

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Phoenix Manufacturing Company Inventory Number: B-1084
 Address: 1201 South Sharp Street City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21230
 County: Baltimore City USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore East, MD
 Owner: 1201 Sharp Street Limited Partnership Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: 0023 Tax Account ID Number: Section 07, Block 0961, Lot 001
 Project: Trileaf Site #614536 "West and Sharp" Agency: FCC
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

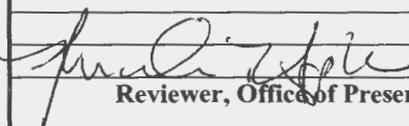
If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company is located at 1201 South Sharp Street in Baltimore City and County, Maryland. The property occupies tax parcel 23 07 0961 001 and is owned by the 1201 Sharp Street Limited Partnership at mailing address 1340 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
	<u>11/3/15</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

Exterior

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company building occupies the majority of its lot, bounded by South Sharp Street on the northwest, West West Street on the northeast, Peach Street on the southeast, and by a separate lot that fronts West Ostend Street on its southwestern boundary. The historic core of the building on the property was constructed between 1903 and 1904 by the George Esselmann Company. It is composed of two sections intersecting to form an L-shaped plan, with the outer corner of the L situated at the southeastern corner of South Sharp Street and West West Street. A rectangular addition running eastward from the southern section of the building's core out to Peach Street was constructed between 1927 and 1948 (Chesapeake Aircraft Co. 1927; Aero Services Corporation 1948). Constructed against the southeastern elevation of the southern section is a narrow glass addition that encloses an interior hallway, and was likely added when the building was acquired by Himmelrich Associates and converted to office space ca. 1987. Smaller additions include a pedimented portico on the southern elevation, and a small two-story concrete masonry addition constructed within the corner of the L, that were likely added at or around the same time.

The historic core of the building is composed of two sections that are three stories in height and measure approximately 100 feet by 75 feet, intersecting to form a larger L-shaped building. The northern section is oriented with its length to West West Street, while the southern section is oriented with its length along South Sharp Street where it forms a continuous façade with the section to the north. Both sections are composed of brick laid in common bond and topped with a flat roof, excepting an area of stepped parapet on the northwestern elevation of the northern section.

The longest elevation, on the northwest, is 20 bays in width on each of its three floors (Photographs 1 and 2). Entry doors occur at the first bay, ninth bay, tenth bay, and twentieth bay, moving from north to south. On the second and third floors, a single window opening corresponds to a door or window opening on the ground floor. The doors at the first and tenth bays are narrow and topped with the same low brick header arches that occur over the window opening, while the larger openings at the ninth and twentieth bays are topped with rectangular iron I-beam lintels set into the brick and bolted in place (Photographs 3 and 4). A 1980 survey completed by Roger White refers to these larger openings as garage doors (White 1980). Since the time of the 1980 survey, these doors have been converted to pedestrian doors surrounded by wide glass panels and transoms. Photographs accompanying that survey show that the single pane double-hung windows currently on all elevations replaced the 12-over-12 divided light windows that were present in 1980 (White 1980).

The northeastern elevation of the building, facing onto West West Street, is 11 bays in width on the ground floor and 12 on the second and third floors (Photograph 5). A narrow door opening occurs on the third bay and a wider opening sits in the final bay, moving from west to east. Window and door surrounds are of the same type as those on the northwestern elevation. On the second and third floors, window openings vertically align with the windows and doors on the first floor, with the exception of the larger "garage" opening which is centered between two window openings on the second and third floors. Like the northwestern elevation, window openings contained divided light windows in 1980 (White 1980). A continuous band of corbelled brick wraps around both the northeastern and northwestern elevations, separating the second and third floors (Photograph 6).

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A historic advertisement published in 1910 shows that the building was designed with its current L-shaped plan, but was originally two stories in height with a zig-zag pattern below the roof eaves corresponding to the pattern of the corbelled brick that currently separates the second and third floors (Blum 1910). The 1910 engraving shows the low brick arches above window and door openings that are still present over most of the openings. The pattern of fenestration and positioning of large and small door openings shown in the 1910 engraving are largely consistent with those on the modern building. The engraving also illustrates the building with 23 bays rather than the 20 bays. Between the first and second stories of the building, as shown on the 1910 engraving, the text "GEO. ESSELMANN CO. MANUFACTURERS OF MOULDINGS AND FRAMES." is written across the northeastern elevation. The longer northwestern elevation contains the full text "GEO. ESSELMANN CO. MANUFACTURERS OF MOULDINGS, FRAMES & ART NOVELTIES." The lettering has since been removed, leaving the brick beneath visibly lighter than elsewhere on the building. The area was used for signage by later owners as well. The word "Overalls" is visible in a 1980 photograph and metal fasteners set into the brick show that an even later sign had been mounted over the brick and later removed (White 1980).

The southeastern elevation of the building is irregularly shaped, as it formed by the inner edge of the L plan and further complicated by later additions. The northern portion of the elevation is formed by the projecting eastern end of the historic core's northern section, which is nine bays in width (Photograph 7). Door openings on this area of the elevation are a pedestrian entry door at the seventh bay, and a wider "garage" door at the ninth, moving from north to south. The façade then steps back by approximately 30 feet, or two bays, to its intersection with the southern portion of the building, which is 11 bays in width (Photograph 8). The corner is partially filled and the inner window on each section is covered by the concrete addition (Photograph 9). A one-story shed-roofed glass hallway addition projects into a small paved recreational courtyard and covers the five bays adjacent to the concrete addition on the ground floor (Photographs 10 and 11). Another one-story brick addition constructed against the southern end of the elevation covers the first floor on the remaining five bays. Above these additions, the second and third stories of the southern section remain visible and contain window openings of the same size, type, and ornamentation as those on the remainder of the building, in addition to the brick corbelling separating the second and third floors.

The one-story addition is approximately 45 feet in width and 80 feet in length, projecting from the southeastern elevation of the historic core's southern section where it spans five bays on the ground floor. On its northeastern elevation, the addition contains one window opening centered within the walled courtyard area (Photograph 10) and, outside of the courtyard walls, a door opening framed by a pair of double-hung windows (Photograph 12). The smaller Peach Street elevation contains one larger opening, likely for machinery or storage that has been filled with cinderblock and replaced by a smaller pedestrian opening (Photograph 13). On its main or southwestern elevation, the addition contains three equally-spaced entrances that open directly into the interior addition itself (Photograph 14). At the addition's junction with the southern section of the main building, a pedimented main entryway with classical columns leads into the hallway covered by the one-story glass addition (Photograph 15). Brickwork on the addition is of the same common bond as the historic core, with the exception of that on the southwestern elevation. Brickwork on the southwestern elevation is highly irregular, either due to alterations or to its construction as a wall that would not be visible to pedestrians or clients at the time of its construction.

