

Sinclair Scott Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
B-1057
private, 1896

Statement of Significance

The Sinclair Scott Company was founded in 1895 as a food machinery manufacturing company. They produced machinery that revolutionized various aspects of the canning industry, a major industry in Baltimore. The company manufactured parts for the Chisholm-Scott Pea Podder and Viner, and produced a miniature pea hulling machine. The also manufactured the first automobiles in the state, and developed the first successful maraschino cherry grading machine. The brick building, with its interesting buttresses, is located on Wells Street in South Baltimore.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sinclair-Scott Company

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2 East Wells Street ___ not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 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 Industrial Sales Company

street & number 2 East Wells Street telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21230

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber RHB 3205

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 237

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-1057

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 of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

The plant of the Siclair Scott Company illustrates a typical mid-size machine shop operation. It was capable of machine design on an extensive scale lacking only the facilities of a foundry.

The frame building on the east (now enclosed by a modern addition) housed the engineering department in the front and the pattern shop in the rear. Originally a 40 h.p. steam engine occupied the southeast corner, supplying the power to run the machinery through a shaft and pulley transmission. The shop office in the northwest corner was walled off by partitions. This building produced the wood patterns which were then sent to the foundry to be cast in iron.

The saw and planing shed occupied a second frame structure north of the pattern shop. It and other storage sheds were demolished prior to 1953.

The main metal working shop was housed in a second building west of the pattern shop. This structure is an unusually ornate factory structure built in 1896. It is a one story building with balconies which run along each side providing additional space. Between the balconies is a craneway with two travelling crane hoists. This structure housed the machine tools and probably served as an erecting shop as well. The building is 62 by 172 feet and the balconies and roof are supported by timber post and beam construction. A raised monitor provides additional light and ventilation to the wide central bay.

Architecturally the machine shop is somewhat Romanesque. It is of brick masonry construction, ten bays long by three bays wide. A tri-partite semi-circular window at each end occupies the center bay over the door. First floor windows are standard double hung sash, nine over nine lights with a segmental arched lintel. Small four light square windows light the balcony. These, together with the massive stepped buttresses along the exterior give the building a squat, solid look unusual in an industrial building of the period. The exterior of the building has been drastically altered with the addition of aluminum siding, which covers the windows.

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that had been produced for a company that went bankrupt, Sinclair Scott began manufacturing its own automobile, called the Maryland. The Maryland was the first car to be manufactured in the state; they cost \$2,750. Only one hundred cars were produced before Ford came out with his \$500 car, which meant the end of the Maryland line.

The Sinclair Scott Company later developed the only successful maraschino cherry grading machine, and also developed a miniature pea hulling machine. The company continued until 1953, when its buildings and machinery were sold at public auction.

REAL ESTATE

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real estate brochure 1953



THIS PLAN FOR
AUCTION
PURPOSE ONLY

BALTIMORE - OHIO RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

LAND

Frontage of approx. 256' 4" on Wells Street; 208' 11" on Marshall St.; the West line is approx. 222' 9" along a 10' wide alley; the north line is approx. 295' 5" and Patapsco St.

comes to a dead end at about the center of this line. (See plan.) The yard is enclosed by a concrete block wall, frame fence and cyclone fence.

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A Well Located Industrial Property
 The Valuable Real Estate
 Name, Goodwill, Patents
 And Machinery and Equipment of
The **SINCLAIR-SCOTT** *Company*

FOOD PROCESSING MACHINERY MANUFACTURER

2-40 E. Wells Street, Baltimore, Md.

(Entrance on Patapsco Street, Just South of Barney Street)

AT AUCTION

In Complete and Final Liquidation

Tuesday, March 17, 1953, At 11 A. M.

