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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Merit Underwear Company

other names/site number N/A

#### 2. Location

street & number 43 East Noble Avenue  not for publication N/A

city or town Shoemakersville  vicinity N/A

state Pennsylvania code PA county Berks code 011 zip code 19555

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Brent Glass Brent Glass, Exec. Dir. 05-15-96  
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

PA Historical and Museum Commission  
 State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain): _____	_____	_____

Merit Underwear Company  
Name of Property

Berks, Pa  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Industry/ Processing/ Extraction -

Manufacturing Facility

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant - Not in Use

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete/ Stone

walls Brick

roof Metal

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Industry

**Period of Significance**

1916 -1946

**Significant Dates**

1916, 1921, 1928

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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The Merit Underwear Company property is located on a level lot at East Noble Avenue and Franklin Street in Shoemakersville Borough, Berks County, PA. There is one building on the property. The earliest portion is a brick, forty - by - one hundred foot, two story manufacturing facility constructed in 1916 to the front of a wooden building used as a stable and workshop. Its scale, enhanced by two smaller additions to the rear, is larger than the architecture of surrounding residential buildings. The two story building is a vernacular, early 20th century industrial appearance. The first of two additions was constructed in 1921 and the second was constructed in 1928. The first addition replaced the stable and workshop.

Shoemakersville is a small Borough on the Schuylkill River about 12 miles north Reading, PA in Berks Co. It has less than one square mile with a 1990 population of 1,443. Noble Avenue which runs east-west through the Borough is developed with residential buildings. The area where Noble Avenue intersects with Main Street is developed with commercial buildings and the area where Noble Avenue intersects Route 61 is developed with strip commercial buildings. The remaining area of the Borough is mostly residential in character and has retained much of its historical integrity.

Noble Avenue, in the area of the Merit building, is lined with older developed properties. Many of the homes date from the mid 1880's to the mid-1930's. Some of the more modest homes are of a late Federal vernacular style more common to the rural areas of Berks County. Other homes are large and of the more flamboyant style found in Reading. These styles include Queen Anne, Italianate, and American Modern Movement Four-Square. Most homes are single family detached. Some are semi-detached dwellings reflective of the urban influence. A few of the larger homes have been converted to apartments.

Buildings range from two to three stories and many are two and one half stories. There is a mixture of frame and brick masonry buildings. Many buildings incorporate both. The mixture of building size, style and materials reflect the level line of Noble Avenue.

The Merit Underwear Company Property is slightly over one quarter acre in area. The irregular shaped site is located on the northside of Noble Avenue with Franklin Street to the east, Sixth Street in the rear, and a residential property to the west. The property is one hundred eighty feet deep along Franklin Street and two hundred fifteen feet deep along the adjacent residential property. It has sixty feet of frontage along Noble Avenue and sixty-nine feet six inches along Sixth Street. The property contains one building: a two story manufacturing facility. The front of the property is defined by a level lawn to the front of the building. The building covers 90% of the site and access is directly into the building via three doorways from the surrounding streets. The building is on a corner lot.

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The Merit Underwear Company Property is composed of a two story former manufacturing facility and two additions laid out in a linear fashion on the property from front to rear. The entire original building and middle addition, which is two stories in height have a raised foundation which forms a full basement with half of its height above grade. The rear addition is two stories in height with the first story being the same height as the raised foundation portion of the basement and first floor of the other portions of the building.

The brick walls of the original building, which is forty feet wide and one hundred feet long, are load bearing and support wooden beams spanning the building. The beams are supported by wood columns. The beams are spaced ten feet on center spaced from front to rear. The original building is divided into nine structural bays along its one hundred foot length. The building is expressed on the exterior by brick pilasters.

The base and cornice are flush with the pilasters. The transition of the base and cornice with the wall is by means of a three step corbel. The resulting effect is one of a recessed panel between pilasters. The red brick is of running bond. All openings have arched lintels of triple coursed rowlock bricks on the first floor and double rowlock bricks on the second floor.

The first floor was accessed by a double man door located in the front or south face of the building. This door allowed public and employee access to the office and finishing area of the underwear manufacturing facility. A loading dock was located at the northwest corner of the original building. The dock is now approximately centered on the right side or east face of the building. The dock provided access to the finishing and shipping area of the first floor by means of a double man door. Another double man door, located immediately to the left of this door, was an exterior entrance to the freight elevator.

With the exceptions of a row of columns, a stairway at the south east corner that connects the basement, first and second floor, and the elevator tower at the north east corner, all floors are open and without partitioning. A water tower which was part of the original building was located over the roof of the freight elevator. The water tower was used for the sprinkler system in the building and was removed in the early 1940's.