The western half of the southwestern elevation is formed by the three-story rear elevation of the historic core. This wall contains only a single entry door in the center of the ground floor and none of the decorative corbelling visible on other elevations (Photograph 16).

Interior

The interior of the building has been subdivided into office spaces and is not publicly accessible, save the main lobby. Here, the former exterior brick wall and its window openings were retained as the western wall of the hallway (Photograph 17). The glass eastern wall of the hallway faces into the paved courtyard area (Photograph 18). The public areas within the building have been modernized with drywall and replacement flooring (Photographs 17 through 19).

HISTORY

The two lower stories of the repurposed industrial building at 1201 S. Sharp Street were erected in 1903-04 as a picture frame and moulding factory for the George Esselmann Company. A third and final story was added during the period 1910-14, around the time the building was occupied by its future long-term tenant, the Phoenix (garment) Manufacturing Company.

While a historical sketch of the "George Esselmann Co." published in 1910 asserted that the company was established in 1893 (Blum 1910:94), an article in a local newspaper reported the company's incorporation in Baltimore on January 1, 1900, as a partnership of George C. Esselmann and Harry N. Hirschberg (*Sun* 1900:10). An entry in a 1901 Baltimore business directory identified "George Esselmann & Co. ([principals] George Esselmann, Harry N. Hirschberg), Molding and Picture Frame Manufacturers and Gilders, Mantels and Pier Mirrors, 204 to 210 Clay [Street (office)] and 619 s. Caroline [Street (factory)]" (Polk 1901:460). The Esselmann firm was one of 37 Baltimore-based "Picture and Picture Frame Dealers and Manufacturers" recorded in the 1901 directory (Polk 1901:1943-44).

On May 5, 1903, 39-year-old George Esselmann leased from siblings Albert T. Myer, Mary J. Myer, Elizabeth Myer, Marie Constance Bentley and husband Robert L. Bentley, Robert J. Myer and wife Annie a parcel of ground in the increasingly-industrialized southwestern section of Baltimore (Anonymous 2015:n.p.; Craig 2015:n.p.). The parcel was described in the associated deed as being bounded on the west by Sharp Street, a distance of 179 feet, 8 inches; on the north by West Street, a distance of 155 feet; and on the east by Peach Alley, a distance of 179 feet, 8 inches (Baltimore City Deed Book 2012:327). On a fire insurance map published two years earlier, that parcel had been depicted as vacant except for a one-story building in the north corner of the lot, wherein "Barrels [were] Repaired." Abutting the southern end of the parcel as of 1901 had been a lot occupied by a one-story building housing the American Steel Buckle Company and Catch and Clasp Company, at 1237-1239 S. Sharp Street (Sanborn-Perris Map Company 1901).

The lease terms accepted by George Esselmann on May 5, 1903 required him to pay the Myers siblings "a yearly sum of \$660," in "half yearly installments." Moreover, if Esselmann "should fail to erect on said premises a factory building at a cost of at least \$17,000 and equip the same with an engine which he is using at present and with boilers having a capacity of at least 40 horsepower within 18 months

from the date of this lease, then the said lessors at their option may reenter upon the premises hereby devised and hold the same as if this lease had never been made" (Baltimore City Deed Book 2012:327).

Esselmann appears to have satisfied those and the other half-dozen provisions of the lease. His company's occupation of a new factory at "Sharp corner of West" was reflected in a Baltimore business directory published in 1904, and its continued occupation of the building would be noted in business directories published in 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1912, and 1913 (Polk 1904:532, 1905:360, 1906:577, 1907:630, 1908:691, 1909:696, 1912:714, 1913:714). An illustration of the L-shaped Esselmann factory building published in 1910 depicted it with a footprint similar to the footprint of the present building at 1201 S. Sharp Street. The 1910 depiction showed the factory rising only two stories, however, and while the present building features 20 bays on its S. Sharp Street elevation, and 12 bays on its W. West Street elevation, the 1910 depiction showed the building with 23 bays facing Sharp Street, and 15 facing West Street (Blum 1910:94). Those discrepancies might signal that the 1910 illustrator allowed himself artistic license.

Midway through 1907, the Franke-Schwab Company occupied the southern section of the Esselmann factory. A notice in the June 5, 1907 edition of the *Daily Bulletin of the Manufacturers' Record* reported that the "Franke-Schwab Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000 to manufacture and deal in pictures, picture frames, molding and art novelties, by Frederick C. Franke, Sharp and West streets; William A. Schwab, George A. Solter and others" (*Daily Bulletin of the Manufacturers' Record* 1907:1). The firm's address was cited in 1908 and 1909 Baltimore business directories as "1213 S. Sharp Street" (Polk 1908:754, 1909:760). Sometime prior to 1910, the George Esselmann Company purchased "the Franke-Schwab Co.'s plant, at Bayard and Cleveland Sts., and its complete equipment" (Blum 1910:94). The absence of entries for the Franke-Schwab Co. in Baltimore business directories published after 1910 suggests that the company had been absorbed into the George Esselmann Company.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company may have at least temporarily occupied one or more floors of the Esselmann factory in or just prior to 1909. Among the entries for producers of "Middy Blouses" and "Overalls" in a 1909 national directory of garment manufacturers was "Phoenix Mfg. Co., 1201 S. Sharp st" (Phelon 1909:253, 260). No such occupation by the Phoenix Manufacturing Company was reflected in city directories prior to 1914, however. The Company had specialized in the manufacture of overalls since at least 1903, when it operated a factory at 129-131 W. Pratt Street, on the eastern edge of Baltimore's garment district (Polk 1903:1342; *Baltimore American* 1904:7). By 1905, the Company had relocated to a factory at 716 W. German Street (present W. Redwood Street [Polk 1905:1336]). As of 1908, it was under the proprietorship of the "Strauss Brothers," identified in a contemporary account of *The Jews of Baltimore* as "Emanuel, Manes, Sydney, Jesse, Myer and Leon Strauss," sons of "Strauss Bros. [founders] Moses, Louis and Abraham Strauss." The "old importing and jobbing dry goods firm" was said in 1910 to "occupy the two magnificent warehouses at the northwest corner of Lombard and Paca Streets, where is carried one of the most ample stocks of dry goods to be found in Baltimore, in which line they are direct importers and jobbers" (Blum 1910:244).