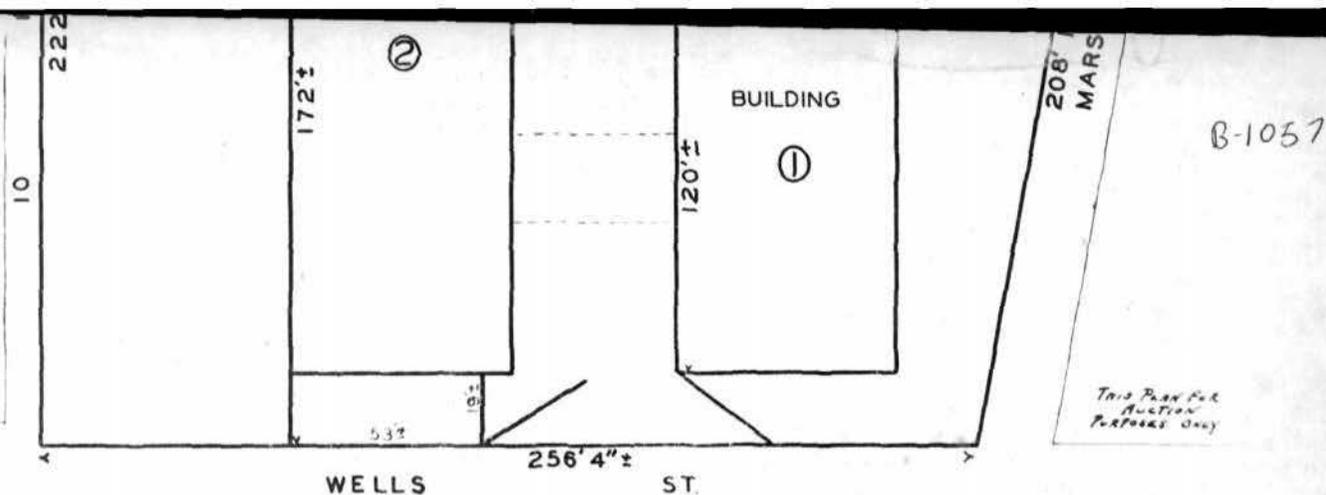
ON THE PREMISES



THE SINCLAIR-SCOTT COMPANY PLANT

By Order of the Board of Directors of The Sinclair-Scott Company

Full Particulars Upon Application to



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BUILDINGS

Building No. 1. 1 story and loft frame building covered with Insel brick (a type of asbestos shingle imitation brick) approx. 60x120 ft. Concrete floor, tar paper and asphalt roof. Three large truck entrance doors. Heated by low pressure steam to unit heaters equipped with blowers. Steam is supplied by a boiler located in Building No. 2.

Front Section of Building contains offices and is set off by cinder block partitions. Contains asphalt tile floors, 3 lavatories, 4 office rooms and a vestibule. Offices are heated by radiators from a gas-fired Ruud hot water boiler.

Building No. 2. is a 2-story brick structure approx. 62x172 ft. There are wooden beams, circular metal posts and I-Beam girder supports for the balconies which run along each side of the plant making it a 1-story and balcony building in height. Wood roof covered with tar paper and asphalt. 3 large truck entry doors. Excellent daylight throughout.

Heated by low pressure steam to unit heaters equipped with blowers. A Pacific Steel Boiler Corporation coal fired,

low-pressure steam boiler is housed in a concrete block addition to the rear of the building. The open center span between the two balconies has crane runways along the balconies and there are 2 crane trolleys spanning it. Each trolley has two 1½ ton electric hoists.

Building No. 3. 1-story concrete block structure, approx. 15x63 ft., with concrete floor and frame roof. On the South end there is a 14x18 ft. addition used for a one-car garage.

The yard area is cinder and dirt with a paved driveway of street width from Patapsco Street. There is a double truck gate and personnel gate across the foot of Patapsco Street which constitutes the main entrance to the plant. There is a large gate at rear entrance to Wells Street. A concrete driveway connects the two buildings. There is a B. & O. Railroad spur on Wells Street and the Wells Street gate is of sufficient size to accommodate a railroad siding into the plant.

