

Baltimore Tube Company (B-1052)
Baltimore City, Maryland
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cold rolled brass and copper strips and rolls.

The Baltimore Tube Company was bought by Revere Copper and Brass Inc. in 1935. Since 1973, the building has been used for a variety of industrial purposes, and is currently occupied by the Striegel Supply and Equipment Company.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. B-1052

Magi No. 0410525714

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Baltimore Tube Company

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1301 Wicomico not for publication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 Edward G. Striegel etal

street & number 1301 Wicomico Street telephone no.: 547-8719

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber SEB 5

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 660

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

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.

The oldest structure on this site is the two story, gable-roof brick building, built in the early 1870s, that originally housed the People's Gas Company. Like other gas company structures this building is more elaborate than most industrial structures of the time. Done in an Italianate style, the structure is eleven bays long each bay framed by brick pilasters with a stone caps. The building was originally a retort house for the gasworks and a rail spur for coal cars entered the east end. The two final bays on the west end apparently housed a boiler and power plant. The final bay was open to the roof and contains a single large sash window. The adjacent bay had a high, arched vehicle door which was later replaced by a personell door. The structure was altered internally in 1911 when the site was adapted to copper refining. Twenty-four electrobytic tanks were in the basement while the first floor housed the tube grinding and buffing machinery. A small one story, one bay office was added at the east end.

North of the old retort house is the former tube mill building, a long narrow structure that housed the tube drawing machinery. This 60 by 177 feet structure was apparently built by the gas company and "remodeled" in 1911. Its roof is supported by a clear span steel truss and includes a raised monitor with sloping clerestory windows on the north.

Adjacent to the tube mill on the north is the former brazing and casting shops. This structure is probably one of the earliest (1912) sawtooth-roof buildings in Baltimore. Its construction reflects the most modern structural engineering practice of its day allowing for a maximum of natural light in a one-story building of great floor area. The gabled sections are supported on light riveted metal trusses and riveted steel posts.

The office building facing Wicomico Street may also have been an earlier structure adapted by Baltimore Tube. If so it was thoroughly altered in 1911 and reflects the simpler neo-classicism of that time.

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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Baltimore Tube Company was founded in 1911 by a group of businessmen trying to develop a good investment. The plant was opened on Wicomico Street on the site of the defunct People's Gas Company. One of the gas company's buildings was converted for the tube company's use, while other new buildings were also constructed. The fairly typical brick industrial buildings were built during a period of industrial expansion into Southwest Baltimore. The Baltimore Tube Co. was the first in the South to manufacture seamless copper and brass tubing, and condenser tubes.

The Baltimore Tube Company was founded as the Tube Bending and Polishing Machine Company in 1911 by a group of businessmen who were connected to the recently formed Consolidated Gas and Electric Light and Power Company. They were looking to promote industry in Baltimore, and decided that a plant which used the products of the successful Baltimore Copper Works refinery would also do well. Herbert Wagner, a vice-president of Consolidated, became the president of the newly formed company. The Tube Bending and Polishing Machine Company started out in temporary quarters at Bayard and Carrol Streets. Here they concentrated on perfecting their manufacturing techniques. Meanwhile, construction and renovation was going on at a six and one half acre site at Carey and Wicomico Streets, which was owned by Consolidated. This site was to be leased to the Tube Bending Co. for ten years, with an option to buy. The largest building on the site was the former plant of the People's Gas Company, which had been abandoned when the various gas and electric companies of the city had combined to form Consolidated. New buildings were also constructed for the tube company. In August 1912, the new company, recently renamed the Baltimore Tube Company, moved in. They were the first factory south of the Mason-Dixon line who were involved with drawing seamless copper and brass tubing, and manufacturing condenser tubes. World War I provided the company with a great deal of business, and in 1918 an additional mill was erected for

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SIGNIFICANCE

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1. SITE ID. NO **B-1052****HAER INVENTORY**Historic American Engineering Record
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION <i>manufacture</i>		3. PRIORITY	4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
		5. DATE <i>1911</i>	6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT OWNER ADMIN
		7. OWNER/ADMIN <i>Striegel Supply & Equipment Co.</i>	

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE <i>Baltimore Tube Co.</i>		9. OWNER'S ADDRESS <i>1301 Wicomico</i>	
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10. STATE COUNTY <i>MD</i>	COUNTY NAME	CITY/VICINITY <i>Baltimore</i>	CONG. DIST.	STATE COUNTY	COUNTY NAME	CITY/VICINITY <i>Baltimore</i>	CONG. DIST.
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11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO.) <i>1301 Wicomico</i>		12. EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> NHL <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER-1 <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> CL6 <input type="checkbox"/> CONF <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
		13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW) <input type="checkbox"/> INTERIOR INTACT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTERIOR INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONS INTACT	

14. UTM ZONE <i>18</i>	EASTING <i>359160</i>	NORTHING <i>4349270</i>	SIGN	SCALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1:24 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:62.5 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	QUAD NAME <i>Balto. West</i>
UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN	SCALE <input type="checkbox"/> 1:24 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:62.5 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	QUAD NAME

15. CONDITION	70 <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	71 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	72 <input 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
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16. INVENTORIED BY <i>Leslie Barr</i>	AFFILIATION <i>Baltimore Museum of Industry</i>	DATE <i>6/83</i>
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17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

