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R. GRIFFITH AND COMPANY
Baltimore
Private

1876-96

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC R. Griffith and Company
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1213-19 S. Howard Street
CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF
STATE Maryland 21230 COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY, OWNERSHIP, STATUS, PRESENT USE. Includes options like DISTRICT, BUILDING(S), STRUCTURE, SITE, OBJECT, PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PUBLIC ACQUISITION, IN PROCESS, BEING CONSIDERED, OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, WORK IN PROGRESS, ACCESSIBLE, YES: RESTRICTED, YES: UNRESTRICTED, NO, AGRICULTURE, MUSEUM, COMMERCIAL, PARK, EDUCATIONAL, PRIVATE RESIDENCE, ENTERTAINMENT, RELIGIOUS, GOVERNMENT, SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL, TRANSPORTATION, MILITARY, OTHER.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Joffe Brothers, Inc. Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER 3100 Viona Avenue
CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21230

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Liber #: RHB 3483 Folio #: 572
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is of brick, 11 bays wide and two stories tall. Bays 3-11 have 4/4 sash windows with stone sills and arched header lintels. There are doors in bays 2, 4 and 8 and a loading door in bay 6. There is a brick cornice above the uppermost story.

Bays 1-2 have been rebuilt as a three-story building of brick with 6/6 crank windows and a loading door in the center.

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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Query files, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Central Baltimore branch

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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

Roger White, Director

ORGANIZATION

The Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

Dec. 1980

STREET & NUMBER

217 North Charles Street

TELEPHONE

301-393-1931, 1936

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. SITE I.D. NO

B 1 0 8 7

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

Joffe Brothers, Inc.

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

R. GRIFFITH AND COMPANY

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

3100 Viona Avenue

10. STATE

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COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.
DIST.

STATE

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COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.
DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

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

 1:24 1:62.5 OTHERQUAD
NAME

Baltimore East

UTM ZONE

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15. CONDITION

70 EXCELLENT71 GOOD72 FAIR73 DETERIORATED74 RUINS75 UNEXPOSED76 ALTERED82 DESTROYED85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Roger White

AFFILIATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

December 1980

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

The building

See Statement of Significance

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

Cannery

PRESENT USE

Wholesale (games company)

ADAPTIVE USE

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

Query files, Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central branch)

(CONT OVER)

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

21.

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

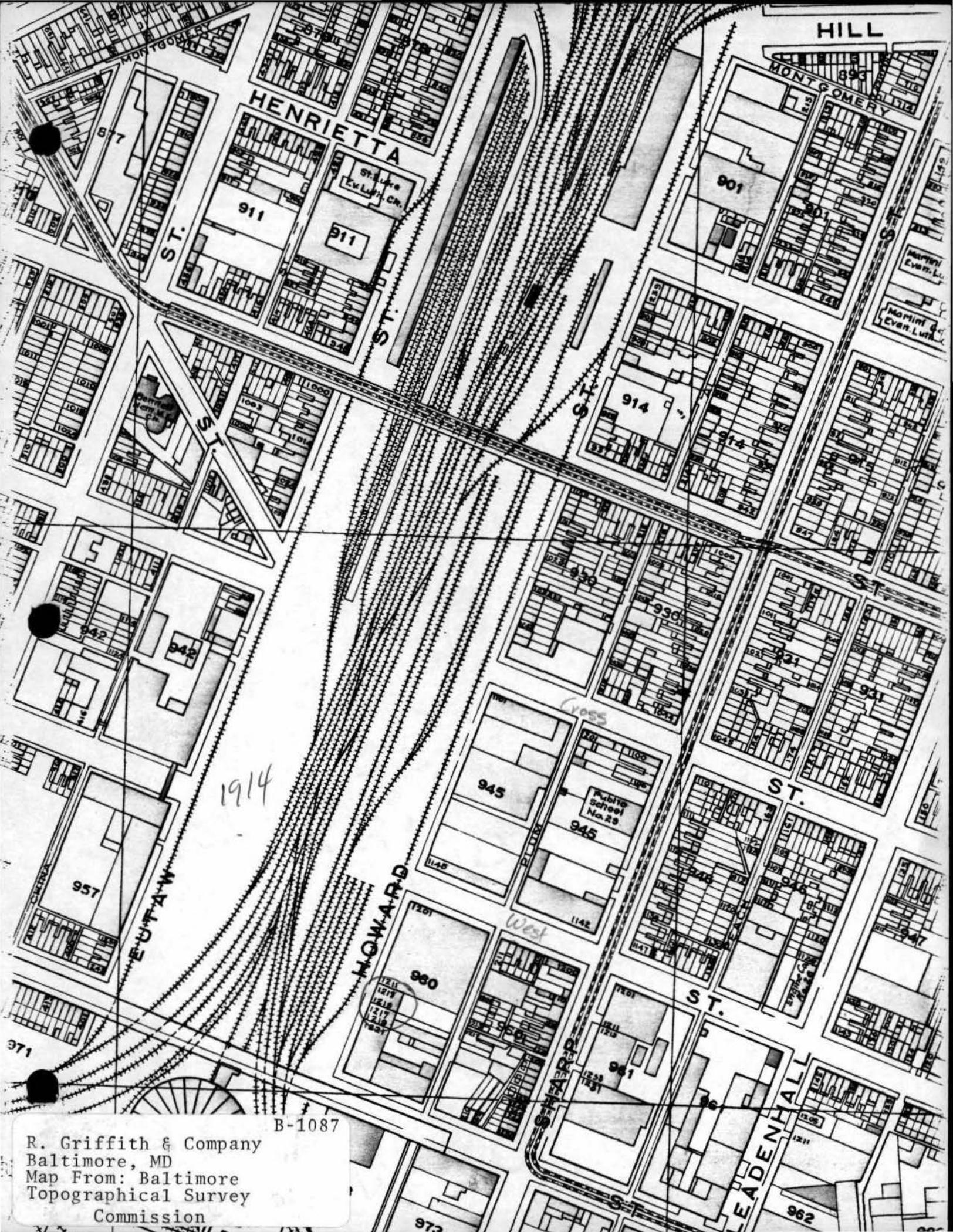
 YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN23. EDITOR
INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO



