

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Baltimore City	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Baltimore Shot Tower

AND/OR HISTORIC: Phoenix Shot Tower, Merchant's Shot Tower

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast corner Fayette and Front Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Baltimore City CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Not in use</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 610, Baltimore City Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City STATE: Maryland CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1964 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City STATE: Maryland CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shot Tower is constructed of brick laid in common bond. The tower is 234-feet, 3-inches tall, 40-feet in diameter at the base tapering to 20-feet in diameter at the top. The top of the tower is crenellated and has merlons the shape of a Gothic arch. The brickwork and mortar of these crenellations and that of the first three or four feet of the top of the tower are of a different color than the rest of the shaft. This suggests that they were rebuilt after the 1882 fire or as part of the 1928 rehabilitation of the tower. The walls are five-and-one-half-feet thick at the base narrowing to one-foot, eight-inches at the top. The masons built the tower working from the interior and so no exterior scaffolding was needed. The tower has heavy metal doors at the base and rectangular windows placed at random to light the stairs. These windows are double hung sash with nine panes over nine. The window lintels are granite. A window within reach of the ground has a wooden vertical plank shutter.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1828**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Phoenix Shot Tower in Baltimore, Maryland was built in 1828 to manufacture lead shot. It remained in operation until 1892. The red brick tower is an excellent example of the severe beauty that often results in industrial architecture from purely functional design. However the major significance of the structure is its impressive height of over 234 feet. Seventy feet higher than the Washington Monument in Baltimore, and 45-feet higher than the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, it was the tallest structure in the United States until work resumed on the Washington National Monument on the Mall in the District of Columbia after the Civil War. Never a building type erected in great numbers, it is estimated that less than four shot towers remain in existence and that the Phoenix Shot Tower in Baltimore is the most outstanding remaining example.

History
(History prepared by the Maryland Historical Trust)

Known originally as the Phoenix Shot, then the Merchants' Shot Tower and now the old Baltimore Shot Tower, this building was erected in 1828 and its cornerstone laid by Charles Carroll of Carrollton. It is the last remaining of four such towers in Baltimore and one of a very few still in existence in this country.

It was used for the manufacture of shot by dropping molten lead from a platform at the top through a sieve-like device and into a vat of cold water, which caused it to harden. When dried and polished, the shot was sorted into 25-pound bags. A total of 1,000,000 bags of shot were produced each year and this capacity could be doubled if necessary.

In 1882 the interior of the tower was destroyed by fire, but quickly rebuilt and the manufacture of shot continued until 1892. Then in 1921, the Union Oil Company purchased the building, but decided to abandon it shortly thereafter. This caused a group of citizens to raise \$25,000 by subscription and present it to the City. It was briefly opened to the public, but is now closed. A new Shot Tower Historic Park is being planned for the surrounding area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Ballow's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion, March 22, 1856. "Shot Tower at Baltimore", pp. 180-18.
 The Federal Architect, January 1940; pp. 16.
 Harper's Weekly, 1828, "Shot Tower at Baltimore."
 Illustrated News, April 16, 1853. "The Merchant's Shot Tower," pp. 244-245.
 Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Baltimore City and County, Maryland (Baltimore: publ. 1881), pp. 420-421.
 Lane Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, Maryland; Liber SGL 4336 Folio 34.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 17' 26"	76° 36' 20"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 W. Brown Morton III, Architect

