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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Isaac A. Sheppard Stove Works
AND/OR COMMON Sheppard Stove Company

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2040 Fleet Street 3rd
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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William Lamb Telephone #: 301-799-7754
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore City Courthouse Liber #: RHB 3441
STREET & NUMBER Fayette and Calvert Streets Folio #: 843
CITY, TOWN STATE
Baltimore, Md. 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None
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"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Isaac Sheppard and Excelsior Stove Works facility once operated in the structure bounded by Eastern Avenue and Fleet Street to the north and south and South Chester Avenue and Castle Street to the east and west. The building has been altered to meet the requirements of the car body repair shop now occupying the site. However, the original structure is still intact and visible above the false ceiling of the body shop.

The building is one story at Eastern Avenue and the sloping ground exposes the basement story at Fleet Street. The Fleet Street facade has a three quarter hip roof topped by a monitor that extends the length of the building to Eastern Avenue. The monitor has been covered with corrugated metal.

The foundation and the lower third of the south facade are of rough field stone while the upper two-thirds is brick. The central bay has a modern garage door on the first story and a large wooden barn type loading door on the second story. The latter provided access to the foundry floor. Three 16/16 double hung sash windows with wooden sills and brick segmental arch lintels flank each door.

The Castle Street or west facade is 24 bays long and characterized by 21 evenly spaced large 16/16 double hung sash windows with segmental arch lintels. Each window is framed by full length pilasters and horizontal brick corbelling above and below. Three large square showroom windows replaced the originals at the north-west corner of the west facade. The basement level begins at the 12th bay south.

The Eastern Avenue or north facade is altered to accommodate showroom windows and office entrances. To the east is a one-story glass showroom which covers approximately one quarter of the east facade.

The east facade is also partially covered by a two story, five-bay-wide brick addition which houses offices, and a one story, one-bay-wide addition which houses a generator. Both of these additions are pictured in Scharff's Baltimore Chronicles in an illustration of the Works.

The interior has been altered considerably, but above the false ceiling is an extensive truss network of light timber construction. The lowered monitor, important for ventilation of fumes and smoke, is about twelve feet high and runs the length of the building.

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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 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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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Historical Significance

In 1828, Peter Cooper and three other New Yorkers bought the large tract of land east of Baltimore city known as "Canton". Cooper intended that the area, endowed with a deep water coastline as well as proximity to good transportation and natural resources, should become the nation's first planned industrial town. Roads were opened, wharves built and industrial and residential areas specified by special zoning laws.

Among the first industries to locate along the Canton waterfront was the iron-making trade. Cooper, himself, opened a steam powered rolling mill and encouraged other iron makers to establish operations in Canton. Most of these businesses later expanded to include stove-making, ship building (the plates for the "Monitor" were made in Baltimore) machine shops, decorative iron work and supplies for the railroads. The Isaac A. Sheppard Stove Works, a company with plants in Philadelphia and New York, as well as Baltimore, provides a good illustration of the growth of iron making in Canton.

In 1860, Isaac Sheppard and three partners established the Excelsior Stove Works in Philadelphia. Soon after, he bought property in Canton and started the Isaac A. Sheppard Stove Works on Eastern Avenue and Chester Street. Sheppard had apprenticed himself to an iron foundry and stove factory as a young boy and had a keen understanding of the

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Baltimore City and County--Scharff
(Phila. Louis H. Everts) 1881 pp. 424-429; p. 426

Baltimore--Trade Queen of the South--Howard B. Sheppard pp. 363-366
(Baltimore, 1902) N.Y. Lewis Hist. Pub. Co. 1912 p. 526

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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

Liza Reich, Linda Daur

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

July 1980

STREET & NUMBER

217 N. Charles St.

TELEPHONE

301-396-1931

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, MD 21201

STATE

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business. Encouraged by the natural advantages of the Canton area, and the large market for stoves in Baltimore, Sheppard gradually expanded his business to include the manufacture of laundry stoves and steel plate furnaces--as well as domestic coal and gas stoves. In 1881, the Sheppard Stove Works employed 150 men in Baltimore and melted over 40 tons of iron daily. The plant covered an entire city block.

In 1933, after almost 75 years in operation, the Isaac A. Sheppard Stove Works closed its Baltimore operation. Gas, oil and electric stoves and furnaces replaced those produced by Sheppard. In 1941 J. Albert McKenna bought the Canton property. Following World War II, he converted the building into an automobile showroom and repair shop. Presently the site is used as an auto body works garage.

