

Kaufman Beef Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
B-1066
private, no date

Significance

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Survey No. B-1066

Magi No. 0410665514

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Kaufman Beef Company

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1050/60 Dukeland Street ___ not for publication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 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 Nathan Mash/ Victory Building Inc.

street & number 1050/60 Dukeland Street telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse RHB 3234
liber /WA 3882

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 870/ 173

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

This complex is oriented to the railroad tracks, which brought livestock from the nearby Union Stockyards to the plant. Directly off the raised loading platform at the rear of the building is the killing room, a small space about twenty feet square. North and east is a large insulated cutting room. The second story over this space contains the former Kaufman offices and the plants refrigeration equipment. The carcasses were taken to the cold storage vault south and east of the killing room where they hung overnight or until they were ready to be cut up. A second storage vault adjacent to it was for storage of the processed meats. A loading dock on the south side of the building facilitated shipping.

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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 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

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.

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West Baltimore was a traditional meat packing area. Cattle was driven in from farmlands along trails such as Old Zane's Trail (now Old Frederick Road) and the Calverton Turnpike. Small family butchering operations grew up along the road, leading to the christening of one West Baltimore neighborhood as "Pigtown".

When the railroads began to service West Baltimore in the mid-1800's, a series of stockyards were developed in this area. In 1892, the Union Stockyards were founded as a consolidation of many smaller yards. West Baltimore's main railway station, Calverton, was built at the stockyards. The yards included several acres of pens, offices of meat dealers, buying stations of a number of local meat packers, and a few meat packing plants, including the Kaufman Beef Company.

The Kaufman plant may have predated the Union Stockyards itself. This mid-size packing company was founded in 1875 by Mr. H.C. Kaufman, probably at this site. A number of Kaufmans appear in the Baltimore city directories as butchers, grocers, and cattle dealers from the 1860's on. The company practiced only kosher slaughtering and packed only kosher beef products. They had a large market stall in the Hollins Market, and one in the Lexington Market.

In 1934, the company expanded and modernized their operations with the purchase and reconditioning of a large, ten-acre, multi-building site immediately to the north of the old plant, formerly the site of the Wilson-Martin Company. The firm now had the capacity to kill and dress 50-100 cattle an hour.

Sometime around 1936, the Kaufman company was sold and became the Louis Sand Company, and manufacturer of sausage and luncheon meats. In 1949, the Dukeland Packing Corporation took over the Sand company, and in 1954, it also took over

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the old plant to the south. In 1973, the firm was rocked by scandal when President Spevak was convicted of shipping spoiled meat, bribing federal inspectors, and cheating employees. Although reorganized by his son and son-in-law, the firm went out of business shortly thereafter.

The northern addition was later purchased by the Mash's Meat Company. The original buildings were purchased by Victory Building, Inc., and are currently used by Mash's as storage space.

1. SITE I.D. NO

B-1066

HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

2. INDUSTRIAL SIGNIFICATION

manufacture

3. PRIORITY

DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

Nathan Mash / Victory Building

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

KAUFMAN BEEF Co.

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

1050/60 Dukeland St

10. STATE
COUNTY

MD

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

BALTIMORE

CONG.
DIST.STATE
COUNTY

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG.
DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

1050/60 Dukeland Ave

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
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SCALE 1:24 1:62.5 OTHER

QUAD NAME BALTO. WEST

14. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN

SCALE 1:24 1:62.5 OTHERQUAD
NAME15. CONDITION 70 EXCELLENT 71 GOOD 72 FAIR 73 DETERIORATED 74 RUINS 75 UNEXPOSED 76 ALTERED 82 DESTROYED 85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Ann Steele

AFFILIATION

Balto. Museum of Industry

DATE

12/83

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

see attached

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

meat packing

PRESENT USE

warehouse

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 UNKNOWN23. EDITOR
INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO

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DEMOLISHED

Kaufman Beef Company, site
1050-1060 Dukeland Street

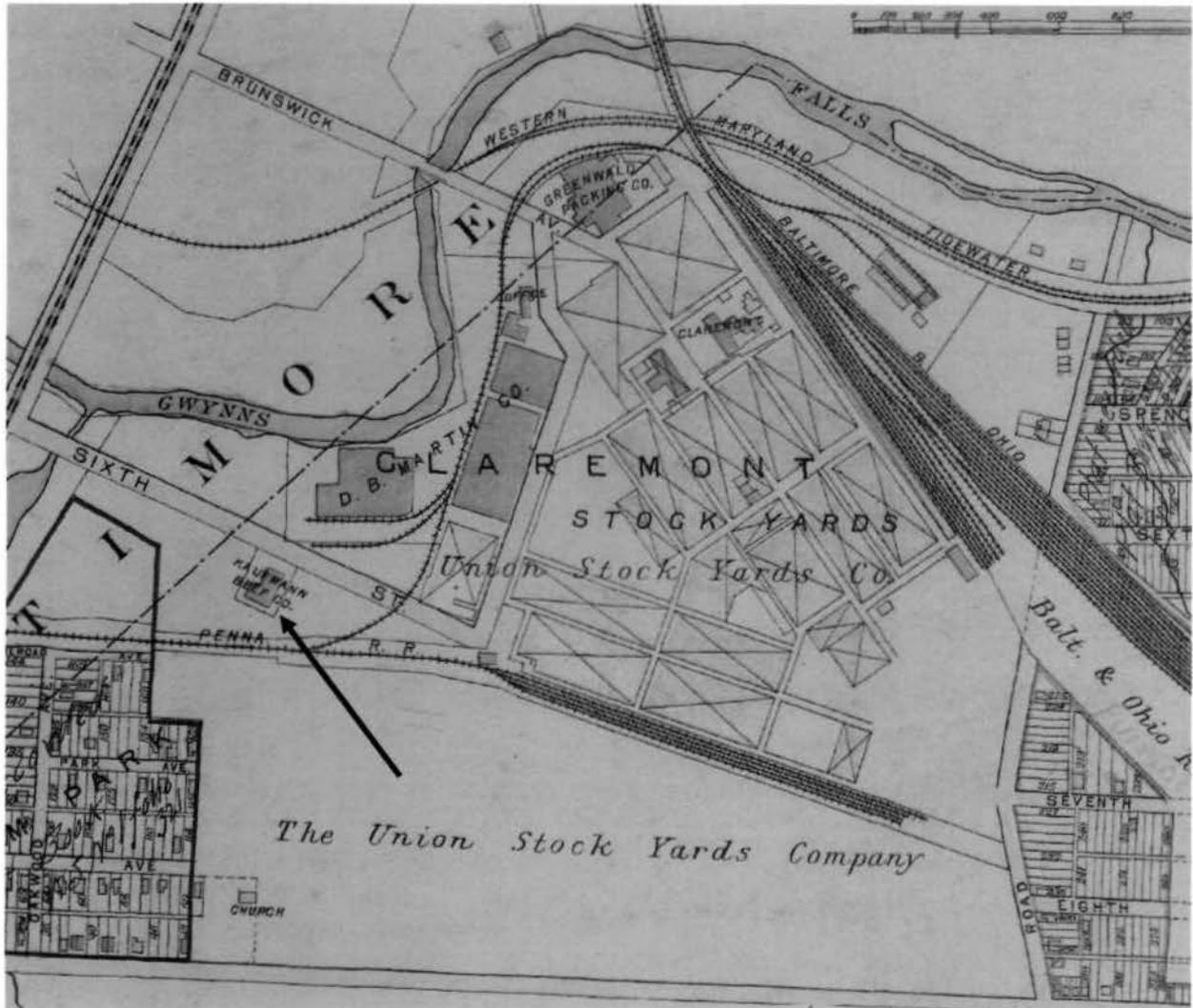