A two story 1921 addition located at the north end of the original building is fifty - two feet wide and seventy - one feet long. The addition has brick load bearing walls and support wooden beams spanning the building. The beams are supported by centered, wood columns. The beams are spaced ten feet on center from front to rear. The addition is divided into seven bays, along its seventy foot length. The buildings is expressed on the exterior by brick pilasters.

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The base and cornice are flush with the pilasters. The transition of the base and cornice with the wall is by means of a three step corbel. The resulting effect is one of a recessed panel between pilasters. The red brick is of running bond excepting a header course every seventh course in the area of the raised foundation. All openings have arched lintels of triple coursed rowlock bricks on the first floor and double rowlock bricks on the second floor. Access to the addition is from a single man opening in the basement and a double man opening on the first and second floor from the original building. The addition has a smooth transition on each floor as the finished floor elevations are the same height. These areas contained knitting and sewing machines used in the production of ladies underwear.

With the exception of a row of columns and a stairway centered on the north wall that connects the first and second floor, all floors are open without partitioning. The addition was built to reflect the design and style of the original building in appearance both inside and outside.

A two story 1928 addition is located at the rear of the first addition. This addition is irregular in shape. The addition does not have a basement and the first floor is the same height as the raised foundation portion of the first addition and first floor of the first addition. The second floor of the rear addition is the same height as the second floor of the first addition. Transition between floor levels is by means of steps from the basement and first floor of the first addition. The second floor levels of both additions are of the same finished floor height.

The addition's walls are load bearing brick. The exterior is a plain running bond brick wall. There is no expression of the structure on the exterior except for some irregular spacing of windows. All window openings have arched lintels of double coursed row lock bricks. There is a brick smoke tower at the northwest corner of the addition.

The first floor of the addition is the boiler room with access through an at grade double man door at the rear or north wall of the addition. This door provided access to the coal storage area for the stoker boiler heating system. The second floor of the addition is partitioned to provide offices, a tool room, a locker room and restroom facilities.

The south elevation or front face is divided by pilaster into three bays, although the actual structure is of two equal bays. This elevation has a brick parapet wall which reflects the arched pitch of the roof. A concrete landing and steps are centered on this elevation. There is a double leafed door with nine lights in the upper half and a cross-buck pattern in the lower half of each leaf. There is a 12 lite transom above the door opening.

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The east side elevation or right side of the original building and first addition is a pilastered, recessed paneled wall which contains ten lite awning style windows in the raised basement portion of this elevation centered under each panel. Each panel flanked by a pilaster contains a set of nine over nine double hung wood sash window with a six lite transom window over each double hung window. These panels incorporated the first and second floor windows. A loading dock of concrete is found at the northeast corner of the original building. There are two double leafed doors with transoms above. These doors mirror the door opening on the south elevation.

The west side elevation reflects the pattern of the east side elevation with the exception of not having the loading dock and doors. Windows are found in the place of doors on this elevation. Additionally, the first addition is wider than the original building but is still only two bays wide. This additional width has allowed for an additional panel flanked by pilasters to be incorporated into a small south elevation. There is a parapet wall at the rear of the first addition which reflects the arch pitch of the roof and the parapet wall on the south elevation of the original structure.

The north elevation or rear of the building is plain in fenestration. There is no parapet wall and the addition has a flat roof. The windows on the second floor are a set of six over six double hung units. The first floor windows are two over two double hung units. The double leaf door reflects the other exterior doors except the transom is only six lites rather than twelve lites. This addition was built to reflect the style and appearance of the original building and first addition though without the attention to detail on the exterior because of its location, size and use as boiler room and coal storage.

The building has been vacant since 1994. With the exception of normal wear, the building is in good condition. Original doors and windows are still in place although some glazing is broken or missing. Overall, the architectural integrity is still intact. The building portrays the typical industrial architecture of its day for each of its elements - the original structure and the additions. Both additions are considered historic and were designed and built with sensitivity to the original building.



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The Merit Underwear Company is significant under Criterion A for Industry and Criterion C for Architecture. The Merit Underwear Company had a significant impact on the development of the Borough of Shoemakersville. The architecture of the building and its additions are representative of industrial activity from 1916 when the main building was built to 1946, the 50 year cut-off allowed by the National Register. It was the second in size of employment among the garment manufacturers in the Borough and is a prominent architectural landmark in the community.

The Village of Shoemakersville developed along a transportation route, the Schuylkill River, as settlers (mostly of German extraction) moved inland from Philadelphia in the 18th century. In 1766, Thomas Wright and George and Henry Shoemaker purchased land which now comprises Shoemakersville. Early development hinged around transportation along the river and later the Schuylkill Canal. A number of early residents were boatmen on the canal. As development in the region continued, coal mining was taking place north of Shoemakersville, and runoff from the mines was polluting the river with pieces of coal and coal dust. This pollution reached the point where it became profitable to extract the coal from the river. This was the start of Shoemakersville's industrial activities. As the area continued to develop and transportation improved, clothing manufacturing became the major industrial base for the community.

