

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DUNDALK COMPANY BUILDING

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4 Center Place \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Dundalk \_\_\_ vicinity of Councilmanic 7th  
congressional district 2nd

state Maryland 21222 county Baltimore

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	<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 checked="" 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
	xxxnot 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 Baltimore County, Maryland

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue telephone no.: 887-3325

city, town Towson state and zip code MD 21204

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber GLB 2377

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 270

city, town Towson state MD 21204

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register Historic District Study: Dundalk

date December 8, 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Md. Historical Trust / 100 Community Place

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032-2032

## 7. Description

Survey No. BA 2347 BA-3213

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

The building is a one story, red brick building, it is 3 bays by 2 bays, with a slate-covered hipped roof. On the main facade, the entrance is located in a central pedimented projecting pavilion. The entrance is flanked by pilasters and capped by a dentiled blind arch decorated in the center by a stylized "D". Windows with louvered shutters have splayed marble arches. There are also small marble panels on either side of the entrance. The rear facade is similar except that a palladian style window arrangement takes place off the entranceway.

The rear of the building faces onto a park, known as Veterans Park. It is bounded by Shipping Place, North Center Place, Dundalk Avenue and faces Center Place.

The interior of the windows still have "black-out" blinds in place.



# 8. Significance

Survey No. ~~BA-2347~~ BA-3213

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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<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/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1924 Builder/Architect Edward L. Palmer (1877-1952)

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.

The building was designed by Edward L. Palmer as part of a planned community for workers at Bethlehem Steel needed for World War I shipbuilding. This was one of 36 planned communities throughout the country constructed by the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp. and the only one in Maryland. Ebenezer Howard's "Garden City" ideal was a major influence in the planning.

The building was constructed in 1924 to be used as the offices of the Dundalk Company which was originally formed to oversee development in Dundalk. They replaced the Federal Government as the major force in shaping the development of the remaining undeveloped land in the area. The first President of the company was Edward H. Bouton, who brought to the company his experience as president of the Roland Park Co. and his influence can be readily seen. (1)

In 1953, the Bethlehem Steel Company conveyed the structure to the County Commissioners with the proviso that it only be used for park or public building purposes. (2)

In 1954, the building was rededicated as the Dundalk Library with some alterations to the original building, however, the overall structure is original. The building is now leased by the Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society and used as a museum, archives and community cultural center. (3)

### NOTES:

1. The structure appears as "office" on 1928 town map. An early photo appeared in the 1929 advertising brochure, How To Own Your Own House.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, GLB 2377:272.
3. "Dundalk Historical Group Leases Library Building," Sun, April 8, 1993.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Eleanor C. Lukanich, data furnished to LPC, 1993.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Baltimore East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Plat Book WHM 9, f. 17, Lot 1.

