

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 1500 Thames Street

and/or common 1500 Thames Street

2. Location

street & number 1500 Thames Street _____ not for publication

city, town Baltimore _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Third

state Maryland _____ county Baltimore City

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	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 type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bond Street Associates/ Michael Silver, Managing General Partner

street & number 1021 World Trade Center telephone no.: 301-244-7292

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21202

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records Office liber SEB 75

street & number 100 North Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 74

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

te _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. B 3999

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The three story, brick triangularly shaped rowhouse at 1500 Thames Stree has been altered many times since its construction in the early 19th century. The west elevation shows at least four construction periods in the brick work. The south elevation has been replaced with ironspot brick. And the roof was raised. Empty for several years, Structural Engineers have declared the building structurally unsound.

This building is not located within the boundaries of the Fell's Point National Register Historic District.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

At 1500 Thames Street, at the northeast corner of Caroline Street, stands a three story, three brick rowhouse, originally dating from the early 19th century. The much-altered building is located on a triangularly shaped lot which abuts the warehouse additions of 1502-1508 Thames Street to the east.

Originally a 2-1/2 story house, the roof was raised some time in the last half of the 19th century to 3 stories (1866 Sandborn Map). At a later date, the principal (south) elevation is faced with 20th century ironspot brick laid in running bond. The corner of the first floor was cut away to create a corner entrance, now marked by a plywood door. This change occurred in the 20th century probably associated with the conversion of the house to a saloon. Rounded glass blocks flank the entrance at either side of the door. Quarry tile and brick set in concrete create the stoop. (see photo 1)

(See attached sheets for continuation of General Description)

8. Significance

Survey No. _____

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input checked="" 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
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		<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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town <u>Baltimore</u>	state <u>Maryland 21202</u>
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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The building at 1500 Thames Street does not possess sufficient integrity owing to structural failure and to substantial alterations to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. The purpose of this essay is to summarize the historical development of the property. (NOTE: The Maryland Historical Trust has on file the research notes on which this essay is based.)

ISTORY AND SUPPORT

The property at 1500 Thames Street is located on Lot 23 of Fell's Point. Ann Fell (widow of Edward Fell) sold the lot to Rem John Remsen, a New York merchant, in 1768. (Until the 1820's the northern boundary of Lot 23 was the harbor.) After Remsen's death, his heirs in Albany sold Lot 23 to William Weatherby who appears in the 1796 City Directory as a cooper with two addresses on Thames Street. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment indicates William Weatherby owned a one story, wood cooper's shop as well as a two story, wood warehouse leased to James Gibbs. The 18th century records, from the research to date, give no indication as to where on Lot 23 Weatherby may have erected buildings.

Between 1827 and 1830 the City took the western portion of the Lot (approximately 35 feet) for the road bed of Caroline Street as part of a major filling in of the harbor.

In 1822, before the completion of Caroline Street as part of the filling in of the harbor to Thames Street, John Hutson bought the property. Hutson also owned several other lots on the north side of the 1500 block of Thames Street. It is possible that he built, for speculative purposes, the "large brick dwelling" on the lot mentioned in a public sale notice in the December 2, 1843, Baltimore Sun. The extant detailing in the building is of such a plain nature as to neither confirm or refute the date of the interior structure. The ironspot brick facade dates from the 20th century, contemporaneous with the adjacent facade at 1502-1508 Thames Street. (The neighboring alterations were done after 1940.)

The Baltimore City Tax Assessors' Field Books of 1866, 1876 and 1898 describe a two and one half story brick house. The tenant in 1876 sold "segars" and tobacco.

See Continuation Sheet

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Quadrangle scale _____

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On the south elevation a row of vertical brick (all brick on the south elevation is ironspot) marks the foundation. One large window originally filled with glass block lights the first floor. Above the window are ornamental brick which serve as a belt course. The sills of the three second floor windows (none of which have sashes) sit on the belt course. Similarly, a "belt course" exists at the sill level of the three, third floor sashless windows. A steeped brick cornice terminates the elevation. The cornice acts as a parapet hiding the pitch of the gable roof.

The west elevation shows at least four periods of brickwork and changed fenestration. Ironspot brick exists at the first floor front around a large window once totally filled with glass block. To the north exists a window covered with a metal lintel and two door openings. The second floor fenestration consists of two windows (at the southern end) and door; toward the northern, apex of the triangle the second and third floor walls are missing, exposing the interior. Three windows remain on the third floor above the second floor openings. A large patch of multi-colored brick with wide mortar joints exists between the two southernmost windows.

A chimney exists at the peak of the roof. However, no fireplaces now exist in the interior.

The interior of the building has undergone considerable damage from vandals and from fires, the most recent of which occurred in early 1984. Structural engineers have determined that the building is not structurally sound.

