

Survey No. B-4004

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 1522-1530 Thames Street

and/or common Agnes' Bar

## 2. Location

street & number 1522-1530 Thames Street \_\_\_ not for publication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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 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, Maryland state and zip code Md. 21202

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse, Room 610 liber MLP 6566

street & number 100 North Calvert Street folio 33

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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

Agnes' Bar (1524-1530 Thames Street) is a two story building, nine bays wide covered with formstone. It measures 60 feet on Thames Street (southeast elevation) and 45 feet on the rear (northwest elevation). The triangularly shaped lot tapers to the northwest making the rear elevation narrower. The building was originally a four unit, five story residential structure. In the 1950's the owners removed the top three stories, put formstone on the front elevation, stuccoed the sides, and gutted the interior for a bar and restaurant (1st floor) and residence (2nd floor).

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1524-1530 Thames Street is a two story building covered with formstone (brick underneath). It was originally a four unit, five story building called a "tenement" in the early 20th century. In the 1950's the owners undertook a major alteration of the structure by removing the top three stories, covering the exterior brick walls with formstone and stucco, and gutting the interior. The window openings were re-worked; brick sills were added.

The southeast facade is nine bays wide. The nine, second floor windows have two over two sash. Each sash has two horizontally set rectangular panes. The first floor has four doors (c. 1950's) in the first, fourth, fifth and eighth bays (from southwest to northeast). The windows in the sixth, seventh, and ninth bays are high, single pane openings. Four steel plates exist in the sidewalk providing access to the basements.

The northwest elevation has irregular fenestration dating from the 1950's. The northeast elevation is blank; the southwest elevation is the party wall with 1522 Thames.

On the interior, the first floor consists of a large open room on the Thames Street side with a bar and the kitchen in the triangularly shaped space at the northeastern end. Three rooms exist along the rear elevation and open into the larger space along the Thames Street side. The stair to the second floor is located in the kitchen.

The floor plan on the second floor consists of four interconnected rooms along the Thames Street side each of which opens into a room on the rear elevation. (Two of the rooms on the rear have been divided for bathrooms.) The partition walls that had separated the four tenements are evident on the second floor. All the interior finishes date from the 1950's.

The basements retain the partition walls (brick) of the four tenements as well as a stone foundation around the perimeter of the structure. The basement has a dirt floor.

The rear yard consists of a cement walk and an elevated grass plot. The Wisnieskis demolished a building on the grass plot in the 1950's

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="radio"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Agnes' Bar is a 1950's business and residence which has no historic significance. Although fragments of an earlier building's walls remain, no historic integrity of the 19th century building remains.

**HISTORY AND SUPPORT**

Agnes' Bar covers Lot 20 in Fell's Point which John Bond conveyed to Henry Bride, Sr., in 1778. Bride's son, Henry Bride, Jr., inherited the property but was forced to sell it to pay his creditors. The advertisement in the December 12, 1822, Baltimore American and Commercial Advertiser describes the 60 foot wide lot as improved by a ". . . large two story frame house, with a brick kitchen in the rear. . . ." The purchasers were Archibald Kerr and John Lee who then operated the lumber yard next door (1532-1534 Thames). When Kerr and Lee sold the property in 1835, it had "two large frame stores" on it (Baltimore American and Commercial Advertiser, April 13, 1835).

The next owner was George King whose family retained the lot for the remainder of the century. In 1844 James Russell operated a blacksmith's shop in a two story brick house on the lot (Baltimore American and Commercial Advertiser, January 22, 1844). Before 1866 the Kings built the five story brick building and three story brick back building that Mrs. Wisnieski indicated was used to house recently arrived immigrants. (Assessors' Field Books for 1866, 1876 and 1898 and Sachse 1869 Bird's Eye View of Baltimore)

The 1902 Sandborn Atlas calls the four unit, five story building "tenements." Although at that time 1530 Thames was a pump factory. At that period 1524 and 1526 had three story brick back buildings while the back building at 1528 was four stories high. A wooden, one story shed existed behind 1530. The 1917 Atlas shows a change in use: the pump factory had become a dwelling and a store existed at 1528. The next major change was the removal of the top three stories by the Wisnieskis with the addition of one residence on the second floor and a bar/restaurant on the first floor.



