

Site # WA-HAG-213

Date: ca. 1929

Property Name: (Historic) Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp.
(Present) CMSI Modular Units

Location: 881 Pennsylvania Avenue
Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private X, public ___

Description:

This plant was probably built in 1929 when Fairchild took over the former Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Co. It is a large, two story brick structure placed diagonally to the west side of Pennsylvania Avenue (U.S. Route 11, and parallel to the Western Maryland Railway). The front of the building faces northeast. The window bays are divided by brick piers with corbelling. The central entrance is flanked with large piers with geometric corbelling in an Art Deco motif.

Significance:

The aircraft industry in Hagerstown began as the Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Co. It became the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation in 1929. This building eventually became designated as plant no. 1 as the company grew to encompass several buildings and to be of Hagerstown's largest single employers. This building, Fairchild's first in Hagerstown held the company's offices in the 1930s and 40s and illustrates the linkages with an inter-relationship between industrial development in the early 20th century and the railroads. This building is located adjacent to the Western Maryland Railway.

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



1:590,000 FEET (MD.) 265
 WILLIAMSPORT 4.3 MI.
 MARTINSBURG W. VA. 19 MI.
 42°30' FUNKTOWN 1.3 MI. FREDERICK 24 MI. 269 (FUN 54)
 BALTIMORE 67 MI. 40

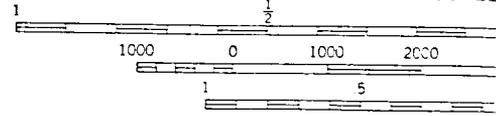
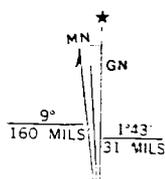
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