

A. Weiskittel and Company  
Baltimore City, Maryland  
B-1051  
private, c. 1900

Significance

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. B-1051

Magi No. 0410515714

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic A. Weiskittel and Company

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4500 Lombard Street  not for publicationcity, 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 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 F. Bowie Smith Sr.street & number 4500 E. Lombard Street telephone no.:                     city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber MLP 9753street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 331city, town Baltimore state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title nonedate                       federal  state  county  localdepository for survey records                     city, town                      state

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Built at the turn of the century, this complex represented an advance in foundry design and was probably the largest in the city. Its all metal roof structure eliminated the danger of fire, an important feature for furnace industries.

The only building that survives mostly intact is the former bathtub foundry. This is a steel frame building with corrugated roof and walls. Three monitors provide light to the interior of the casting floor. Now a lumber warehouse, the building gives little or no indication of its former use.

An adjacent structure houses the lumber company offices and a small millwork shop. This is also a metal frame structure although it has brick masonry curtain walls on the south and east.

North of the tub foundry is a remnant of the former soil pipe foundry, drastically altered.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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.

The former A. Weiskittel stove foundry complex at 4500 Lombard Street in Highlandtown is one of the last remnants of a once flourishing stove-making industry in Baltimore. Now a lumber yard, sections of the turn-of-the-century complex still remain, where porcelain baths, lavatories and sinks, soil pipes, as well as stoves, were once manufactured.

The A. Weiskittel Company was established in 1850 to manufacture cast iron machinery and cooking utensils. By 1860, Anton Weiskittel also produced cast iron stoves at his shop at Washington and Aliceanna Streets. By 1902, the company had grown so much that it was moved to a much larger site at Lombard and Thirteenth Streets in Highlandtown. In 1910 A. Weiskittel and Son Co. was manufacturing porcelain baths, toilets and sinks, soil pipe, "Fire King" gas stoves and ranges, coal ranges, plumbers goods, and brass items.

The twenty acre complex continued to produce a variety of high quality plumbing and heating products until the company closed in 1939. The site was owned by a variety of foundry companies until 1955, when it was purchased and renovated by F. Bowie Smith and Company, a major Baltimore lumber dealer. F. Bowie Smith is still in business on the site today.





1. SITE I.D. NO. **B-1051****HAER INVENTORY**Historic American Engineering Record  
Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

**MANUFACTURE**

3. PRIORITY

DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES  NO  UNKNOWN

5. DATE

**c. 1900**

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

**A. WEISKITTEL**

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

10. STATE COUNTY **MD** COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

**BALTIMORE**

CONG. DIST.

STATE COUNTY

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG. DIST.

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

**4500 Lombard Street**

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 1:62.5

QUAD NAME

**BALTO. EAST**

UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING SIGN

SCALE

 1:24 1:62.5

QUAD NAME

15. CONDITION 70  EXCELLENT71  GOOD72  FAIR73  DETERIORATED74  RUINS75  UNEXPOSED76  ALTERED82  DESTROYED85  DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

AFFILIATION

DATE

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

ADAPTIVE USE

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

*vertical files, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Public Library*

(CONT OVER)

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

21. NPS REGION

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

 YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

23. EDITOR

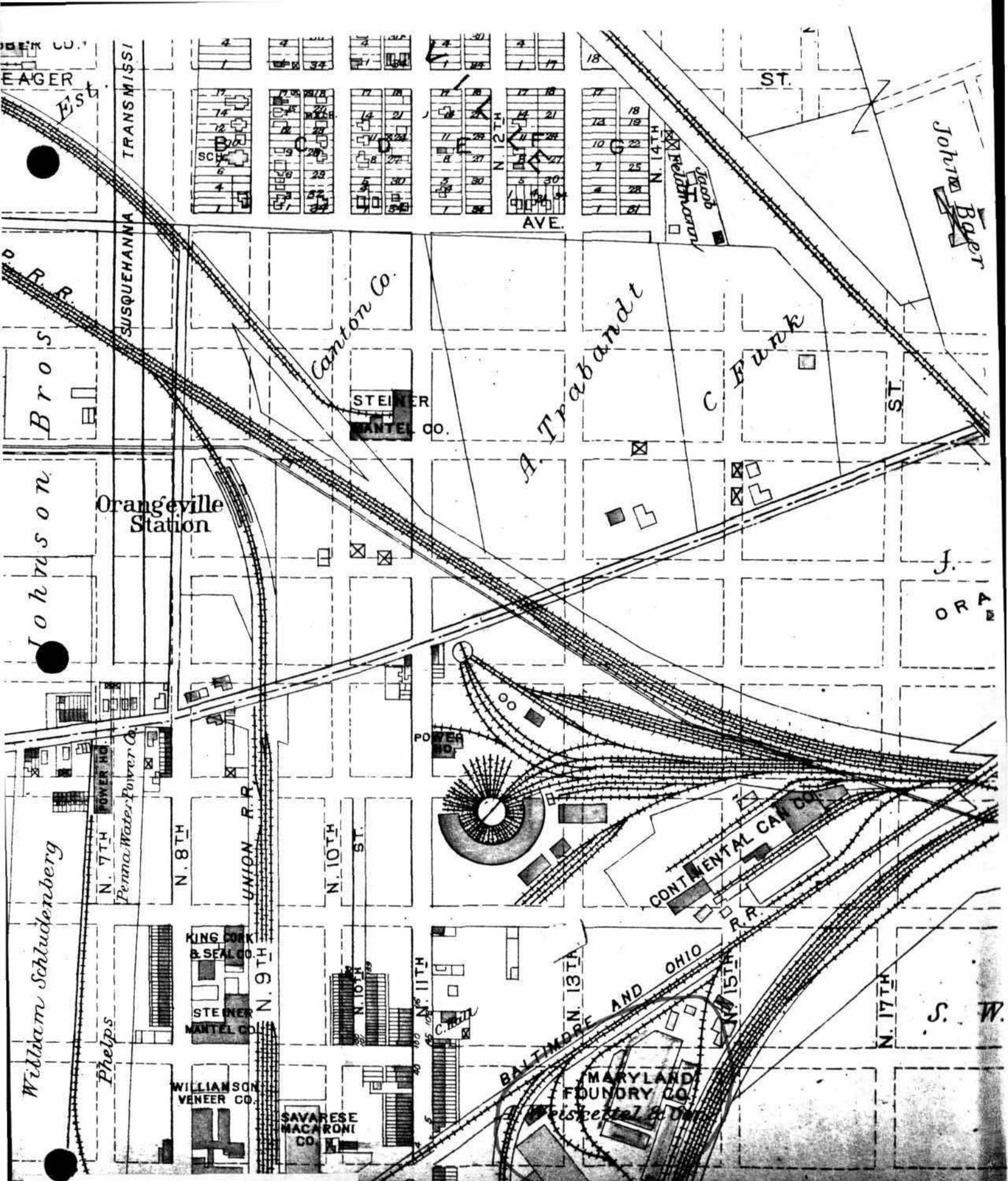
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24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