On the interior, the first floor consists of one room with a narrow, winding staircase on the north wall leading to the second floor and the attic. (see photos 2 & 3) The second floor consists of three rooms: two across the south elevation (see photo 4 & 5) and one behind. (see photo 6) The third floor is divided into two rooms across the south elevation and a bathroom in the northwest corner. (photos 7 & 8) The appearance of the spaces on the second and third floors at the northern apex of the triangular building give no clue as to their use.

Throughout the building, the plaster is in a severely deteriorated condition. The woodwork appears to date from the 20th century.

1500 Thames Street, Baltimore City

#8 Statement of Significance continuation sheet 1

The tenant in 1898, Michael Long, was operating a bar in the building. This use continued through the twentieth century as is documented by the 1902 and 1917 Sandborn Atlases. The building also underwent alterations between 1898 and 1902 as the Sandborn Atlas indicates a three story brick building on the lot. It was probably used as a saloon.

CHAIN OF TITLE

B-3999
1500 Thames Street
3-7-1818-44

SEB 75/74 Agnes Wisnieski to Fotis Zografes, et. al
6/24/1983
Deed

MLP 9477/277 Hyde Realty Co. to Joseph Wisnieski
5/13/1954
Deed

MLP 9477/274 Emil Maelik, Trustee to Hyde Realty Co.
5/13/1954

MLP 6881/215 Anna Disney to Marlene Baum
3/12/1946
Asgt.

MLP 5875/257 John L. Collins to Sally Cumings and Marlene Baum
11/25/1938
Asgt.

SCL 5789/155 Katie Krebs to John L. Collins
7/10/1931
Lease

SCL 2914/106 Alice S. Whiting to John Krebs
5/6/1914
Deed

RO 2206/396 Mary Hazan to John Krebs
6/30/1906
Asgt.

SCL 2914/106 Alice Whiting to John Krebs
5/6/1914
Deed

RO 2366/188 Charles E. Middleton to Alice Whiting
8/15/1907

AM 250/292 Charles Middleton to William P. Freeman
14/26/1864
Lease

AM 243/116 Robert Barnes to William P. Freeman
2/14/1863
Deed

GES 222/176 Augustus Price, Tax Collector, to Robert Barnes
2/3/1862
Deed
Deed refers to : Improvements as a three story brick house
number sixteen and a two story plus attic brick dwelling
number fourteen [1500] on Thames Street

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1500 Thames Street

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AWB 357/404
4/22/1845
Deed

George M. Gill, trustee, to William P. Freeman

TK 314/203
11/20/1841
Mtg.

John Glass to Fells Point Savings and Loan Society

TK 272/215
7/14/1837

Martha Hutson to John Glass

WG 161/667
3/9/1822
Deed

William C. Weatherby to John Hutson

WG KK/490
9/27/1792

Henry Remsen Teller to William Weatherby
Lot 23 in Fell's Point

Ann Fell to John Remsen

1768

1500 Thames Street

#9 Major Bibliographical References

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-Hall of Records, Annapolis

Baltimore City Land Records.

Baltimore City Directory, 1796.

Federal Direct Tax Assessment, Depford Hundred, Baltimore City.

-Baltimore City Courthouse, Baltimore

Baltimore City Land Records.