## CHAIN OF TITLE

Agnes' Bar, 1524-1530 Thames Street  
3-7-1818-30through 34

MLP 6566/33 2/28/1944 Deed	Peter Ksepa to Joseph Wisnieski
SCL 2637/474 2/9/1911 Deed	Frank S. Kunkowski to Peter Ksepka
SCL 2400/474 2/1/1908 Deed	Morris Pondfield to Peter Ksepka
SCL 2400/472 2/1/1908 Deed	Theresa Goldsmith, et. al., to Morris Pondfield
RO 1853/135 3/9/1900 Lease	Lisette Henninghausen to Levi Goldsmith
RO 1858/34 3/9/1900 Deed	Samuel Berman to Lisette Henninghausen
RO 1835/133 3/9/1900 Asgt.	Willaim Larnar to Samuel Berman
RO 1835/131 3/9/1900 Deed	Henry J. King to Samuel Berman
JB 1137/535 4/25/1887 Deed	Benjamin Rosenheim to Elizabeth Walker
JB 1137/532 4/25/1887 Deed	Samuel H. King to Benjamin Rosenheim
JB 1137/532 4/25/1887 Deed	Elizabeth Walker to Samuel King
GR 646/115 4/6/1875 Deed	James Cockwill, trustee, to Elizabeth Walker
GR 429/92 6/29/1869 Deed	George King to James Cockwill
TK 258/436 4/15/1836 Deed	Robert Purviance to George King
WG 166/707 2/8/1823 Deed	George Newman, trustee, to John Lee and Archibald Kerr

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WG #B/284  
6/8/1778

John Bond to Henry Brice, Sr.

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Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographic References

Hall of Records, Annapolis

Baltimore City Land Records

Baltimore City Directory, 1796

Federal Direct Tax Assessment, 1798, Depford Hundred, Baltimore City

Baltimore City Courthouse, Baltimore  
Land Records

Baltimore City Archives

Baltimore City Assessors' Field Books, 1866, 1876, 1898

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore

Sandborn Map Company, Insurance Maps of Baltimore, Maryland, vol. 4, editions  
of 1902 and 1917.