ORGANIZATION Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service. DATE July 30, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 - 19th Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, STATE D.C. CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Baltimore City	
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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AND/OR HISTORIC: (Phoenix Shot Tower) (Merchants' Shot Tower)			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast corner of Fayette and Front Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 19	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7. 5 Minute quadrangle Baltimore East (Maryland)			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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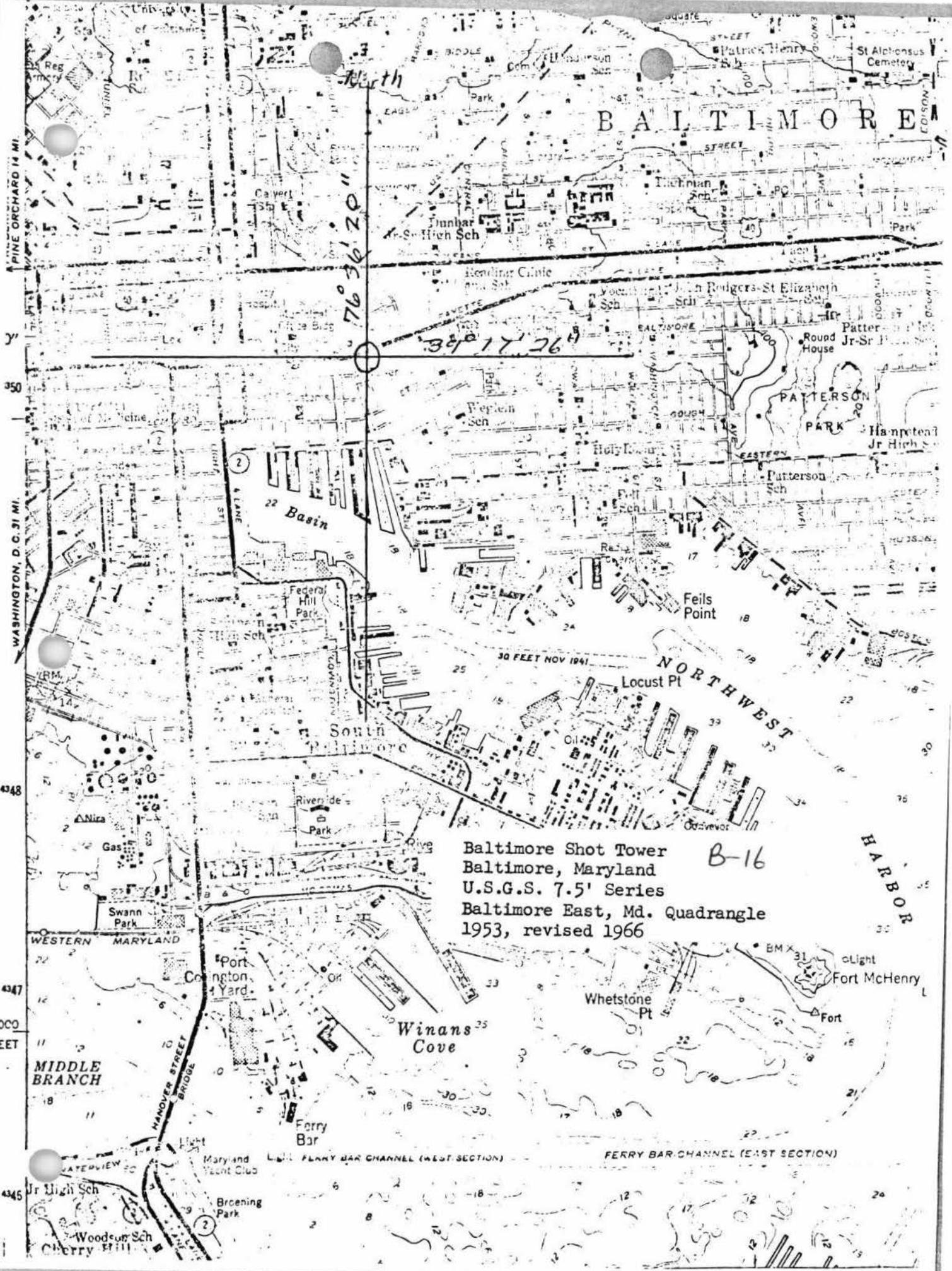
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			



BALTIMORE

Baltimore Shot Tower
Baltimore, Maryland
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Series
Baltimore East, Md. Quadrangle
1953, revised 1966

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 31 MI.