-Baltimore City Archives, Baltimore

Baltimore City Assessors' Field Books, 7th Ward, 1866, 1876, 1898

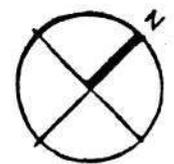
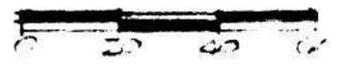
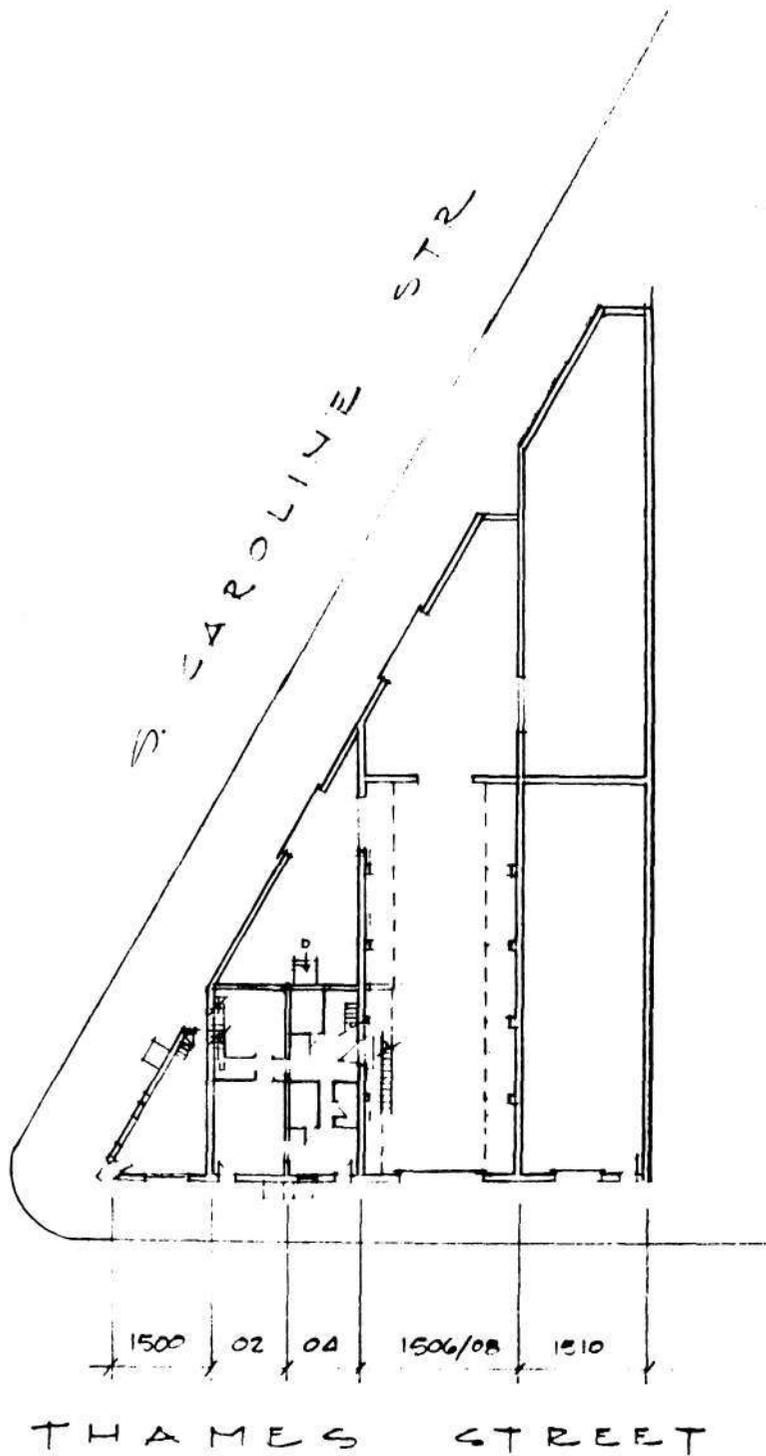
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1500-1510 THAMES ST.
BALTIMORE, MD

WALTER SCHAMU & ASSOC., INC.
107 EAST PRESTON STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

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Baltimore City DPW Property Location Map