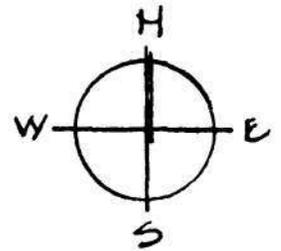
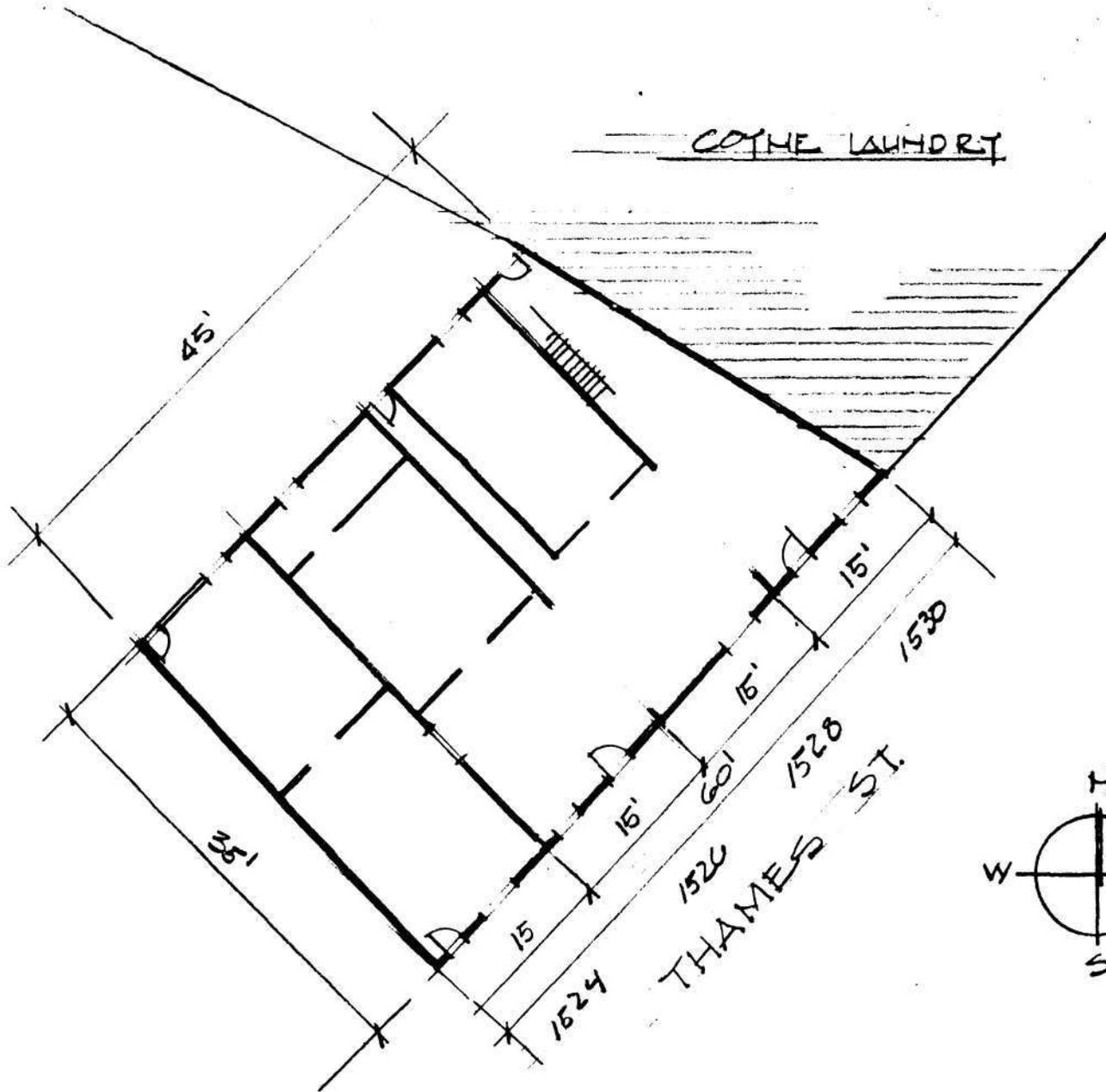
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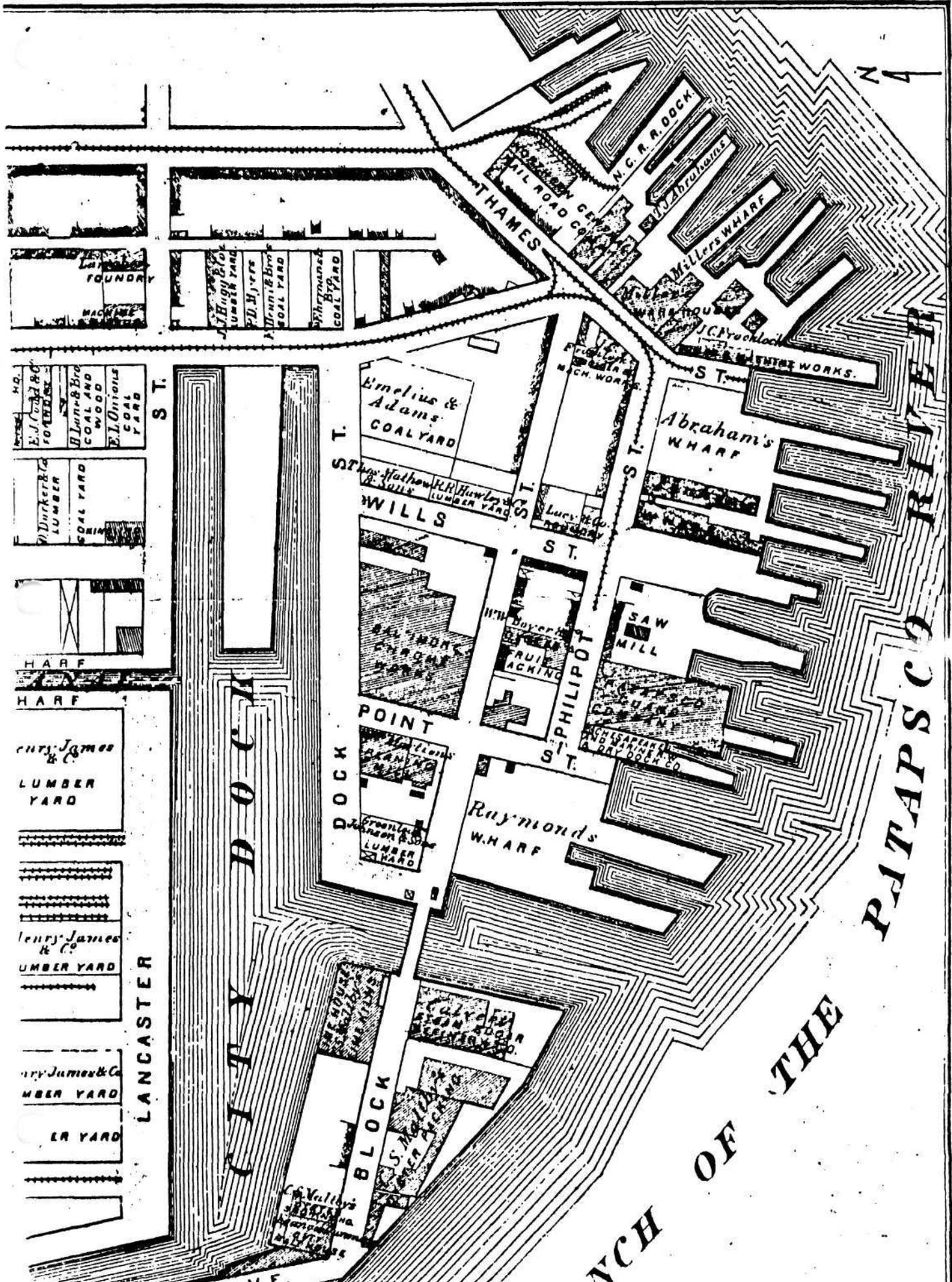