In the late 19th century, the textile industry came to cities like Reading because of the willing work force residing in close proximity to developing textile mills and easy transportation to major markets. As the industry grew, towns such as Shoemakersville became the choice for establishing mills for much the same reason. The Merit Underwear Company is quite representative of this trend. The Merit Underwear Company was organized in Shoemakersville by several industrious individuals who lived in the community, had a desire to start a business and knew there was a ready labor force available. Shoemakersville also had easy access to Reading and larger markets. The Merit Underwear Company which specialized in ladies fine gauge, light weight underwear had one line, the "Verna", which became internationally famous. This accomplishment demonstrated that a small company, in a small town had the ability to produce a quality product and have it reach the world market.

By 1913, the Borough of Shoemakersville had become home to four garment manufacturers as a result of the availability of labor and the proximity to transportation to major markets. The first company was the Globe Underwear Company located at 338 Main Street. Globe manufactured heavy fleece lined underwear and specialized in men's and boys' underwear. The company experienced growth and expansion similar to the Merit Underwear Company. The building is still standing and garments were being produced there through the 1980's.

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The second garment company to open in Shoemakersville was the Robert P. Miller Company located at 327 Main Street which began operation in 1906 on the third floor and part of the first floor of the building. This company manufactured cotton half hose and ladies' cotton hose. By 1911 the company was manufacturing cotton knit underwear. The company had 50 employees into the 1990's and was manufacturing ladies and misses vests, men's and boys' athletic shirts, men's tee shirts and turtle neck shirts.

The third company in Shoemakersville was the Burkey Underwear Company at Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The company began operations in 1907 and manufactured men's shirts on the second floor of the building. The first floor was used as a laundry. In 1911 the company began the manufacture of cotton underwear. In 1922 the building was leased to the Keystone Washing Machine Company for manufacture of washing machines. This business continued until 1931. From 1935 to 1937 the building was used for the manufacture of paper boxes. In 1938 the building was sold to the Merit Underwear Company and converted back to underwear manufacturing.

The Merit Underwear Company was organized on October 28, 1912 with a paid capital of \$10,000 by Edward T. Williams, Samuel E. Unger, Howard Seiger, and Benjamin M. Bhaer all of Shoemakersville and David V.R. Ludwig of Reading. The company started business in March 1913 in a building formerly used as a stable and workshop with one knitting machine and four sewing machines.

In April 1916, Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Bhaer retired from the partnership. Due to increased business the building was no longer adequate, and a new two story brick building was erected in late 1916 to the front of the stable and workshop building. This building, found on Noble Avenue, is the present day structure. The business continued to grow and prosper, and in 1921 the stable and workshop was demolished, and a 71' x 52' addition was built with two stories and a basement.

By 1927, the company had grown from 20 employees to 114 and had 51 knitting machines and 51 sewing machines. In 1928 a second addition was added to the rear of the first addition. This addition was two stories in height.

In 1929, the company erected a row of 14 houses known as Merit Row, several blocks away on Main Street between 8th and 9th streets. These houses were rented to employees. These houses have since been sold as individual dwellings to residents of the Borough.

The business prospered due in part to the first World War and favorable economic conditions. The prosperity justified the 1916 expansion which constructed the original building. The continued

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prosperity of the company and the economic conditions of the 1920's brought about the second and third expansions which resulted in the construction of the additions giving the building its present day appearance.

Through the years, production of underwear increased, and other product lines were added such as polo shirts and pajamas. Colored yarns were used to knit designs in brightly colored cloth. Expansion was necessary, and other sites were acquired. In 1934, a former candy factory located at 16 East Noble Avenue was purchased and used as a garage and for yarn storage. This building was also used as an outlet store beginning in 1965 for the ladies and children's sportswear the company had started to manufacture.

The Burkey Underwear Mill, one of the three other mills in the Borough, was purchased in 1938 and converted back to underwear manufacturing. The building was known as No. 2 Mill and was used for storage after manufacturing ceased in 1965.

At the peak of operations, both mills in Shoemakersville owned by the Merit Underwear Company employed a total of 205 persons. In 1933-34, the Company added a line of knit sportswear.

Interviews have revealed the original owners were quite industrious and built the original building and additions themselves using employees of the Merit Underwear Company. This is a common denominator in the construction and is reflected in the similarly in style and detailing of the original building and additions.

After Mr. Unger's death in 1938, the company continued to operate under Williams and Seiger.

Mr. Williams died in April 1947, and the company was again incorporated under Mr. Seiger.