Block 1818

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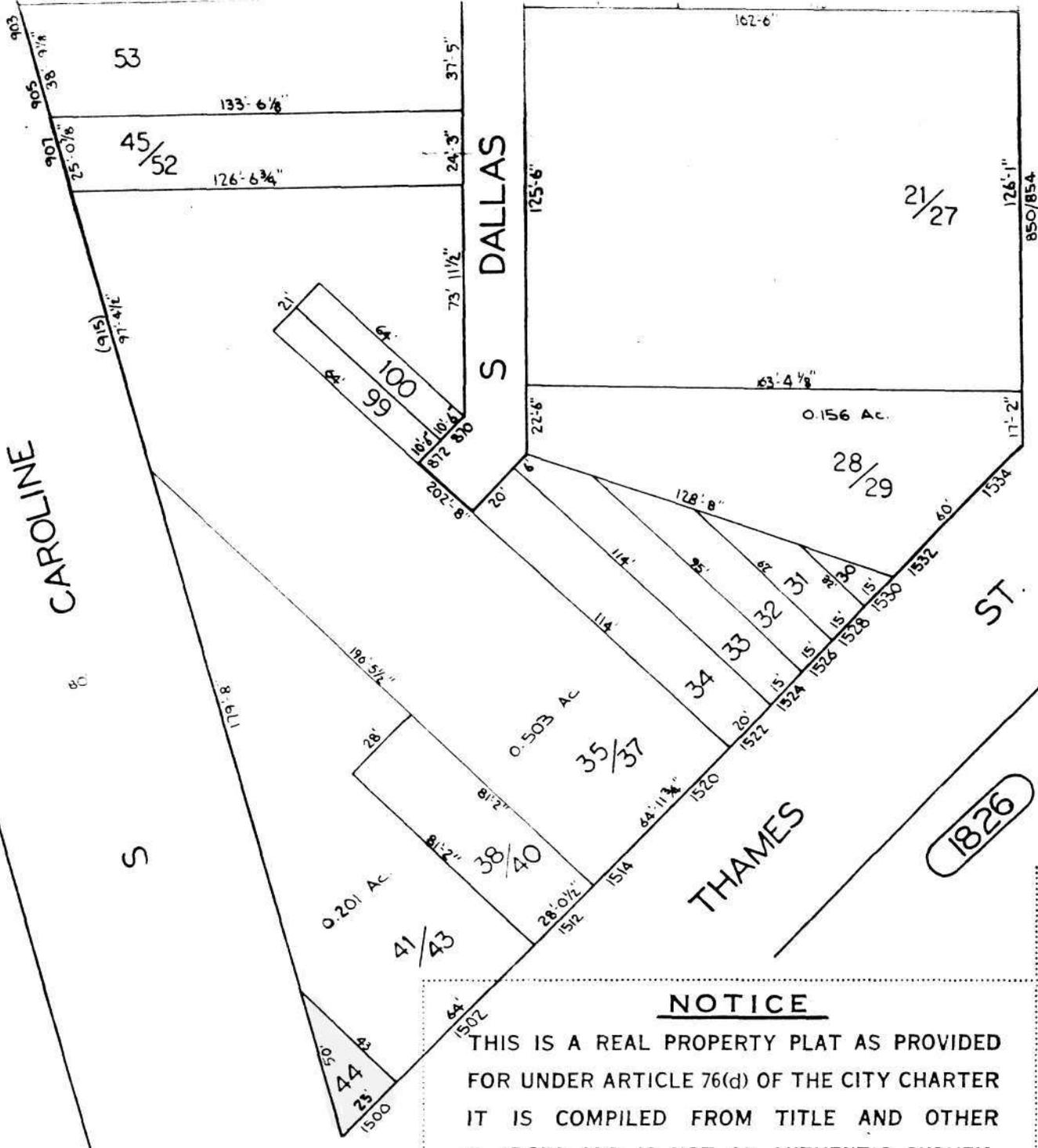
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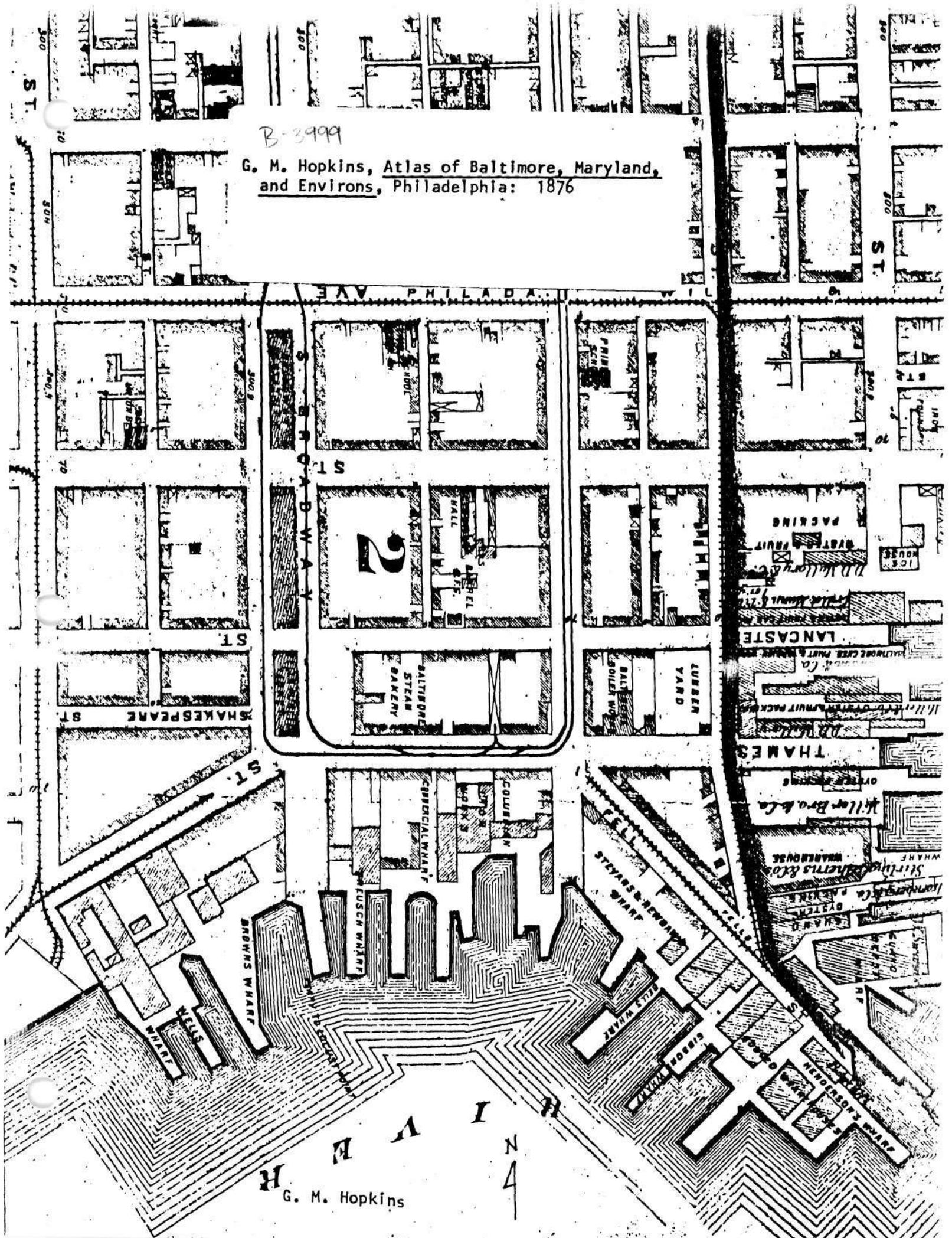
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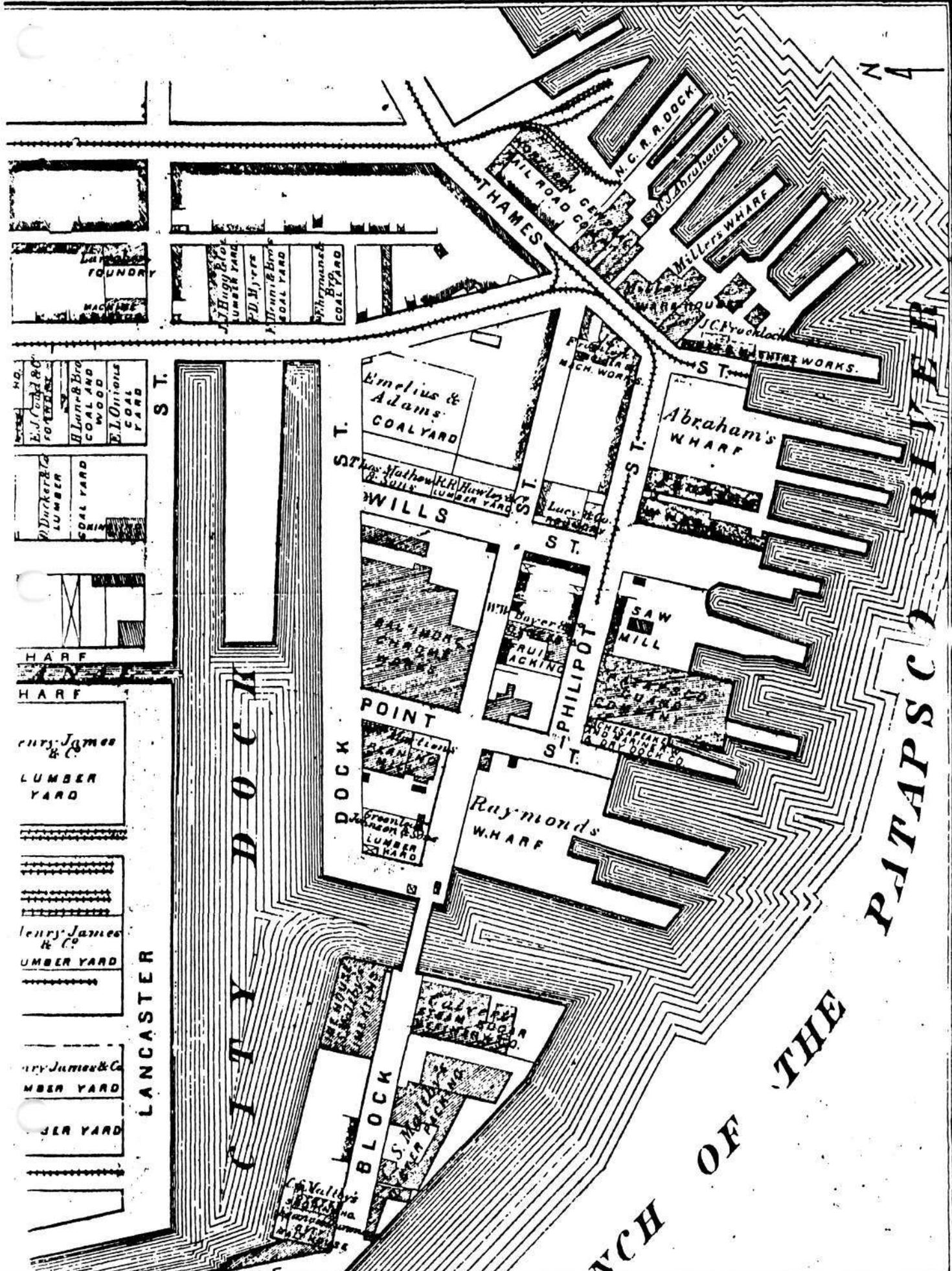
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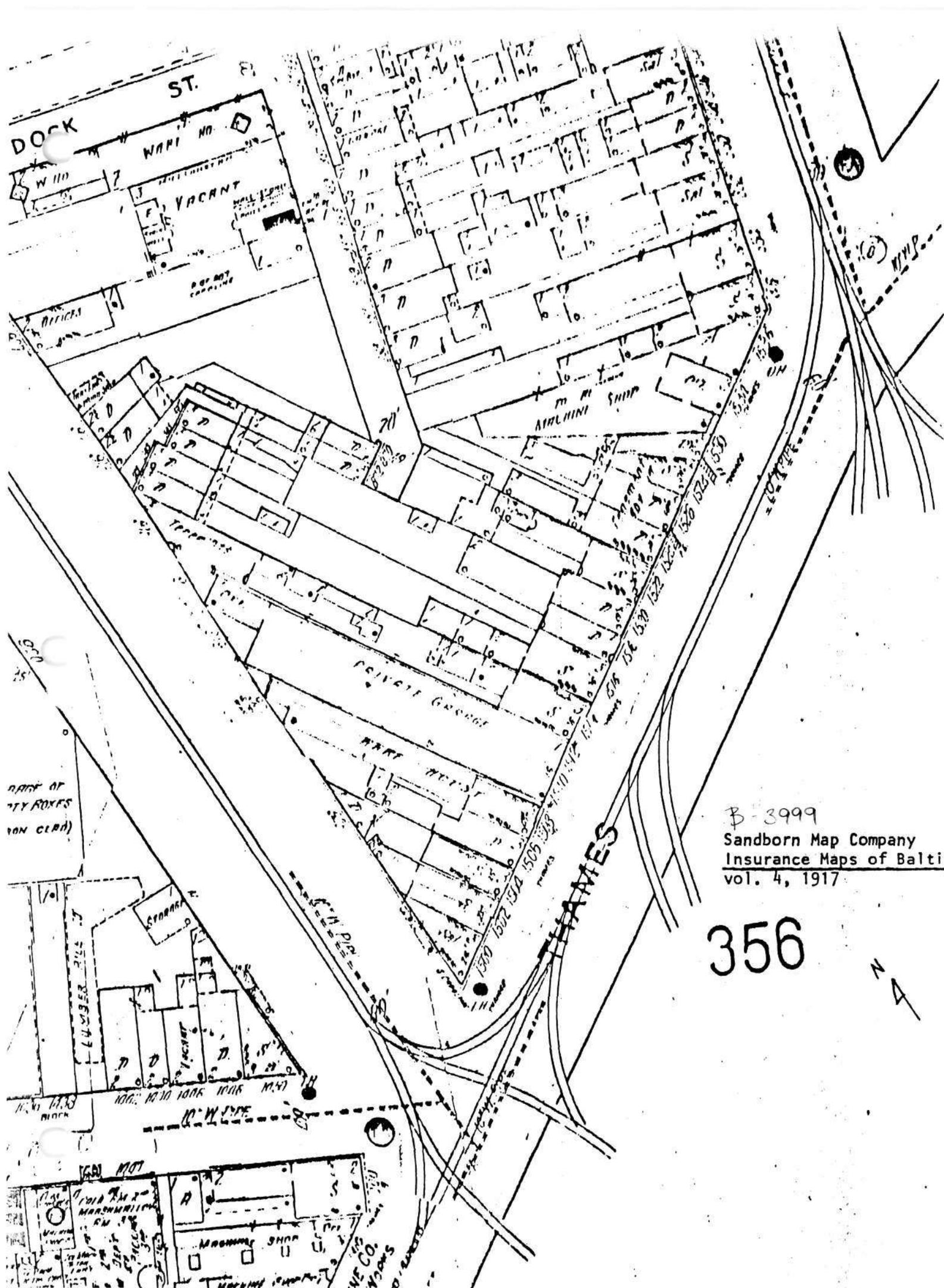
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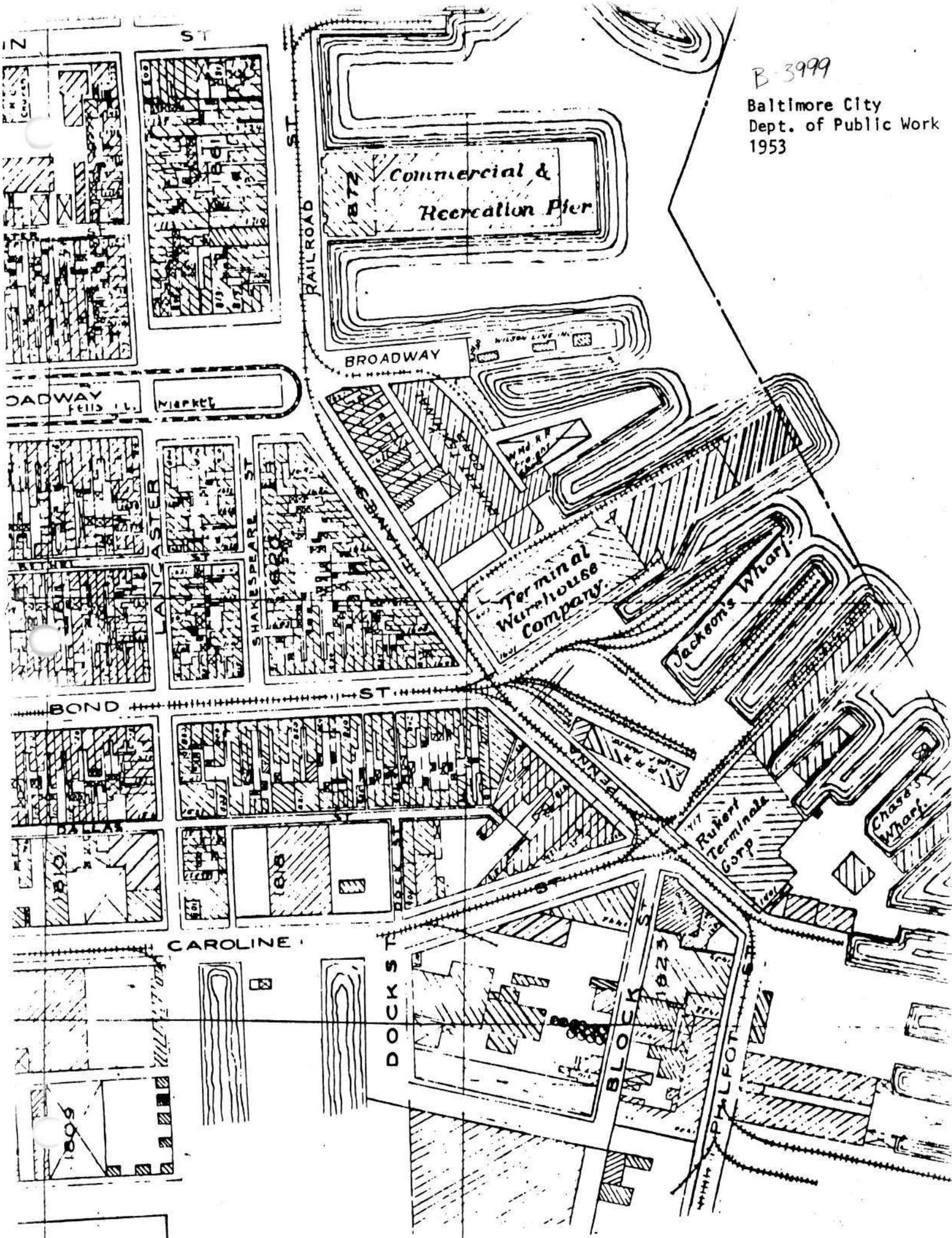
