

Statement of Significance

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Chesapeake Gas Co., Office and Meter House

AND/OR COMMON

Bayard Street Station

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bayard Street, between Wicomico Street and Nanticoke St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.

Telephone #: (301)234-5000

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Center

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21201

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #: RHB 3305

Folio #: 666

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert & Fayette Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The building is one story, of brick, and is 9 bays long. The Bayard Street facade has a projecting center bay (bay 5) with a door and two side windows. All windows have been covered with plywood. Steps lead to the door from left and right and have a concrete balustrade. The doorway has an arched brick lintel with a brick cornice. A concrete belt course runs below the door and all the windows of the facade. A band of concrete blocks runs along the bottom. Bays 3-4 and 6-7 have arched windows with double arched brick lintels and cornices. Each pair of bays has a pediment with wood dentils and circular vents. Each pair of bays also has side windows and dentilled eaves. Bays 1-2 and 8-9 have rectangular windows with dentilled brick lintels and dentilled eaves. A cupola rests atop bays 4-6. It has square windows with pilasters between and a hipped roof.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION					

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**King, Thomson: Consolidated of Baltimore p. 84-6, 198Olson, Sherry: Baltimore: The Building of an American City p. 222

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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

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

12/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

217 N. Charles St.

TELEPHONE

301-396-1931

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimre

STATE

Maryland 21201

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

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## NAER INVENTORY

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

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Manufacturing/utilities

3. PRIORITY

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

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

Baltimore Gas &amp; Electric Co.

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Chesapeake Gas Co., Office and Meter House  
Bayard Street Station

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

Charles Center

10. STATE  
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.  
DIST.

3

STATE  
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.  
DIST.

3

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET &amp; NO)

Bayard Street, Between Wicomico Street and Nanticoke St.

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

1 8

EASTING

3 5 9 0 5 5 4 3 4 8 6 7 0

NORTHING

SIGN

SCALE

 1:24  1:62.5 OTHERQUAD  
NAME

Baltimore West

UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SIGN

SCALE

 1:24  1:62.5 OTHERQUAD  
NAME15. CONDITION 70  EXCELLENT71  GOOD72  FAIR73  DETERIORATED74  RUINS75  UNEXPOSED76  ALTERED77  DESTROYED85  DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Roger White

AFFILIATION

The Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

12/80

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

Gas Works

PRESENT USE

unknown

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

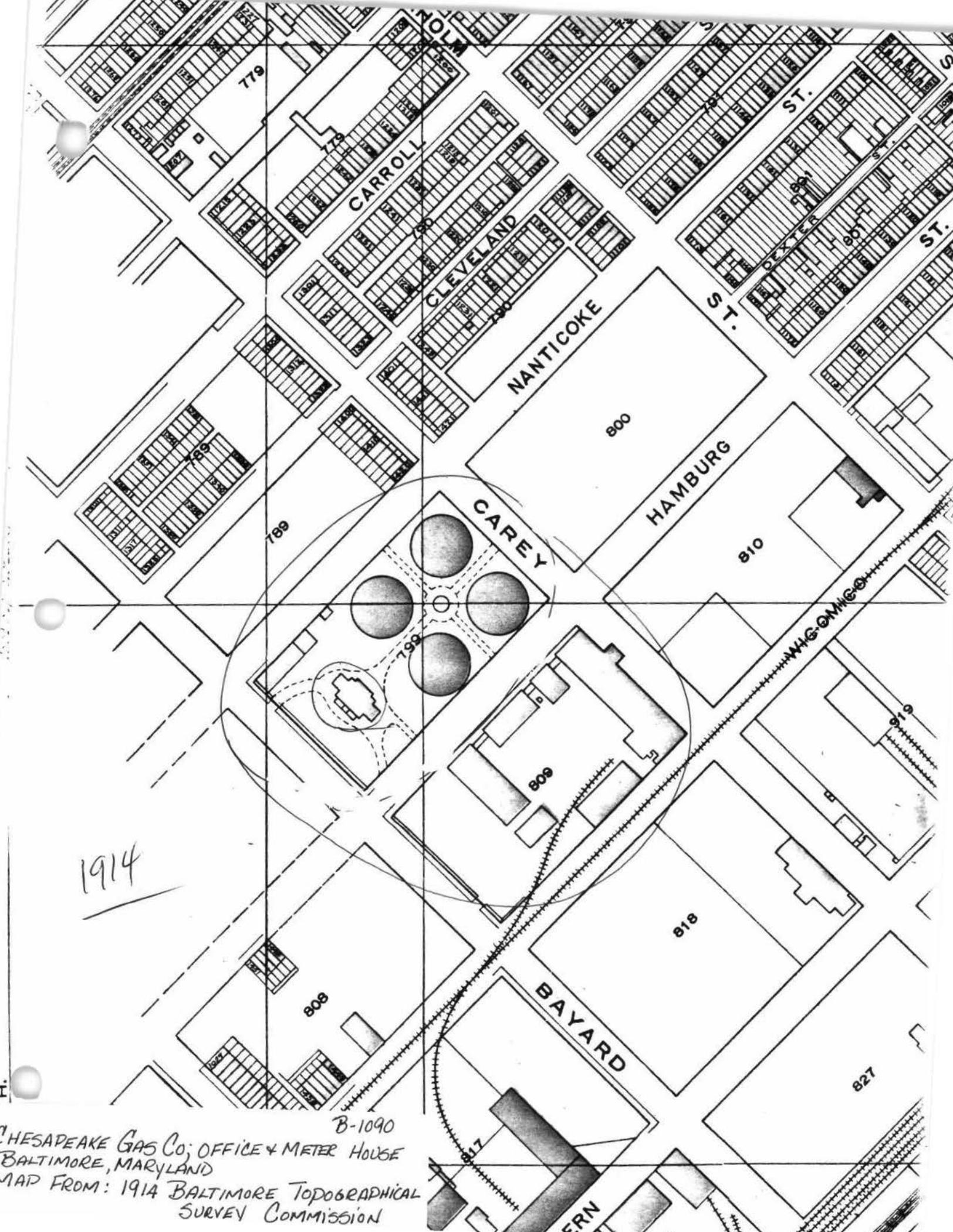
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24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

