imported and unloaded from ships at the pier. The four bays of the plant are without fenestration, being divided by pilasters and inset. The south facade has a single group of windows set high in the wall above the loading door. The roof is slightly pitched with a continuous monitor, all supported on a light riveted truss. The warehouse is connected on the north to the West Boiler House whose axis is perpendicular to it, and to the licorice shredding house. Large water tanks on the roof of the building have recently been removed. An overhead conveyor ran from the top floor of the Aniline House to the West Boiler House where dried pulp was used to fire the boilers. The shredding house was north of the West Boiler House, and housed the operation of pulverizing several types of woods and roots, including the raw materials for licorice and for aniline. This building is a three-story brick building, seven bays long, whose roof has an unique all-timber Howe truss. Part of the truss has recently been destroyed by fire. Connected to this building on the north is the Licorice Extract House, a three-story structure with a three-story addition of the west which contained a machine shop.

Several large warehouses complete the site. A brick licorice warehouse is adjacent to the licorice plant on the north and a similar one is located just west of it. Both are high one-story windowless buildings, the latter having once belonged to the H.J. McGrath Canning Company. Two modern corrugated metal warehouses lie east of the office building on Boston Street.

8. Significance

Survey No. B-1023

| 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 |
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| <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.

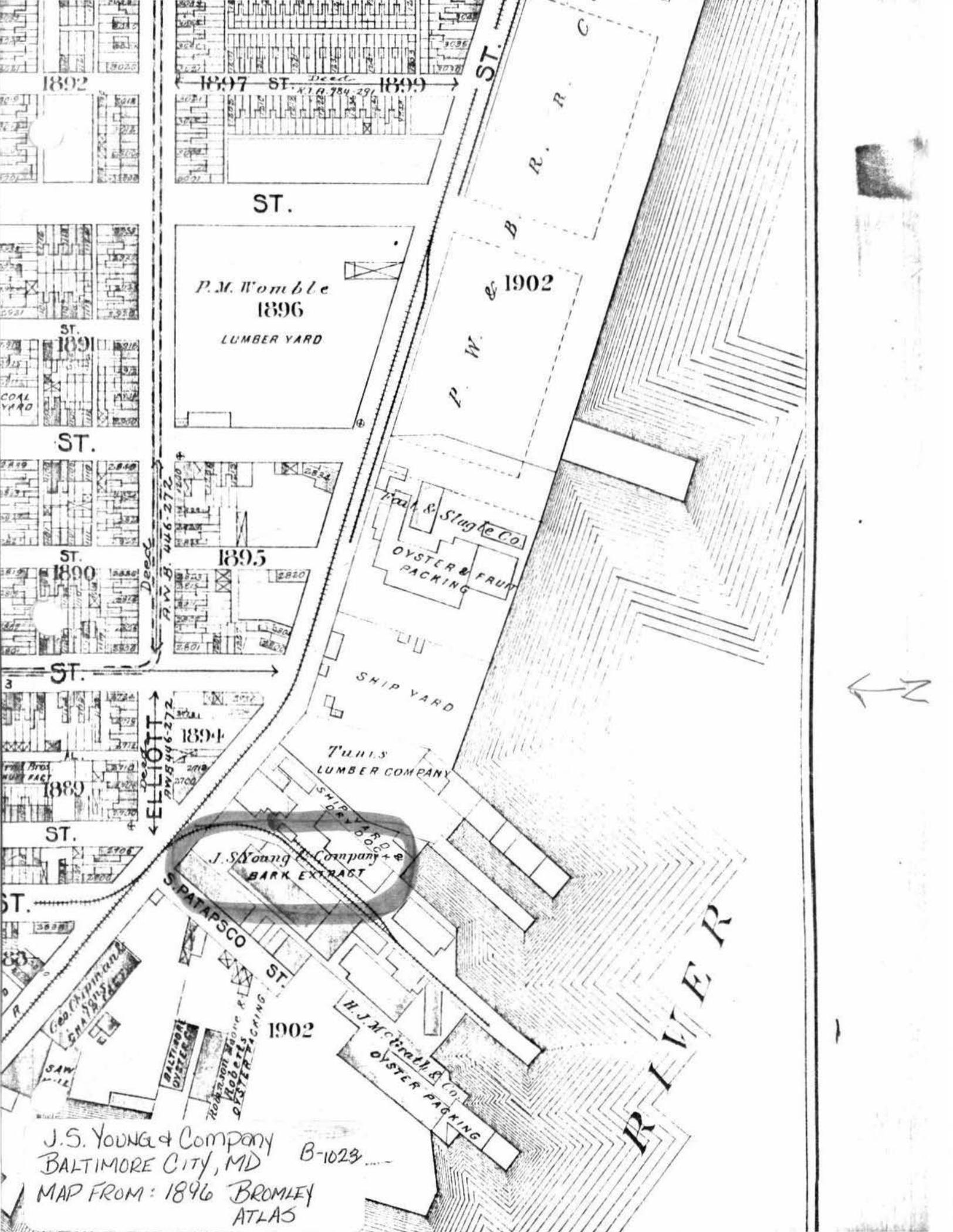
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The J.S. Young Company, founded in 1869, was located on the harbor on Boston Street in Canton. This excellent location facilitated the import of thousands of tons of raw licorice root annually. The root was processed in the 8.5 acre plant for use in beer, tobacco moisteners, fire fighting foam and wall board.