1914

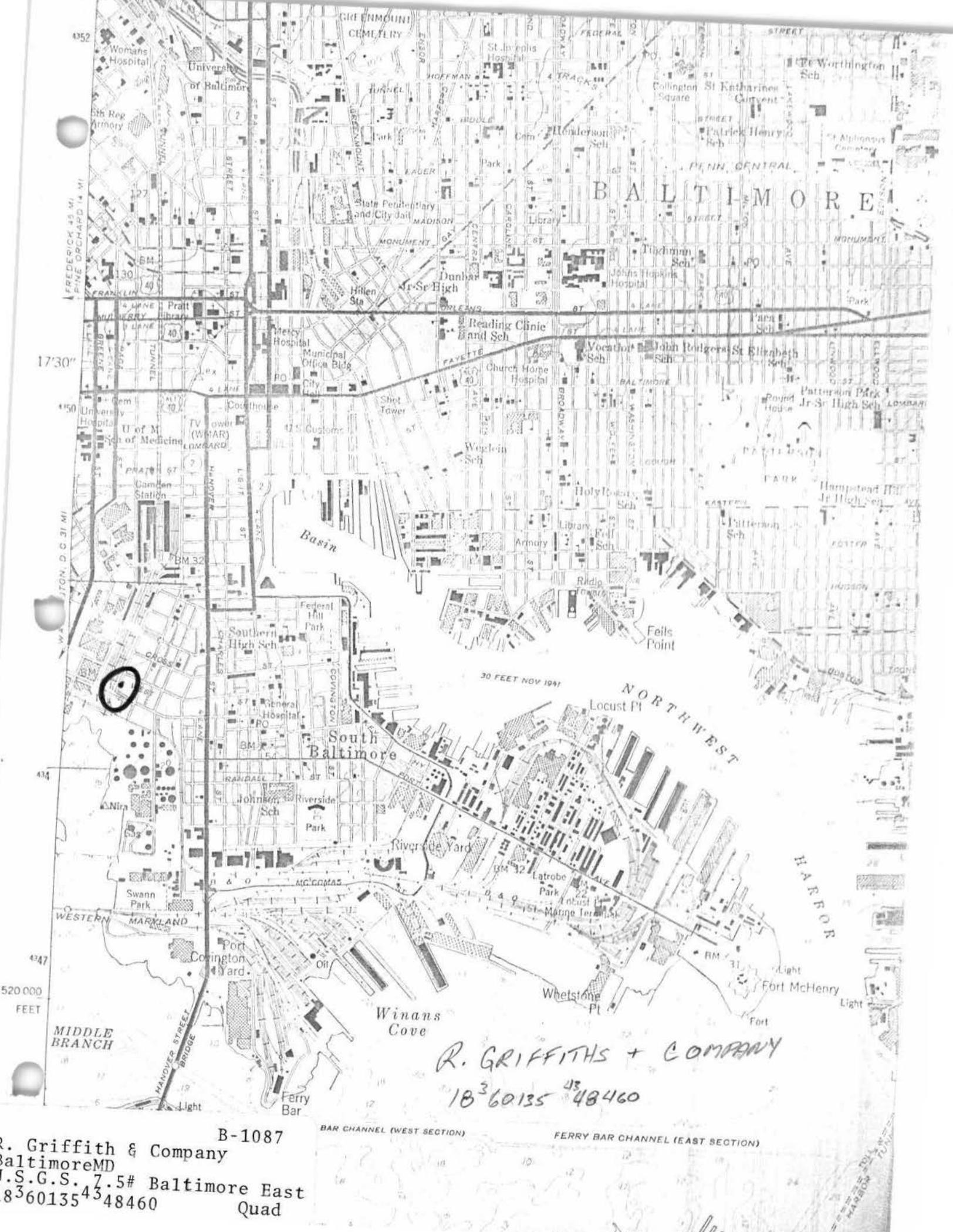
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R. Griffith & Company
Baltimore, MD
Map From: Baltimore
Topographical Survey
Commission

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Morgan Millwork





BALTIMORE

17°30"

30 FEET NOV 1941

NORTHWEST

HARBOR

South Baltimore

Winans Cove

R. GRIFFITHS + COMPANY

18³60135 48460

BAR CHANNEL (WEST SECTION)

FERRY BAR CHANNEL (EAST SECTION)

R. Griffith & Company
Baltimore MD
U.S.G.S. 7.5# Baltimore East
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Quad

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FEET

MIDDLE
BRANCH

MANDEVILLE STREET
BRIDGE

Light

Ferry Bar

Light

Fort McHenry

Fort

Whetstone Pt

Latrobe Park

St. Anne Terminal

Locust Pl

St. Marys

St. Johns

St. Elizabeth

St. Ann

St. James

St. Peter

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Baltimore City, MD

Neg. loc.: MD Historic Trust

Peter Liebhold 8/81

East (S Howard St.) facade



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West facade (rear of bld.)