

Mangers Packing Corporation
Baltimore City Maryland
B-1106
1856, private

Statement of Significance

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. B-1106

Magi No. 0411065514

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Manger's Packing Corporation

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 124 S. Franklinton Road not for publicationcity, 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 William F. Manger

street & number 4907 Edmondson Avenue telephone no.: 945-5367

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21229

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber MLP 8328

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 306

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input 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 typical of the structures along this section of Franklinton Road, which grew up to fill the gap between the city and the county. Built to serve the needs of farmers bringing livestock into Baltimore, Manger's slaughterhouse could be compared to a farm where the house and out-buildings have grown together. It was located on the cliff above the Gwynns Falls so that waste products could be disposed of easily. There was limited livestock facilities because drovers brought in their heads regularly, and the operation was small.

The slaughterhouse is the three-story former rowhouse on the south of the complex. This has been converted into a cold storage vault now that Mangers has discontinued killing. At the rear of this building and perpendicular to it is a large frame one-story structure with clapboard siding. This houses the cutting rooms, smokehouses and other processing facilities.

The northern buildings are now used principally as office space. These include the house, formerly occupied by the family, which faces Franklinton road. This is a three-story brick victorian with a prominent cornice. Its original entrance faces the courtyard of the complex rather than the street. A series of two-story shed-roof additions connects the house to the plant. The entire complex is the oldest continuously operating meat packing structure in the city.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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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One of the oldest meat packing operations in Baltimore, the Mangers company has been owned and operated at its Franklinton Road site by members of the Manger family since 1856. It was founded by George M. Manger. The firm slaughtered, dressed and packed meat products for sale at its various market stalls around Baltimore, including ones in the Hollins, Belair, Fells Point, Lafayette and Lexington Markets. The family still operates its large stall in the Lexington Market, as well as an "outlet store" at the Franklinton Road plant.

Members of the Mangers family appear with regularity as butchers, cattle drivers, meat cutters, grocers and pork packers in the Baltimore city directories from the 1850's on. George Manger is listed as having a "provisions store" at 156 S. Paca Street in 1860. The packing houses was also listed as J.A. Manger Grain and Hay Company in 1909.

Mangers Packing Corporation is still owned and operated by members of the Manger family.

1. SITE I.D. NO

B-1106

HAER INVENTORY

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

2 INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

manufacture

3 PRIORITY

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

5 DATE

6 GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7 OWNER/ADMIN

William F Manger

8 NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Manger's Packing Corp.

9 OWNER'S ADDRESS

4907 Edmondson Ave

10 STATE
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG
DIST.STATE
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG
DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

124 S. Franklinton Rd.

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

QUAD

NAME Balto. West

 OTHER

UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

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QUAD

NAME

 OTHER

15 CONDITION

70 EXCELLENT71 GOOD72 FAIR73 DETERIORATED74 RUINS75 UNEXPOSED76 ALTERED82 DESTROYED85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Leslie Barr

AFFILIATION

Balto. Museum of Industry

DATE

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

manufacture

PRESENT USE

manufacture

ADAPTIVE USE

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

interview at company

(CONT OVER)

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

21 NPS REGION

22 PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

 YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

23 EDITOR

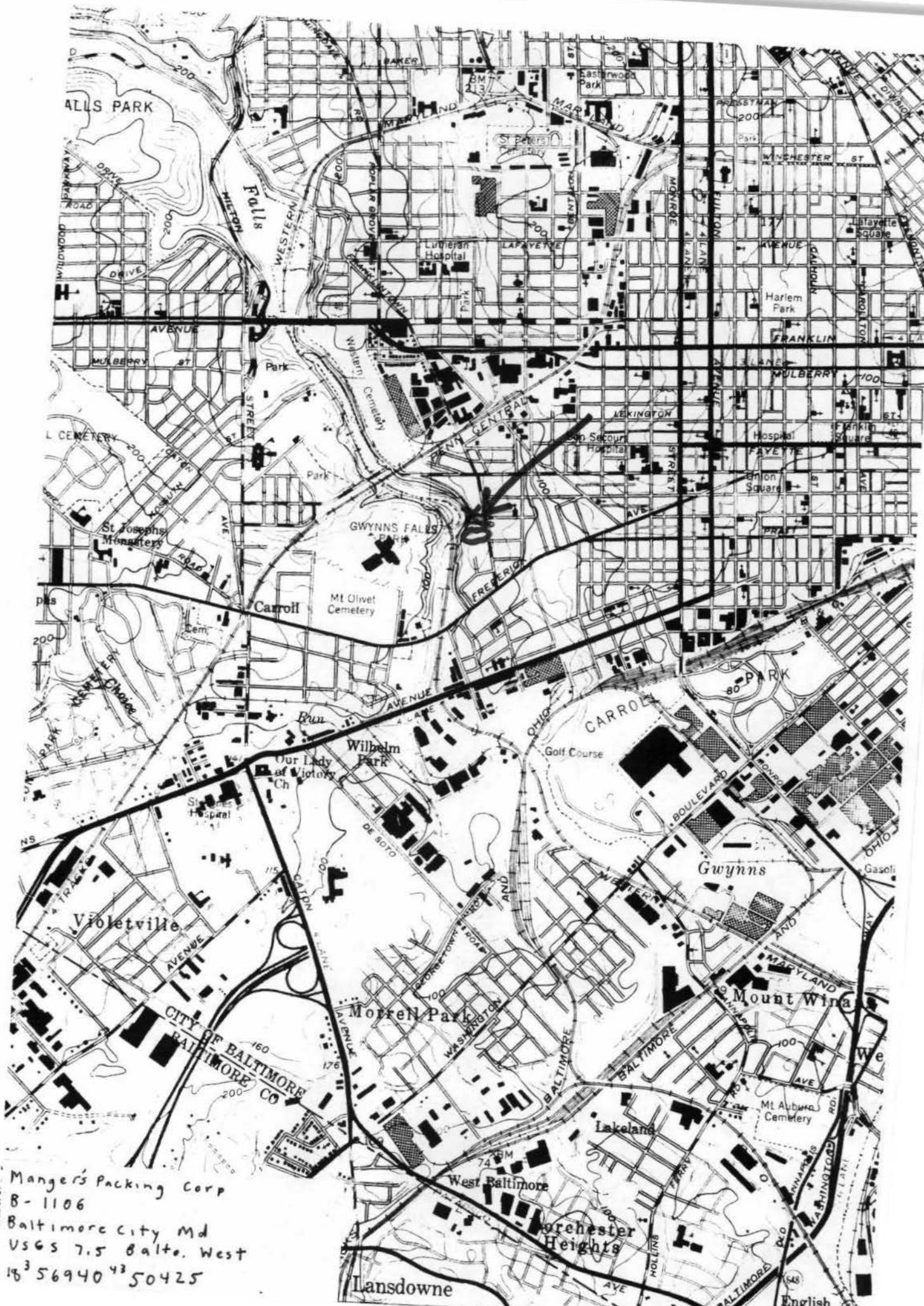
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24 LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