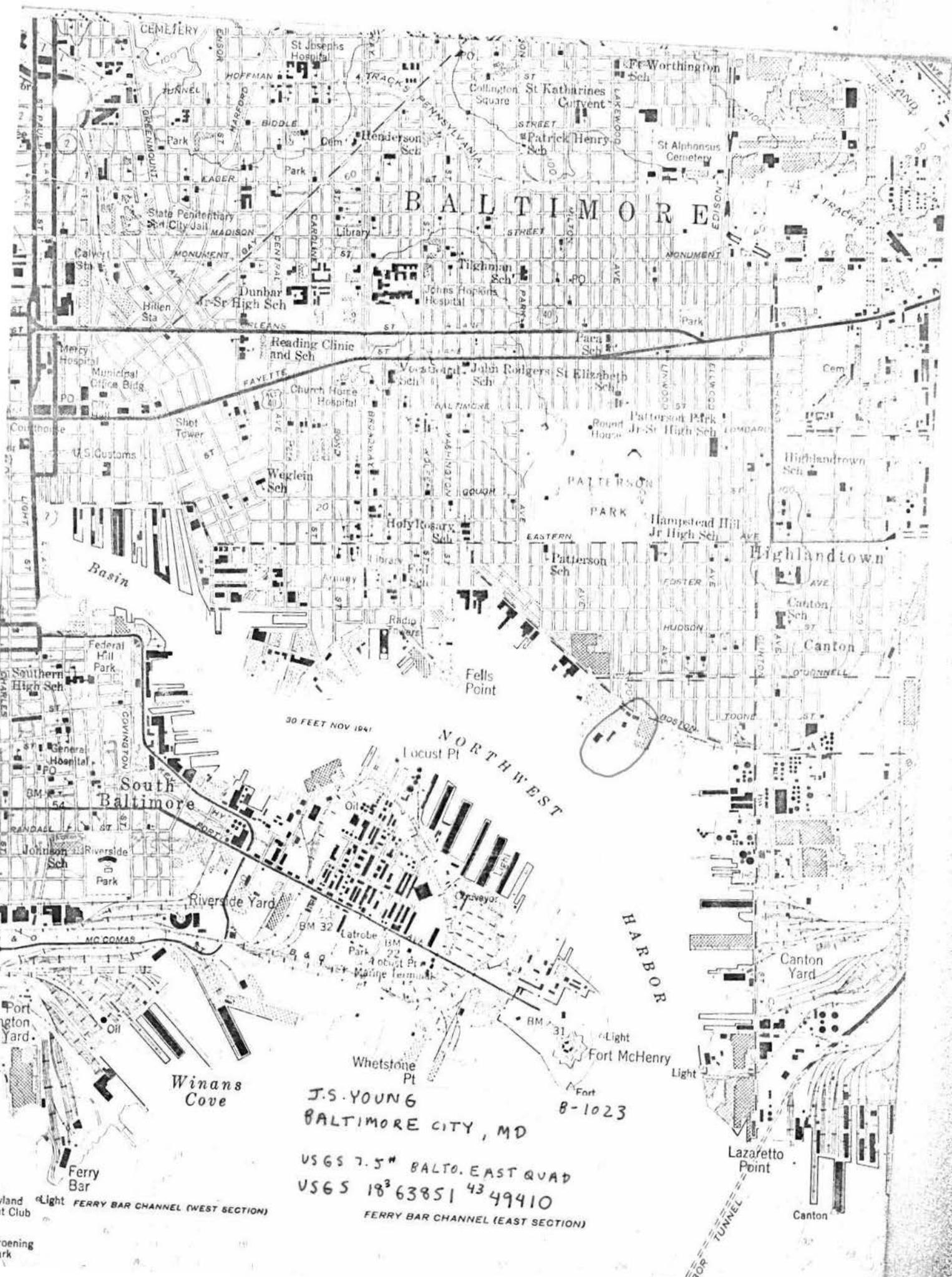
At the plant, the bales of root were shredded and placed in vats for the extraction of the plant's liquids by the use of steam pressure and hot water. The resulting liquid then went to evaporators to remove the water. The result, a molten mass of licorice, was poured into 52 pound molds to solidify and was then packed for shipment.

