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Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72)

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
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ENTRY DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Londontown Manufacturing Company, Inc.

AND/OR HISTORIC: Meadow Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3600 Clipper Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

COUNTY: Baltimore City — CODE: 510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☒ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☒ Commercial	☒ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Londontown Manufacturing Company, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: 3600 Clipper Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore — STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Land Record Office of Baltimore City

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 610, Baltimore City Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore — STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis — STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

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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 Meadow Mill, located at 3600 Clipper Mill Road (west of the Jones Falls Expressway) is unique in Maryland for its scale and character which follow those of the New England mills of the period.[1] It is, according to Robert Vogel, of the Smithsonian Institution, probably the only remaining mill in the state built between 1877 and World War I.[2] Thus, it represents the end of an era which was characterized by greater simplicity, economy and massiveness of design, dictated by the increased market for and production of cotton goods and the introduction of larger modern machinery.[3]

Meadow Mill is a three story brick structure; the double pitch roof is so slight that it appears flat, having a substantial overhang to the eaves and exposed rafters. In the center of the west facade is a square tower structure with a truncated spire-like roof having an open bell cupola above the 'cut'. The building is seven bays deep and has twelve bays on each side of the square tower. Each of the bays has a projecting Italianate segmental arch. All of the bays, beside the tower, have been bricked in, pierced occasionally by a small vent. The tower is distinguished by its corner pilaster strips, segmentally arched corbel table and its deep cornice with modillions and brackets which is repeated in the cupola. Each of the four sides of the roof is pierced by a steeply pitched triangular pediment, crowned by cast iron gingerbread. A large 'L' in a circular disc, for the present company - London Fog, conceals most of the pediment.[4]

An early photograph in the files of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, shows former efforts to beautify the factory included curving paths and roads, bordered with beds of flowers, and curtains hung in the many windows of the structure.[5]

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[1] An article which appeared in the February 10, 1877 issue of the Maryland Journal states that Mr. James E. Hooper, one of the proprietors, had visited New England to inspect mills there prior to building Meadow Mill.

[2] See letter attached.

[3] Bryant Franklin Tolles, Jr., "Textile Mill Architecture in East Central New England: An Analysis of Pre-Civil War Design", Essex Institute Historical Collections Quarterly, CVII (July 1971), pp. 221-253.

[4] Description by Michael Bourne for Maryland Historical Trust, June 27, 1968.

[5] Picture file, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [x] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1877

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - [ ] Prehistoric
  - [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [x] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [x] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meadow Mill was erected by the Hooper family in 1877 as one of five mills which comprised the Woodberry Manufacturing Company. It was intended for the manufacture of seine twines and was built at the time when the mills of the area produced 80% of the world's cotton duck, twine, yarn, lamp wick, sheeting, drill, twill, shirting and calico prints.

The cotton mill industry along the Jones Falls Valley, in the Woodberry community, had its beginnings in 1842 when David Carroll and Horatio Nelson Gambrill, an inventor, converted the Woodberry Flouring Mill to a yarn spinning mill. They, and others, formed the Mt. Vernon Company and, by 1863, had a total of six mills.

William E. Hooper, son of an Irish sailmaker, learned the industry from his association with Gambrill. He took over the Woodberry Mill from Gambrill and formed the Woodberry Manufacturing Company in 1865, eventually purchasing three other mills from the Mt. Vernon Company. Meadow Mill was added to this conglomeration and, at the time of Hooper's death in 1885, the five mills were left to Hooper's sons, Theodore, James and Alcaeus. James Hooper married a daughter of Robert Poole whose foundry and machinery plant supplied the mills. Alcaeus was to become Mayor of Baltimore in 1895.

The Hooper family was greatly interested in the well-being of the neighborhood and built substantial housing for the millhands (much of which is still standing and occupied), erected a boarding house for unmarried women workers, and established a building and loan association for the millhands. The Hoopers' family home was located nearby.

Following William Hooper's death, the company merged with the Mt. Vernon Company, becoming the Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Duck Company which included a total of fourteen mills, some outside the State of Maryland. In 1915, this company, in turn, was reorganized and, as economic factors continued to shift the textile industry to the south, the mill fell into disuse until it was purchased in 1960 by the Londontown

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Londontown Manufacturing Company, Inc.

