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Shot Tower, (Phoenix Shot Tower, Merchants' Shot Tower, Baltimore Shot Tower)

Architectural Survey File

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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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	COUNTY: Baltimore City

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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"/> 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Not in use

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

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1964	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City	STATE: Maryland

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COUNTY:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ 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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5. 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

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

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

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	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
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

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Baltimore City	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-10-19-0011	DATE 10/1/69

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Baltimore Shot Tower			
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.			

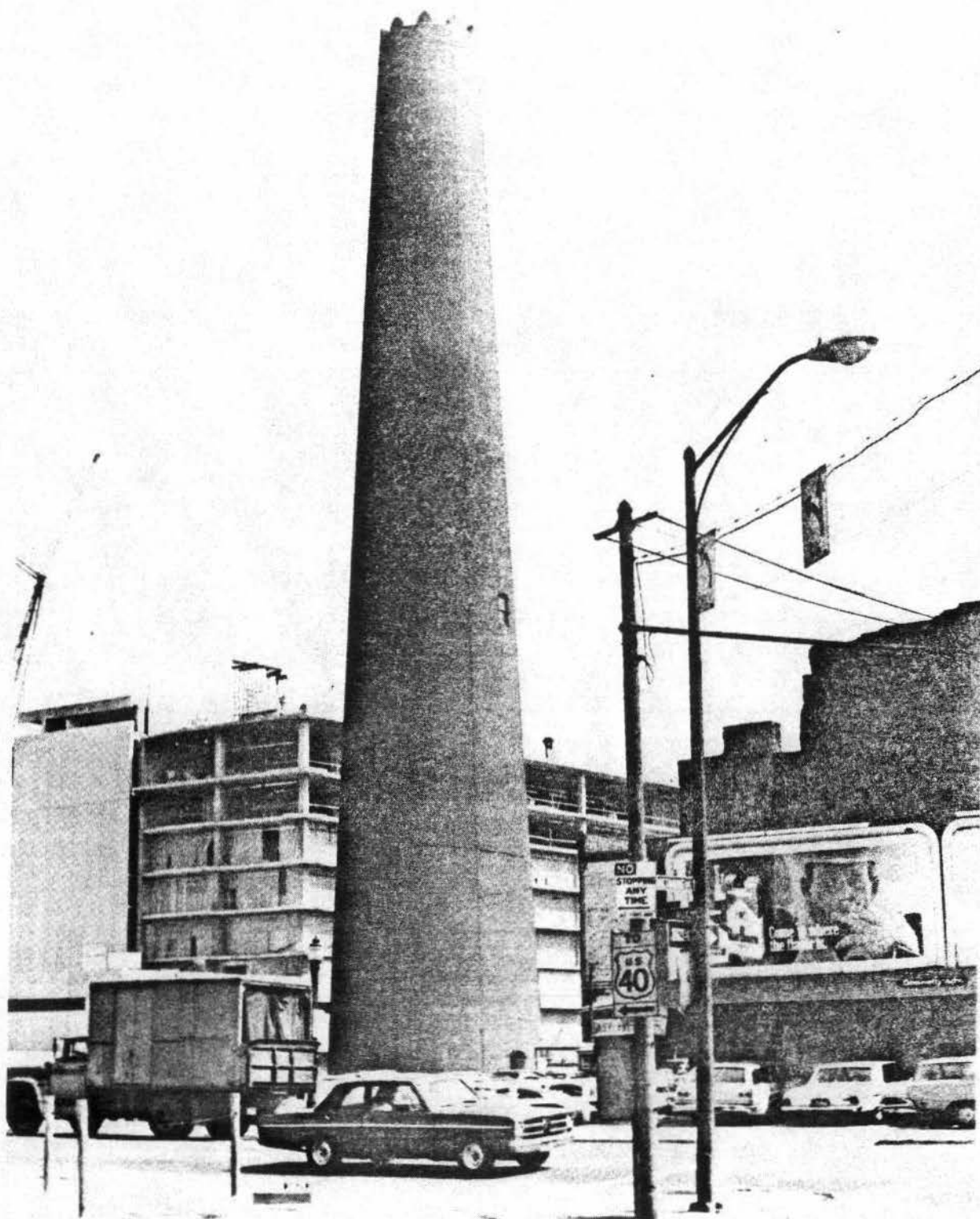
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

STATE	
COUNTY	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON:			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			



Phoenix Shot Tower, Baltimore, Maryland

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <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	STATE Maryland Baltimore City

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	STATE Maryland Baltimore City
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
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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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 ☒Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☒Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

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

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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.