NAER INVENTORY

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

1. SITE I.D. NO B 1 0 3 6		3. PRIORITY		4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION		5. DATE		6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT OWNER ADMIN	
8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Sheppard Stove Company Isaac A. Sheppard Stove Company		7. OWNER/ADMIN William Lamb			
10. STATE COUNTY M D COUNTY NAME CITY/VICINITY CONG. DIST. 3		9. OWNER'S ADDRESS Fleet & Chester Streets			
11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO) Fleet & Chester Streets		12. EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> NHL <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER-I <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> CLB <input type="checkbox"/> CONF <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			
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15. CONDITION 70 <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT 71 <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD 72 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR 73 <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED 74 <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS 75 <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED 76 <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED 82 <input type="checkbox"/> DESTROYED 85 <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLISHED		16. INVENTORIED BY Elizabeth Reich AFFILIATION Baltimore Industrial Museum DATE July 1980			

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

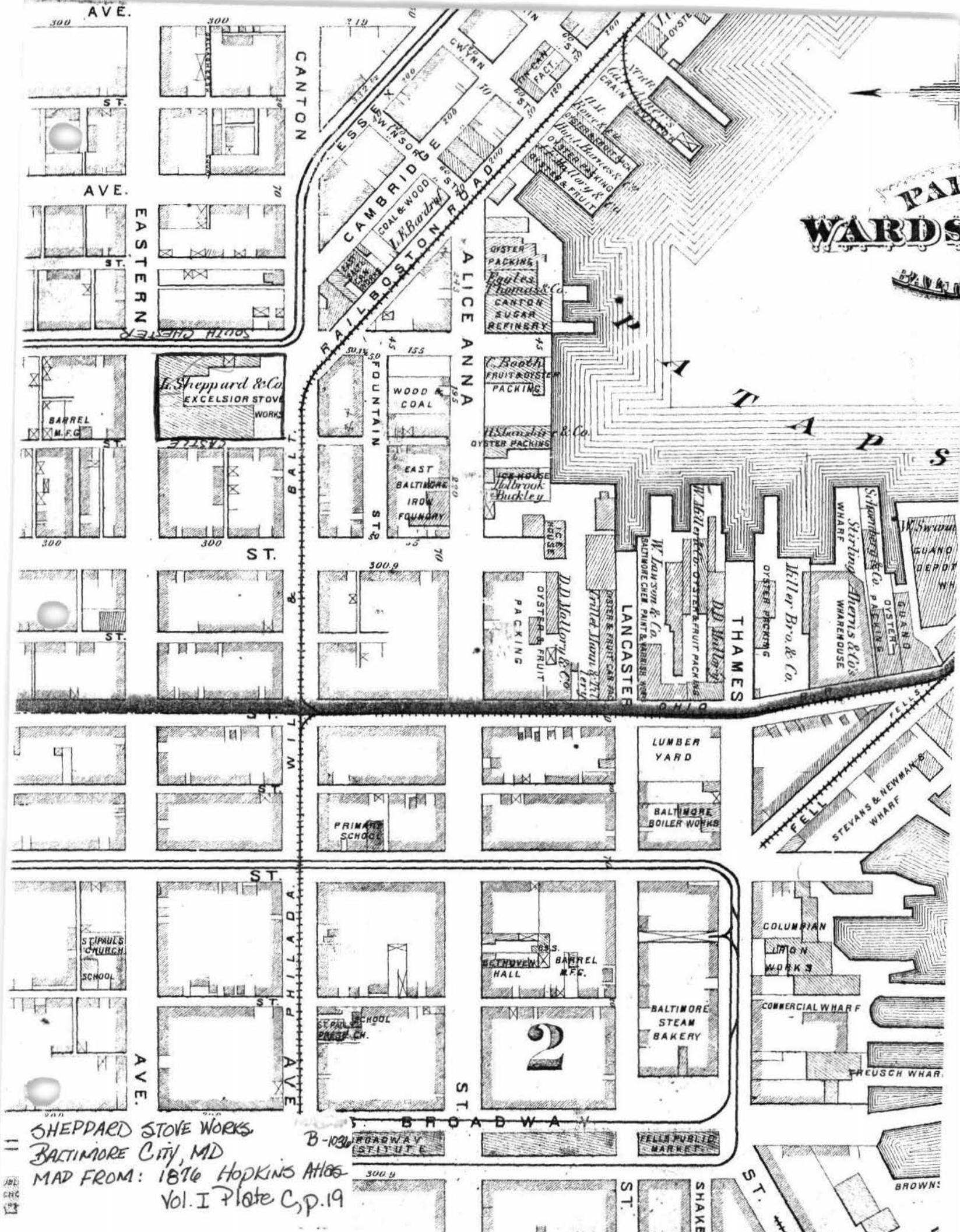
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18. ORIGINAL USE Industrial (Stove Factory)		PRESENT USE Commercial (Car Repair)		ADAPTIVE USE	
19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER History of Baltimore City and County, Scharff (Phila. Louis H. Everts) 1881 pp. 424-429, p. 426 Baltimore, Trade Queen of the South, Howard B. Sheppard pp. 363-366 (Baltimore, 1902) NY. Lewis Hist. Pub. Co. 1912, p. 526.					