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Manufacturing Company, makers of London Fog rainwear. The William Hooper and Sons Company is still in the textile business although located several blocks west of the old Meadow Mill in a new plant.

#9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued

Tolles, Bryant Franklin, Jr. "Textile Mill Architecture in East Central New England: An Analysis of Pre-Civil War Design." Essex Institute Historical Collections Quarterly, vol. CVII, no. 3. (July, 1971).

Ward, J.T. "Meadow and Mt. Vernon Mills Join Trend in Processing of Synthetics." The Evening Sun, Baltimore, June 24, 1948.

Ward, J.T. "Meadow Mill, Old Hampden Landmark, Sold at Auction." The Evening Sun, Baltimore, June 22, 1960.

Woods' Baltimore City Directory 1879 & ff. (Printed and published by John W. Woods).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bullock, James G., Sr. A Brief History of Textile Manufacturing Mills Along Jones Falls. (Pamphlet) April 30, 1970

McCardell, Lee. Hampden and the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. (Reprint of article from the Baltimore Evening Sun, October 23, 1940).

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and County. Louis H. Everts, 1881.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catharine F. Black

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: November 1,1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 November 9, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Robert Vogel

DATE OF PHOTO: 1969

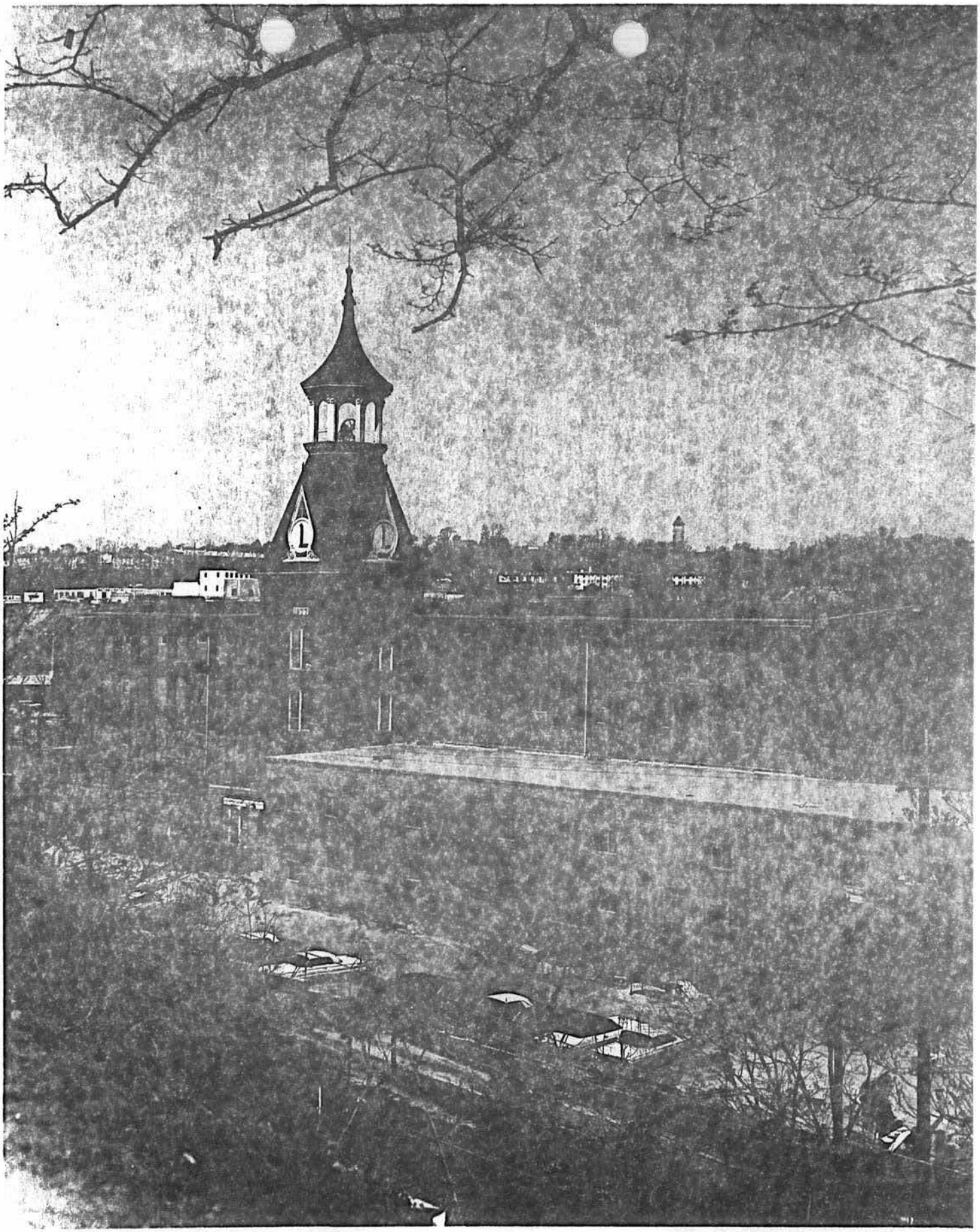
NEGATIVE FILED AT: The Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