Besides licorice, the J.S. Young Company produced tanning extracts used in the manufacture of leather products, and natural dyes for use with textiles, silk and leather. Before closing in the 1970's, J.S. Young had reached prominence in national and international trade. Today the Boston Street building is leased by a local trucking firm.

return to:
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438



J.S. Young & Company
 BALTIMORE CITY, MD B-1023
 MAP FROM: 1896 BROMLEY
 ATLAS



BALTIMORE

J.S. YOUNG
 BALTIMORE CITY, MD
 USGS 7.5" BALTO. EAST QUAD
 USGS 18³ 63851 43 49410
 FERRY BAR CHANNEL (EAST SECTION)

FERRY BAR CHANNEL (WEST SECTION)

FERRY BAR TUNNEL

1. SITE I.D. NO

8 - 1023

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

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

Charles Blum

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

J.S. Young Co.

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

Baltimore, MD

10. STATE
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG
DIST

3

STATE
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.
DIST

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

2701 - 2733 Boston Street

12. EXISTING
SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-I HAER NPS CL6 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

UTM ZONE

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NAME

15. CONDITION

70 EXCELLENT71 GOOD72 FAIR73 DETERIORATED74 RUINS75 UNEXPOSED76 ALTERED82 DESTROYED85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Kevin Dolan

AFFILIATION

Baltimore Museum of Industry

DATE

2/83

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

see attached

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

manufacture

PRESENT USE

Storage ~~Manufacture~~ Transportation

ADAPTIVE USE

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

Oral interview with Walter Berlitz, former president of J.S. Young
 Ads + promotional literature provided by Mr. Berlitz
 Vertical files, Baltimore Museum of Industry
 "Baltimore, Gateway to the South," p. 74 Lat Enoch Pratt Central Library, (Balto.)

(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

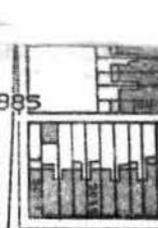
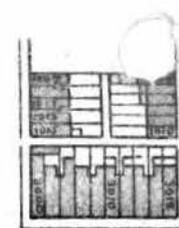
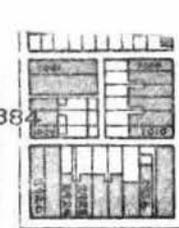
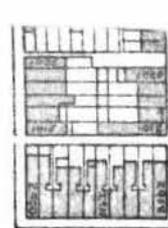
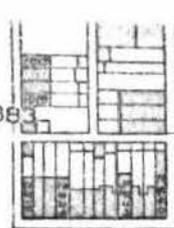
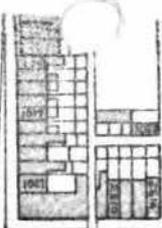
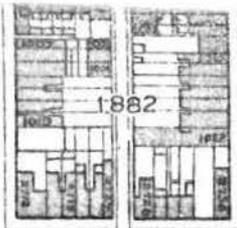
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J.S. YOUNG
BALTIMORE CITY, MD.

B-1023

1914 BROMLEY ATLAS

7,000' SOUTH.