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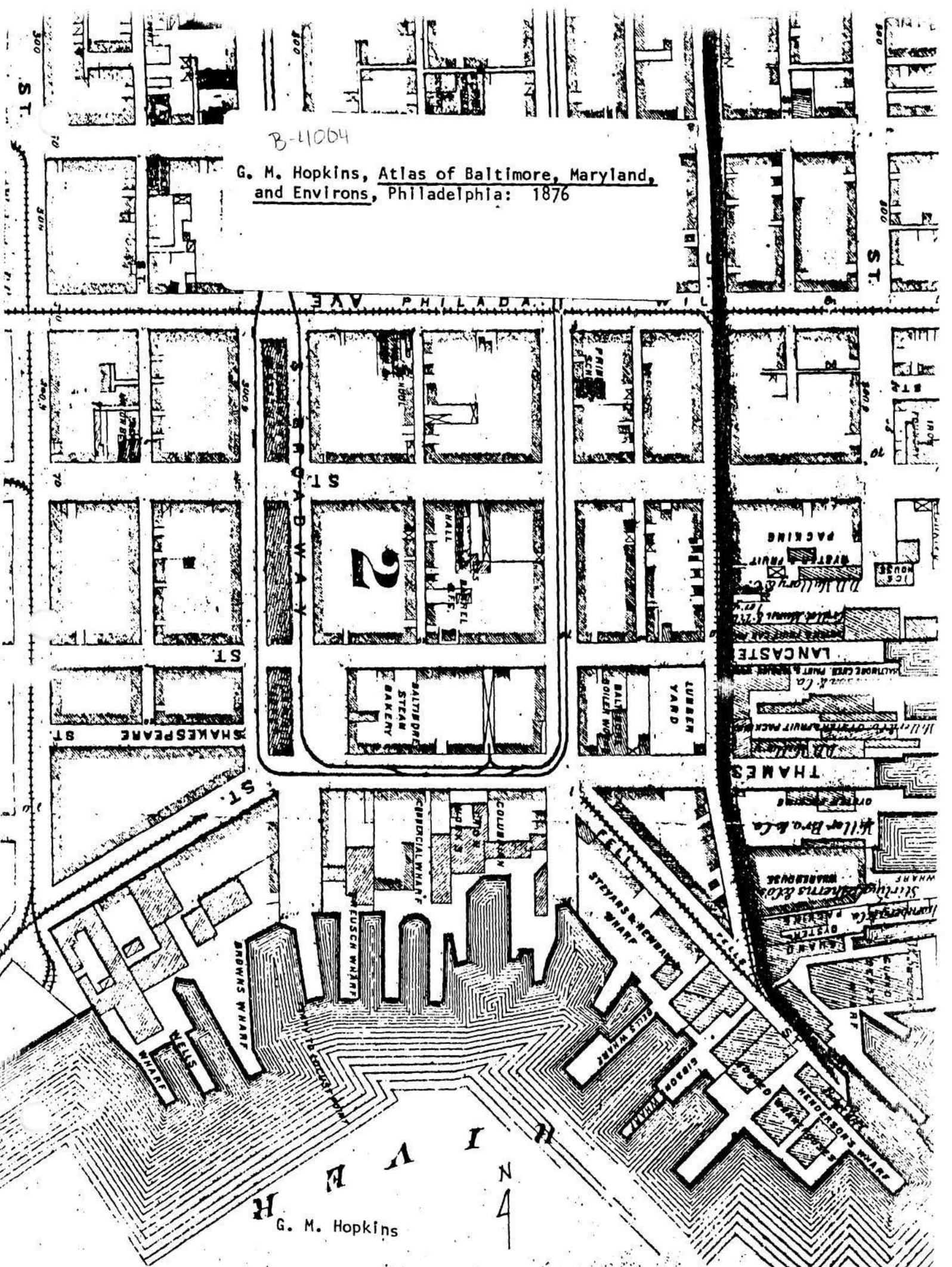
NOTE: All research notes are on file at the Maryland Historical Trust.