Mr. Seiger was born in 1878 and married Lizzie Strausser on October 27, 1900. They had one daughter, Verna. Mr. Seiger conducted the undertaking business in Shoemakersville from 1900 to 1923. He also sold furniture from 1909 to 1926. These activities took place in the same building as the Merit Underwear Company. One of the lines of fine gauge light weight underwear was marketed under the name "Verna" (named after Mr. Seiger's daughter) and made internationally famous because of its fine quality. Mr. Seiger died January 8, 1953.

In 1961, all stock and possessions of the Merit Underwear Company were acquired by Flagg-Utica Corporation including the "Verna" brand of fine gauge ladies underwear.

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From 1962 to 1978, the same products were manufactured, and ninety people were employed at the Noble Avenue Mill. In 1979, Flagg-Utica was sold to the Koffman family. By this time, the mill had become a knit sportswear company and had discontinued production of ladies underwear. In 1985, the company began to market screen printed novelty women's tops bearing designs obtained through licensing agreements. The operation continued to the early 1990's.

Architecturally, the Merit Underwear Company building has an open floor plan allowing room to maneuver around the cutting tables, knitting machines and sewing machines. The building is also characterized by large windows which provided natural light. Garments could easily be moved from one process to the next during production. The machines were located on the second floors of the original building and middle addition and the first floor of the middle addition. The finishing area and shipping and receiving were located on the first floor of the original building with storage located in the basement. This arrangement provided a smooth flow of raw materials to finished product through the building. For its time, the Merit Underwear Company building was a flexible manufacturing space, providing a lot of natural light. The building reflects the general appearance and trends of mill architecture from this period. This general design and layout is substantiated by other mill buildings in surrounding communities including the City of Reading.

The Merit Underwear Company building is significant in Shoemakersville for having developed and produced an internationally known line of ladies underwear (the "Verna") while the other mills in the community produced rather common place underwear. The Merit Underwear Company Building is also significant since it was built and expanded specifically for garment manufacturing, whereas other mills in the community had other uses. What remains is an historic industrial building that depicts the evolution of a 20th century textile enterprise in eastern Pennsylvania.

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- Gilbert, Earl F.                Life-long resident of Shoemakersville and Historian, age 70, August  
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August 1995

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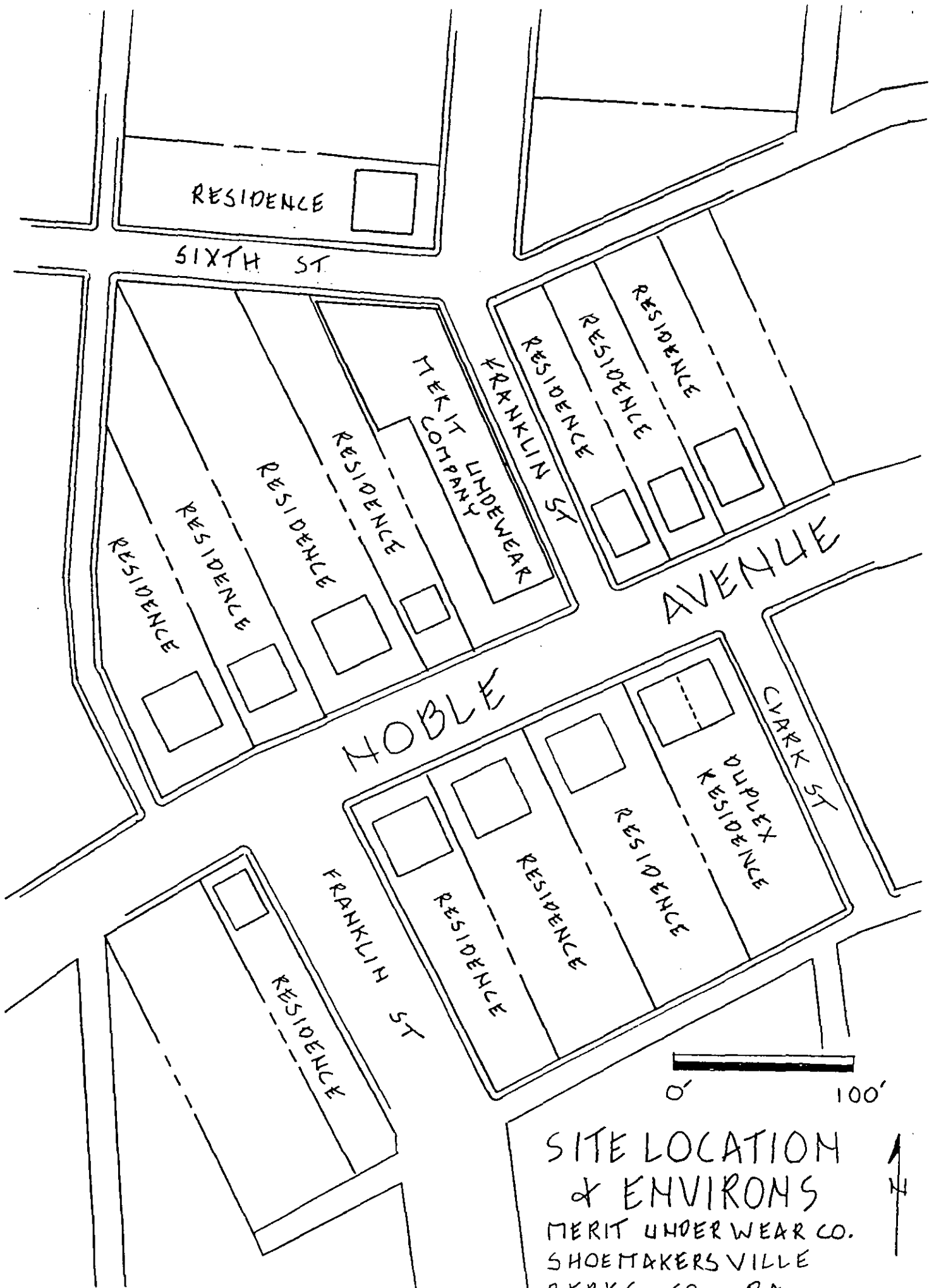
**Boundary Description**

