

**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 JAN 12 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Londontown Manufacturing Company, Inc.

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Meadow Mill

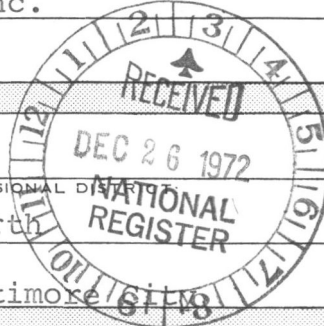
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3600 Clipper Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Baltimore CODE: 510



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

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)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.⁴ 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 including curving paths and roads, bordered with beds of flowers, and curtains hung in the many windows of the structure.⁵

¹An 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.

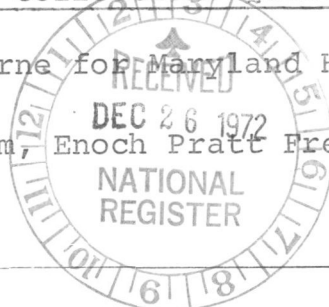
²See letter attached.

³Bryant 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.

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

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

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

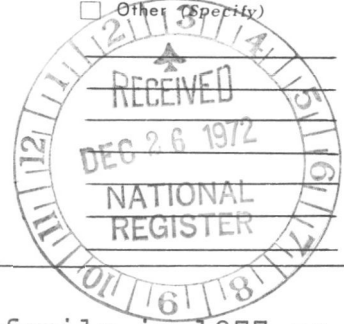
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1877

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

(See Continuation Sheet)

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

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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 **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Orlando Ridout IV</u> Orlando Ridout IV</p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer for Maryland</u></p> <p>Date <u>November 9, 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert K. Utley</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>1/12/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>William J. ...</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>1-8-73</u></p>
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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).



PROPERTY *Londonware Manufacturing Company, Inc.*

STATE *Md.*

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Baltimore City

TECH REVIEW

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW

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ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

*J.A.R.
1/4/73*

KEEPER

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1/8/73*

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Federal Register entry 3/6

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Entered JAN 12 1973



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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PHOTO CREDIT: Robert Vogel

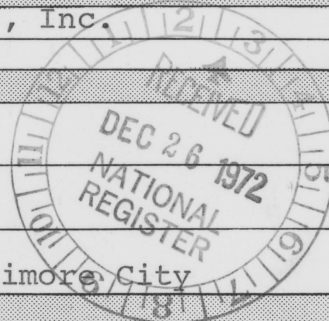
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4. IDENTIFICATION

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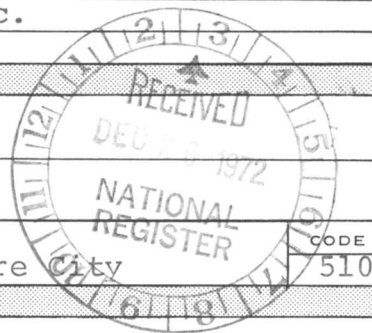


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(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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			CODE 510
3. MAP REFERENCE			
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SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953 Photorevised 1966			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





BALTIMORE WEST QUADRANGLE
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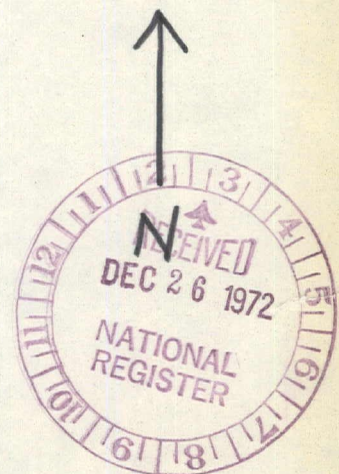
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Meadow Mill

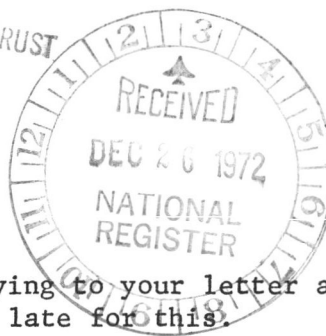
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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20560

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23 August 1972

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST



Mrs. Walter E. Black, Jr.
1114 Bellemore Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Dear Mrs. Black:

I am sorry to be so tardy in replying to your letter asking about the Meadow Mill. I hope it is not too late for this.

I do not know why it was designated the No. 2 Meadow Mill. So far as I know you are correct in believing that there was only one mill by that name so that it would seem appropriate to drop the No. 2 in the designation.

With regard to the mill's architectural merits, although it is true that the windows have been bricked up and it is essentially surrounded by later excrescencies, it is still in my view a rather distinctive building and one unique in Maryland. Its principal distinction is the general scale and character which follows a great many of the fine New England mills of the period. There appear to be some rather distinct textile mill building ~~patterns~~ ^{series} in Maryland, the Meadow Mill having been built toward the end of one lasting through the 1870s. I cannot offhand think of a mill in the entire state built between 1877 and World War I, the Meadow Mill thus representing the end of its particular era.

May I suggest that you take a look at Bryant Tolle's article in the July 1971 Essex Institute Historical Collection's Quarterly, page 221 following. I think you will find it helpful as well as interesting in its own right. It should be available at Pratt.

If I can be of any further help, please let me know. With all best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. Vogel
Curator
Division of Mechanical
and Civil Engineering

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MARYLAND

Date Entered JAN 12 1973

Name

Location

Londontown Manufacturing Company, Inc. Baltimore

Also Notified

Hon. Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.

Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Jr.

Hon. Marjorie Holt

Director, Northeast Region

PHR

NRowland:mm 1/12/72

State Liaison Officer

Mr. Orlando Ridout, IV

Director Maryland Historical Trust

2525 Riva Road

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Godlington Manor Kent County	endangered
Sandy Point Farm House Anne Arundel County	endangered
St. Mary's Seminary School Bld. Baltimore City	endangered
Lombard Street Bridge Baltimore City	being moved
Londontown Manufacturing Company (Meadow Hill) Baltimore City	endangered, ownership
Mt. Moriah African Methodist Episcopal Church Anne Arundel County	endangered
Patrick Creagh House Anne Arundel County	new owner; Mr. & Mrs. Carroll; restoration
Old City Hall & Engine House Anne Arundel County	ownership
Allegany County League for Crippled Children (Bell Tower Building) Allegany County	new use and name; under restoration
Rose Hill Charles County	new owner
Surratt House Prince George's County	under restoration
Daniels Mill Howard County	endangered
Cove Point Lighthouse Calvert County	being moved
Belair Stables Prince George's County	open as museum
American Brewery Baltimore City	vacant; endangered
The House by the "Town Gates" Anne Arundel County	under restoration; new owner
Engine House #6 Baltimore City	fire station being moved
Sudley	change in ownership