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company's future home at 1201 S. Sharp Street was still principally or wholly occupied in 1910 by the George Esselmann Company. A caption accompanying the aforementioned circa-1910 illustration asserted that the Company was being conducted "by Geo.

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Esselmann, Pres.; Geo. H. Bruce, Vice Pres.; Jacob France, Sec. and Treas.” The two-story “plant” was described as measuring 155-by-200 feet (approximately 22 feet longer than the leased parcel), and having the service of two lumber yards with a combined 46,000 square feet of storage. A reported 125 employees enabled the company to “supply the Jobbing Picture Frame and Room Moulding trade from Canada to Texas, east of the Mississippi River.” In a recently-added “graining” department “Imitation Grainings in Oak, Rosewood, Mahogany, etc., that have no superiors are made” (Blum 1910:94).

Business directories published in 1912 and 1913 noted that the George Esselmann Company continued to occupy the factory on the “southeast corner of Sharp and West” during that period, while the Phoenix Manufacturing Company remained at 716-718 W. German Street (Polk 1912:1608, 2627; Polk 1913:1624, 2649). In 1913 or early 1914, the George Esselmann Company was acquired or otherwise succeeded by the picture frame manufacturing firm of Milton W. Bosley & Company, and operations were moved westward from 1201 S. Sharp Street to the Bosley factory at Bayard and Nanticoke Streets (Polk 1914:689). Upon that evacuation, the Phoenix Manufacturing Company occupied all or part of the Esselmann factory for the production of overalls, as reflected on a fire insurance map published in 1914 (Sanborn Map Company 1914:1/46). That map also indicated that the factory building was three stories high (rising 46 feet from ground level), apparently reflecting the addition of a third story since 1909 or 1910. All three stories had rows of window openings. The building was depicted as comprising two principal sections. The northern section measured 100 feet along W. West Street and 80 feet along Sharp Street. The Phoenix Manufacturing Company had offices on the first floor along Sharp Street, and a shipping area in the rear of that floor. The second floor was utilized for packing and sewing, while the third floor was devoted to sewing. A fire escape serving all three floors was located on the W. West Street side of the building’s northeastern corner.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company also performed cutting on the third floor of the factory’s southern section, which was depicted on the 1914 fire insurance map as measuring 100 feet along S. Sharp Street, and being 75 feet wide. The two lower floors of that section were occupied by Crook-Kries & Company, manufacturer of machine supplies. The first floor served as the company’s “machine room,” while the second floor accommodated “pattern & sheet iron.” An open elevator serving all three floors and both sections of the factory building was located in the northern end of the southern section. Two ancillary structures were depicted immediately east of the factory’s southern section, on the same 179.6-by-155-foot parcel. The smaller of those structures measured approximately 35-by-20 feet, and contained a fuel room, as well as a 48-foot-high “iron stack.” The larger of the structures was a one-story “Kiln (Not Used).” Neither of those structures are now extant.

Crook-Kries & Company had its main offices elsewhere in Baltimore. An entry in a 1915 city directory identified the company as “Crook, Kries & Co., (Howard E. Crook, Henry A. Kries), Heating and Ventilation Engineers and Contractors, 28 Light St.” (Polk 1915:578). An advertisement in that directory further identified the company as “Manufacturers and Machinists [of] Heating-Ventilating Power Plants and Piping,” as well as “Dealers in Boilers, Engines, Pumps, and Machinists’ Supplies. Successors to Thomas C. Basshor Co., Agents for ‘Ball of Erie Engines’; Factory [at] 1213 to 1233 Sharp Street” (Polk 1915:2465). The company had recently “bought the plant, merchandise, stock and good will of the Thomas Basshor Co.,” and was “now among the largest in its line south of Philadelphia” (*Domestic Engineering* 1913:78).

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By 1917, Strauss Brothers principal Leon Strauss was directing operations for the Phoenix Manufacturing Company, as reflected in a business directory published in that year, which also noted the company's current specialization in "underwear" (Polk 1917:n.p.). Born in Baltimore on January 3, 1883, Strauss had married Baltimore native Hilda Rosenheim on April 6, 1910 (*Baltimore American* 1910:14). The couple would have only one child, Mark Richard, born on January 3, 1922 (United States Bureau of the Census 1920, 1930). On a draft registration card completed for Leon on September 12, 1918, he was reported to be "manufacturing shirts" at "1201 S. Sharp Street, Balt., Md." (Ancestry.com 2005:n.p.). The Phoenix Manufacturing Company's production of garments other than overalls, and its expansion of operations during the period 1916-1919, can be extrapolated from employment advertisements placed in Baltimore newspapers. An ad in the May 31, 1915 edition of the *Sun* announced openings for "Experienced Felling Operators On Union Special Machines," in a factory "Closed [on] Saturdays" (*Sun* 1915:9).

Other advertisements of this era specified the Phoenix Manufacturing Company's need for "buttonhole operators on Reece Machines," "cuff makers," "collar setters," and "sleevers on two-needle machines." An August 21, 1918 classified ad appealed specifically to "Colored Women and Girls To Fold Overalls" (*Baltimore American* 1918:10). The Company's diversification into middy (sailor-collared) blouse production was reflected in a February 13, 1921 advertisement for "Operators Experienced on Middy Blouses" (*Sun* 1921:2).

Leon Strauss was identified as the director of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company in Baltimore directories published from 1923 through 1942. The company's primary product was identified in some directories of the period as "overalls," and in others as "underwear" (Polk 1923:1413, 1930:943, 1937:953, 1942:1065). It appears that on November 15, 1927, Strauss and the other Phoenix Manufacturing Company principals conveyed the parcel lease rights (along with the \$660 annual rental obligation) to a straw party, and the straw party immediately conveyed the rights to Leon alone (Baltimore City Deed Book 4814:541, 542) (both deeds are largely illegible as presented online). By a deed dated September 10, 1936, Leon Strauss acquired from the surviving Myers siblings the "lot of ground" itself (Baltimore City Deed Book 5656:153). That conveyance appears to have consolidated the parcel and the factory building under the ownership of Leon Strauss and his wife Hilda. Subsequent deeds for the property would describe the parcel "together with the buildings and improvements thereupon."