St. Columba
R.C. Church

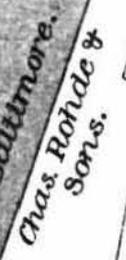
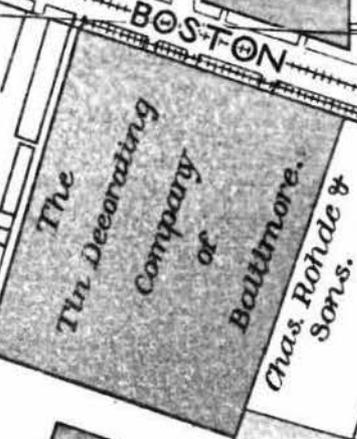
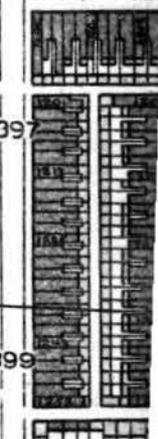
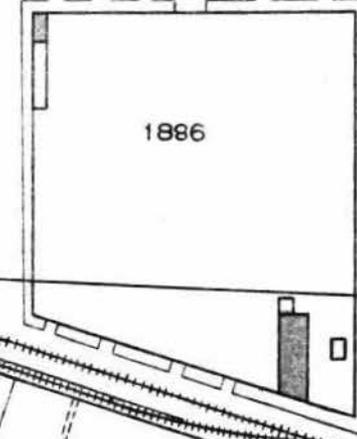
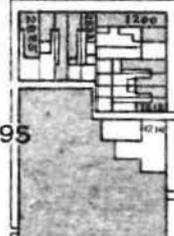
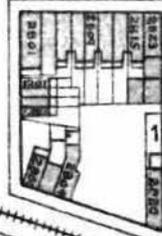
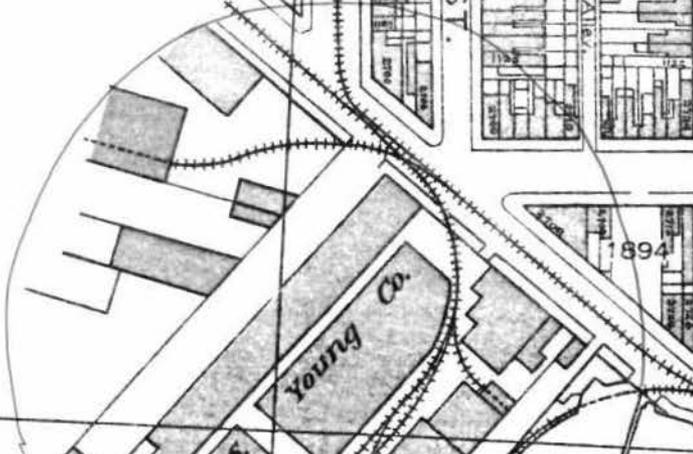
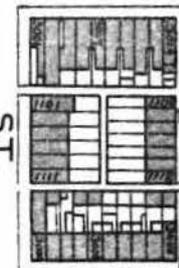
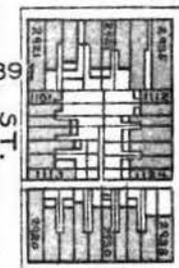
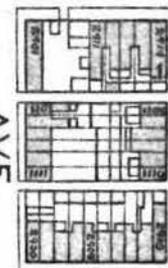
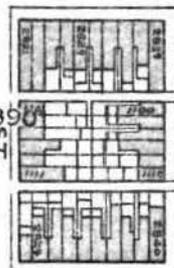
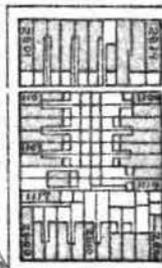
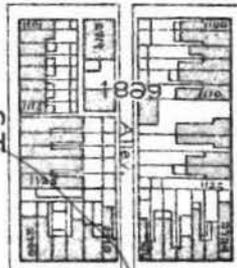
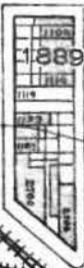
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1887

Engine House
No. 22.

Canton Market. 1887

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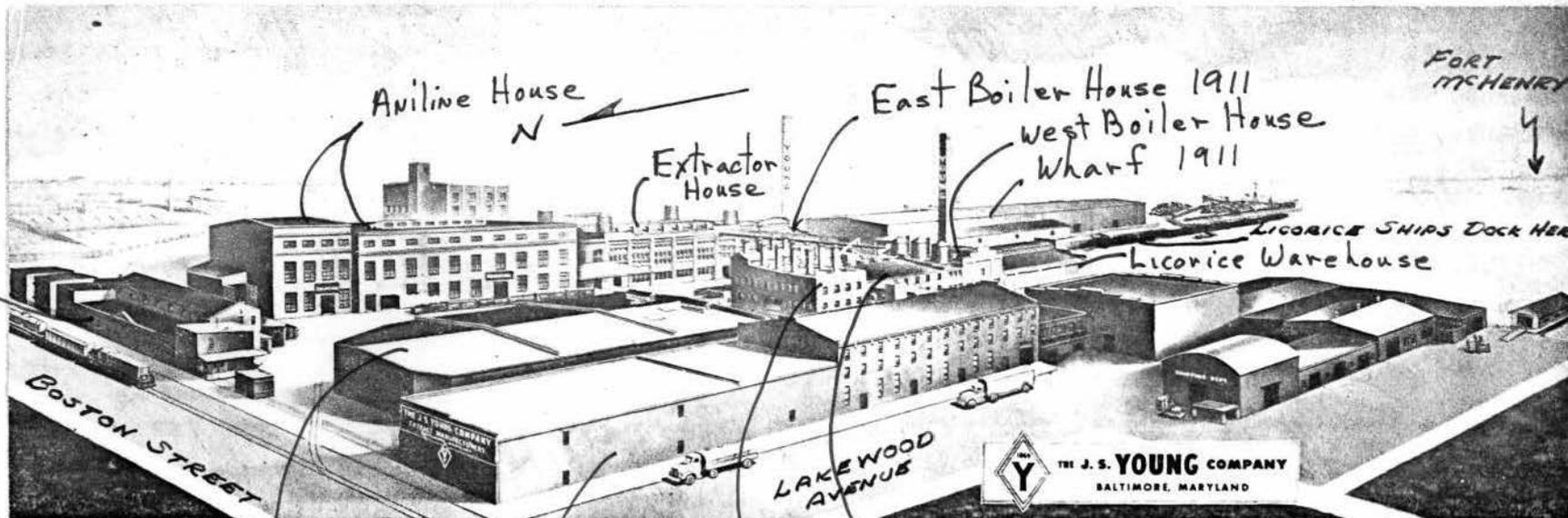