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

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state	code	county	code
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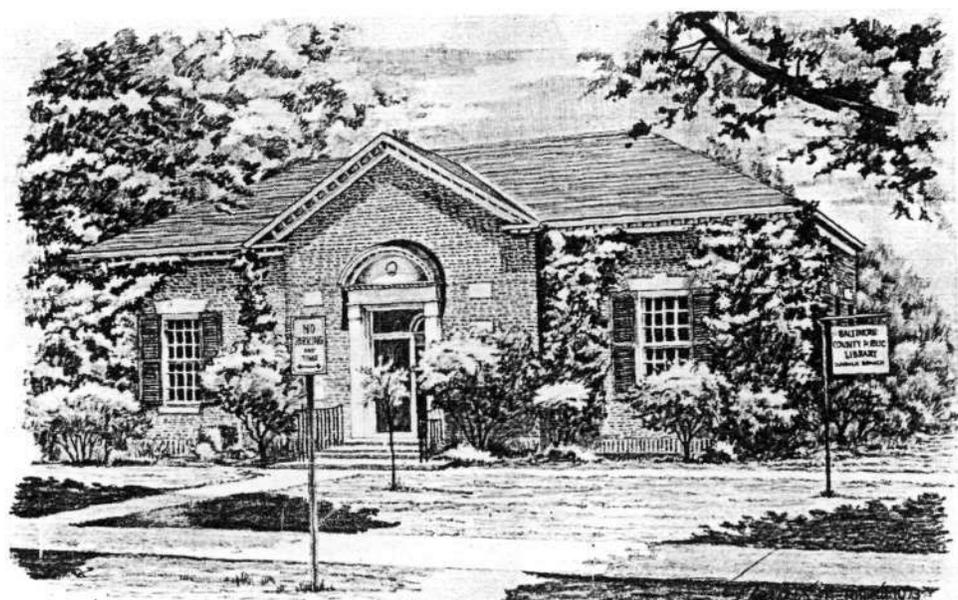
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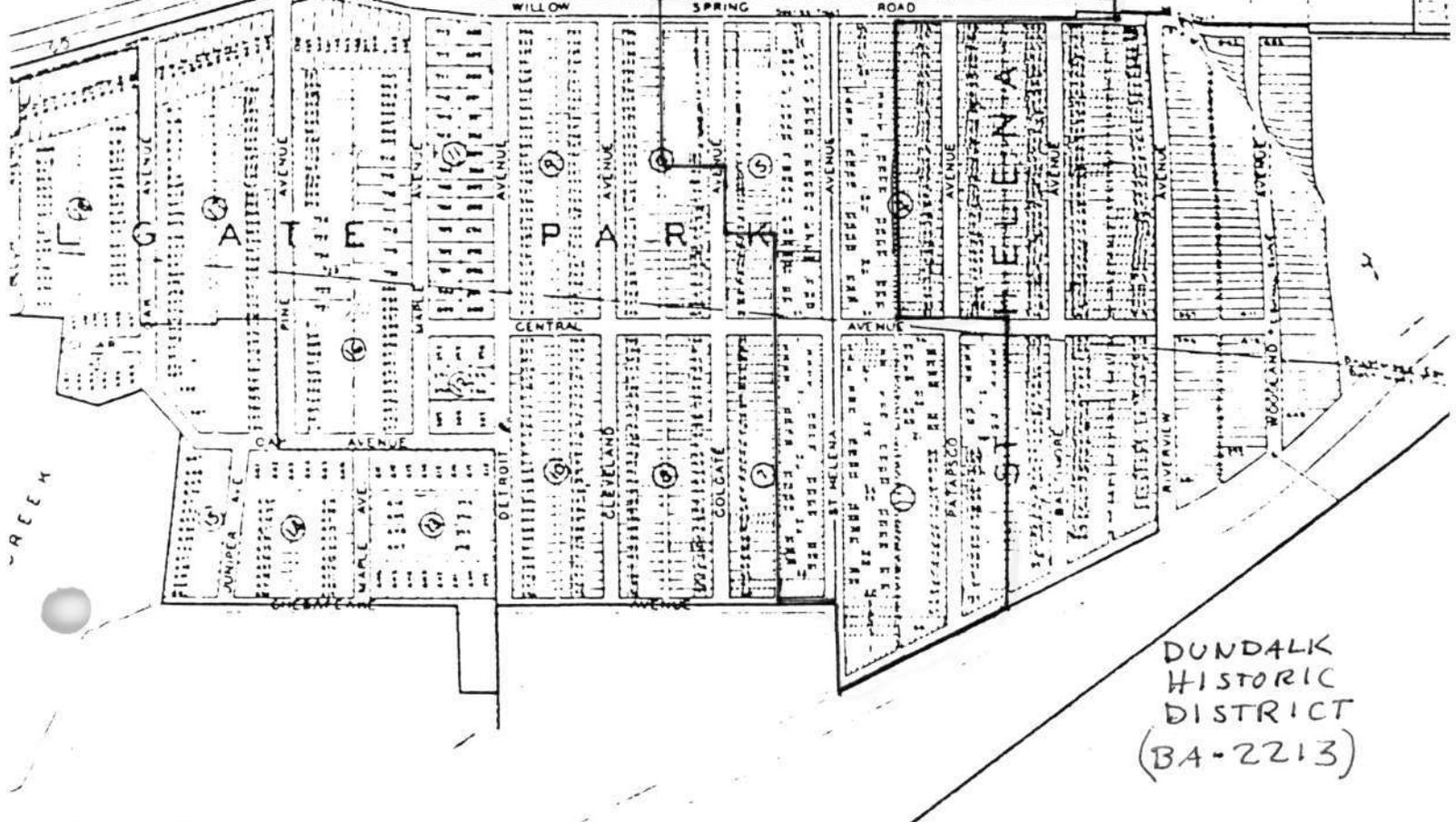
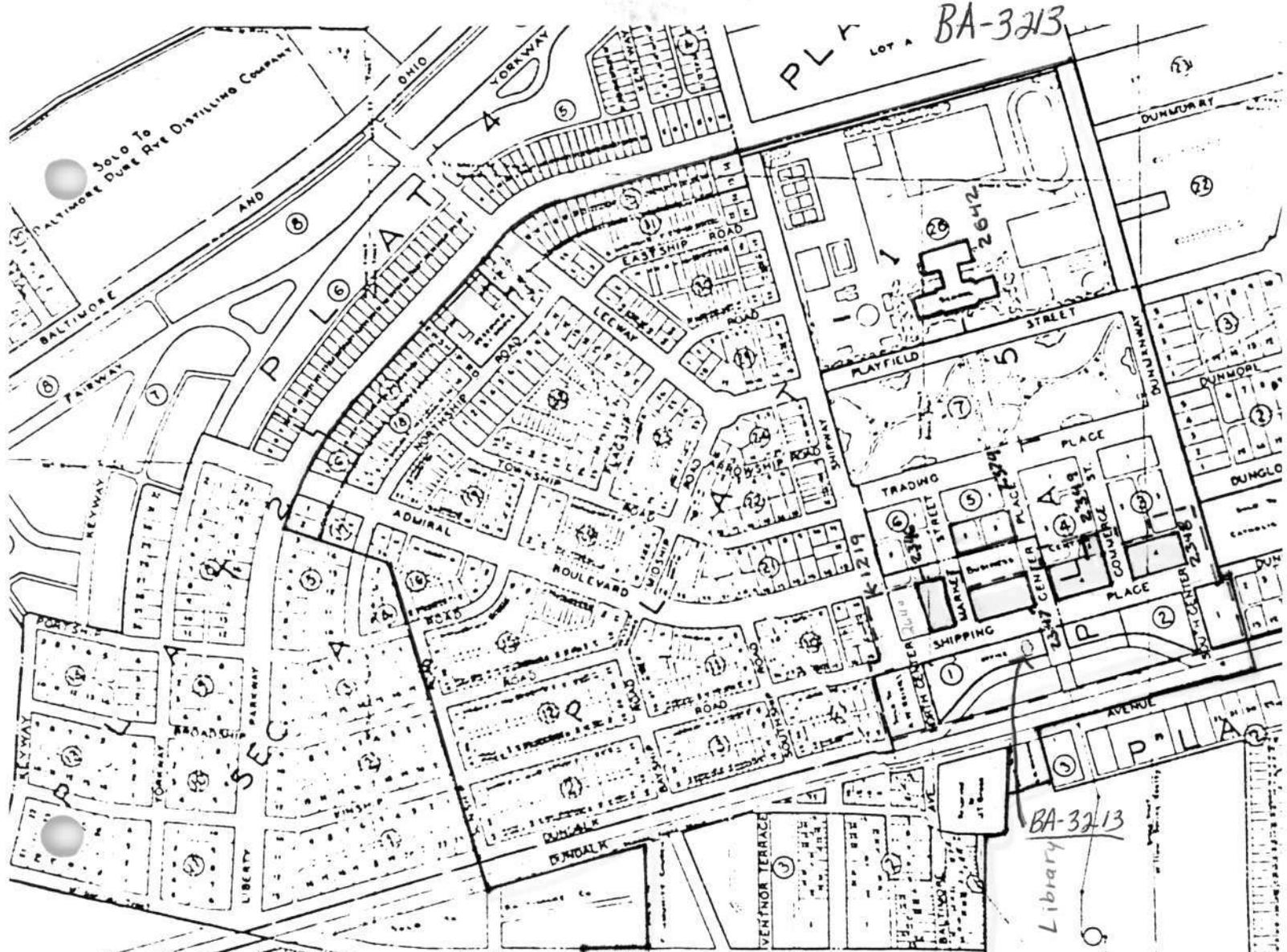