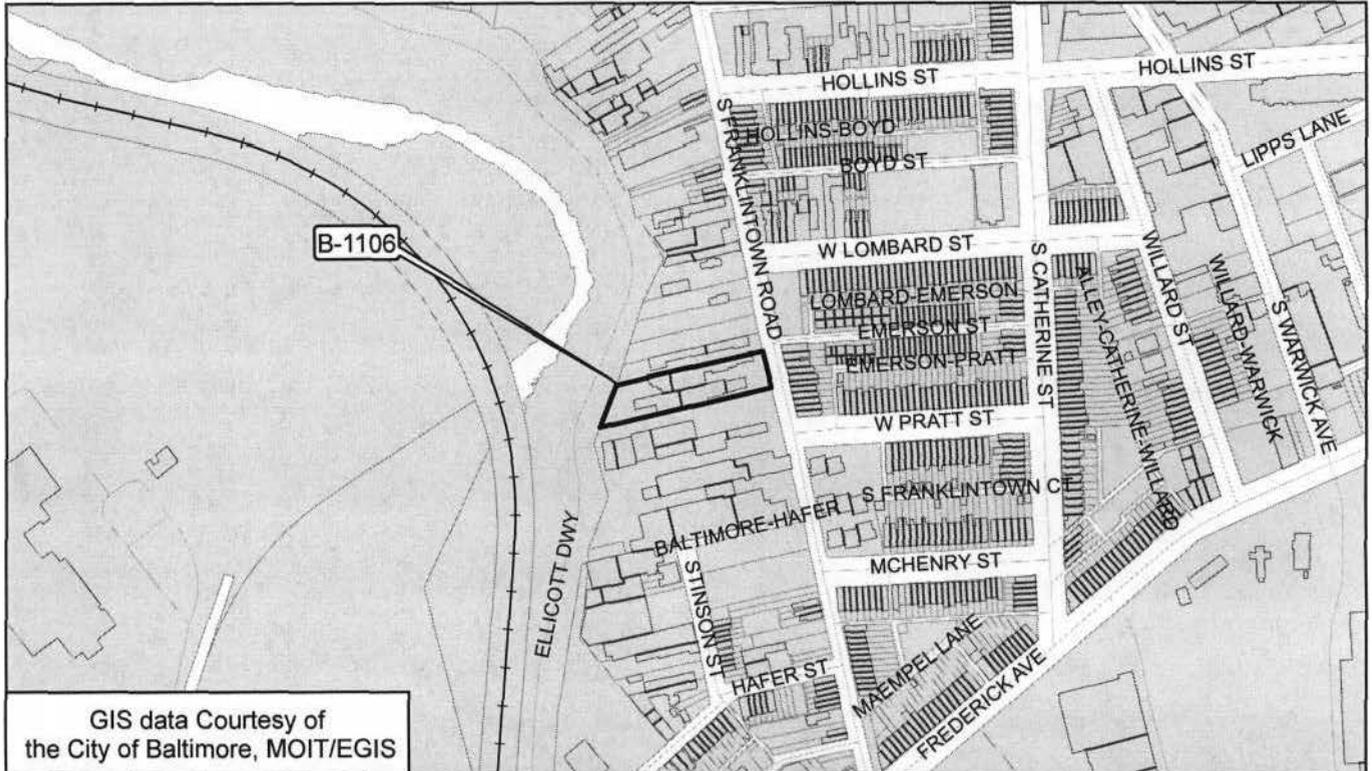
NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO



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Baltimore City Md
USGS 7.5 Balto. West
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124 S. Franklinton Road
Block 2183B, Lot 006
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad.





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Baltimore City Md

Dennis Zembala 9/83

LOOKING N.W. AT SITE



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LOOKING S.W. AT SOUTH BLOB.