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WESTERN MARYLAND

MIDDLE BRANCH

MANOVER STREET BRIDGE

FLORY BAR CHANNEL (WEST SECTION)

FERRY BAR CHANNEL (EAST SECTION)

HARBOR

North
76° 36' 20"

39° 17' 26"

Basin

NORTHWEST

Winans Cove

Fort McHenry

Woodrow Sch
Cherry Hill

Broening Park

Maryland Yacht Club

Ferry Bar

Whetstone Pt

Portington Yard

Swann Park

Gas

Nira

Riverside Park

South Baltimore

Federal Hill Park

Feils Point

PATTERSON PARK

Round House

John Rodgers-St Elizabeth Sch

Voynich Sch

Reading Cante

Junbar High Sch

Tachman Sch

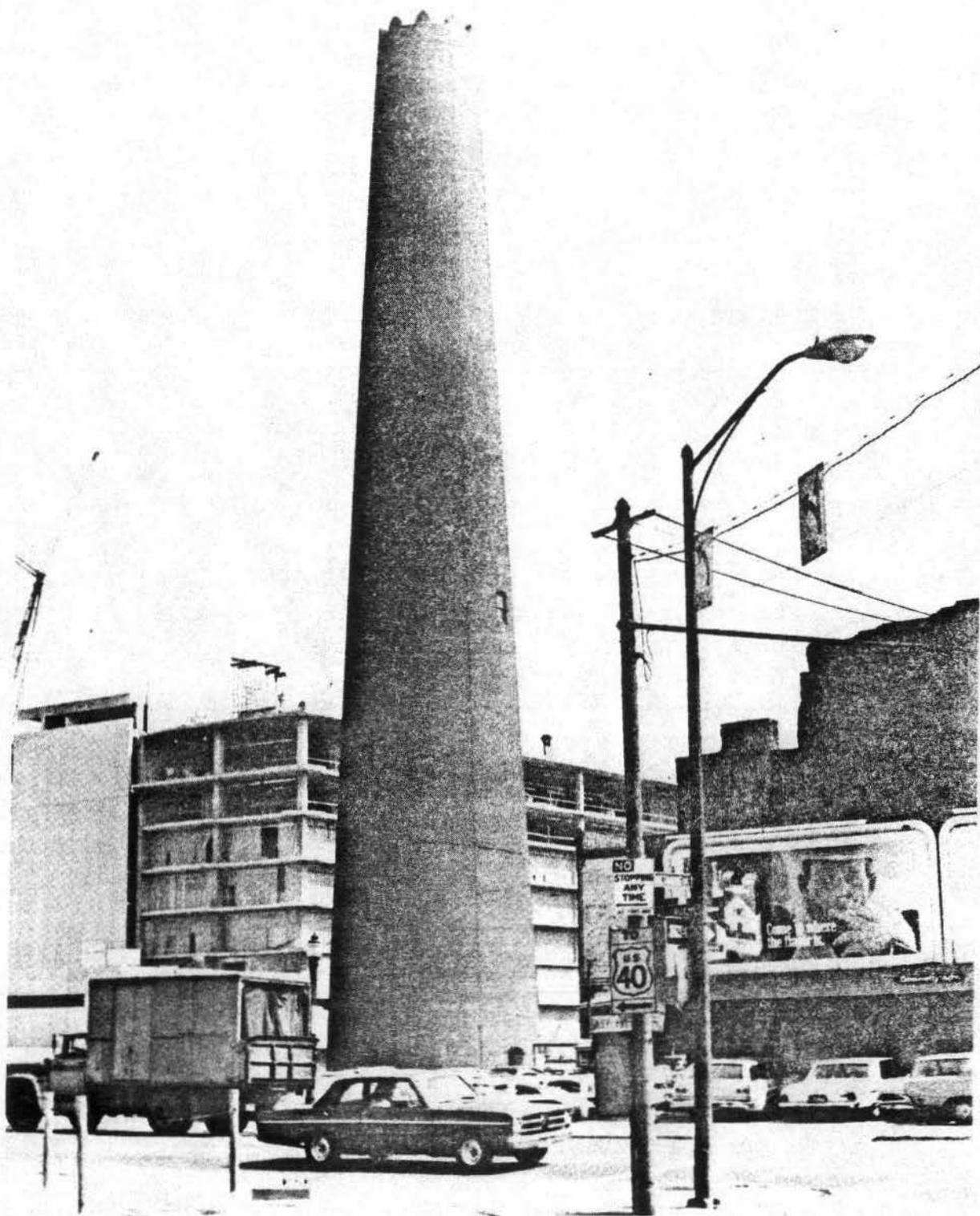
St Alphonsus Cemetery

Patrick Henry

Com U Anderson Sch

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St. Agnes Sch



Phoenix Shot Tower, Baltimore, Maryland

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City	STATE: Maryland	CODE 510
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 610, Baltimore City Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City	STATE: Maryland	CODE 19
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .03 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: May 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland 21404	CODE 19
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COUNTY: Baltimore City
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shot Tower stands approximately 14 stories high and was undoubtedly the tallest structure of its kind in the world.^{(1)*} Its height has been stated either as 234 feet, 240 feet, or 246 feet, depending on whether one includes the underground foundation, measuring somewhere between 10 and 17 feet. At its base, the diameter measures 40 feet, and this diminishes to 20 feet at the top. The walls are $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick at the base and only 20 inches thick at the top, which is crowned by a concrete parapet. More than 1,000,000 bricks were used in its construction, and no scaffolding was needed, since all the work was done from the interior.

In 1928 the tower was restored and a device installed which nightly illuminated its top with a reddish glow to represent smoke and fire. This "flame" was recently rekindled following a period of darkness.

* See #9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1828

