

Site # WA-HAG-212

Date: ca. 1920 (with later
additions)

Property Name: (Historic) Pangborn Corporation
(Present) same

Location: 600 Pangborn Blvd.
Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private X, public ____

Description:

Although the Pangborn Corporation moved to Hagerstown in 1912 and established a plant on this site, the present buildings appear to date from the 1920s with later additions. Located along the south side of the Western Maryland Railway's main line to Baltimore, the plant of an office building facing onto Pangborn Blvd., with brick-faced steel framed manufacturing buildings located behind. In general the facade treatment consists of brick surface with large multi-paned horizontal window bays separated by projecting brick piers. Brick parapets with a raised central panel extend above the roof surface.

Significance:

The Pangborn Corporation was established in Jersey City NJ in 1904, but moved to Hagerstown in 1912. By 1939 it was the world's largest manufacturer of sand blast cleaning and dust control equipment and employed over 500 people. Located adjacent to the Western Maryland Railway's main line, it is one of many industries that came to Hagerstown in the 1910-1920 decade. Pangborn's move to Hagerstown illustrates the city's attractiveness to outside industries because of its crossroads location and because of the rail

network serving the town. The site that Pangborn chose was not close to any major highways, but was along the railroad, indicating that the corporation was more concerned about access to rail transport than to trucking.

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

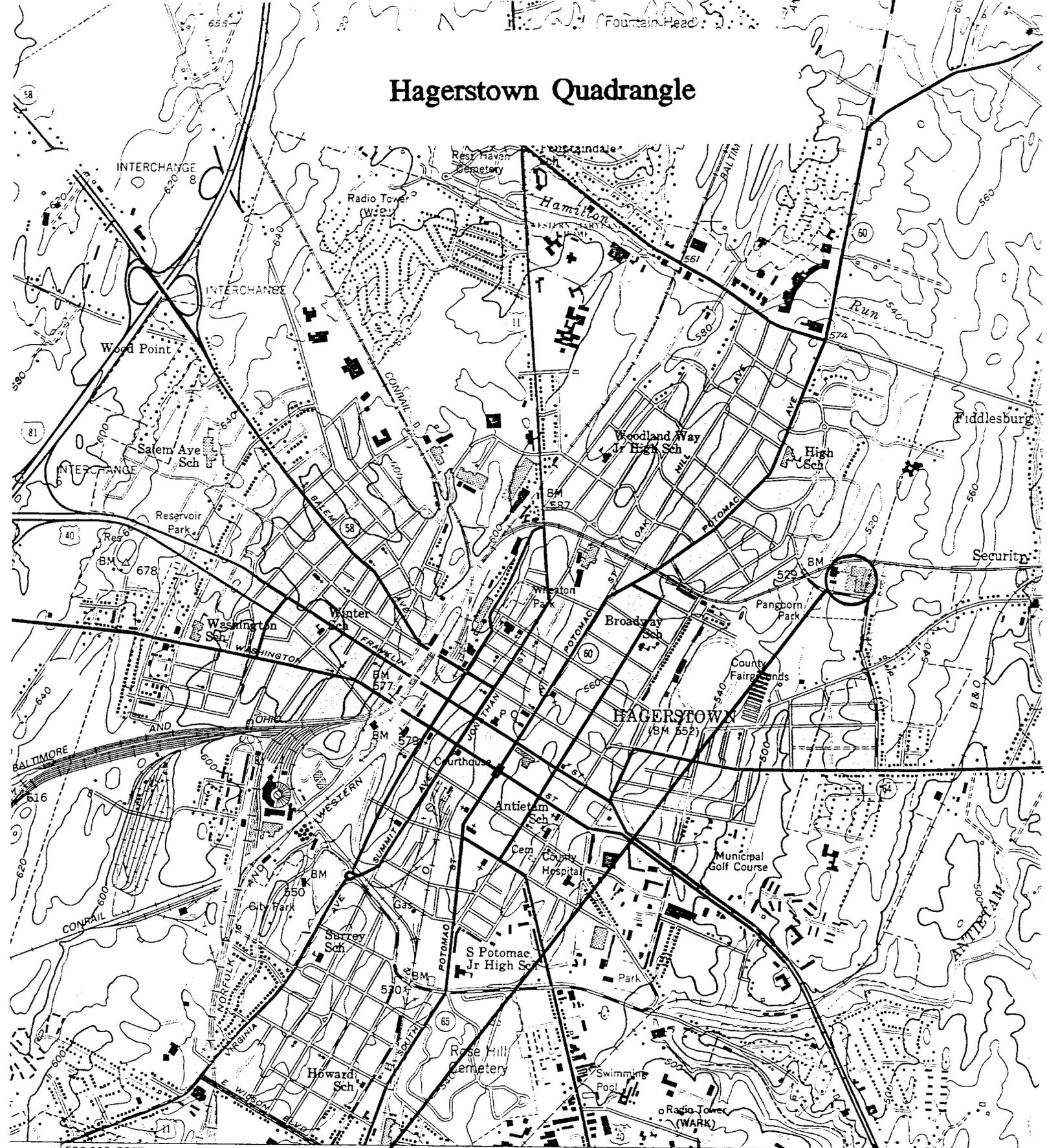
Resource Type: Rail-Related Resources

Category: Industrial

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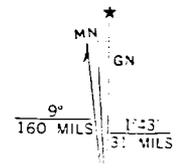
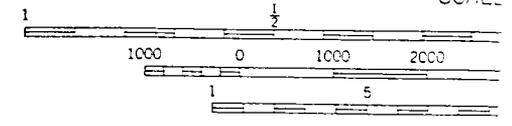
Hagerstown Quadrangle



590 000 FEET (MD.) 265
 WILLIAMSPORT 4.3 MI.
 MARTINSBURG, W. VA. 19 MI.
 FUNKTOWN 1.3 MI.
 FREDERICK 24 MI.
 42°30'
 FREDERICK 22 MI.
 BALTIMORE 67 MI.
 269 (FUN 54)

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SCALE



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 Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and USCE
 Photography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
 1943. Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953
 Spheroidal projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland
 minute system and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 630-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
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