

Statement of Significance

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Clipper Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 3300 Clipper Mill Road

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 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME I. Sekine Co., Inc. Telephone #: (301) 235-1337

STREET & NUMBER 3300 Clipper Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21211

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #: 6227
Folio #: 132

STREET & NUMBER Calvert & Fayette St.

CITY, TOWN Baltimore STATE Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main building of Clipper Mill is actually a long complex of connected buildings of brick construction with pitched roofs and a series of large and small shallow pitched roof cupolas. The oldest sections of the structure (and the only sections with basements) are the picker house and the boiler house, built in 1860. The picker house, a three-story brick building, 68 ft. x 68 ft., has an interesting gable roof composed of wooden sheathing on sloping heavy timber beams supported at mid-length by cast-iron columns. Operations in this building included finisher pickers on the first floor, drawing frames on the second, and a rope room on the third. Three small sections with distinctive roof lines to the south of the picker house probably comprised the original power house which was then incorporated into a larger building probably after water power was abandoned. The present boiler house is a large one-story high, 97 ft. x 53 ft. building with a pitched roof and a cupola. Included on the west side of this building is a 33 ft. x 53 ft. engine house. In 1912 the boiler house contained three large boilers. A single smoke stack rises out of the engine house end.

The main mill section immediately to the west of the picker house was built in 1870 and is separated from the first part by a fire parapet wall. This brick, two-story structure, 153 ft. x 63 ft., with a slightly pitched roof has one large and four small shallow monitors. It also has a two-story stair tower on the north side and a two-story brick pitched roof passageway which connects the main building with the two-story frame, pitched-roof office building (date undetermined). Weaving (plain looms) went on the first floor of this section, with fly frames and slubbers located on the second floor. This section is connected to the picker house by a curved covered bridge.

West of the section above is another part of the main mill (built in 1870), a two-story brick, pitched-roof section bounded on either end by parapet walls, which is the longest and narrowest section of the complex (288 ft. x 50 ft.). This section has four large monitors, including a tall, tower-like one with a pyramidal roof. There are two, two-story stair towers on the north side. This section housed plain looms on the first floor and spooling and ring spinning machinery on the second.

To the east of the picker house is a 109 ft. x 58 ft. two-story brick, pitched-roof section with a long monitor. Added in 1875, this section had warping and weaving machinery on the first floor and carding machinery on the second. On the north side are a small stair tower and a pyramidal-roofed tower which is slightly taller than the rest of the buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1860, 1870, 1875 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This mill is on the site of the original Whitehall Flour Mill which Horatio Gambrill and David Carroll converted into a textile mill in 1839. The Whitehall Mill was the first to produce cloth using five looms powered by water power. The company made cotton duck for sails for Baltimore's busy shipping industry. The building burned in the late 1850s and was replaced by a series of structures over a period of years. The oldest of these is the former picker house and the boiler room, a strong indication that the new scale of manufacturers had outstripped the available water power and had to be supplemented by steam. Shortly after the Civil War, capacity was greatly increased by the addition of two contiguous western portions and a third section was attached on the east in 1875. The Clipper Mill was only a part of Gambrill's operation in the 1860s. He had also built the Woodberry Mill and Park Mill farther upstream during the 40s and 50s. He operated these in partnership with William E. Hooper until about 1865. In that year he sold all three to Hooper and built a new stone mill nearby on Union Avenue.

William Hooper, son of an English sailmaker, continued to produce cotton duck at Clipper Mill until the 20th century. Hooper had begun business as a wholesaler of sailcloth during the 1840s and was one of Gambrill's best customers until the two formed a partnership. After he and Gambrill parted, Hooper built Meadow Mill (1877) to enlarge his production. By the 1890s Baltimore and the Jones Falls Valley was the home of the "Duck Trust", a combination of Hooper, Mt. Vernon and the Gambrill interests which is said to have controlled over 80 percent of the nation's output of canvass.

Clipper Mill continued to produce cotton duck until 1925 when Hooper built another mill to replace it. It served as the home of the Purity Paper Company and then as an Army Quartermaster depot during World War II. Since then it has been occupied partly by a brush company and by a window shade supplier.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Vertical files, Baltimore Industrial Museum

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dennis Zembala

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

Aug., 1980

STREET & NUMBER

217 N. Charles Street

TELEPHONE

301-396-1931

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21201

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. SITE I.D. NO

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NAER INVENTORY

U.S. Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Manufacturing

3. PRIORITY

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

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

I. Sekine Co., Inc.

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

CLIPPER MILL

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

3300 Clipper Mill Road

10. STATE

M

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COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG.
DIST.