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape		Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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In 1882 the interior of the tower was destroyed by fire, but quickly rebuilt and the manufacture of shot continued until 1892. Then in 1921, the Union Oil Company purchased the building, but decided to abandon it shortly thereafter. This caused a group of citizens to raise \$25,000 by subscription and present it to the City. It was briefly opened to the public, but is now closed. A new Shot Tower Historic Park is being planned for the surrounding area.

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Recorders: Romaine S. Somerville, Executive Secretary, and Catharine F. Black, Commission Member; Commission for Historic & Architectural Preservation, 402 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Ballou's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion, March 22, 1856.
"Shot Tower at Baltimore", pp. 180-18.

The Federal Architect, January, 1940; pp. 16.

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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		N39 17 26.2	W76 36 20.8	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: June 18, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 21404 CODE: 19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date June 18, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Shot Tower

#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Historic American Building Survey

January 1964

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C.

Code: 08

#9. REFERENCES

¹Harper's Weekly, 1828, "Shot Tower at Baltimore".

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Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, Maryland; Liber SGL 4336 Folio 34

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CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City			
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SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle Baltimore East (Maryland)			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
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Army Map Service
U.S.G.S.
1:24,000
1953

quadrangle Baltimore East
(Maryland)

Shot Tower MHT B-16
Baltimore, Maryland

SHOT TOWER

LATITUDE 39° 17' 26.2"
LONGITUDE 76° 36' 20.8"