By a deed dated November 30, 1942, Leon and Hilda Strauss conveyed a half-interest in the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property to their only child, M. Richard, in consideration of "natural love and affection and the sum of five dollars and other good and valuable considerations" (Baltimore City Deed Book 6407:416). Richard turned 21 a month later (United States Bureau of the Census 1940). Following Hilda's death on June 23, 1947, and Leon's on May 22, 1948, their "undivided one-half interest" in the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property was inherited by their bachelor son Richard (Maryland State Archives 2006:n.p.; Baltimore City Will Book 228:449). He appears to have reorganized the Company just over a year later. Current on-line corporation databases record the incorporation of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company on December 30, 1949, with M. Richard Strauss as its principal agent, headquartered at 1201 S. Sharp Street (MarylandCorporates 2013:n.p.). By a deed dated January 3, 1950, Strauss conveyed the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property to the Phoenix Realty Company, in consideration of \$5 "and other good and valuable considerations" (Baltimore City Deed Book 8014:366).

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By the close of 1948, a one-story warehouse, approximately 80-by-40 feet, had been attached to the east side of the factory's southern section, extending eastward to Peach Alley (Aero Services Corporation 1948). The structure's utilization as a warehouse was noted on a fire insurance map published in 1952 (Sanborn Map Company 1952). The occupant(s) of the property were not identified on this map, and both sections of the main building's interior were simply labeled "Loft." It is unclear if the Phoenix Manufacturing Company still utilized any or all of the factory building in the mid-1950s. No company by that name was recorded in Baltimore directories published in 1955, 1956, 1958, and 1959 (Polk 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959). In the 1956 and 1958 directories, M. Richard Strauss was identified as the president of the Coronet Lamp Corporation, located at 1201 S. Sharp Street (Polk 1956:312, 1344; 1958:246).

On a Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form completed on October 31, 1980, surveyor Roger White asserted that the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property was "privately owned [by] The Phoenix Companies [at] 10 S. Light Street, Baltimore" (the January 3, 1950 deed cited by White in fact attributed ownership to "the Phoenix Realty Company"; Baltimore City Deed Book 8014:366) (White 1980). White further reported that the Phoenix Manufacturing Company "occupied only the northwest corner of the [main factory] building, where it makes fatigues for the U.S. Army. Other tenants in 1980 included Goodman Gifts, Furst Brothers picture frames, and Unlimited Security Systems of America." White also observed that "the first floor interior has brick walls, concrete floor, wooden columns 10"x12", and wooden beams 12"x14". The second floor interior bay has brick walls, wooden floors, wooden columns 10" square, and wooden beams 12"x14". The southeast corner of the first floor contains an office, while all other floors are primarily open manufacturing or storage space" (White 1980:n.p.).

On December 24, 1986, the Phoenix Realty Company's president and "sole stockholder," M. Richard Strauss, "voluntarily dissolved" the Company. Five days later, ownership of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property at 1201 S. Sharp Street was "transferred" to Strauss, who immediately conveyed it to "1201 Sharp Street Limited," in consideration of \$620,000 (Baltimore City Deed Books 1205:249 and 1205:253). Later that day, 1201 Sharp Street Limited gave Strauss a mortgage on the property amounting to \$585,000 (Baltimore City Deed Book 1205:257). In an amended mortgage statement filed on October 14, 1987, 1201 Sharp Street Limited Partnership was recorded as comprising Samuel K. Himmelrich Jr. (general partner) and M. Richard Strauss (Baltimore City Deed Book 1488:127). Strauss fulfilled the terms of the mortgage sometime prior to April 20, 2010, on which date he "released" the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property to 1201 Sharp Street Limited Partnership, who now holds sole ownership (Baltimore City Deed Book 12617:381).

Samuel K. Himmelrich Jr., general partner in the 1201 Sharp Street Limited Partnership as of October 1987, had founded the "Baltimore-based real estate firm of Himmelrich Associates in 1986." As recounted on the firm's website, "two of the firm's earliest projects were in an industrial area in south Baltimore, which was at the time an unproven neighborhood for real estate development. Subsequently, the firm redeveloped two 19th-century historic mills in the Jones Falls Valley, including Meadow Mill and Mt. Washington Mill, home to Whole Foods, Starbucks, Mt. Washington Wine Co., Dogma, PNC Bank, Siquis, other small retailers and a bustling business center" (Himmelrich Associates 2015:n.p.) By October 15, 1998, Himmelrich Associates occupied at least a portion of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company property, and was subleasing parking spaces in a lot immediately south of the former factory building (Baltimore City Deed Book 9114:244).

The Himmelrich firm no longer occupies the former factory building, described by present leasing agency Kinglet as offering "loft-style office space" under the facility name "Spring Garden" (Kinglet 2015:n.p.). Present or recent occupants of "Spring Garden" include JDG Inc. (engineering, Suite 109), StraighterLine (on-line learning, Suite 110), Liberty United Mortgage, LLC (Suite 150), Spec Personnel LLC (Suite 100), Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (Suite 107), and Equality Maryland (Suite 109).

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company was evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the *National Register Bulletin: "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation"* (National Park Service 1997).

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company is located within an area of southern Baltimore known as Sharp-Leadenhall, a small neighborhood to the north of Ridgley's Cove. The neighborhood is a historically important area in Baltimore's industrial history from the time of the Civil War onward, with millwork accounting for much of the area's output (Steele, Riehl and Zembala 1983). The Sharp-Leadenhall area is also notable for the mix of poor whites, African Americans, and new immigrants who lived and worked within this diverse community (Quilter 1981). While Sharp-Leadenhall has been shown to be significant in Baltimore's history for the reasons stated above, there is currently no available data on the Phoenix Manufacturing Company's output or hiring practices that can better illustrate the company's role in the community. The Phoenix Manufacturing Company cannot be demonstrated to have any ties to events or trends of historical importance and is recommended Not Eligible under Criterion A.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company is not associated with individuals of local or national importance and is Not Eligible under Criterion B.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company has undergone modifications and alterations to both its interior and exterior. Window and door openings on the exterior have been modified and fitted with modern replacement windows and a large addition was constructed on the rear of the building. The building's interior has been modernized and partitioned in its conversion to office space. The Phoenix Manufacturing Company no longer holds its integrity as an early twentieth-century industrial building, nor is it the work of a master. The Phoenix Manufacturing Company is not eligible under Criterion C.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Company has not been subject to archaeological testing. Eligibility under Criterion D cannot be addressed at this time.

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GEORGE

Mouldings

BALTIMORE, MD.

