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. Location			
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state Maryland code	MD county Independent	City code 51	0 zip code 2120
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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)		
COMMERCE	TRADE/business	
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Materials (e	nter categories from instructions)	
foundation	Brick	
walls	Iron	
	Brick	
roof	Asphalt	
	Wood	
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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Erected about 1875, the L. Frank & Sons Building is a four-story brick commercial building with a cast-iron facade. It is located on the south side of West Baltimore Street about 160' west of North Eutaw Street in central Baltimore. The principal elevation faces north. The first floor storefront is obscured by a plain brick wall with a plate glass window flanking the off-center entrance. The upper window openings on the facade are filled in and covered with stucco. The cast iron arches have rounded corners and flat tops. The bracketed cornice is matched by brackets at the intermediary cornices at each floor level.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The L. Frank & Sons Building has a flat sloping roof and a partially exposed east elevation which adjoins a covered drivethrough bank. At street level, the brick wall is pierced by a plate glass window; a canvas awning is located above the window and off-center door. The storefront cornice is enclosed in a box. Above this level, the three-bay cast-iron facade survives, defined by window openings topped with flat arches with rounded corners and framed by chamfered piers with floral capitals. Intermediary cornices at each floor level are terminated by scrolled brackets. The main cornice has a paneled frieze and scrolled consoles. The cast-iron facade is painted in shades of cream and brown.

8. Statement of Significance	B-2360
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B XC D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) ARCHITECTURE C. 1875	Significant Dates c.1875
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Significant Person Architect/Builder N/A	
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

THEME:

Cast Iron Architecture in Baltimore, Maryland, 1850-1904.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The L. Frank and Sons Building is significant as representing a Full Cast Iron Front type building.

Major Bibliographical References	B-2360
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:	
Baltimore City Directories, 1870s-	-1940s.
Kahn, Philip, Jr. <u>A Stitch in Baltimore's Needle Trades</u> (Bal Society, 1989).	Time: The Four Seasons of Itimore: The Maryland Historical
Maryland Inventory of Historic P Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.	roperties, Maryland Historical
revious documentation on file (NPS):	See continuation sheet
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register	Primary location of additional data: State historic preservation office Other State agency Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	Local government University Other Specify repository:
0. Geographical Data	
Acreage of property Less than one acre. SGS quad: Baltimore East, MD	
JTM References A 1 8 3 6 0 1 4 0 4 3 4 9 9 0 0 Zone Easting Northing	B Zone Easting Northing D]
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erbal Boundary Description	
Boundaries are defined as a single city 1642, Lot 17, recorded among the Land Records of	ot, specifically identified as Block f Baltimore City, Maryland.
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Boundary Justification	
The nominated property comprises the city	lot upon which the resource stands.
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Baltimore Heritage, Inc. organization _ date _ <u>May 14, 1990</u> 410-296-7538 109 Brandon Road street & number _ telephone _ __ zip code __21212___ Baltimore city or town _ _ state __MD_

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Modern A.D. 1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouse

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/manufacturing

facility

Known Design Source: None

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

Documentary and architectural evidence suggest that the fourstory iron front building at 407 West Baltimore Street was constructed at the same time as the adjacent #409, about 1875. 1866 tax records show the site occupied by William E. Wood, Baltimore's earliest manufacturer of heating apparatus; description of improvements on the property, however, does not conform to the present structure. About 1875, the present building was constructed for Samuel Stein & Bros., who had started in business as clothing manufacturers in 1852 but switched to banking in the 1870s [Kahn p. 30, 30n]. Presumably the building was a speculative venture for the firm. The tenant at this time was Charles Weatherby, a dealer in iron ranges and furnaces, who remained at this address until 1877. The shoe manufacturing concern of L. Frank and Sons moved into the building in 1878 and remained there until 1886. By 1890, the building accommodated the Dannenberg Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of infants' wear; their fifty operatives occupied three floors. In 1898, ownership of the property passed to A.J. Strauss & Co., pants manufacturers. In the early twentieth century, the ground floor became a restaurant called the New York Fancy Cake Bakery, operated by Osias Schonfeld, who purchased the building in 1919. The restaurant was succeeded by the Traffic Cafeteria. The upper floors continued to be leased to tailors and other garment-related industries throughout the historic period.