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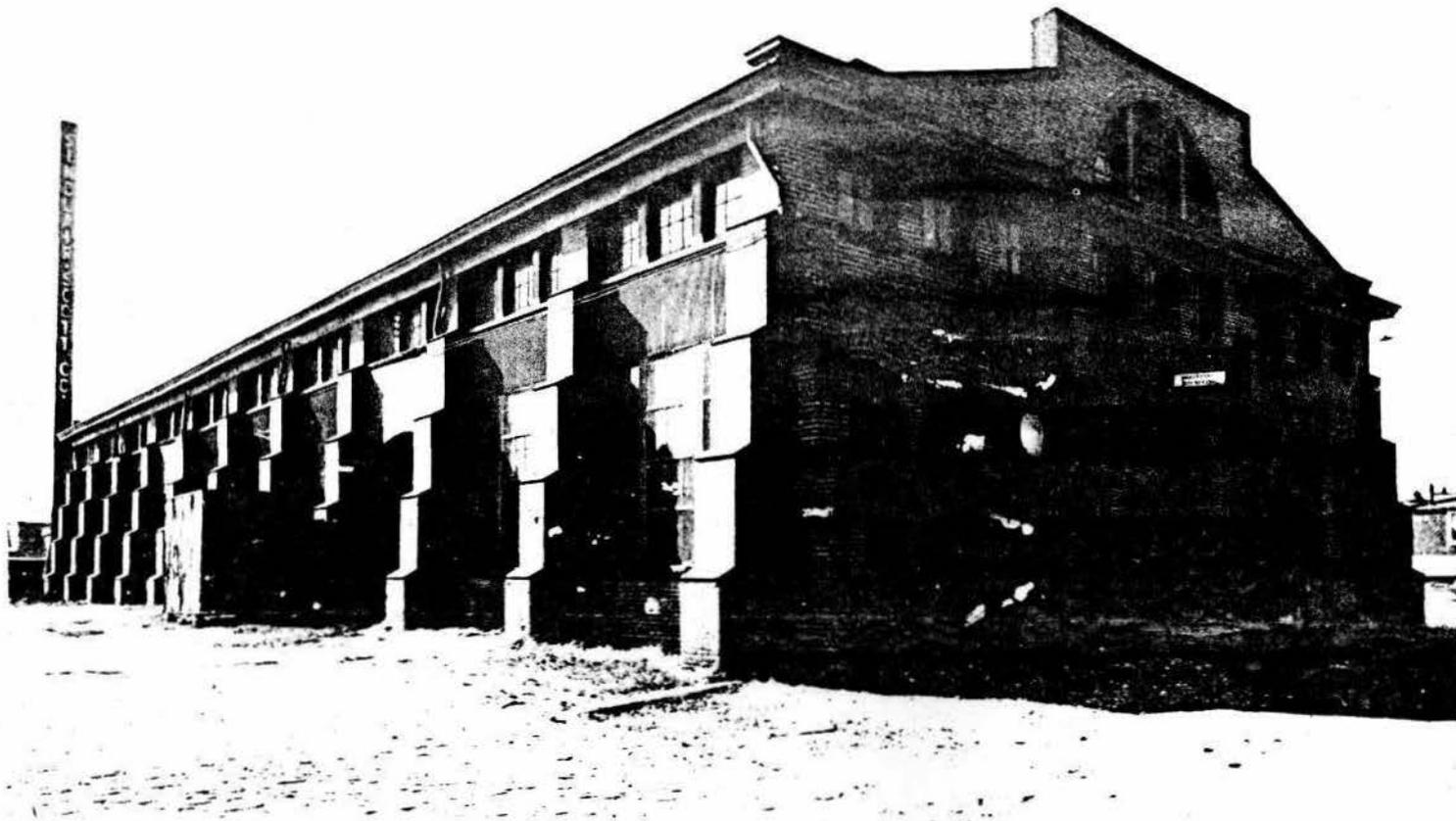
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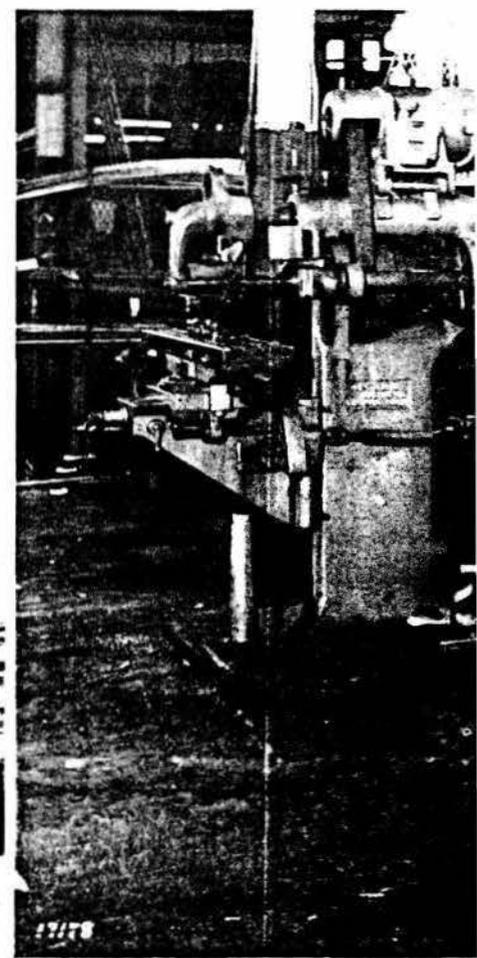
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VIEW OF BUILDING No. 2