SOURCE

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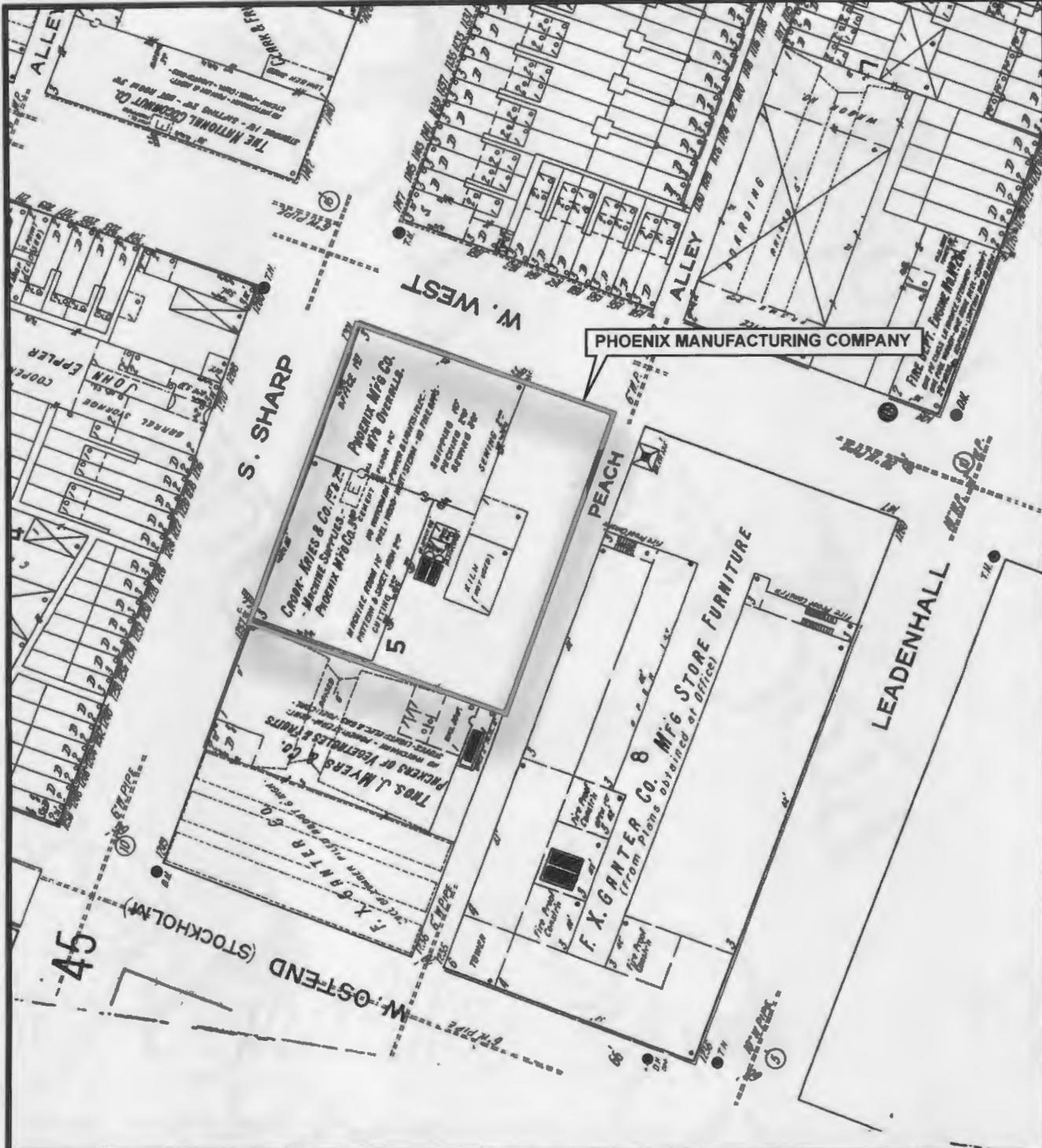
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PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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**RESOURCE LOCATION MAP -
PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY**



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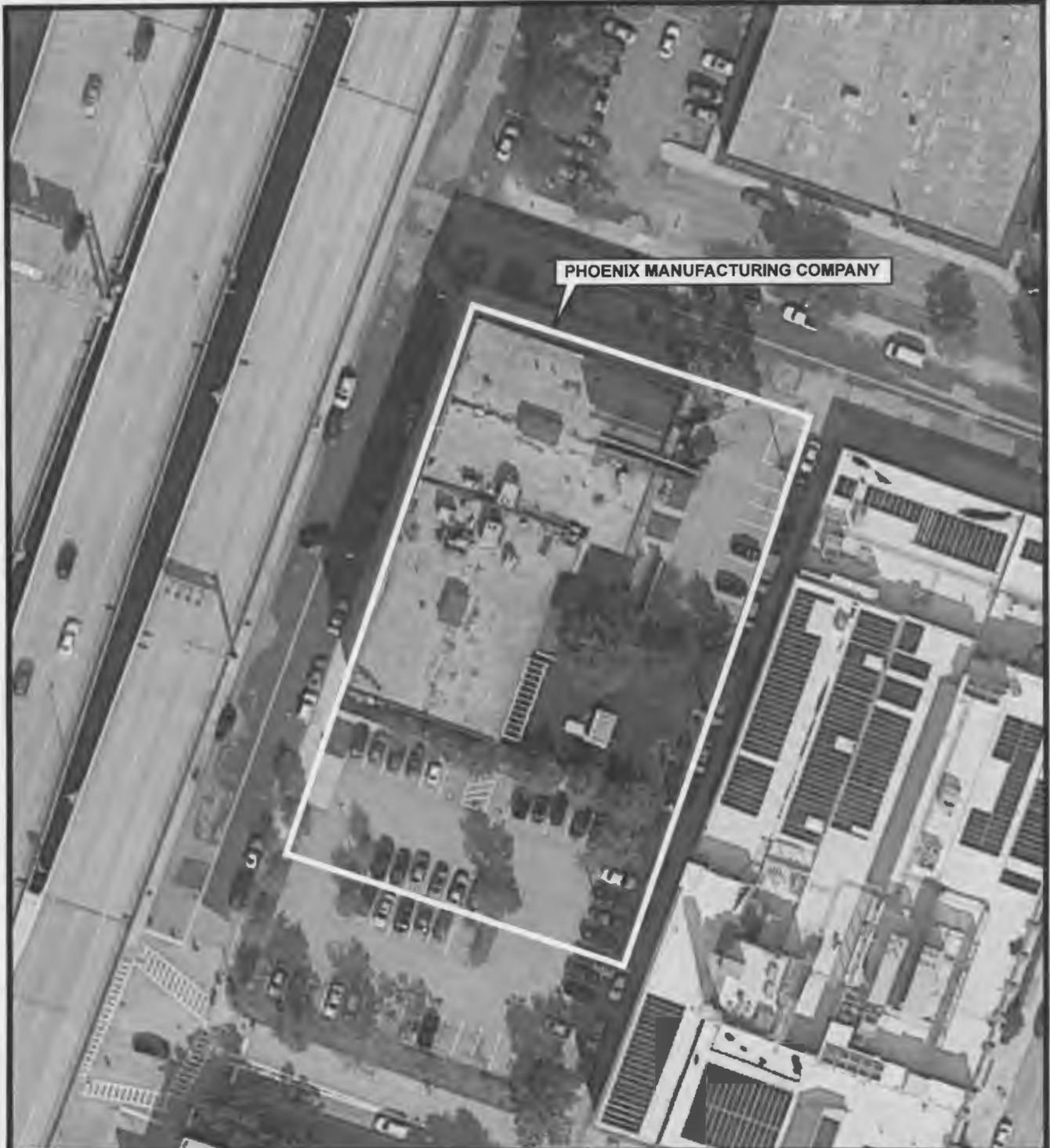
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**HISTORIC AERIAL -
PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY**



PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY

	SCALE	SOURCE
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**MODERN AERIAL -
PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY**



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**PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY - NORTHWESTERN ELEVATION OF
PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN 1980**

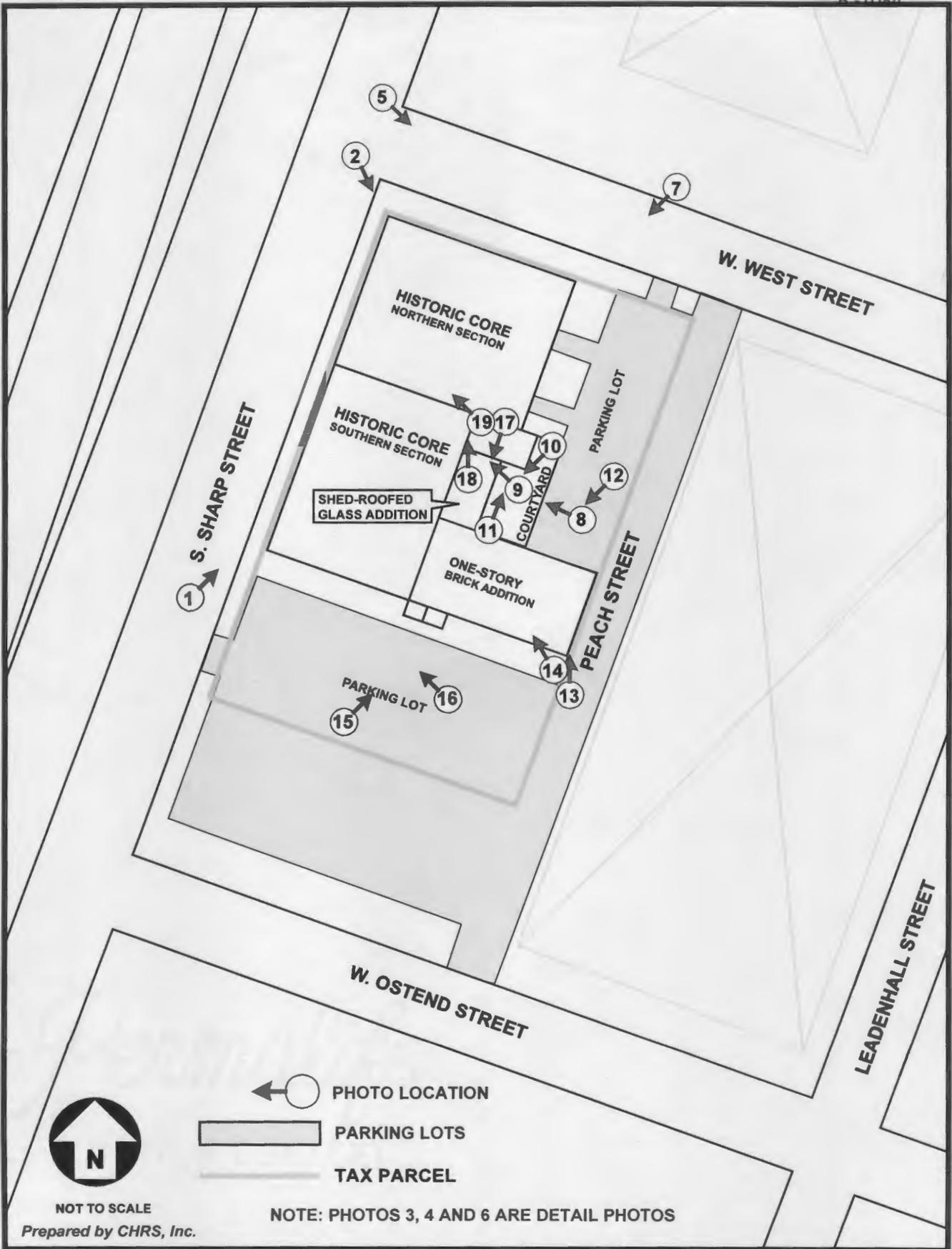


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**PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY - NORTHEASTERN ELEVATION OF
PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN 1980**



NOT TO SCALE
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-  PHOTO LOCATION
-  PARKING LOTS
-  TAX PARCEL

NOTE: PHOTOS 3, 4 AND 6 ARE DETAIL PHOTOS

**SITE PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPH LOCATIONS MAP -
PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

Determination of Eligibility Photo Log for
B-1084-Phoenix Manufacturing Company

All Photos were printed with Epson Ultra Chrome K3 Ink on Epson Photo Paper Glossy 60 lb.
Digital Photographs on Verbatim, UltraLife Gold Archival Grade CD-R with Super Azo dye