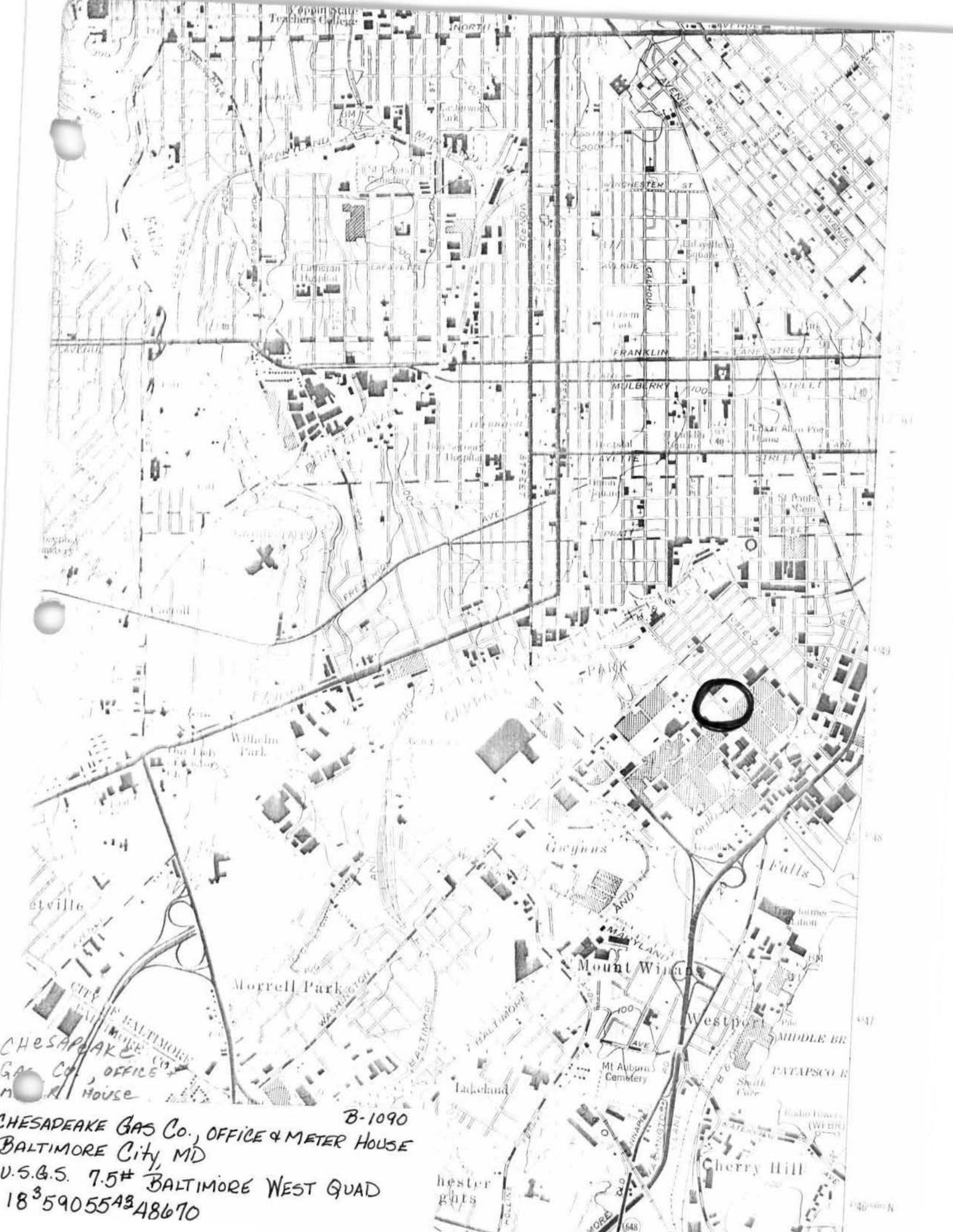
DISTRICT I.D. NO



1914

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CHESAPEAKE GAS CO; OFFICE & METER HOUSE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
MAP FROM: 1914 BALTIMORE TOPOGRAPHICAL  
SURVEY COMMISSION



CHESAPEAKE GAS Co., OFFICE & METER HOUSE  
BALTIMORE City, MD  
U.S.G.S. 7.5# BALTIMORE WEST QUAD  
18<sup>3</sup>590554<sup>3</sup>48670

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CHESAPEAKE GAS CO., OFFICE & METER HOUSE

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

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NEG. LOC.: MD HISTORIC TRUST

DEC. 1980

LOOKING EAST (BAYARD ST.)