West Facade.

GPO 921-737



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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. 7.5 quadrangle Baltimore West

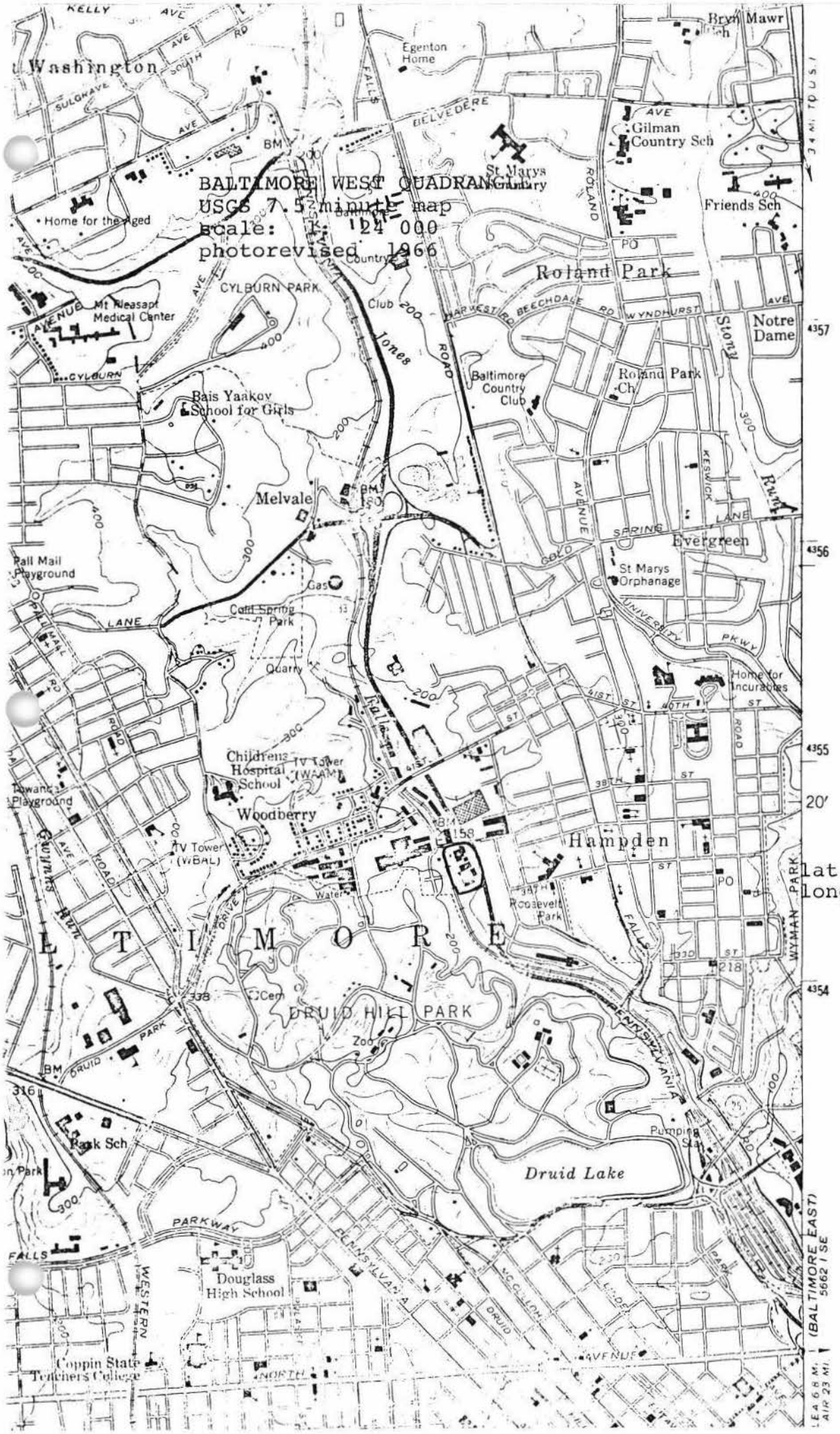
SCALE: 1:24,000

DATE: 1953 Photorevised 1966