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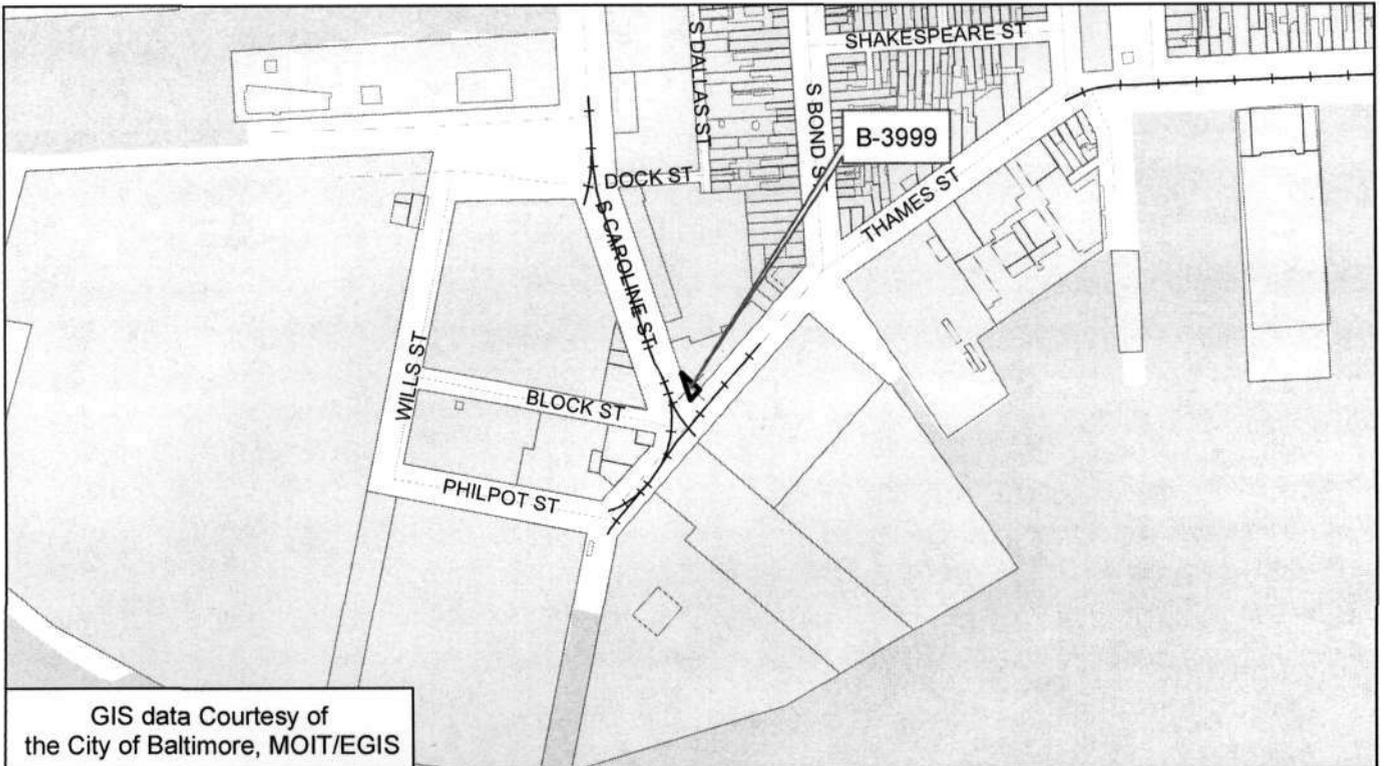
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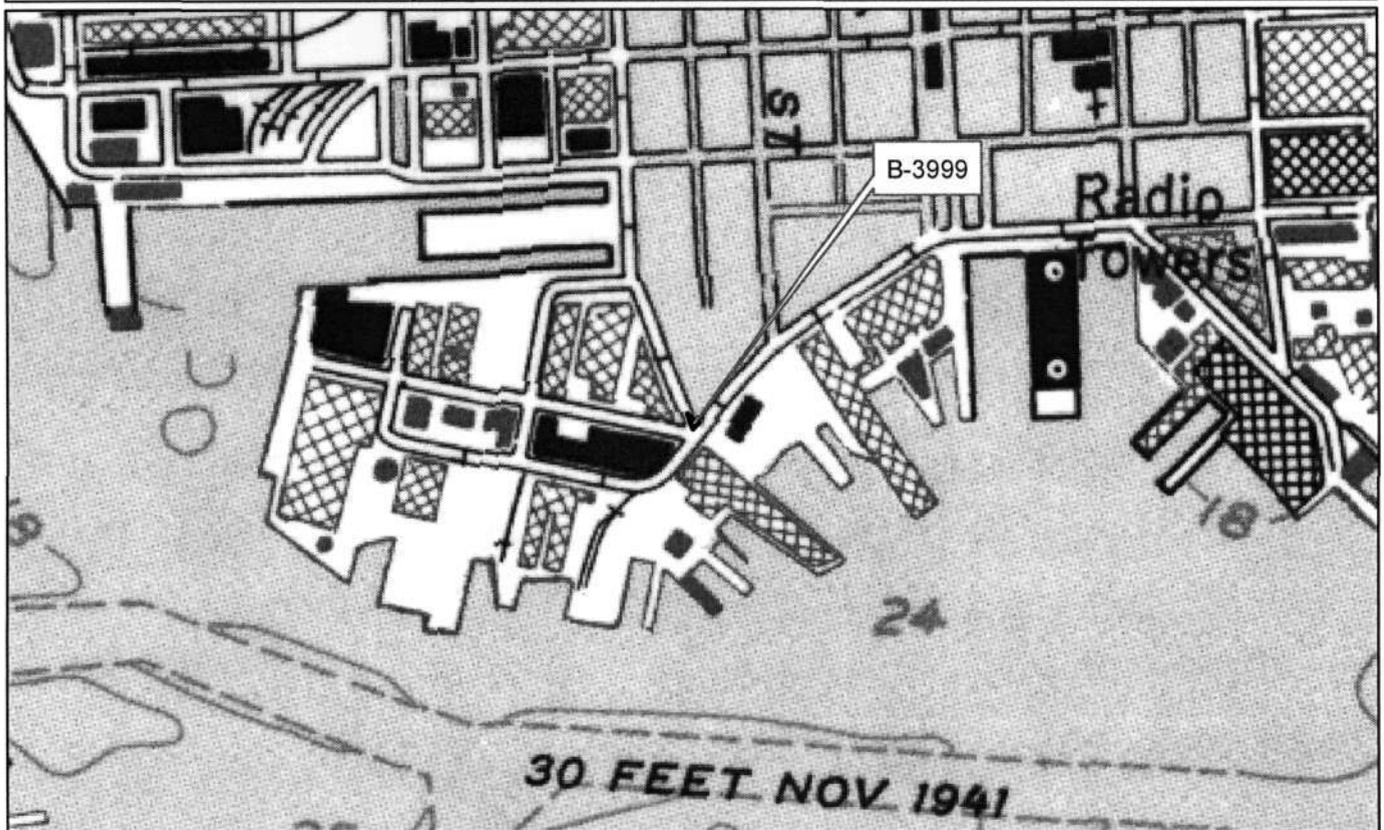


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1500 Thames Street
Block 1818 Lot 044
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



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2. Baltimore, Md.
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 31 March 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. S elevation
7. 1/8



1. 1500 Thames St.
2. Baltimore, Md.
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 31 March 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. 1stfloor N wall
7. 2/8

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2. Baltimore, Md.
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 31 March 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. 1st floor E and N wall
7. 3/8

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2. Baltimore, Md.
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 31 March 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. 2nd floor from N wall looking S to
S wall
7. 4/8



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3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 31 March 1984
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6. 3d floor SE room S wall
7. 5/8

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5. Annapolis, Md., Maryland Historical Trust
6. 2nd floor N end
7. 6/8

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6. 3d floor From N room looking SW
7. 7/8



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6. 3d floor SW room S and W walls
7. 8/8