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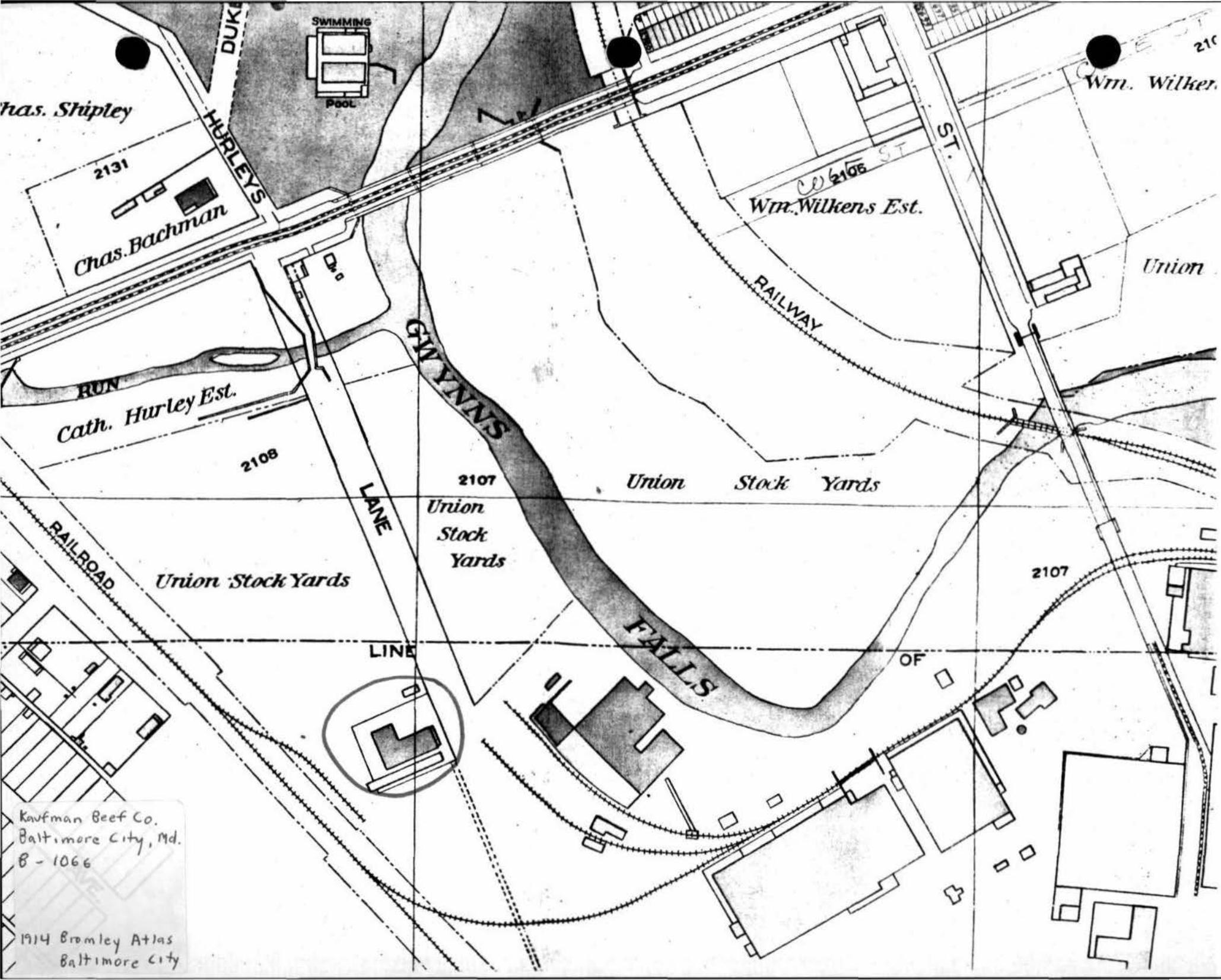
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Plate 3: Part of 1st & 13th Districts