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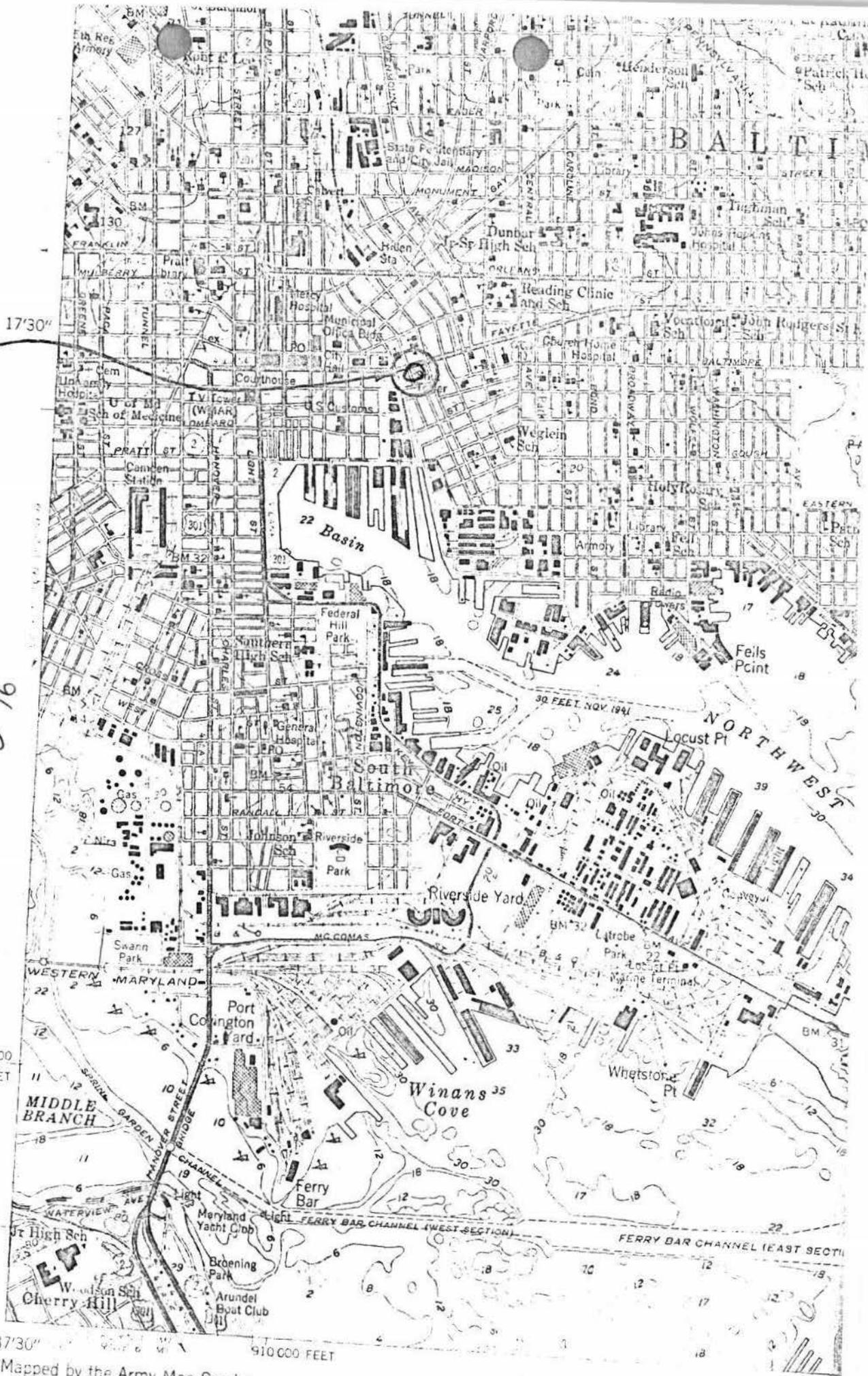
39° 15'

76° 37' 30"

910 000
FEET

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey

(RELAY)



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(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