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Office
1911

Warehouse

THE PLANT BEHIND THE PRODUCT

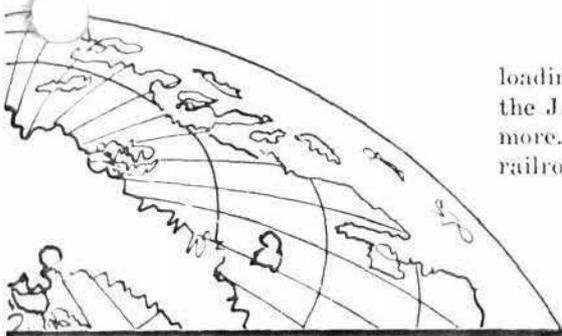
Manufacturers since 1869 of Natural Tanning and Dyewood Extracts

Extractor House (Licorice)

B-1023 J.S. Young Co.
Promotional card, c. 1960

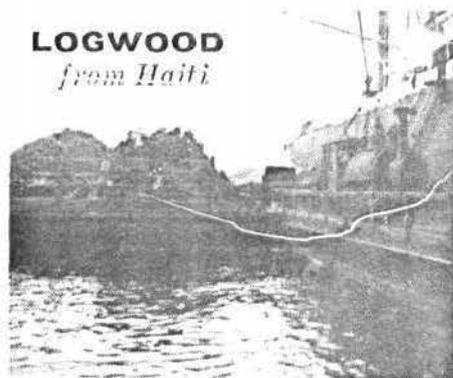
Former McGrath Canning Co. Warehouse

FROM THE FAR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE B-1023

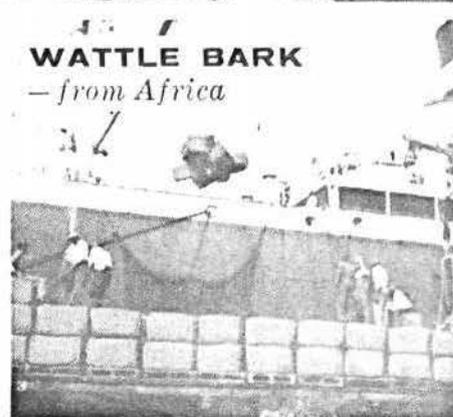


A few photos of some of the loading and unloading operations at the J. S. YOUNG CO. pier in Baltimore. J. S. Young Company's own railroad encircles the entire plant.

LOGWOOD
from Haiti



WATTLE BARK
— from Africa



QUEBRACHO
— from Argentina

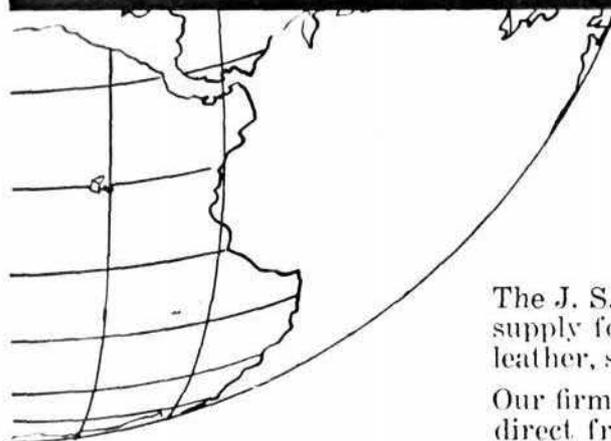


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The **J. S. YOUNG CO.**

2701-2733 BOSTON ST. BALTIMORE 24, MD.



J.S. Young
Baltimore city, Md.
Peter Liebhold. 5183.
looking S.W. at site

B-1023.



THE J.S. YOUNG CO.

J.S. Young
Baltimore, City MD.

B-1023.

SET

Peter Liebhold.

Recliment N.E. facade, office building
Boston Street.

COMPANY.
CTURERS.

THE J.S.YO JNG CO
EXTRACT MANUFACTURERS

SHIPPING DEPT

BOSTON ST



J.S. Young
Baltimore City, Md.
Peter Liebhold 5183.
N.W. Corner of site

B-1023



J.S. Young

Baltimore city, Md

6-1023

Peter Liebhold 5183.