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property broundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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Meadow M. II

lat. 39° 19' 53"
long. 76° 38' 34"

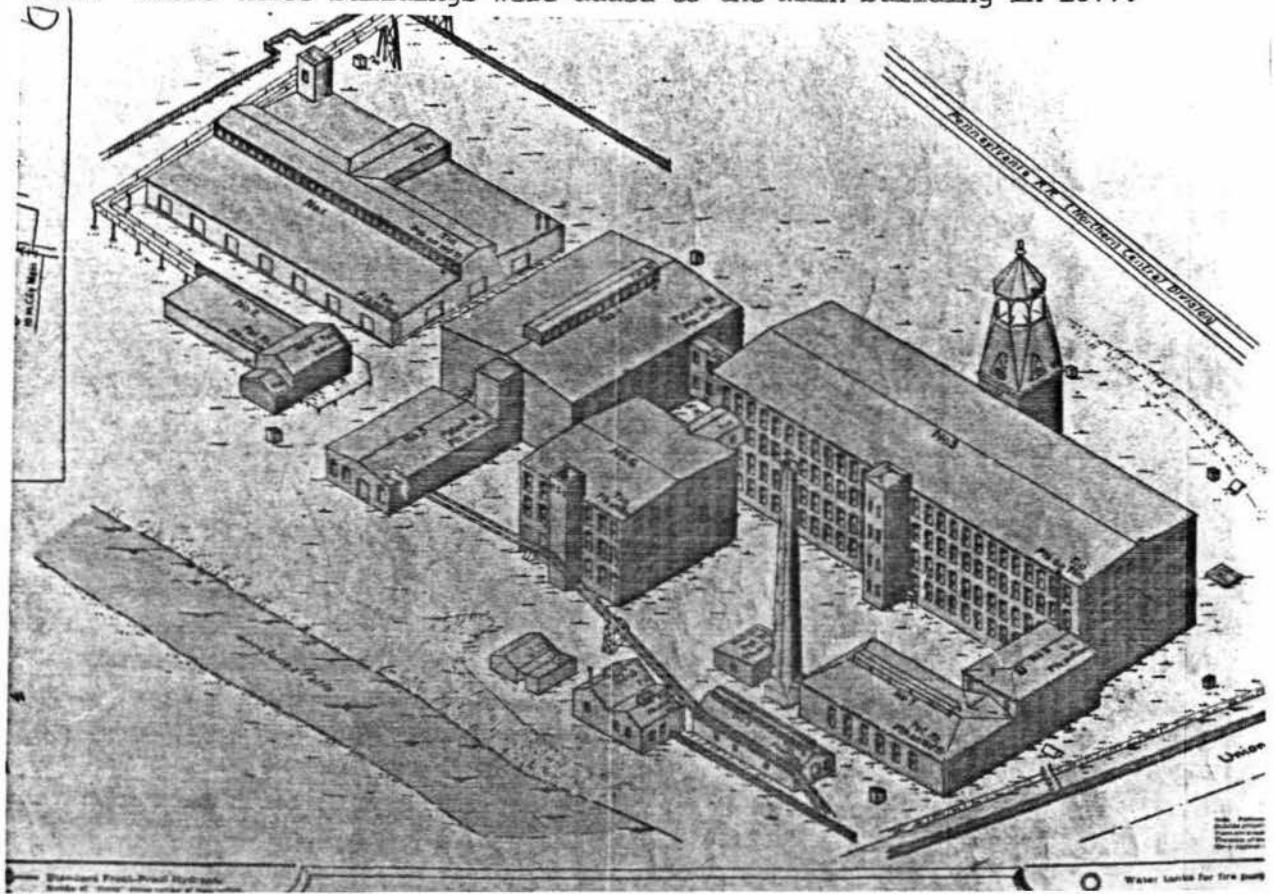
6. MEADOW MILL 1877
Union Avenue and Seneca Street, W. of Jones Falls
Woodberry