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HAER INVENTORY

1. SITE I.D. NO **8-1057**

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION
manufacture

3. PRIORITY

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

5. DATE
1896

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT
OWNER ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN
Industrial Sales Corp

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Sinclair-Scott Co

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS
1200 W. Hamburg St

10. STATE COUNTY CITY VICINITY CONG DIST

Baltimore

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M D Baltimore

11. SITE ADDRESS, STREET & NO.
2 E. Wells Street

12. EXISTING SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-1 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 QUAD NAME

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15. CONDITION 70 EXCELLENT 71 GOOD 72 FAIR 73 DETERIORATED 74 RUINS 75 UNEXPOSED 76 ALTERED 80 DESTROYED 85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY *Leslie Barr* AFFILIATION *Balto. Museum of Industry* DATE *7/83*

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

18. ORIGINAL USE *manufacture* PRESENT USE *manufacture* ADAPTIVE USE

19. REFERENCES - HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER
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20. URBAN AREA 50,000 POP. OR MORE? YES NO

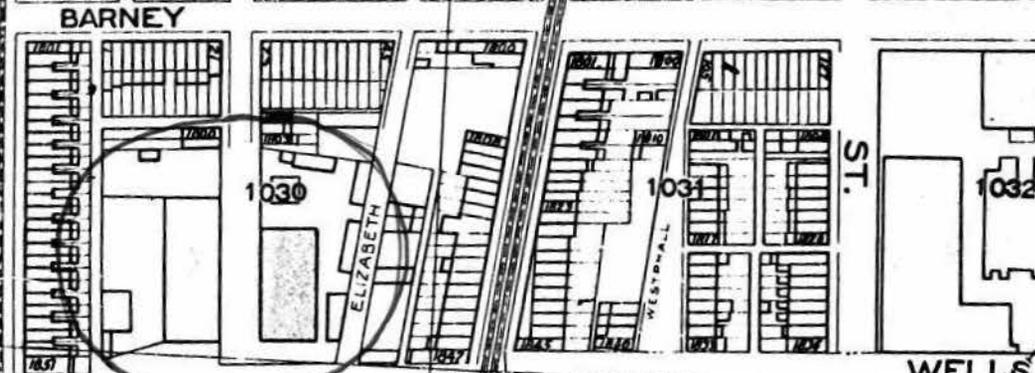
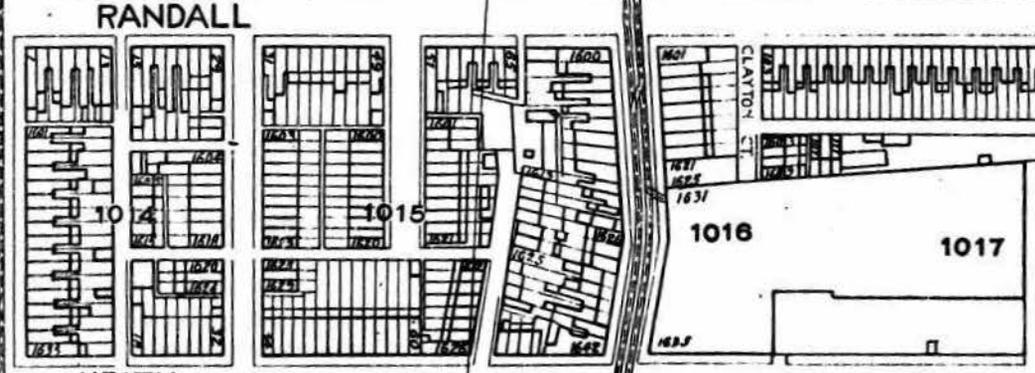
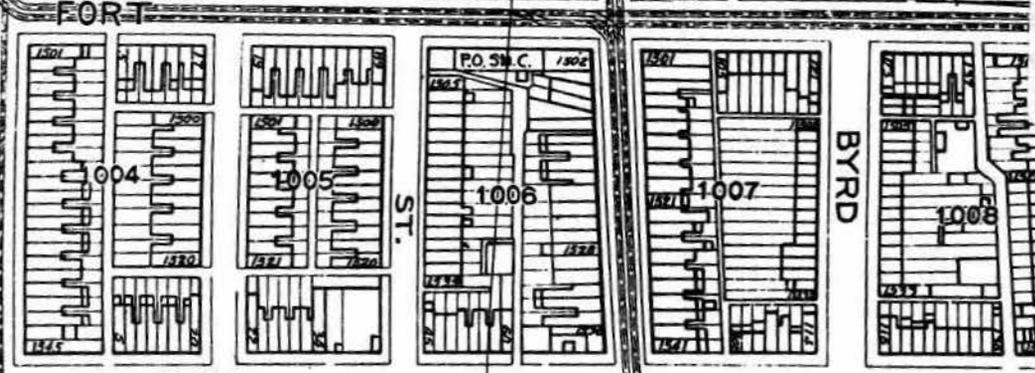
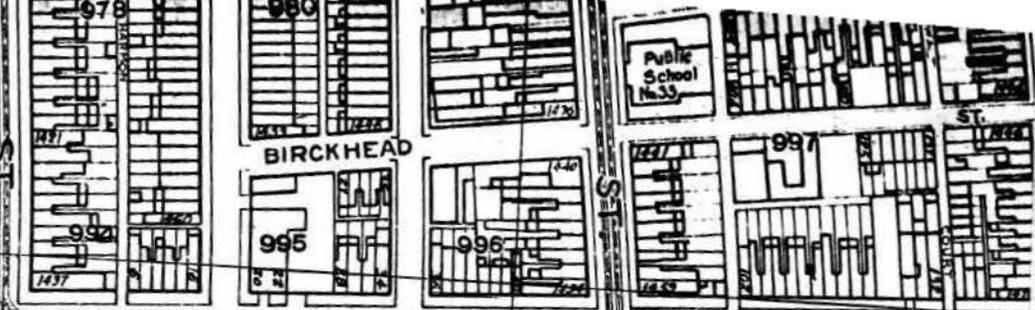
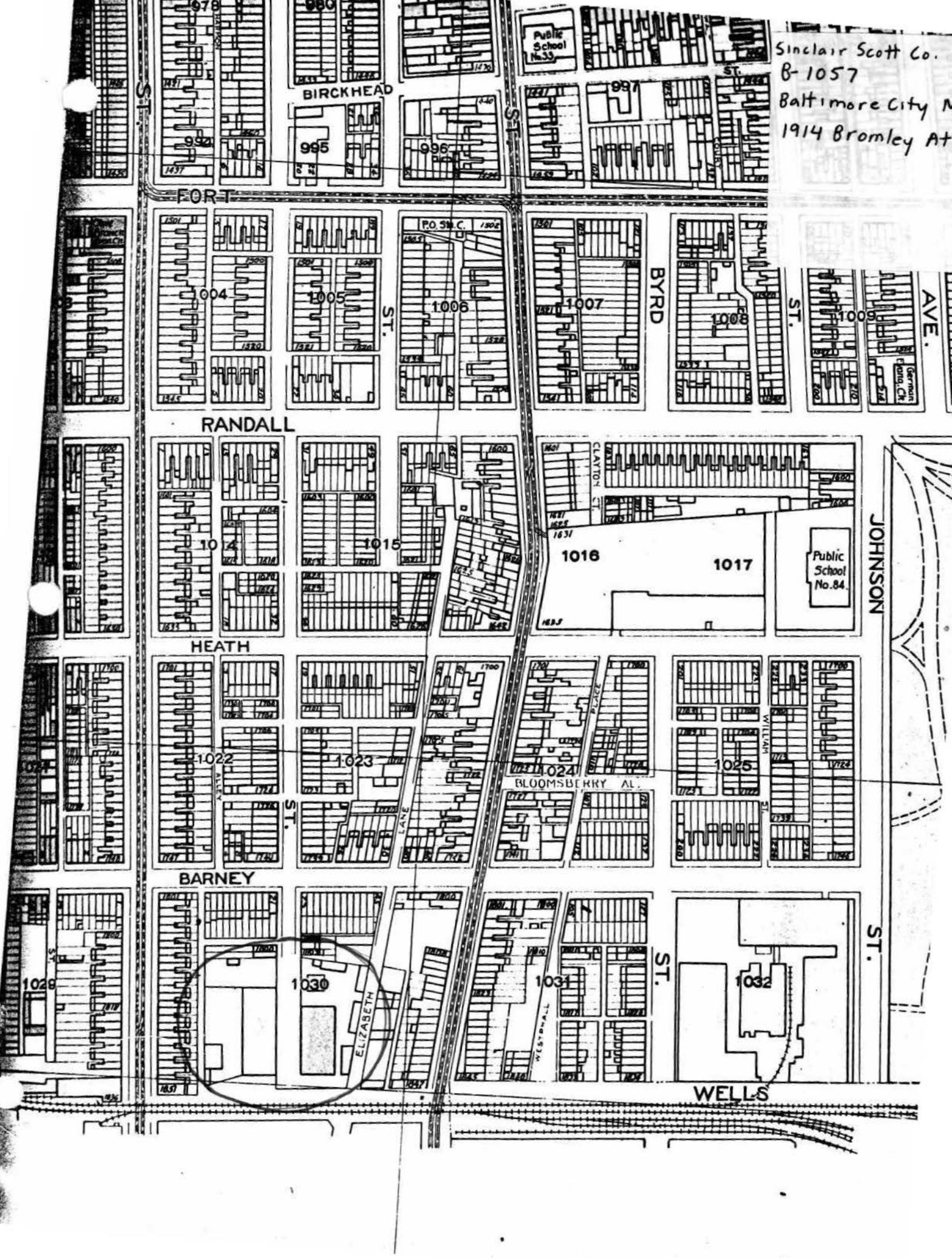
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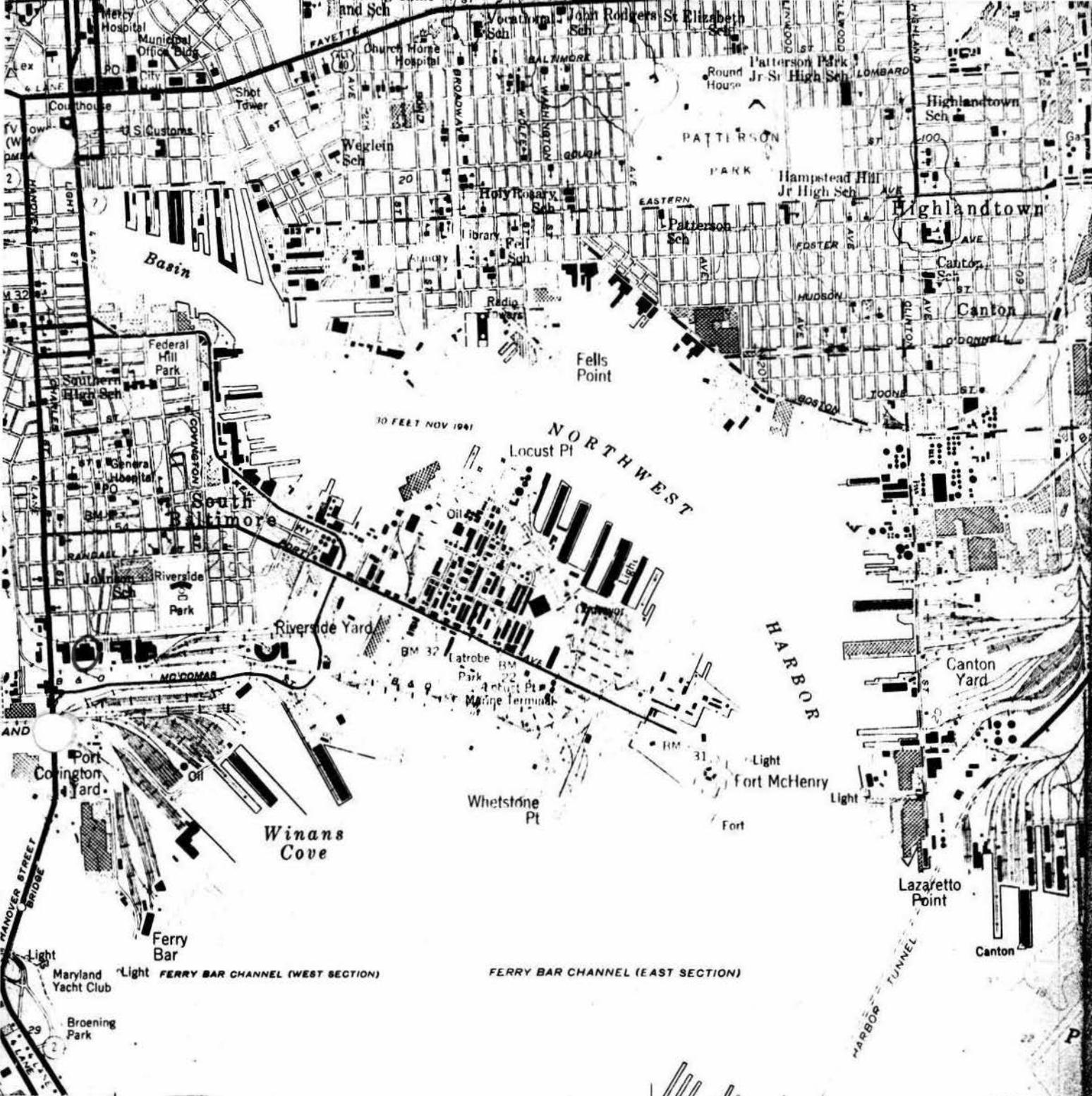
22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