The site includes all lands defined as parcel 2547 of Map 4493 Block 1a of the Berks County Tax maps (also known as 43 East Noble Avenue). The site is flanked on the west by parcel 2507, also known as 41 East Noble Avenue and on the east by Franklin Street.

Beginning at the edge of a public road leading from the Borough of Shoemakersville to Moselem (called Noble Street), thence along said road North 69° East 60 feet to the west side of a 30 feet wide street, thence along the west side of said 30 feet wide street north 21° west 180 feet to the south side of another 30 feet wide street, North 80° west, 69 feet 6 inches to a lot now or later of William Seiger along said lot now or later of William Seiger, south 21° east, 219 feet to place of beginning.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the resources on this lot that have historically been associated with the Merit Underwear Company property, as incorporated. The boundary is the historic property line.



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SIXTH ST

MERIT COMPANY  
FRANKLIN ST

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SITE LOCATION  
& ENVIRONS

MERIT UNDERWEAR CO.

SHOEMAKERSVILLE

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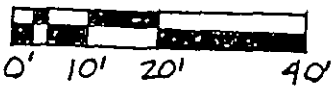
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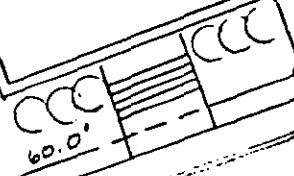
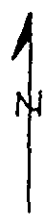
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2 STORY



SITE PLAN  
 MERIT UNDERWEAR CO. N  
 SHOEMAKERSVILLE  
 BERKS CO PA



NOBLE AVE.



SIXTH ST.