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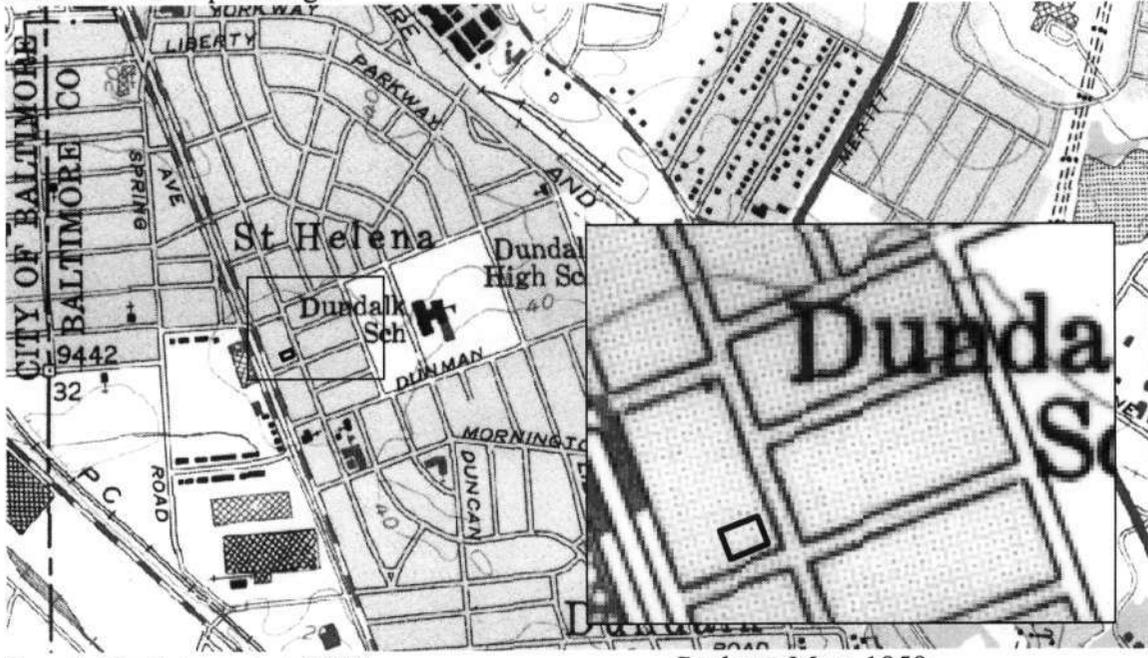
city or town Towson state Maryland 21204





DUNDALK  
 HISTORIC  
 DISTRICT  
 (BA-2213)

BA- 3213  
 Dundalk Company Building (Dundalk Public Library)  
 4 Center Place, Dundalk  
 Baltimore East quadrangle



Google Earth image, c. 2007

Sanborn Map, 1959