Baltimore

STATE

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COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG.
DIST.

COUNTY

Baltimore

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

3300 Clipper Mill Road

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 1:62.5 OTHERQUAD
NAME

Baltimore West

UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

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15. CONDITION

70 EXCELLENT71 GOOD72 FAIR73 DETERIORATED74 RUINS75 UNEXPOSED76 ALTERED77 DESTROYED85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Dennis Zembala

AFFILIATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

August 1980

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

See Statement of Significance

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

Textile mill

PRESENT USE

Brush factory

ADAPTIVE USE

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

Vertical Files, Baltimore Industrial Museum

(CONT OVER)

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

21.

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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ABSTRACT

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TECH REPORT

HIST REPORT

CONTEMP PHOTO

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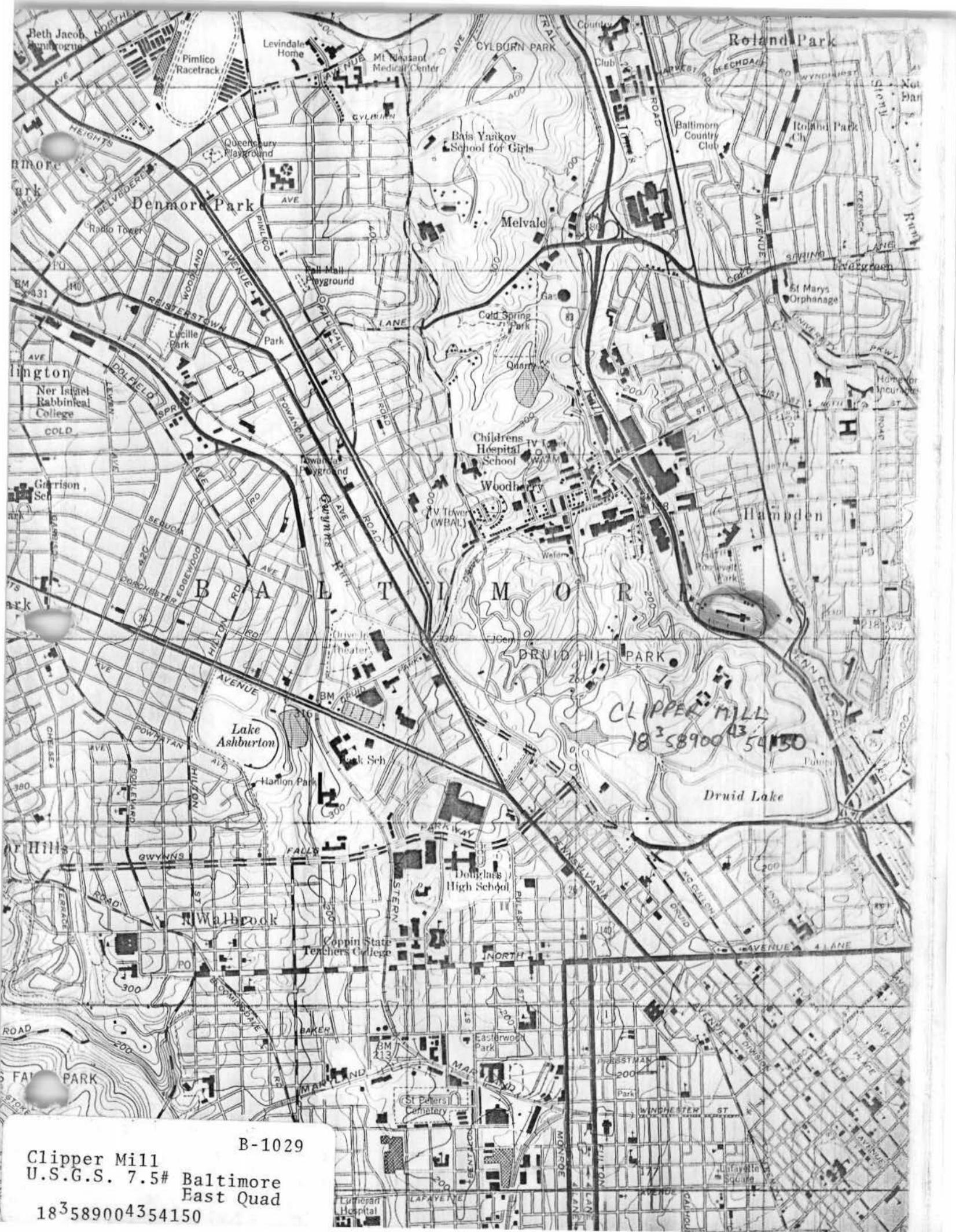
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COLOR PLATE

PHOTOGRAM

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Clipper Mill
U.S.G.S. 7.5# Baltimore
East Quad
18° 58' 900' 43' 54' 150'



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Clipper Mill looking South

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Gaylead

ling south

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Burt Gaylead



Chipper hill, Wood berry, Baltimore City

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Robert M. Vossel .