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ADDITION

1921  
ADDITION

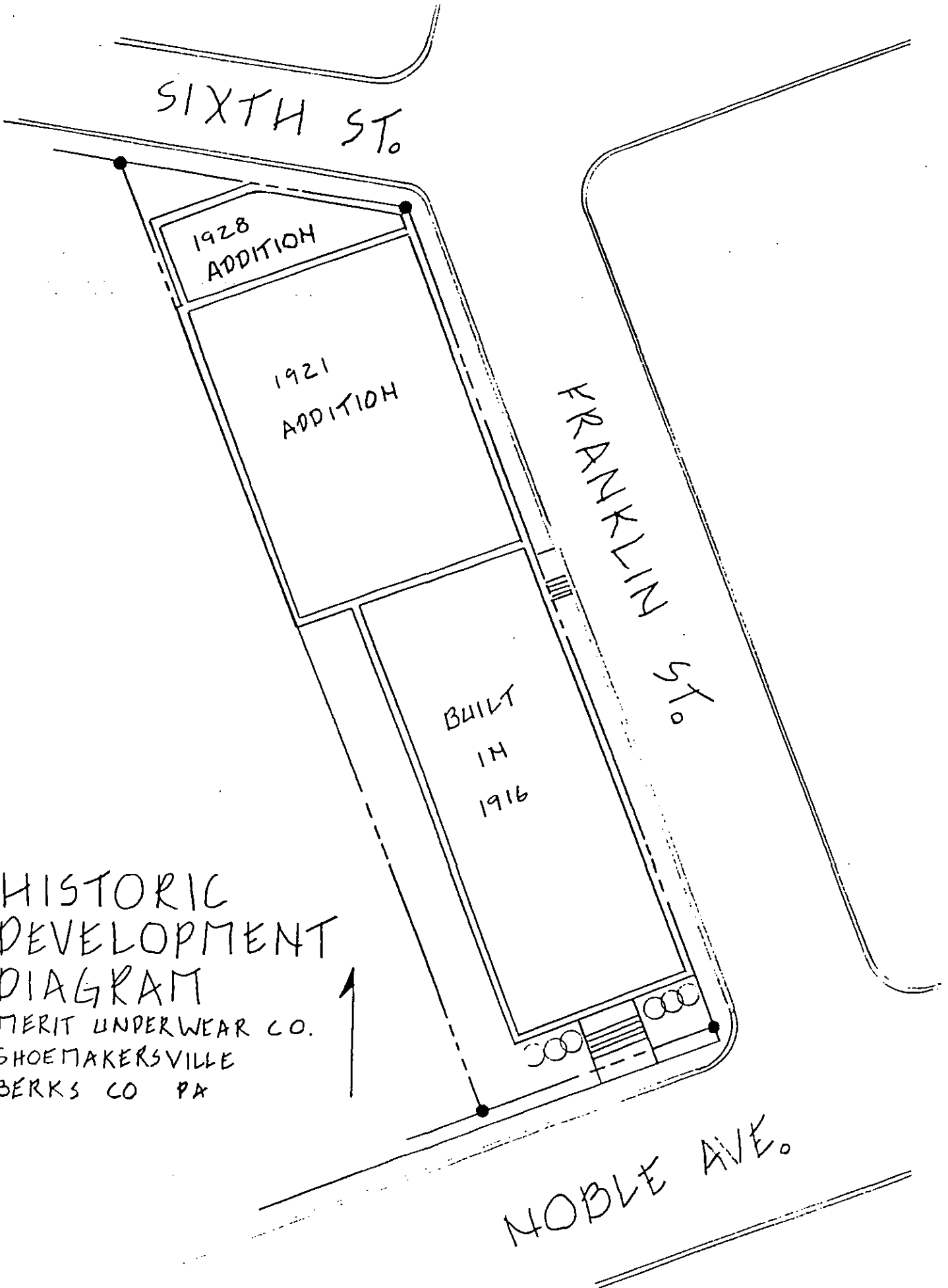
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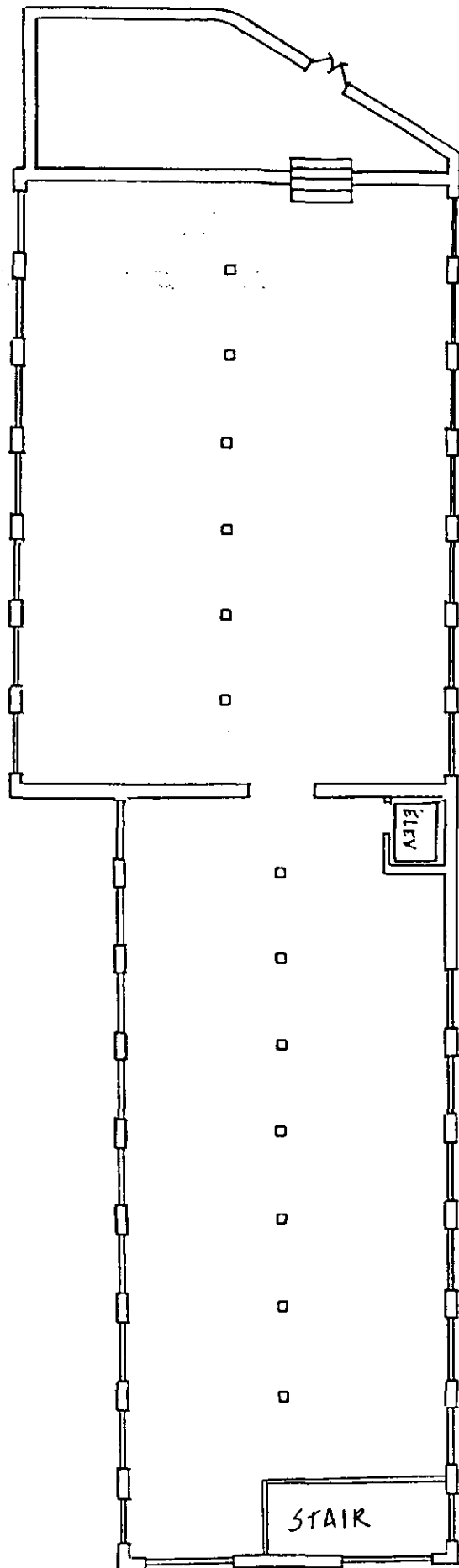
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DEVELOPMENT  
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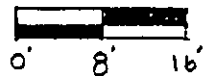
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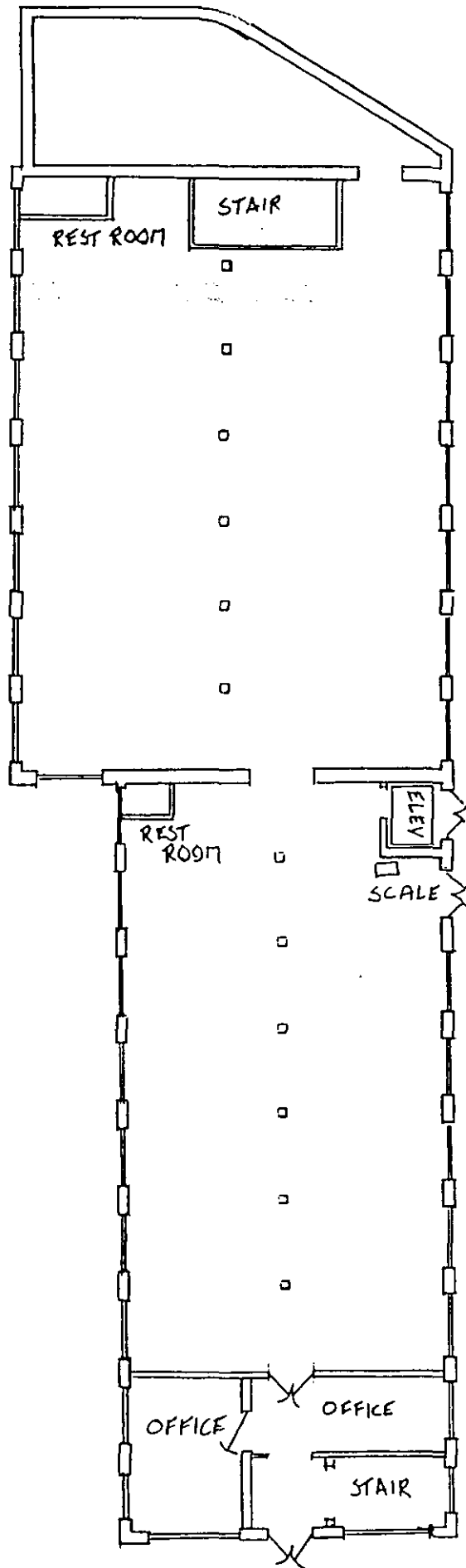