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G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Baltimore, Maryland,  
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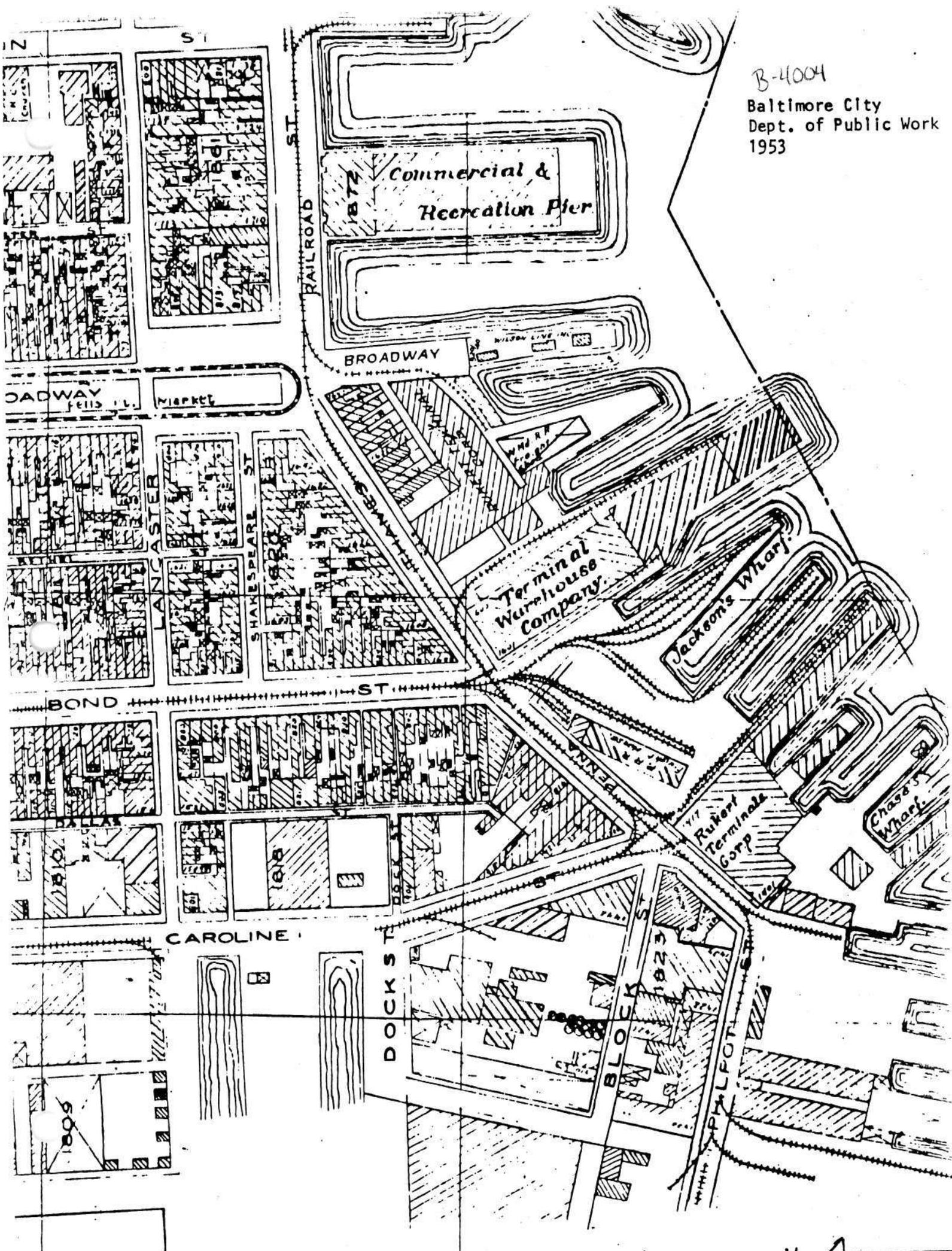
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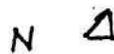