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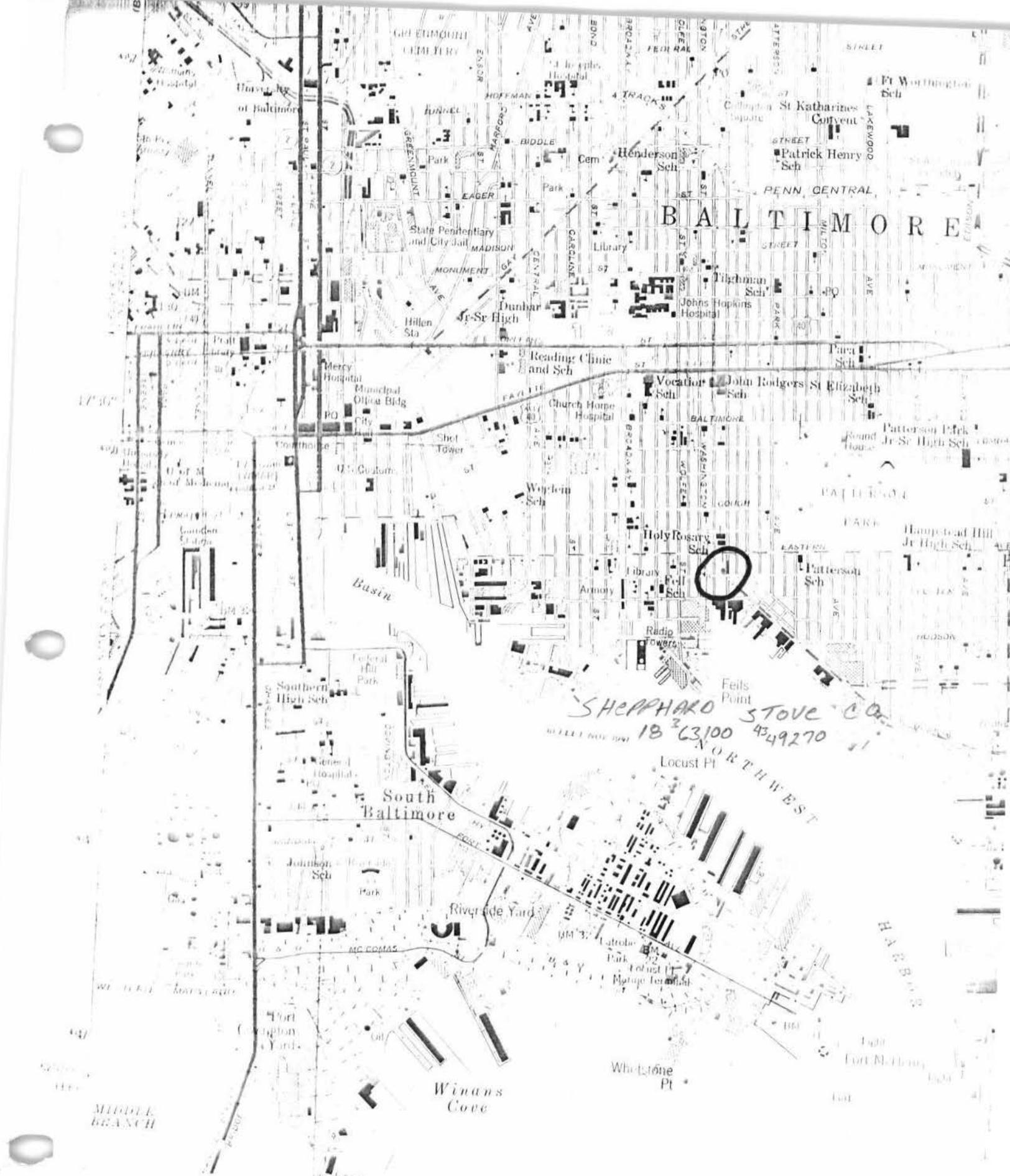