Looking S.E. along Boston Street



J.S. YOUNG B-1023

DALTO. CITY MD.

PETER LIESHOLD 4/83

LOOKING S.W. DOWN CENTRAL ALLEY

Aniline House

STREET
WORKS



J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO CITY MD.

PETER LIESHOLD 4/83

LOOKING S.E. FROM CENTRAL ALLEY

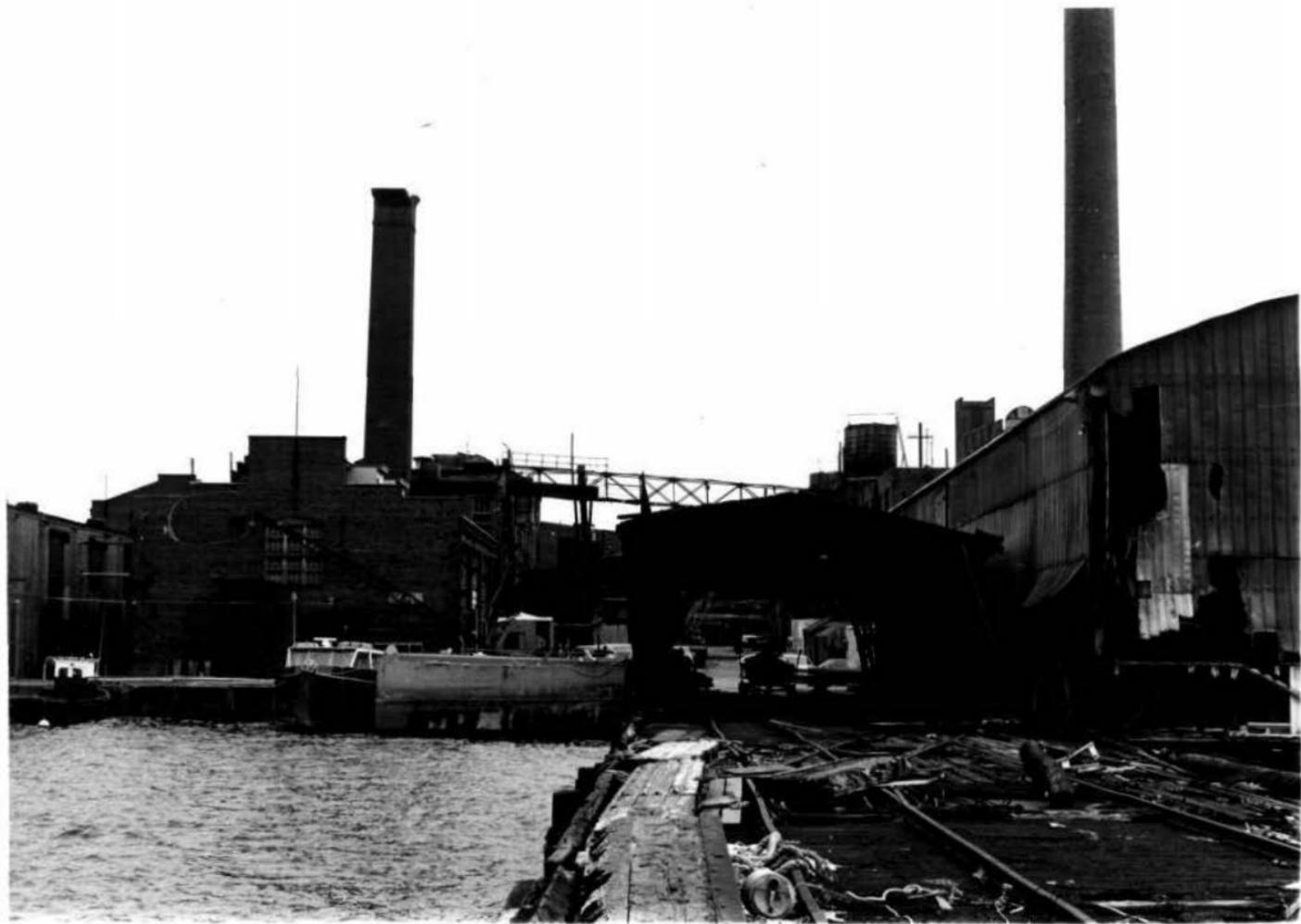


J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY MD.

PETER LICKHOLD 4/83

LOOKING N.W. FROM WATERFRONT AT Ligonje
ALLEY THROUGH CENTER OF SITE Shedding



J.S. Young

Baltimore City, MD

Peter Liebold 5189.

Looking N.E. from pier

B-1023.



J.S. Young

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Baltimore City, MD.

Peter Liephold 5/83.-

Looking N.E. from the waterfront.
Licorice root Warehouse.



