

Statement of Significance

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

E. J. Codd

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

700 S. Caroline Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ray Kauffman
E. J. Codd & Company

Telephone #: 301-327-3900

STREET & NUMBER

700 South Caroline Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21231

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #: JFC-1999
Folio #: 410

STREET & NUMBER

Fayette and Calvert Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure on the southwest corner of Caroline and Aliceannan Streets is a three-story timber frame and brick building which houses the offices and storage facilities of the company. Its single regularly-spaced sash windows give it a severe look. The surface of the brick has been damaged by recent sandblasting.

Adjacent on the west is a two-story addition which houses the company's machine shop. A high bay in the center of this building gives added clearance for an overhead travelling crane which moves large castings. Part of the first floor is open to the roof and the remainder of the second floor forms a loft along the north wall.

Adjacent to these buildings on the south is the erecting and welding shop. This metal frame structure is one high story and contains a series of booms and cranes and other machinery used in assembling large machinery. This area formerly housed furnaces for foundry work as well.

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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 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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Historical Significance

Edward J. Codd, a lifelong resident of East Baltimore, founded his machine shop, iron foundry & boilerworks in 1860. The company grew rapidly throughout the late 19th century expanding its operations to include a steam-powered blacksmith shop, finishing department, milling shop and patternmaking. Most notably during this period the Codd Company specialized in steamship repairs. In 1891, the firm built and installed the coal burning engines in the "Cataract", Baltimore's first fireboat which served the harbor until 1914. An 1898 description cites the company as "one of the largest of its kind in the South... with an outstanding reputation for quality workmanship and reliability."⁽¹⁾

Following Mr. Codd's death in 1911, Henry Hazelhurst Wiegand and Thomas Penniman bought the company. Mr. Wiegand, a Baltimorean, invented and patented the Wiegand Chain Furnace Curtain which is still produced by the Codd Company. During World Wars I and II work at the plant included a large number of government contracts for tanks, welding and riveting work.

In 1953, Ray Weigand Kauffman, Mr. Weigand's great nephew, purchased the business which now includes the E. J. Codd Company of Baltimore City, Codd Fabricators & Boiler Co. Inc., and the Baltimore Lead Burning Corporation at Codd's original location.

"The plant at Caroline Street has modern equipment for, and specializes, in contract machining, steel fabricating, lead burning, and the repair of industrial equipment for many local businesses

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

R. Kauffman: E. J. Codd & Co., Foundry, Machine & Boiler Works
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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

Linda Daur, Dennis Zembala

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

Sept. 1980

STREET & NUMBER

217 N. Charles Street

TELEPHONE

301-396-1931

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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including oil and sugar refineries, steel manufacturers and chemical plants. This unique combination of industrial skills--fabricating, machining and lead burning--is finding increased applications in the high technology fields of nuclear energy, medicine, environmental protection and public utility."(2)

- (1) Mercantile Advancement Co., Baltimore: Gateway to the South
(Balto., Guggenheim & Weil Co.) p. 123
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NAER INVENTORY

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

1. SITE I.D. NO B 1 0 7 3

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

3. PRIORITY

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

Manufacturing

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER										ADMIN									

7. OWNER/ADMIN
Ray Kauffman, E.J. Codd & Company

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
E.J. Codd & Company

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS
700 South Caroline Street

10. STATE COUNTY M D COUNTY NAME CITY/VICINITY CONG. DIST. 3 STATE COUNTY M D COUNTY NAME CITY/VICINITY CONG. DIST. 3

Baltimore Baltimore

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)
Caroline and Aliceanne Streets

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	SCALE	QUAD NAME
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15. CONDITION 70 EXCELLENT 71 GOOD 72 FAIR 73 DETERIORATED 74 RUINS 75 UNEXPOSED 76 ALTERED 77 DESTROYED 85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY Dennis Zembala AFFILIATION Baltimore Industrial Museum DATE Sept., 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 Iron foundry, machine shop, boiler works PRESENT USE Same ADAPTIVE USE