23. EDITOR INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO NAME DISTRICT I.D. NO

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HARBOR

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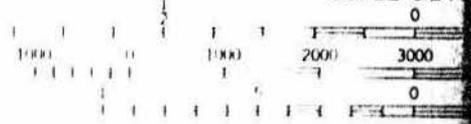
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Looking South West



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Looking North



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Buttress Detail looking South

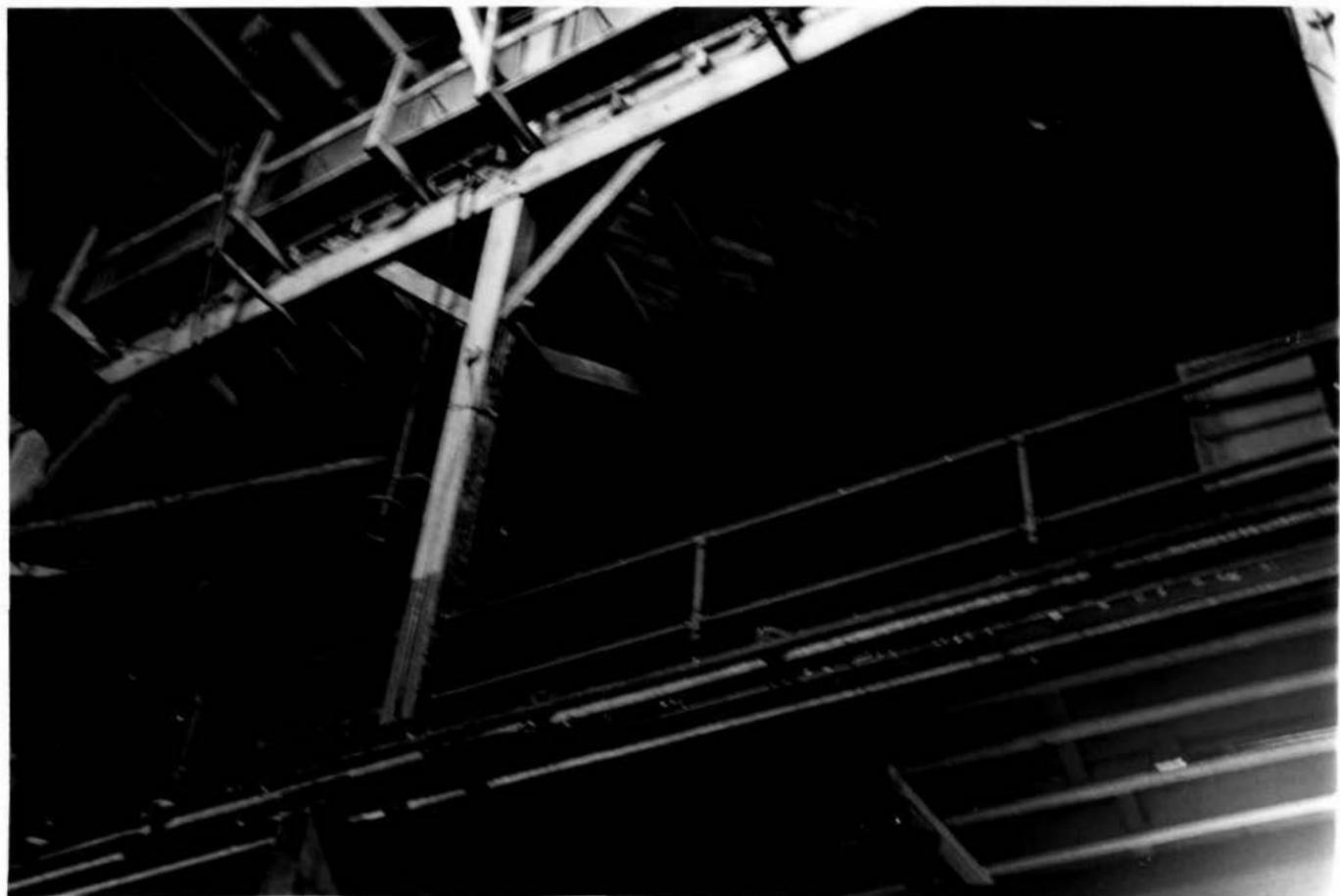
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Buttress Detail Looking South



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Interior, Looking Northeast