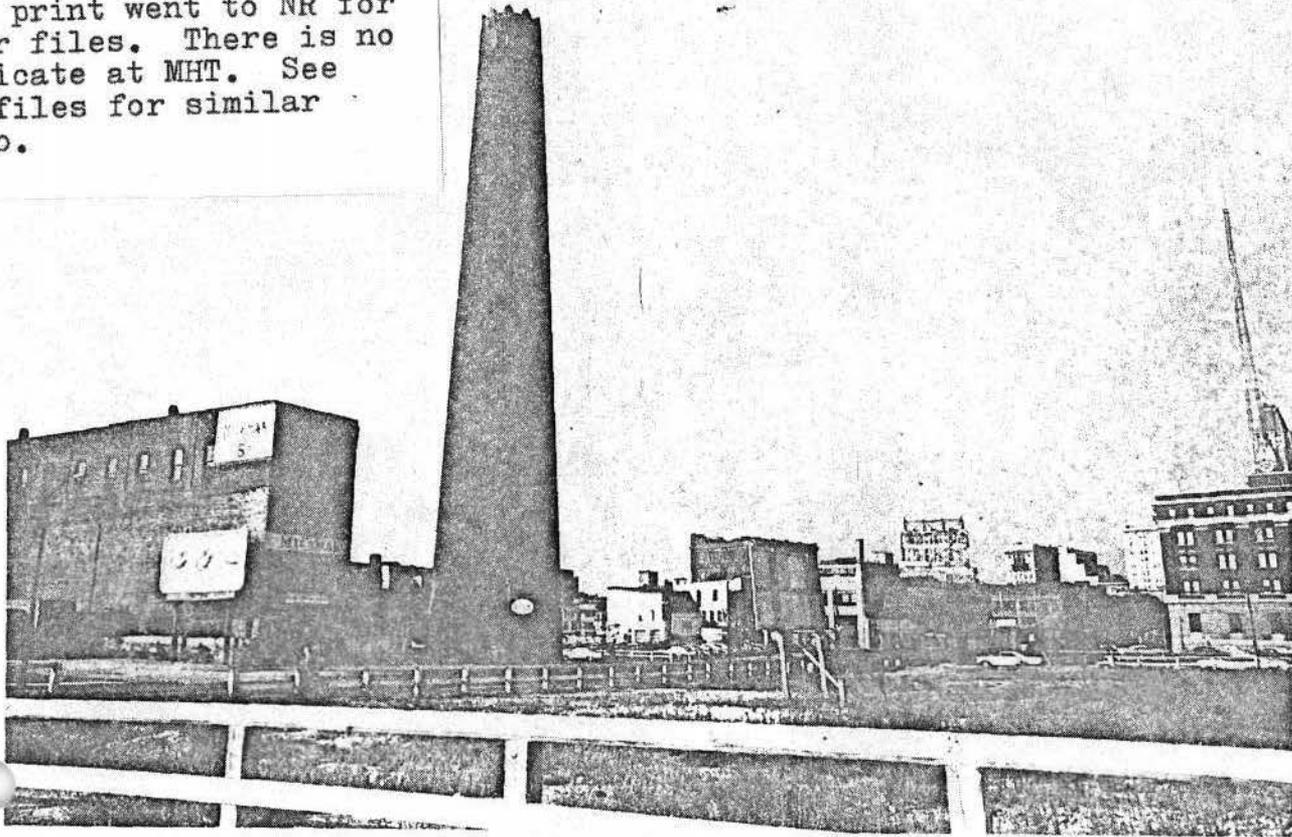
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STATE: Maryland	CODE 19	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Baltimore, Md., Dept. of Planning - Phil Sibley			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Commission for Historic & Architectural Preservation, 402 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Shot Tower at southeast corner Fayette and Front Streets, exterior from northeast.			

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore County TOWN Baltimore VICINITY STREET NO. Front & Fayette Streets ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Industrial PRESENT OWNER City of Baltimore PRESENT USE Vacant WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY B-16
	2. NAME Shot Tower DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No

Shot Tower is a tall brick tower which is like a truncated cone. There is a door at the bottom and several windows placed at random intervals in the sloping walls. The top has turrets. Originally it was used to make shot by dropping molten lead from the top into a tub of water at the bottom of the tower.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered **No** Interior **Good** Exterior **Good**

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael O. Bourne
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD **March 19, 1968**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore City TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. Fayette & Front Streets ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY B-16 2. NAME Shot Tower DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____ 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

(see National Register Nomination form)

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
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Block 1335, Lot 001
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Baltimore East Quad.