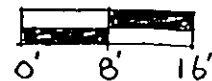
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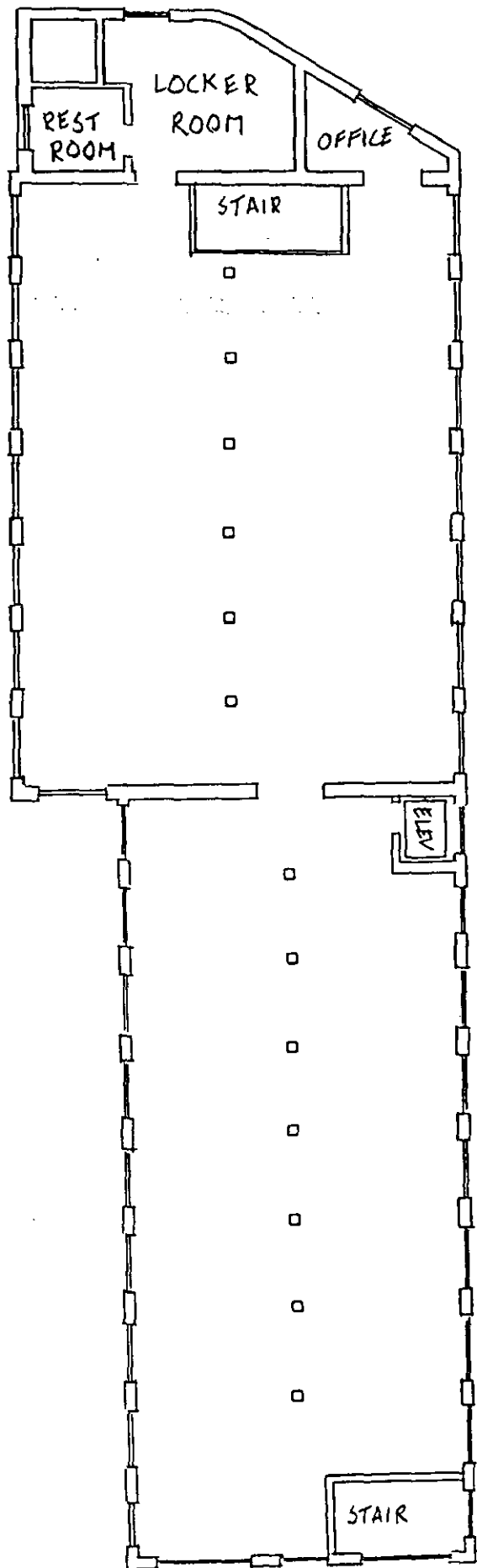
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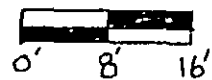