File Name	Description
B-1084_2015-03-04_01	Photograph 1: View looking northeast to the northwestern elevation on South Sharp Street.
B-1084_2015-03-04_02	Photograph 2: View looking south-southeast to the northwestern elevation on South Sharp Street.
B-1084_2015-03-04_03	Photograph 3: Detail view of the single pedestrian door and window openings.
B-1084_2015-03-04_04	Photograph 4: Detail view of "garage" door-type opening.
B-1084_2015-03-04_05	Photograph 5: View looking southeast to the northeastern elevation of the building.
B-1084_2015-03-04_06	Photograph 6: Detail view of corbelled brick between second and third floors.
B-1084_2015-03-04_07	Photograph 7: View looking southwest to the northeast and southeast elevations of the building's northern section
B-1084_2015-03-04_08	Photograph 8: View looking west-northwest to the southeast elevation of the building's southern section. The concrete wall that forms the eastern side of the courtyard is visible in the foreground. The one-story brick addition intersects the wall at left and joins the southern section.
B-1084_2015-03-04_09	Photograph 9: View looking northwest to the ell formed by the northern and southern sections. A concrete masonry addition in the corner covers the two inner bays.
B-1084_2015-03-04_10	Photograph 10: View looking southwest within the courtyard.
B-1084_2015-03-04_11	Photograph 11: View looking northeast within the courtyard.
B-1084_2015-03-04_12	Photograph 12: View looking southwest to the northeastern elevation of the one-story brick addition.
B-1084_2015-03-04_13	Photograph 13: View looking north to the southeastern elevation of the one-story brick addition. A large garage entrance has been infilled and replaced with a smaller door.
B-1084_2015-03-04_14	Photograph 14: View looking north-northwest to the southwestern and southeastern elevations of the one-story brick addition.
B-1084_2015-03-04_15	Photograph 15: View looking northeast to the southwest elevation of the building.
B-1084_2015-03-04_16	Photograph 16: View looking northwest to the southeast elevation of the building's historic core.
B-1084_2015-03-04_17	Photograph 17: View looking southwest on the interior of the main entry hall.
B-1084_2015-03-04_18	Photograph 18: View looking north on the interior of the main entry hall. The paved courtyard lies beyond the glass wall at the right.
B-1084_2015-03-04_19	Photograph 19: View looking northwest on the interior of the building.



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STYLE OFFICE SPACE
WITH PARKING
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B-1084

Phoenix Manufacturing Company

Baltimore City, Maryland

Photographer: Melissa Steeley

Date: 3/04/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking northeast to the northwestern elevation
on South Sharp Street

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Baltimore City, Maryland

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Date: 3/04/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking south-southeast to the northwestern elevation of
South Sharp Street

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Baltimore City, Maryland
Photographer: Melissa Steeley
Date: 3/04/15

Negative Location: Maryland Historical Trust

Detail view of single pedestrian door and window openings

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Baltimore City, Maryland

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Detail view of "garage" door-type opening

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Baltimore City, Maryland
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View looking southeast to the northeastern elevation of the building

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Baltimore City, Maryland

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Detail view of corbelled brick between second and third floors.

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Baltimore, City, Maryland

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View looking southwest to the northeast and southeast elevations
of the building's northern section.

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Baltimore City, Maryland
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Date: 3/4/2015

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View looking west-northwest to the southeast elevation of the building's southern section. The concrete wall that forms the eastern side of the courtyard is visible in the foreground. The one-story brick addition intersects the wall at left and joins the southern section

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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING
ON PUBLIC TRANSIT, REPORT UNATTENDED
BAGS AND UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR.
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Phoenix Manufacturing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
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Date: 3/4/2015
Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking northeast to the ell formed by the northern and southern
sections. A concrete masonry addition in the corner covers the two inner bays
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Phoenix Manufacturing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland

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Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking southwest within the courtyard.

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NOTHING
BUT THE BEST
SUPPORT MAINTAINED
AND BEHAVIOR.
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Phoenix Manufacturing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
Photographer: Melissa Steeley
Date: 3/4/2015
Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust
view looking northeast within the courtyard
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Baltimore City, Maryland

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Date: 3/04/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

view looking southwest to the northeastern elevation of the
one-story brick addition,

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DON'T SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING
PSYCHIC TREATMENT REPORT UNATTENDED
TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL BEHAVIOR.

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Phoenix Manufacturing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
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Date: 3/4/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust
View looking north to the southeastern elevation of the one-story
brick addition. A large garage entrance has been infilled and
replaced with a smaller door.
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DO YOU SEE SOMETHING?
SOMETHING



POLICE TRAINST REPORT UNATTENDED
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Baltimore City, Maryland

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Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking north-northwest to the southwestern and southeastern elevations of the one-story brick addition.

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SMART SPACE
BY DESIGN
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

DO YOU SEE SOMETHING?
SAY SOMETHING!
SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!
SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!
SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!

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Phoenix Manufacturing Company

Baltimore City, Maryland

Photographer: Melissa Streeley

Date: 3/04/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking northeast to the southwestern elevation of the building.

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LOFT OFFICE SPACE
STYLE WITH PARKING
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SMART SPACE
BY DESIGN
MIDTOWN CITY

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Phoenix Manufacturing Company

Baltimore City, Maryland

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Date: 3/4/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking Northwest to the southeastern elevation of the building's historic core.

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Phoenix Manufacturing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland

Photographer: Melissa Steeley

Date: 3/4/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust
View looking southeast on the interior of the main entry
hall.

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Phoenix Manufacturing Company

Baltimore City, Maryland

Photographer: Melissa Steeley

Date: 3/4/2015

Negative location: Maryland Historical Trust

View looking north on the interior of the main entry hall. The paved courtyard lies behind the glass wall at right.

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Premises Monitored
by Security Cameras
No Soliciting



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Baltimore City, Maryland

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View looking northwest on the interior of the building

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Phoenix Manufacturing Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The three story brick industrial structure at 1201 S. Sharp Street was built sometime between 1896 and 1911. The George Esselman Company, manufacturers of mouldings, occupied the north section prior to 1911, and the south section housed the Frank Schwab Company, makers of picture frames. The Phoenix Manufacturing Company, makers of overalls, moved into the structure around 1915 from 129 W. Pratt Street. The Phoenix Company later added underwear to its line, and today manufacturers fatigues for the U.S. Army. The Sharp Street building is significant as the long-time home of this company, and as an early Baltimore multi-purpose manufacturing plant.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Phoenix Manufacturing Company

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1201 S. Sharp Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

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 checked="" 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME The Phoenix Companies

Telephone #: 301-752-0457

STREET & NUMBER

10 S. Light Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #: MLP 8014

Folio #: 366

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert & Fayette Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

B-1084

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The single building is three stories of brick and includes two adjoining sections in an "L" shape. The sections appear to have been built at the same time. A third section built after 1914 extends from the south section to Peach Street.