SEKINE manufacturers of
quality belch products

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Clipper Mill

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March 1980 / *Northend, east facade*



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Clipper Mill

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March 1980 / Detail, east facade



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March 1980 / Looking North



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March 1980/Boilerhouse, ^{south} facade



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March 1980 / *Detail, West facade (south end)*



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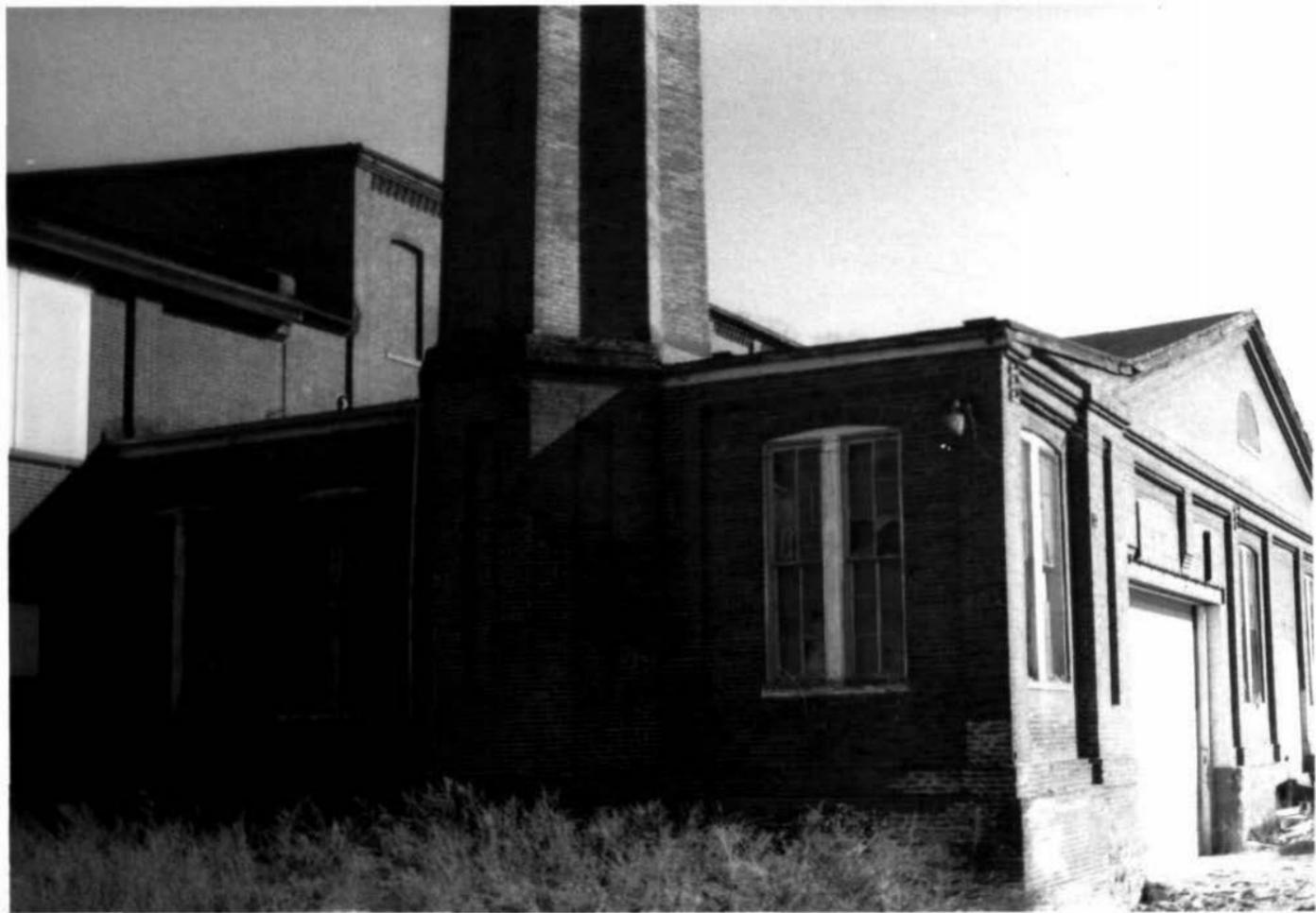
Clipper Mill