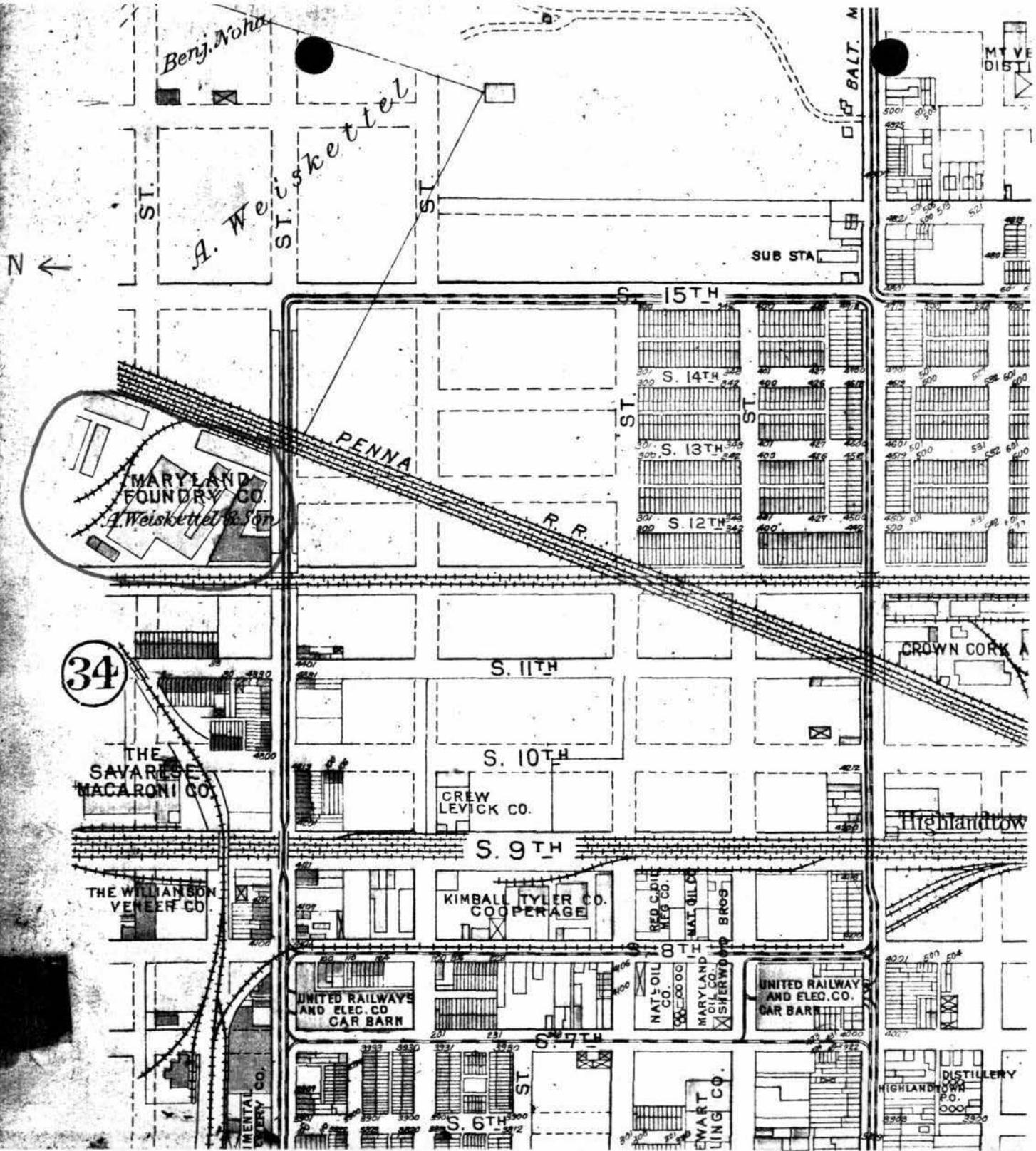
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1914 Baltimore County Bromley Atlas



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 BALTIMORE CITY, MD.  
 USGS 7.5' BALTO. EMST  
 18° 65500 42 50260

PATAPSCO RIVER



A. WEISKITTEL  
BALTO. CITY, MD.  
P. LIBBY  
LOOKING N.E.

B-1051

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A. WEISKITTEL

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BALTO. CITY, MD.

P. LIEBHOLD

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LOOKING ~~WEST~~ SOUTH EAST