J. S. Young
Baltimore City, MD.

B-1023

of site

Peter Liebhold 5183.

Alley West

Looking S. W. from Boston Street, Side of Site



J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY MD.

PETER LICHTHOLD 4/03

LOOKING S.E. FROM CENTRAL ALLEY

Liconice Extract House + Machine Shop



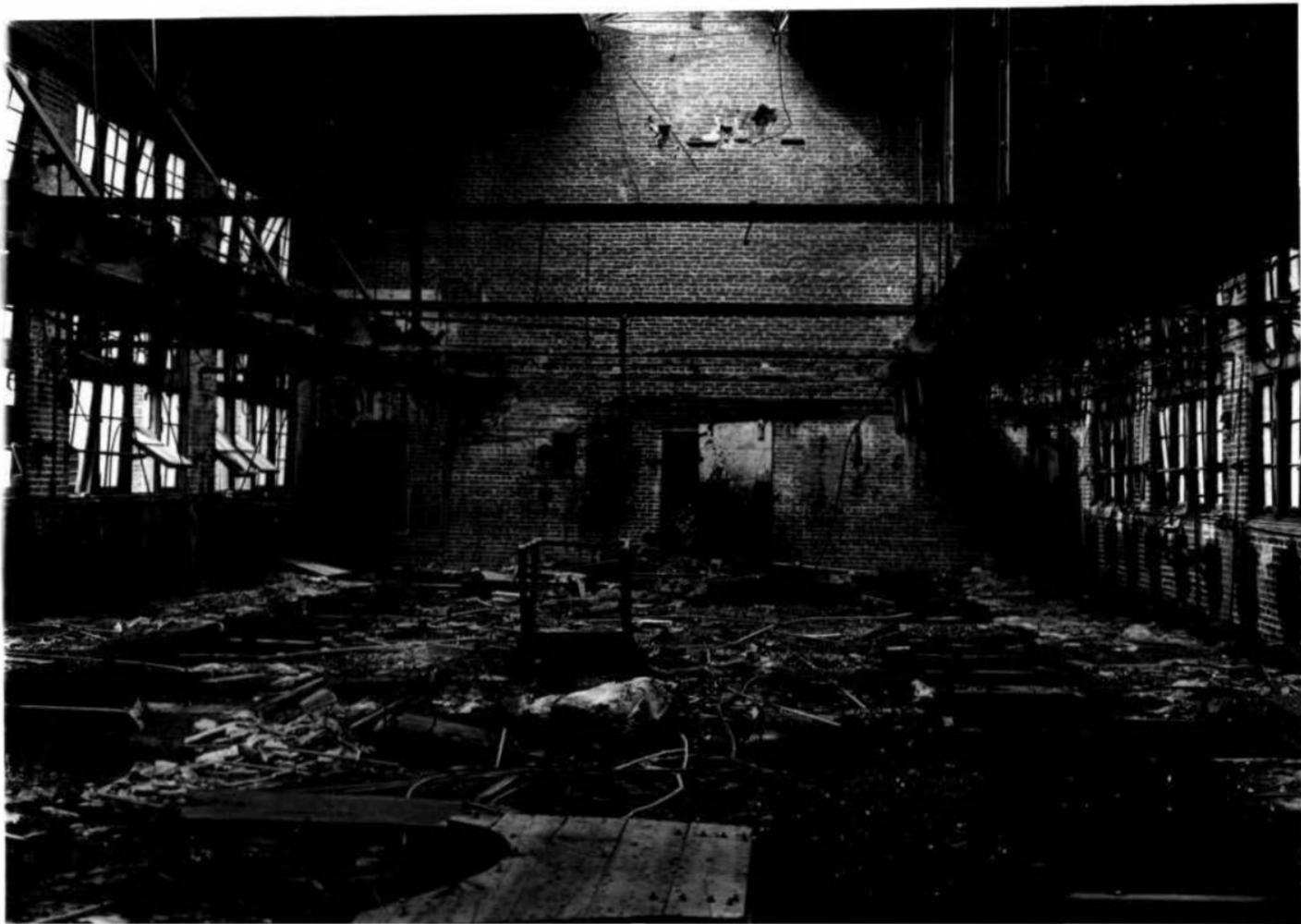
J.S. Young

B-1023

Baltimore City, Md

Peter Liebhold 3183 -

Looking S.E. from Lakewood Street.



J.S. Young B-1023

BALTO. MD.

PETER LINDHOLD

2ND FLOOR - S.E. SIDE OF SITE



J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY MD.

PETER LEHOLD 4/83

INTERIOR - S.W. SOC OF SITE

Licorice warehouse - looking south



~~REVISIONS~~

J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY, MD.