Meadow Mill, a three-story brick structure dominated by a massive belfry, is noted for its elaborate and striking design, reminiscent of the grant New England textile mills of the period. It was built in 1877 at the apex of cotton duck production by William E. Hooper, who also owned Woodberry, Park and Clipper Mills. Later synthetic fabrics were produced here until the early 1960's when Londontown Mgf. Co. purchased the mill and adapted it to raincoat manufacture.

The mill is characterized by almost flat roof with deep overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. The west facade of the building is defined by twelve window bays on either side of the central tower. Italianade drip moldings and slightly projecting stone sills elaborate each window opening, now bricked in. Each gable end is seven bays wide.

The central projecting square tower on the west facade is distinguished by a truncated pyramidal roof topped by an open hexagonal cupola. Corner pilasters support a deep corbeled cornice with paired modillions. Each of the four sides of the roof is pierced by a steeply pitched triangular pediment, crowned by cast iron cresting.

To the east, behind the main building, are several interconnected buildings which adjoin the mill proper, all of which are characterized by segmentally-arched lintels. This grouping includes a two-story, hipped roof brick enging house; a one-story, hipped roof brick boiler house; and a three-story brick picker house with small open windowless towers on its east side. These three buildings were added to the main building in 1877.



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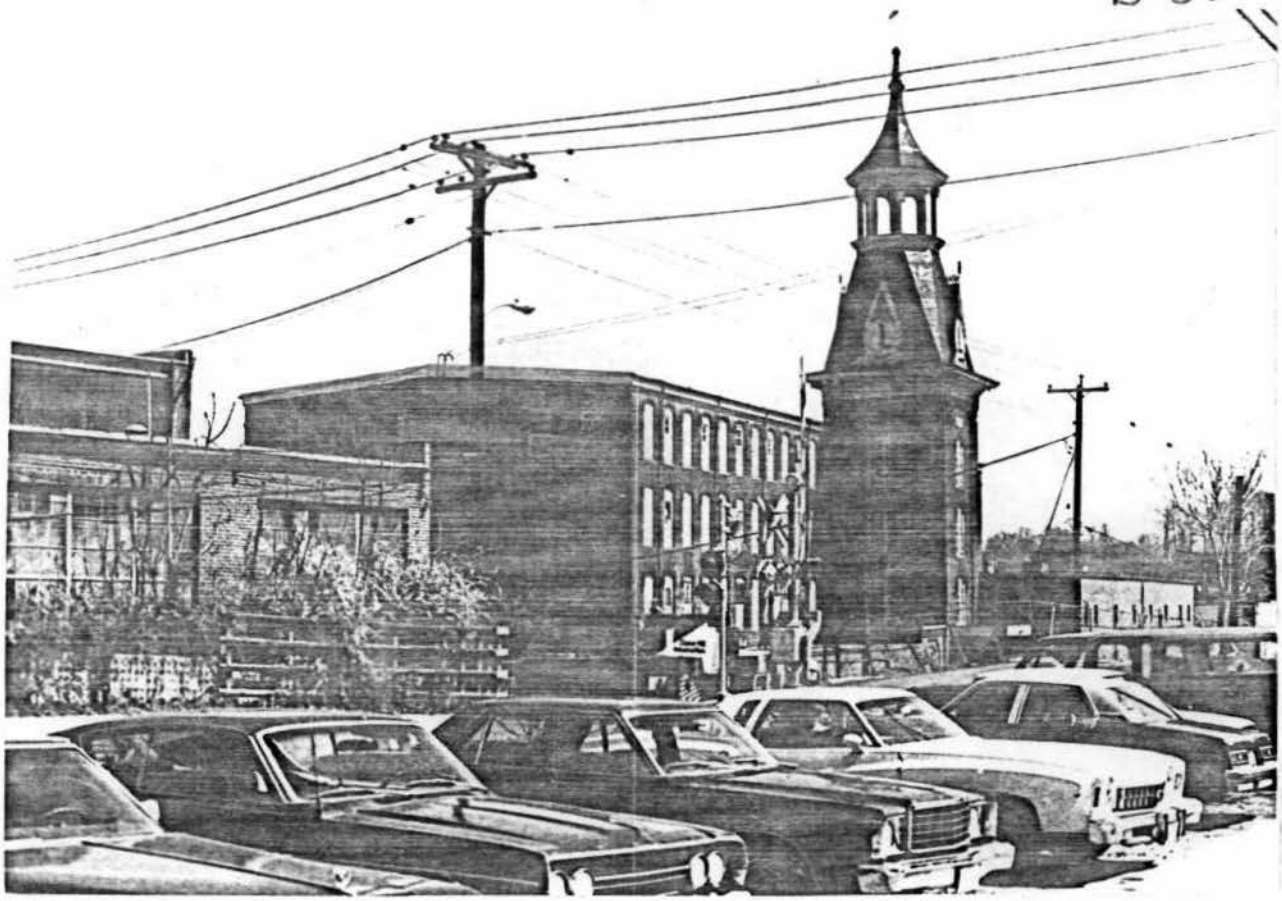