Baltimore, MD

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March 1980 / Boilerhouse, west facade



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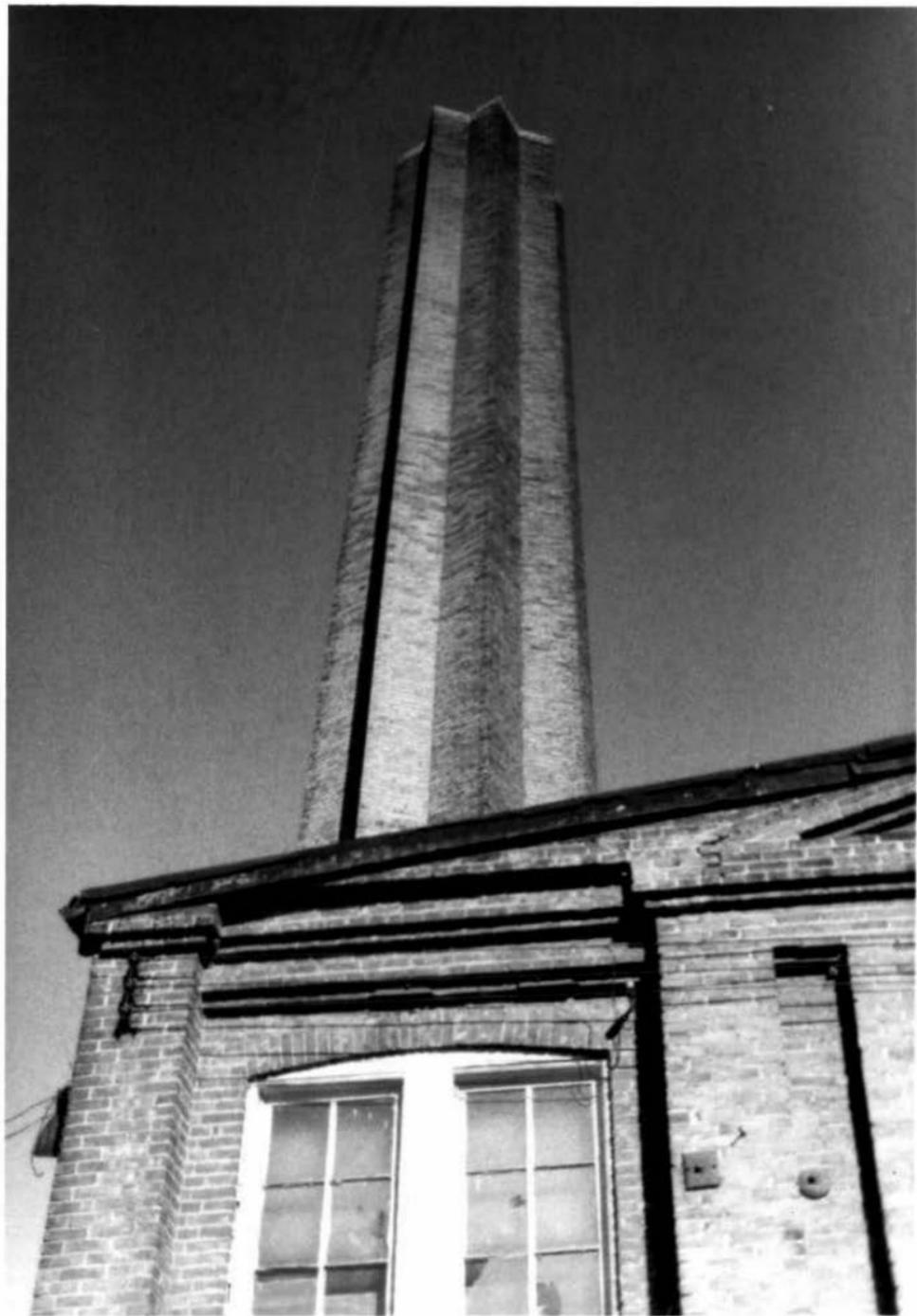
Clipper Mill

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March 1980 / Boilerhouse, north^{west} facade



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Clipper Mill

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March 1980 / *Smokestack*



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Clipper Mill

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Neg. Loc,: MD Historic Trust

March 1980 / Detail, center of bld.



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Clipper Mill

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March 1980/*Detail, east facade*



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Clipper Mill

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March 1980 / *North end, west facade*



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Clipper Mill

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March 1980/Worker housing (^{north} of mill)