SHEPPARD STOVE WORKS
BALTIMORE CITY, MD
MAD FROM: 1876 HOPKINS ATLAS
Vol. I Plate C, p. 19

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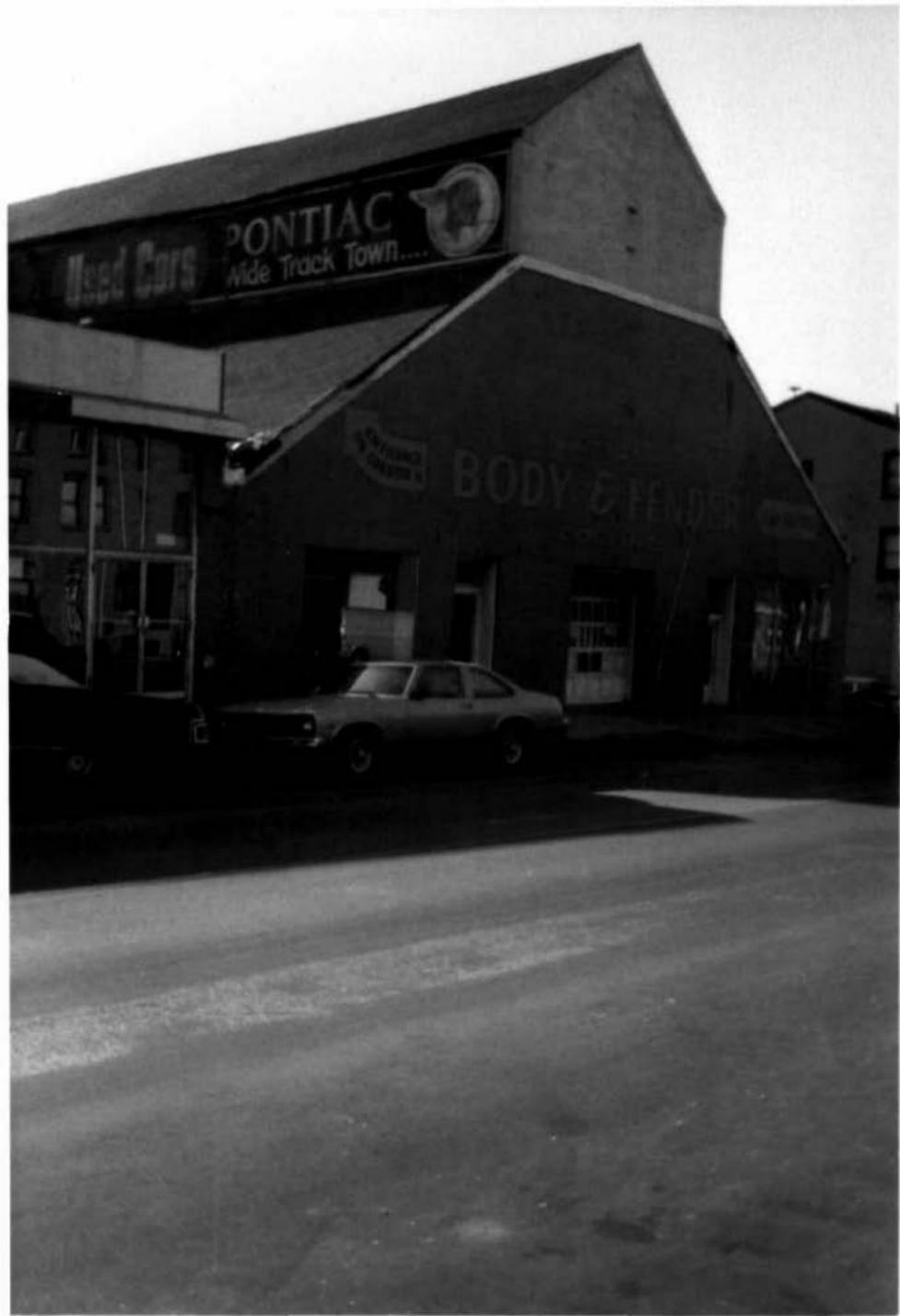
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