http://mdhistory.net/msaref07/bc_ba_atlases_1876_1915/html/bc_ba_atlases_1876_1915-0732.html

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Chas. Shipley

DUKE ST
HURLEYS

SWIMMING
POOL

2131

Chas. Bachman

Wm. Wilkens Est.

Wm. Wilkens

ST.

RAILWAY

Union

Cath. Hurley Est.

2108

LANE

2107
Union
Stock
Yards

Union Stock Yards

RAILROAD

Union Stock Yards

2107

LINE

OF

FALLS

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1914 Bromley Atlas
Baltimore City

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BALTIMORE, MD

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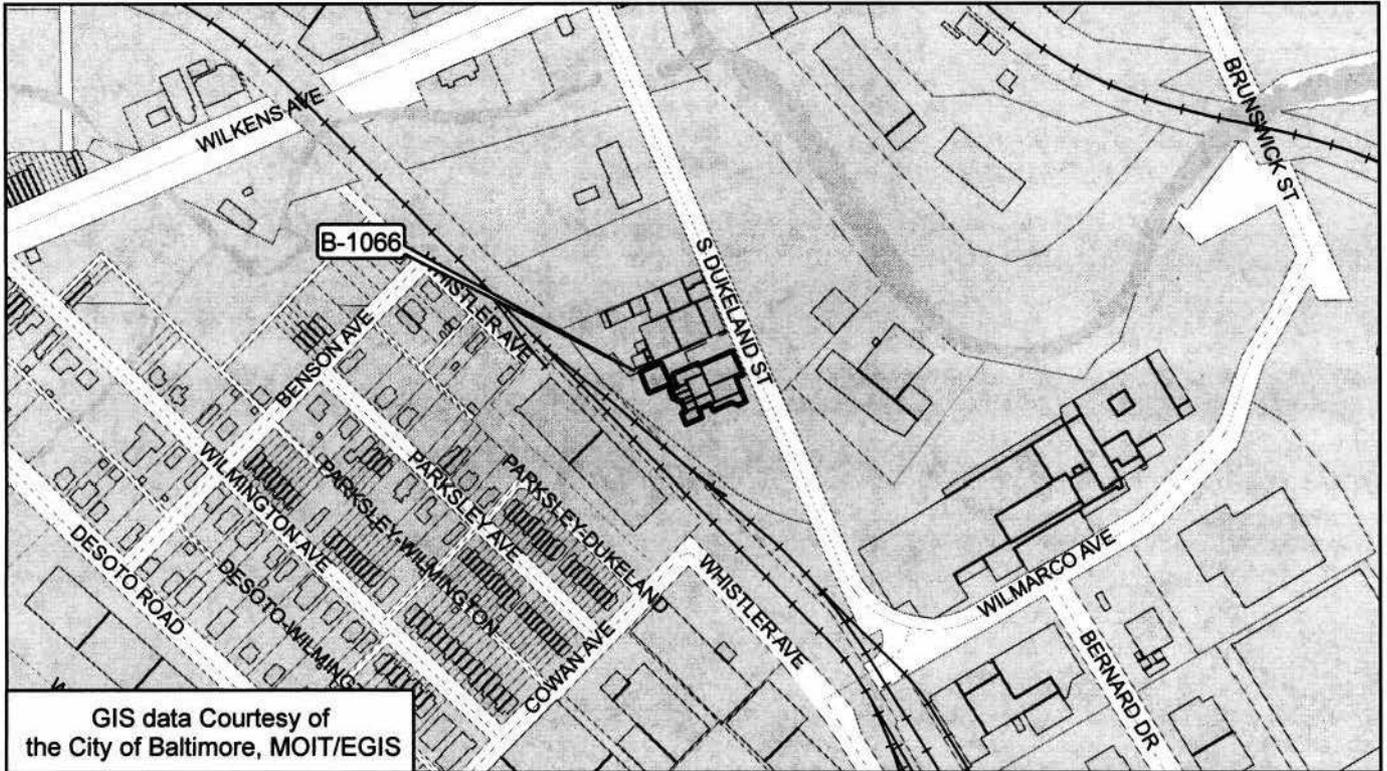