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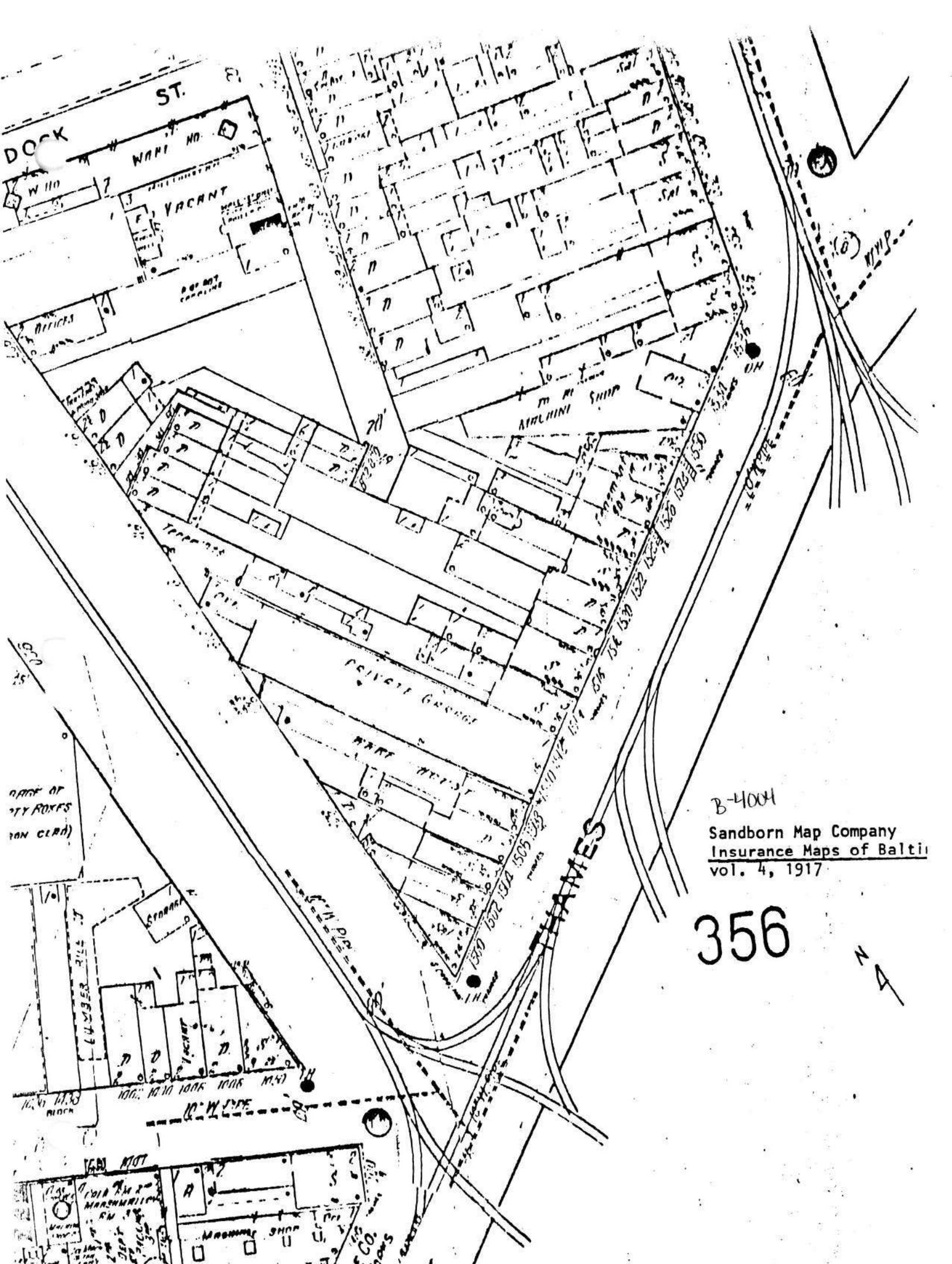
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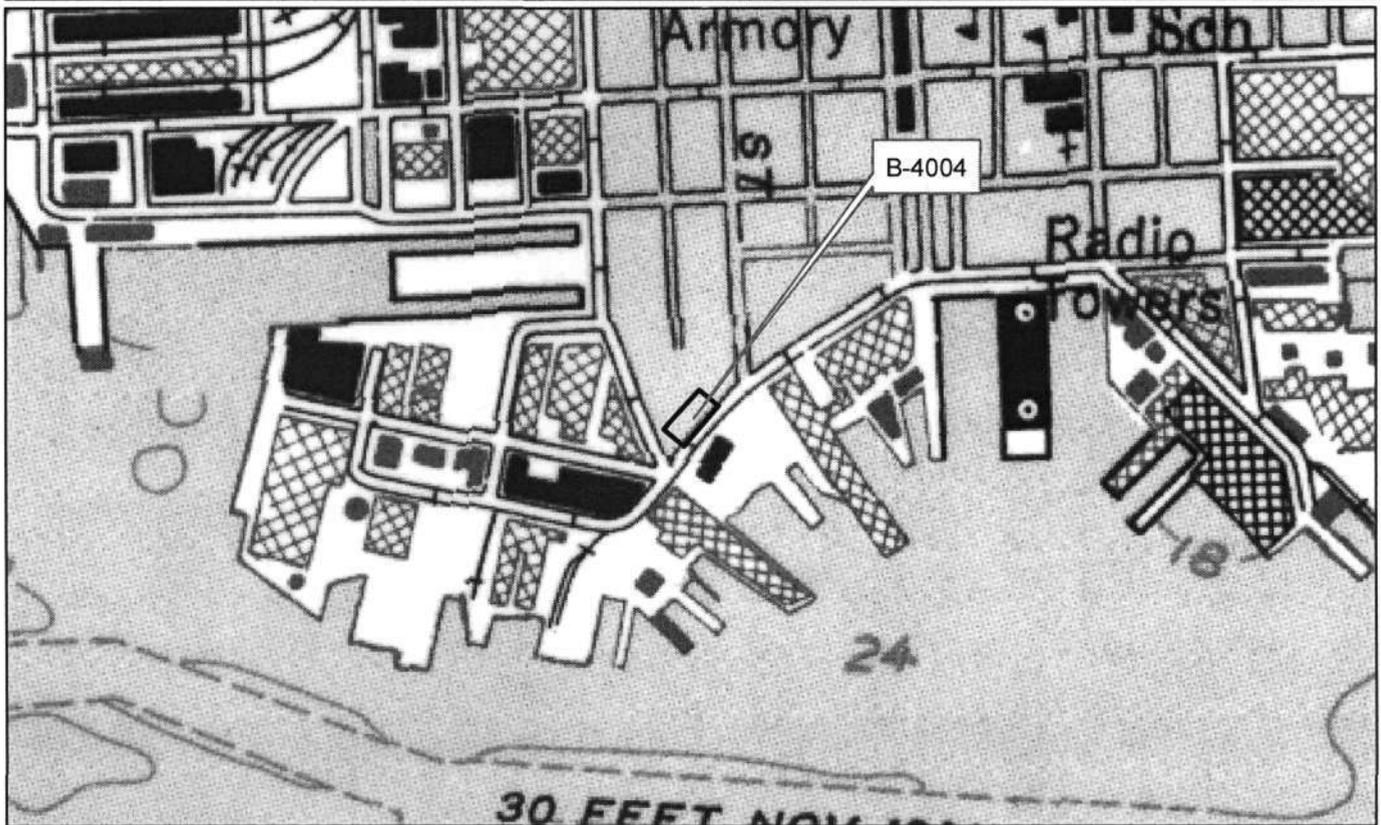
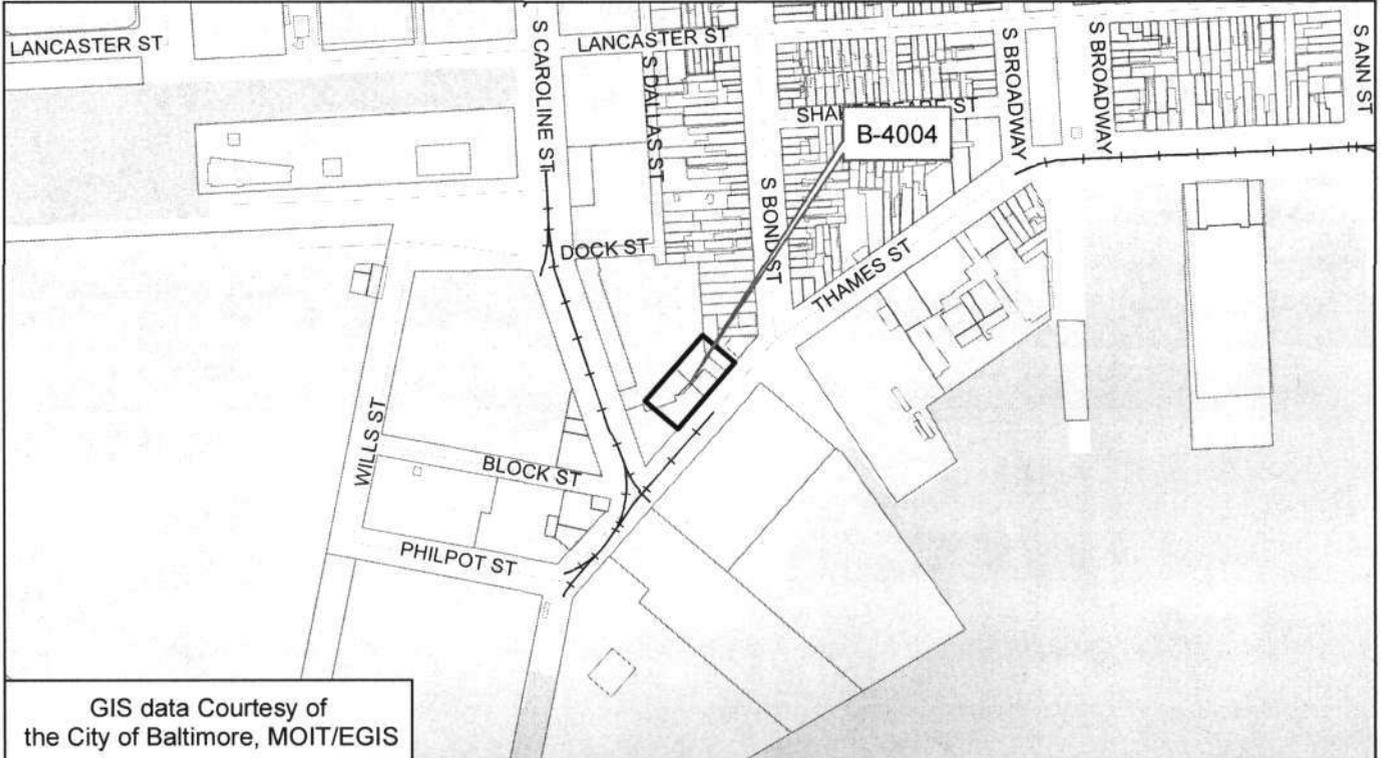
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Agnes's Bar  
1522-1530 Thames Street  
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PACKAGE GOODS  
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1. 1524-1530 Thames St. B-40084
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. southeast elevation
7. 1 of 9