[see continuation sheet]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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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STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Baltimore City	
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(Number all entries)

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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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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1. NAME			
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2. LOCATION			
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STATE: Maryland	CODE 19	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
3. MAP REFERENCE			
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.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

Shot Tow MHT B-16
Baltimore, Maryland.

quadrangle Baltimore East
(Maryland)

SHOT TOWER

LATITUDE 39° 17' 26.2"

LONGITUDE 76° 36' 20.8"

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76°37'30"

(RELAY)

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



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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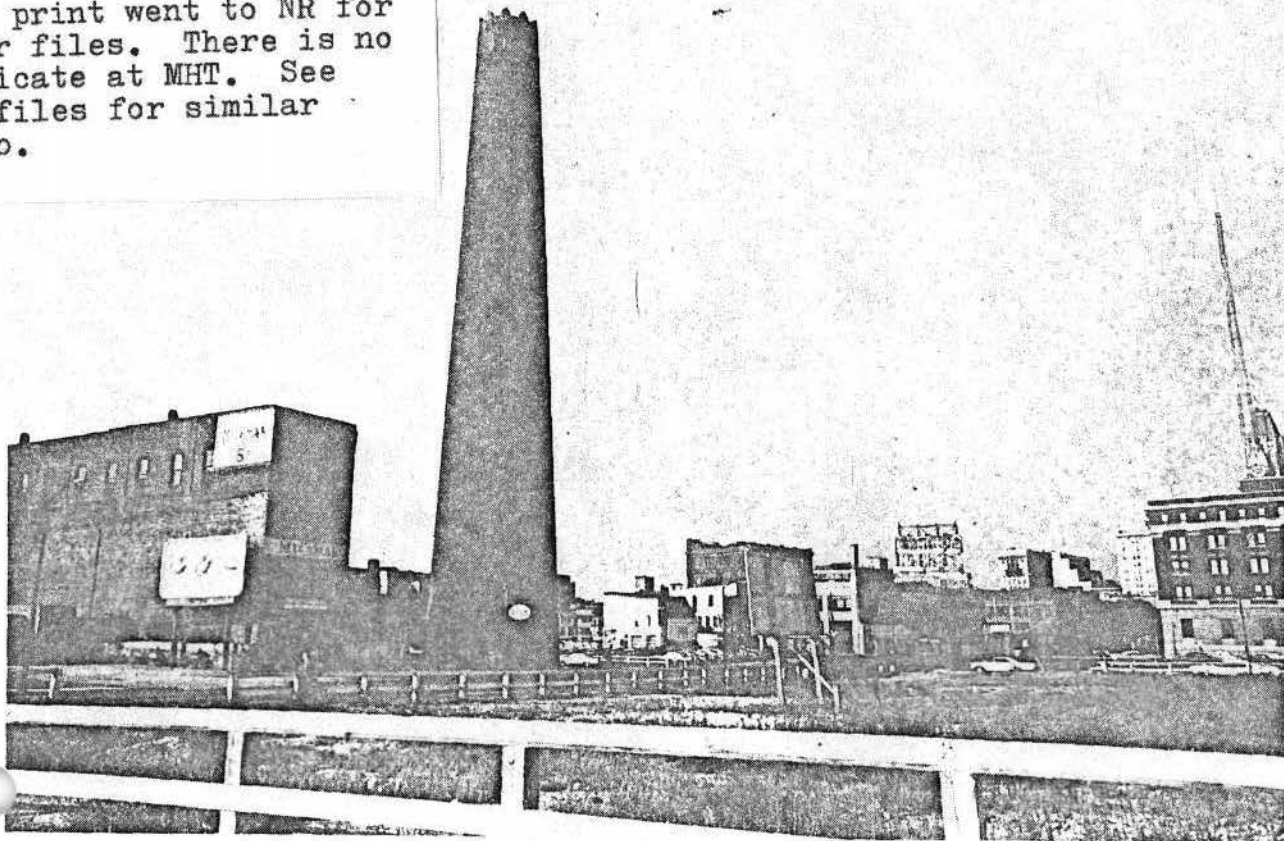
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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast corner Fayette and Front Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 19	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Baltimore, Md., Dept. of Planning - Phil Sibley			
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 <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC No	
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

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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 _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <div style="text-align: center; padding: 20px;"> <p>(see National Register Nomination form)</p> </div>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD _____	

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701 E. Fayette Street
Block 1335, Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