The east (Sharp Street) facade is three stories of brick with every sixth row header bond. It is 20 bays wide. Windows are 12/12 sash with arched header lintels and stone sills. A corbelled brick belt course divides the second from the third floor, which appears to be a later addition. Entrances are at the first, tenth, and twelfth bays, with a garage door at the nineteenth and twentieth bays. A fire escape is suspended at the nineteenth and twentieth bays.

The first floor interior has brick walls, concrete floor, wooden columns 10" x 12", and wooden beams 12" x 14". The second floor interior bay has brick walls, wooden floors, wooden columns 10" square, and wooden beams 12" x 14". The southeast corner of the first floor contains an office, while all other floors are primarily open manufacturing or storage space.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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		DATE	
Roger White		10/31/80	
ORGANIZATION	Baltimore Industrial Museum	TELEPHONE	301-396-1931
STREET & NUMBER	217 N. Charles Street	STATE	Maryland 21201
CITY OR TOWN	Baltimore		

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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NAER INVENTORY

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

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Manufacturing

3. PRIORITY

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

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

The Phoenix Companies

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Phoenix Manufacturing Company

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

10 S. Light Street

10. STATE

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COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.
DIST.

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STATE

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COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.
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11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

1201 S. Sharp 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
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UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN

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NAME

Baltimore East

SCALE

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16. INVENTORIED BY

Roger White

AFFILIATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

October 31, 1980

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

The three story brick industrial structure at 1201 S. Sharp Street was built sometime between 1896 and 1911. The north section was occupied prior to 1911 by the George Esselman Company, manufacturers of mouldings, and the south section by the Franke Schwab Company, makers of picture frames. The Phoenix Manufacturing Company, makers of overalls, moved into the structure around 1915 from former quarters at 129 W. Pratt Street. Leon Strauss was president of the company at this time. The Phoenix Company later manufactured underwear in addition to overalls. In 1980 the company occupied only the northwest corner of the building, where it makes fatigues for the U.S. Army. Other tenants in 1980 included Goodman Gifts, Furst Brothers picture frames, and Unlimited Security Systems of America..

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18. ORIGINAL USE

Woodworking plant

PRESENT USE

Uniform factory; other industrial &

ADAPTIVE USE

commercial

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

George Howard, The Monumental City, p. 176

"Baltimore Magazine", Dec. 1933

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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

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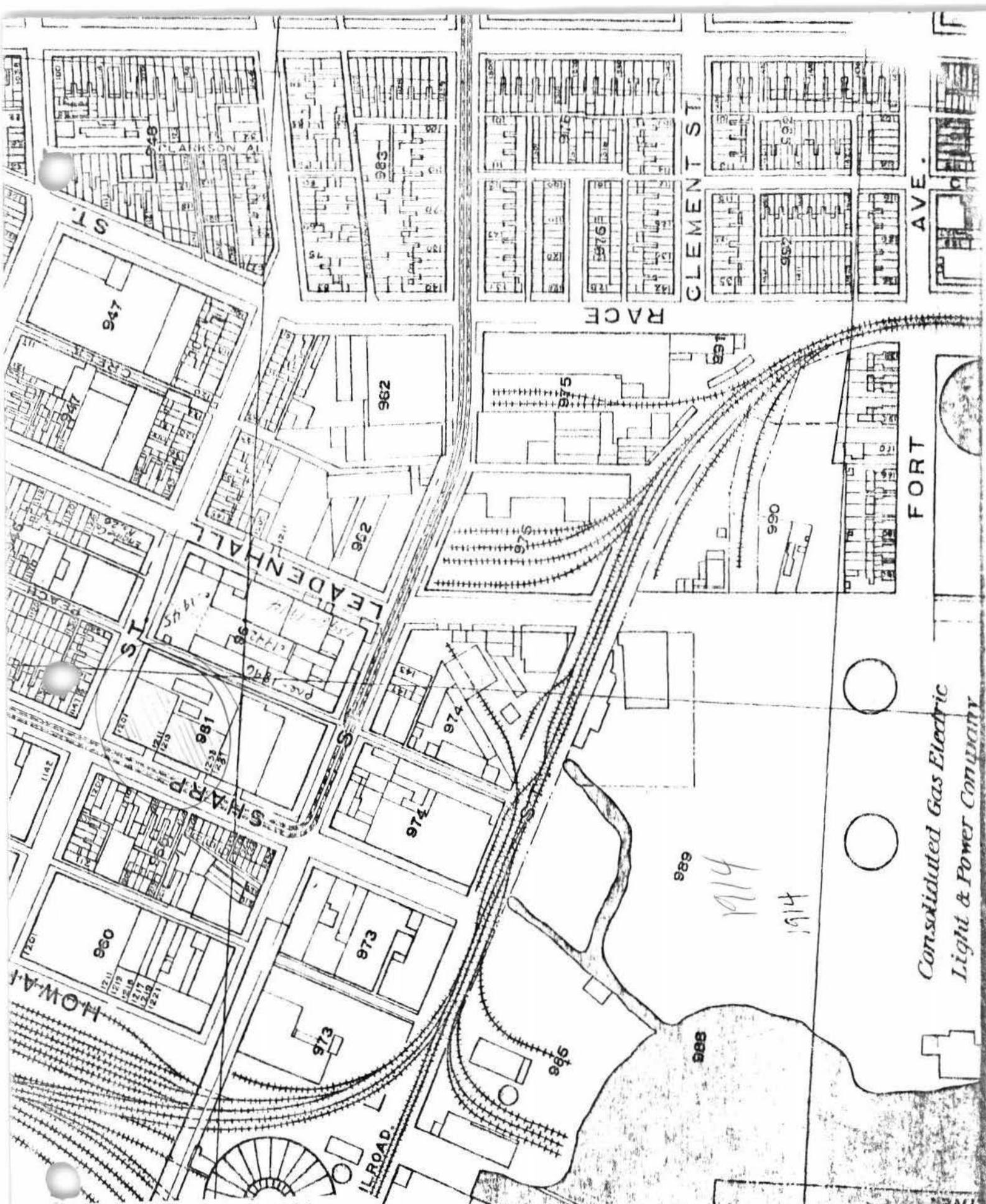
24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO

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Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
 Baltimore, MD
 Map From: 1914 Baltimore
 Topographical survey Commiss.

*Consolidated Gas Electric
 Light & Power Company*



Winans Cove PHOENIX MANUFACTURING CO.

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Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
 U.S.G.S. 7.5# Baltimore East
 Quad
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FERRY BAR CHANNEL (WEST SECTION)

FERRY BAR CHANNEL (EAST SECTION)



PHOENIX MFG. Co.

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Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
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Sharp Street facade

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