

Site # WA-HAG-207

Date: ca. 1920s

Property Name: (Historic) Brandt Cabinet Works  
(Present) Kimber-Allen

Location: 688 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private X, public \_\_\_\_

Description:

This three story brick factory building is typical of the commercial/industrial styling used for these structures in the 1920s; large rectangular multi-paned windows are separated by vertical projecting brick piers. The Pennsylvania Avenue facade is symmetrical, with a stepped parapet the three outside bays at each end of the facade. Within the steps of the parapet are plastered diamond-shaped tablets, a common decorative element in commercial vernacular buildings of the teens and 1920s.

Significance:

The Brandt Cabinet Works was founded in 1901 and expanded into the present building by the 1920s. The factory is located on the main line of the Western Maryland Railway leading to Baltimore and reflects the attractiveness of such rail side locations for manufacturers in Hagerstown. In the early 20th century this company produced well known "Brandt" tables and occasional pieces in mahogany. These pieces were shipped throughout the United States and Canada. In 1939 Brandt was employing about 175 people and was one of several furniture manufacturers in Hagerstown in the early 20th century that gave the city a reputation as a manufacturing center for furniture.

Historic Context:

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic/Social/Cultural  
Architecture

Resource Type: Rail-Related Resources

Category: Industrial

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