PETER LIESHOLD 4/83

TRUSS DETAIL, 3RD FLOOR - N.W. SIDE OF SITE



J. S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY, MD.

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3RD FLOOR - N.W. SIDE OF SITE

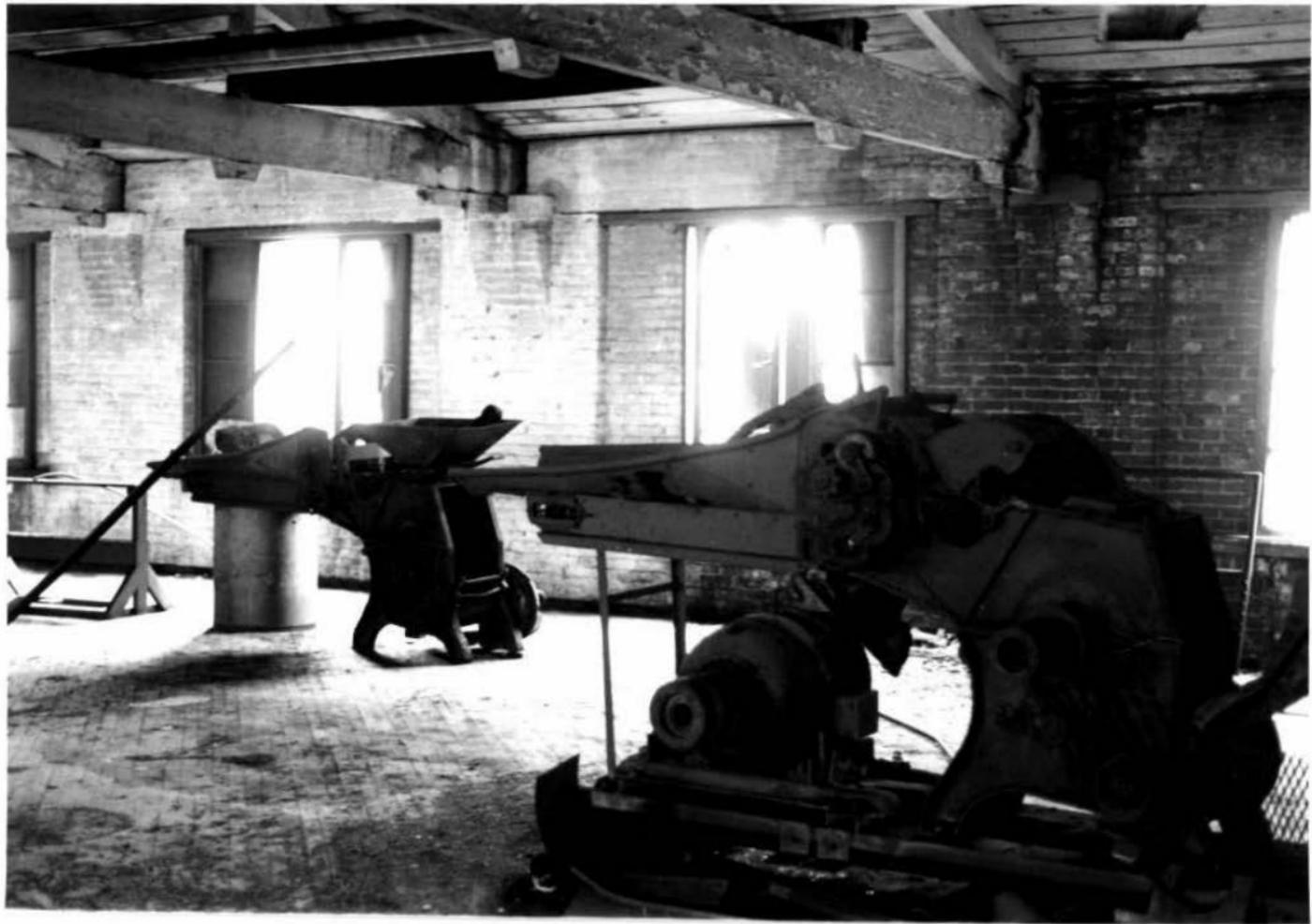


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BALTIMORE CITY MD.

PETER LIEBHOLD 4/83

SECOND FLOOR - N.W. SIDE OF SITE



J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY MD.

PETER LICHBOLD

INTERIOR - N.W. SIDE OF SITE



J.S. YOUNG B-1023

BALTO. CITY, MD.

PETER LUSHOLD 4/83

WAREHOUSE FLOOR DETAIL - LOOKING N.W.
FROM CENTRAL ALLEY



J.S. Young

B-1023.

Baltimore city, Md.

Peter Liebhold 5183

wall + truss detail, cargo shield on pier