*see attached**547
8719*

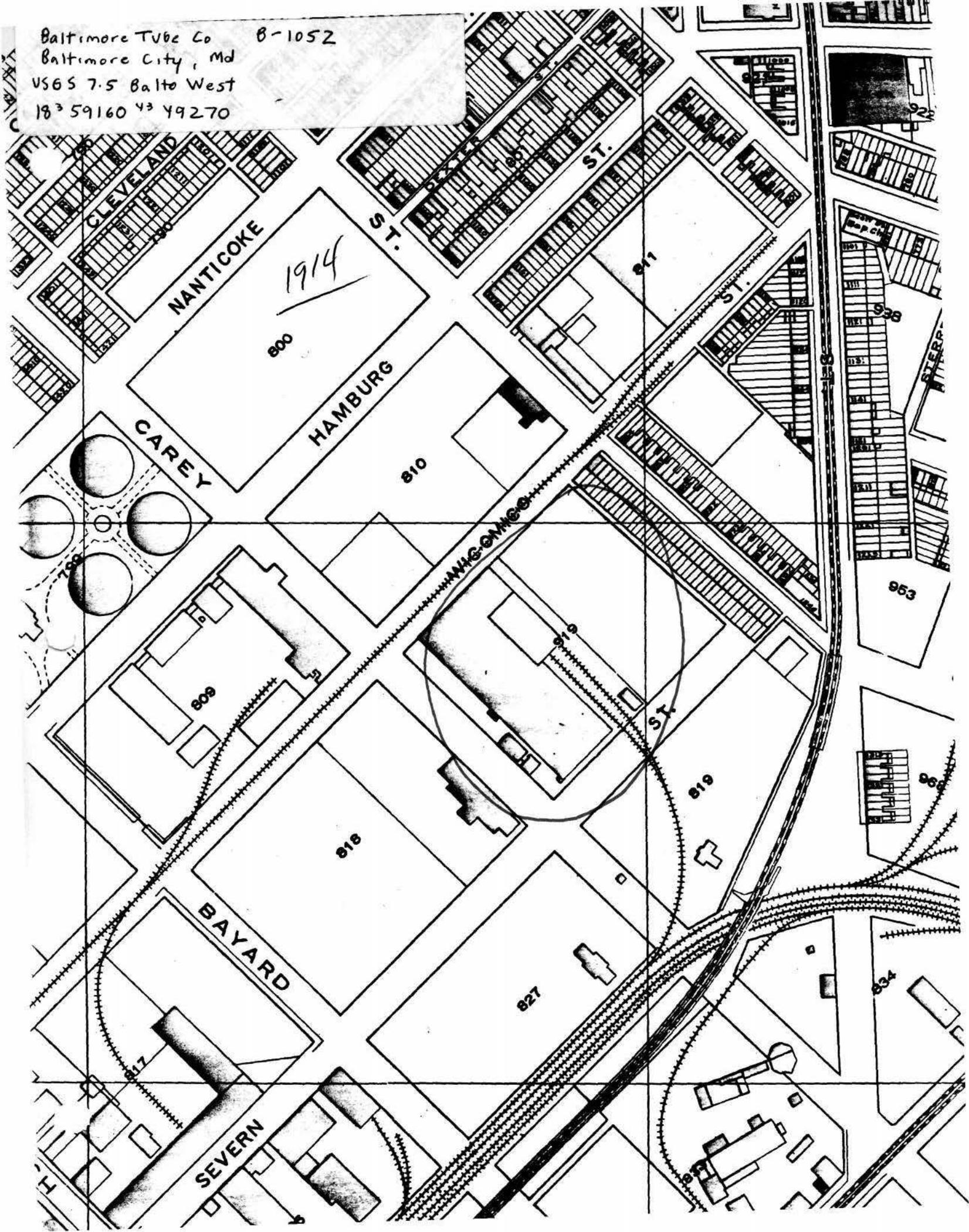
18. ORIGINAL USE <i>manufacture</i>	PRESENT USE	ADAPTIVE USE
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19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER <i>Vertical files Enoch Pratt Public Library</i>

20. URBAN AREA (50,000 POP. OR MORE?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	21. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> HANDOWN	EDITOR INDEXER
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24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	NAME	DISTRICT ID NO
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Baltimore Tube Co B-1052
Baltimore City, Md
USGS 7.5 Balto West
18° 59' 16.0" 43° 49' 27.0"





5.5 MI. TO MD. 7
HAVRE DE GRACE

17'30"

2.8 MI. TO U.S. 40

4349

1.3 MI. TO U.S. 40

4348

4347

4346000m. N.

39°15'

76°37'30"

INTERCHANGE 10 40' 357000m. E. WASHINGTON, D. C. 29 MI. GLEN BURNIE 6.2 MI

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 BALTIMORE CITY, MD.
 S.6.S. 7.5 BALTO WEST
 18° 59160 43 49270

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty ——— Light duty ———
 Medium duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 () Interstate Route () U. S. Route () State Route

BALTIMORE WEST, MD.

CURTIS BAY
 5662 II NE



FOR RENT
A BUILDING OR
WAREHOUSE FOR
INDUSTRIAL USE
SPECIAL
HANDY-CLEAN CAR
RENTAL SERVICE

NO TRESPASSING
PROPERTY PROTECTED BY
ALARMS & PATROLS

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Baltimore City Md

Peter Liebhold 8/83

LOOKING N.E. ALONG WICOMICO ST.