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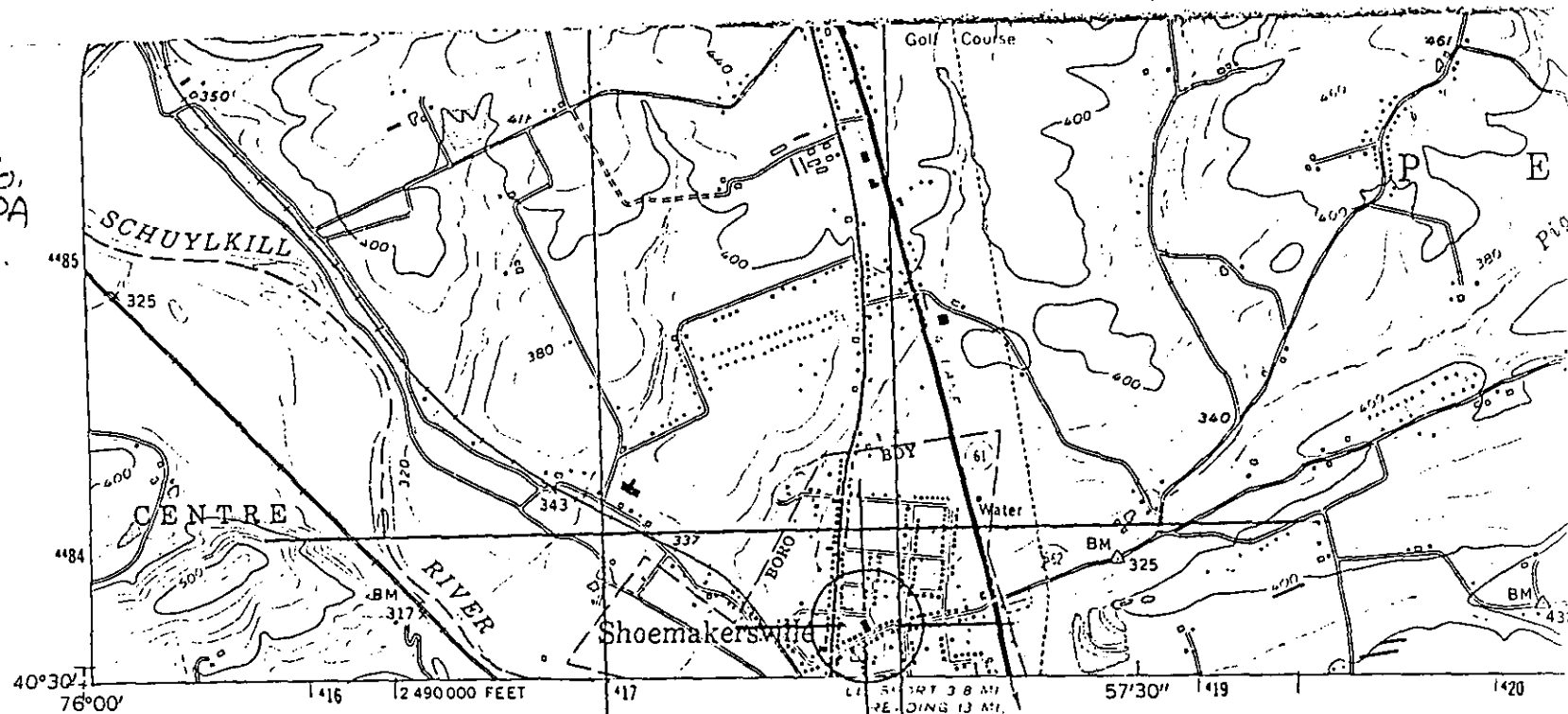
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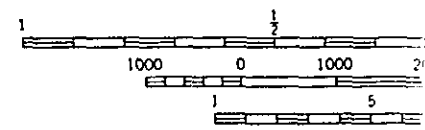
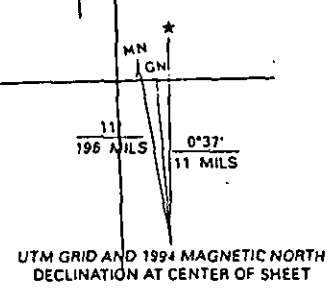


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