1. 1524-1530 Thames St.                      B-4004
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. northwest elevation (rear)
7. 2 of 9



1. 1524-1530 Thames St.
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. bar, northeast wall, 1st floor, 1530

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1. 1524-1530 Thames St. B-4004
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. kitchen, 1st floor, looking to the northwest wall, 1530
7. 4 of 9



1. 1524-1530 Thames Street
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. kitchen, 1st floor, from northwest end  
looking southeast, 1530
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1. 1524-1530 Thames Street
2. Baltimore, Maryland
3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. northeast wall of northeast room 2nd floor  
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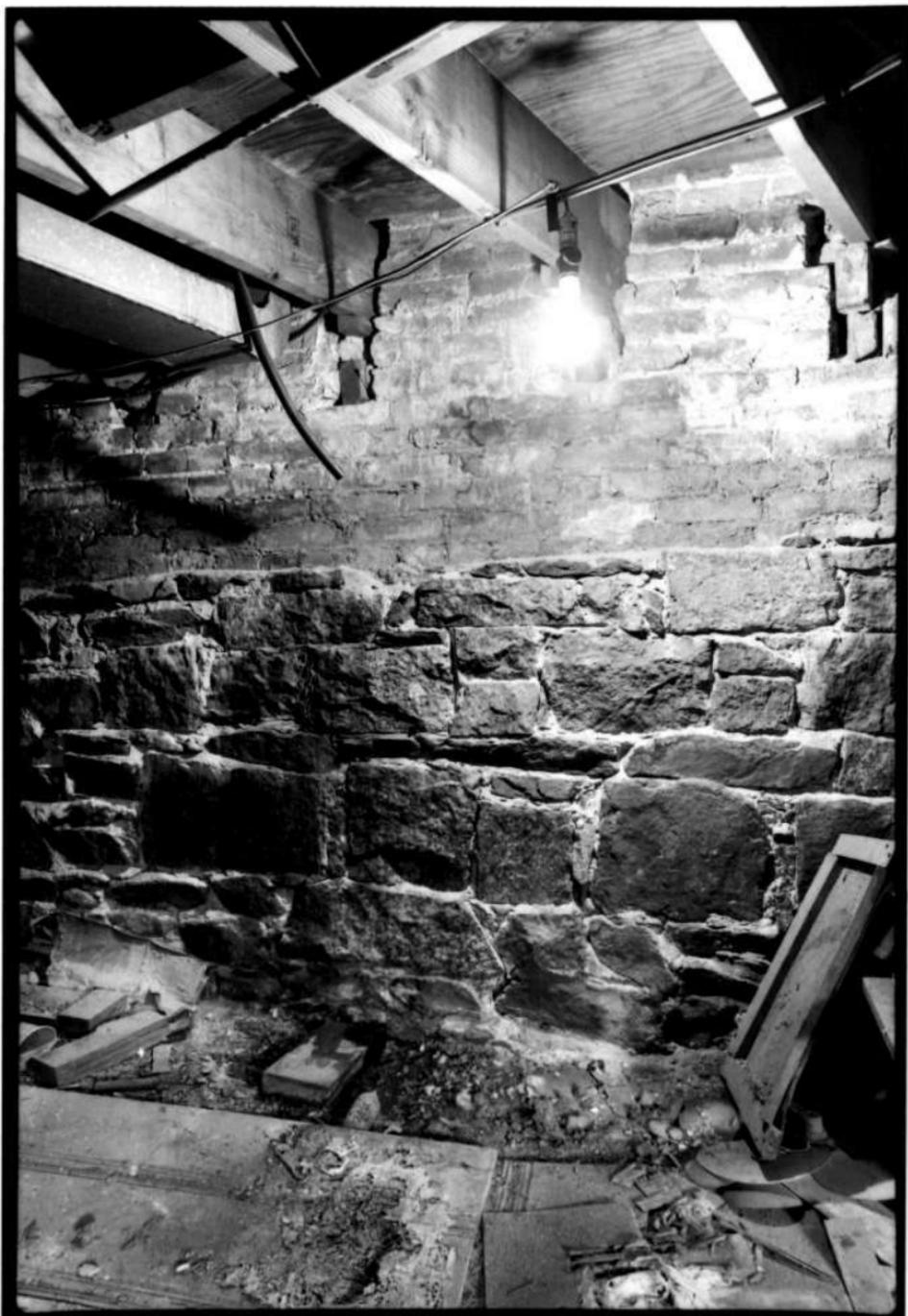
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6. southeast wall, 2nd floor, 1530
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3. J. Brough Schamp
4. 22 July 1984
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6. southwest wall, 2nd floor, 1524
7. 8 of 9



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6. northeast wall, basement, 1530
7. 9 of 9