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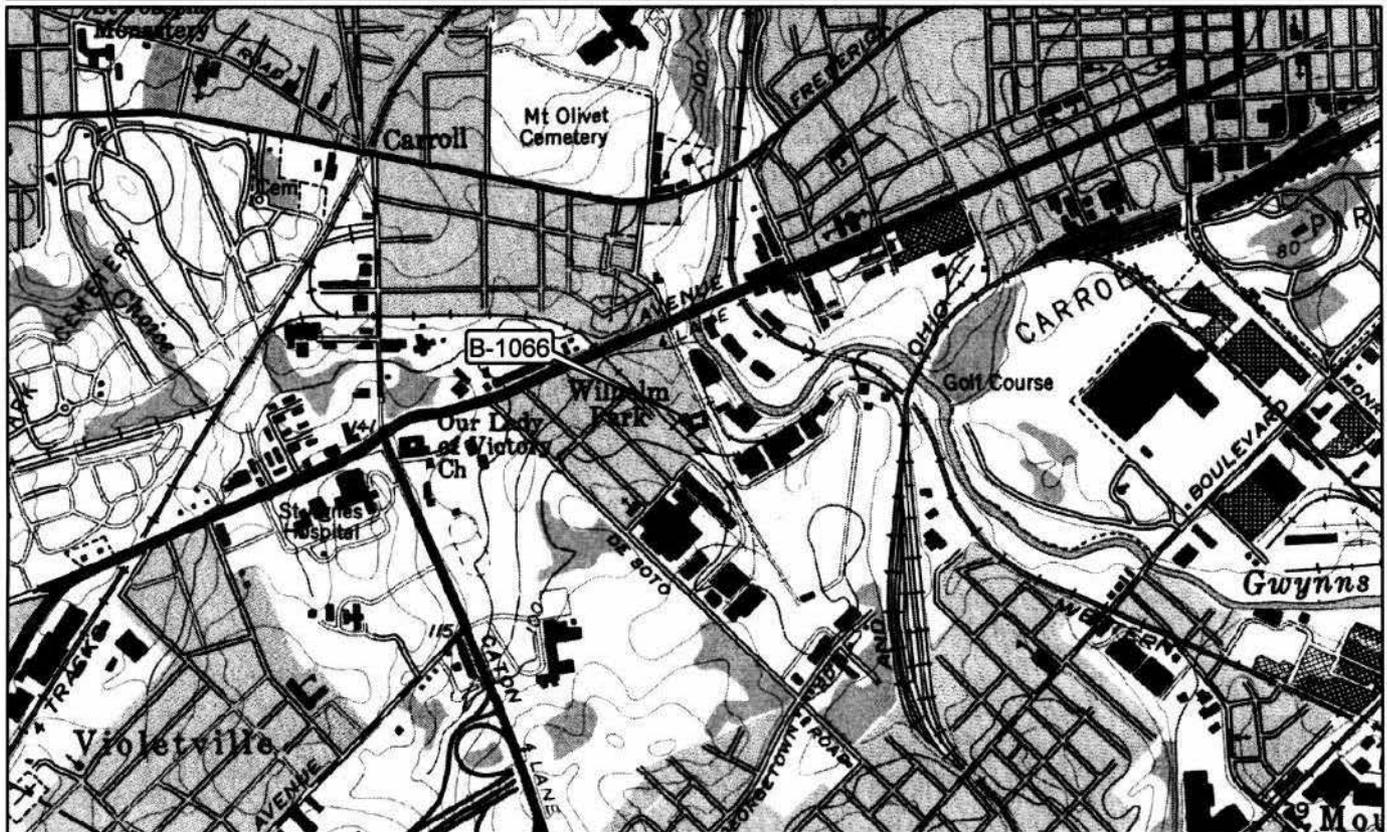
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PATAPSCO R

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Kaufman Beef Company
1050-1060 Dukeland Street
Block 2108, Lot 004
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad.

Largely demolished



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the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS





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Peter Liebhold 10/83

looking SW



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looking west