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

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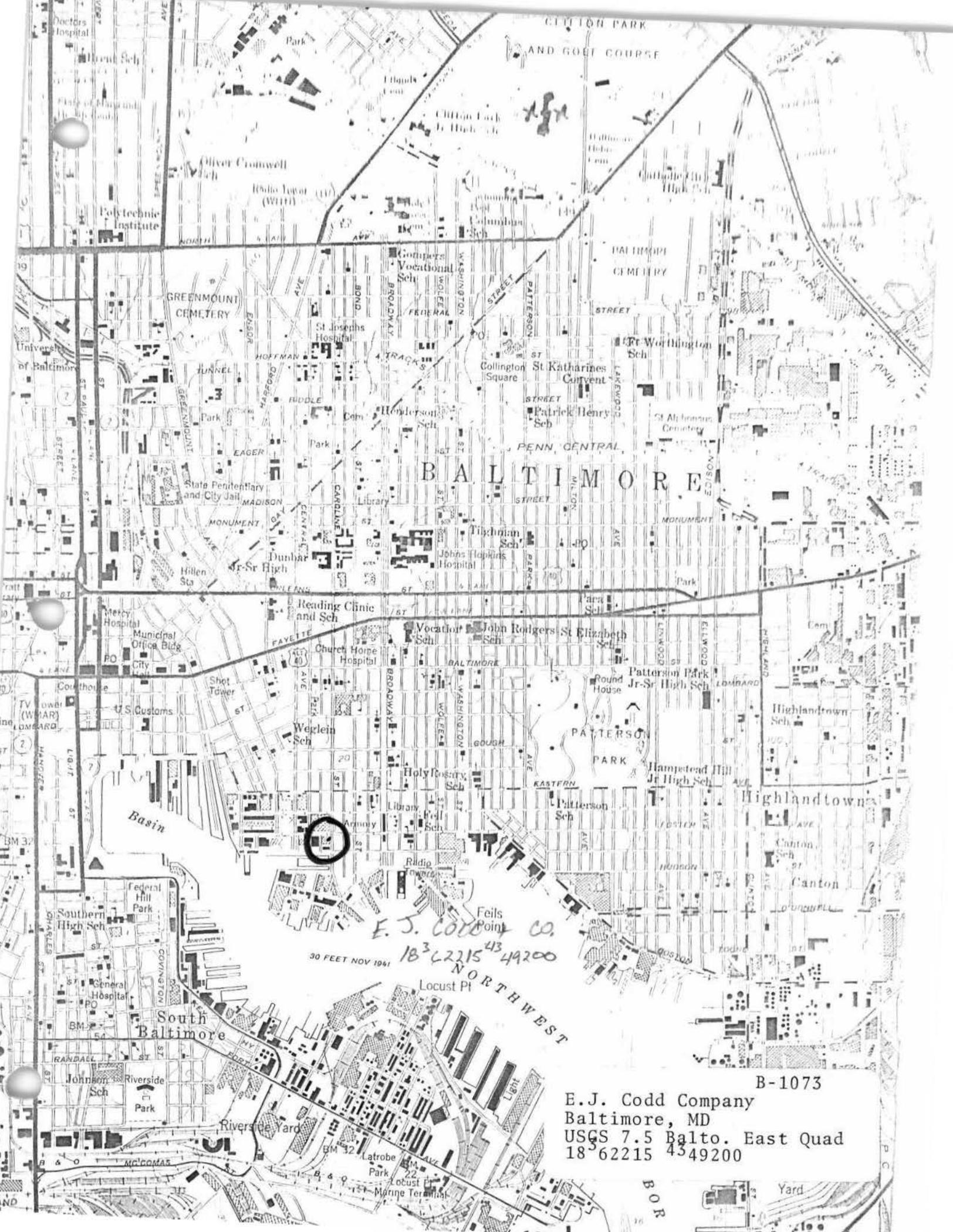
20. URBAN AREA 50,000 POP. OR MORE? YES NO

21.

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



BALTIMORE

E. J. Codd & Co.
18° 62215 43 49200
Locust Pt NORTHWEST

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E. J. Codd Company
Baltimore, MD
USGS 7.5 Balto. East Quad
18° 62215 43 49200



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East & North Facades



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North^g West Facades



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West Facade



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