MEADOW MILL: View from Clipper Road

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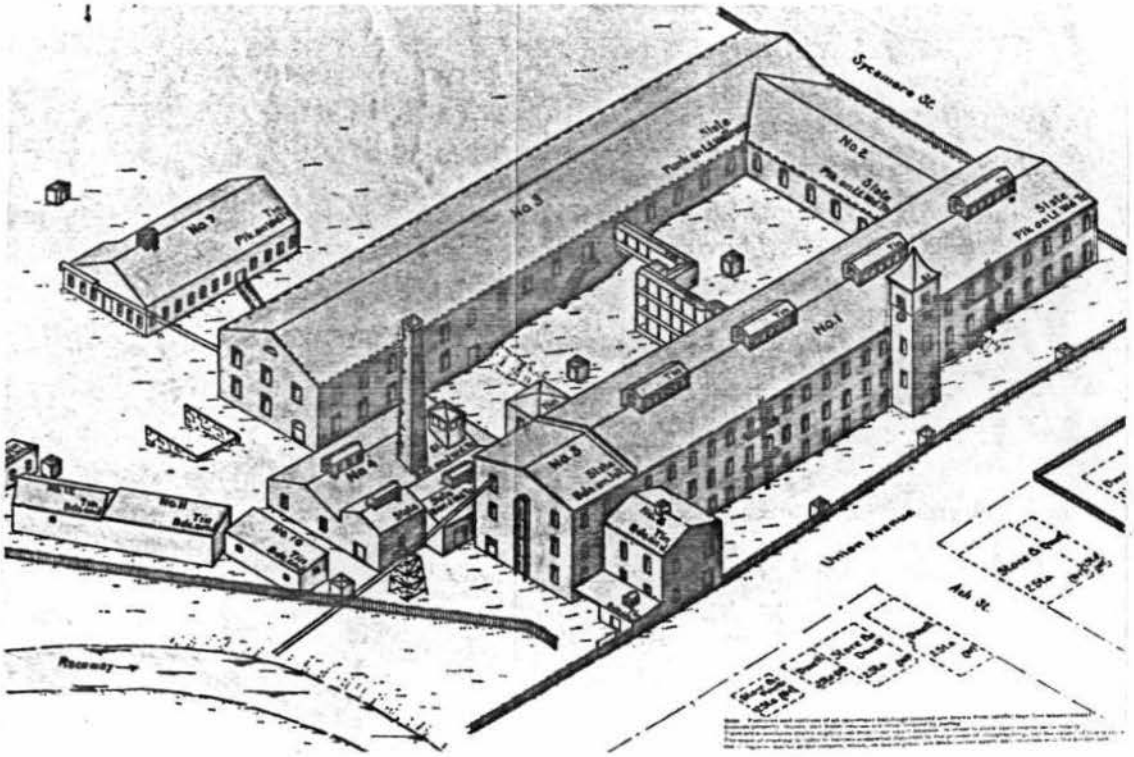

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