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 National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any 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 certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property		
historic name Templin-Bradley Company		
other names/site number L. Templin & Sons (1876 to early 1900's), Templin-Crockett-Brad	ley Co. (e	early 1900's to 1920)
2. Location		
street & number 5700 Detroit Avenue	n/a	not for publication
city or town Cleveland	n/a	vicinity
state OH code OH county Cuyahoga code 035	zip coc	de 44102
3. State/Federal Agency Certification		
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _request for determination of eligibility meets the cregistering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedur requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I reco	al and pr	ofessional
be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:	oniniena :	that this property
Signature of certifying official/Title Date Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.		
Signature of commenting official Date		
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4. National Park Service Certification		
I hereby certify that this property is:	D	
✓ entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National		
other (explain:) Add III	er ?	
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action)	

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5. Classification			
Ownership of Property Ca	tegory of Property leck only one box.) X building(s) district site structure object	Number of Resources within Proper (Do not include previously listed resources in the Contributing Noncontributing 1	
Name of related multiple property (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multip	/ listing	Number of contributing resources listed in the National Register	previously
N/A	ne property listing)	None	
6. Function or Use	\ 	1	
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)	
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRA	CTION	INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRAC	TION
Manufacturing facility		Industrial storage	
COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty sto	pre		
LANDSCAPE: Garden			
7. Description Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)	9	Materials (Enter categories from instructions.)	
Late 19 th & Early 20 th Century		foundation: Concrete	
American Movements		walls: Brick, Concrete	
		roof: Synthetics other:	

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Templin-Bradley Company building is located on the north side of Detroit Avenue between West 58th Street to the west and West 54th Street to the east, on the eastern-most edge of the Gordon Square Arts District. This section of the city was once densely residential and identified as the SS Stone Subdivision (Original Lot No. 50) in the Township of Brooklyn. However, during the past century it has evolved into a mix of small business, retail and light industry incorporated into the neighborhood along the main thoroughfares while residential housing exists to the rear on surrounding streets. Beginning during the late nineteenth century and continuing through the early twentieth century, Detroit Avenue was a major transit route for electric streetcars and the principal route out from the center of the City of Cleveland to growing neighborhoods and communities such as Lakewood and later on Rocky River.

The Templin-Bradley Co. building (1916) is an exposed concrete frame with redbrick infill, flat-roof structure initially a 2-story structure and then increased in size to a 4-story structure(1918). In 1929, a 1-story addition was constructed and adjoined at the rear of the structure to form a segmented L-shaped plan. The four-story portion of the building measures 60 feet in width (east/west) by 140 feet in length (north/south) while the single-story portion of the building measures 97 feet in width (east/west) by 74 feet in length (north/south). There is a partial basement under the single-story portion and section of driveway. The four-story portion rises approximately 47 feet above grade to the top of the parapet wall with elevator penthouse and chimney rising beyond that dimension. The overall condition of the property is fair on both the exterior and interior where surviving historic elements still exist. (See photos 1-21) The site slopes downward from Detroit Avenue to Tillman Avenue with a difference in grade of approximately 4 feet.

Description

The building frame stands on large concrete footings as its foundation, with red brick masonry walls and exposed concrete perimeter beams and columns above grade which visually divide the building into identifiable bays.

On the four-story (1916 and 1918 addition) portion, the front elevation originally featured large, wood-frame commercial 2 over 2 double-hung windows in each opening; whereas, the side elevations were comprised of the same wood-frame commercial 2 over 2 double-hung windows in the first three southernmost bays while the remaining window openings occurring on these elevations featured industrial steel sash with operable pivothoppers. The rear elevation featured industrial steel sash with operable pivot-hoppers as well as a full-height exterior fire-escape system at its center. The wood-frame windows have been removed from their openings and replaced with translucent fiberglass panels on all floors. The original steel sash and fire escape remain. The main entrance of the building; centrally located on the second floor of the south elevation, originally featured a double entry stair with railings which led visitors to the building out onto the front lawn which was referred to most commonly as the trial grounds. Historic building signage included the company name "The Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co." painted directly on the red brick, spanning nearly the entire length of the façade, in the space just above the fourth floor concrete perimeter beam and below the parapet. On the redbrick portions in several of the bays occurring below, the following words were painted from left to right "Seeds" (at the fourth floor - bay 1), "Bulbs"(at the fourth floor - bay 2),, "Roses"(at the fourth floor - bay 3), "Shrubs" (at the third floor - bay 1), "Vines" (at the third floor - bay 2), and "Roots" (at the third floor - bay 3). Window canopies historically existed on all second floor wood sash windows with the exception of the third bays on the side elevations. No canopy existed over the pair of wood doors at the main entrance. The remainder of the property is a parking lot. Today, all historic signage is no longer visible, the trial grounds on-site are overgrown with only grass and mature plants where a large garden featuring over 450 varieties of tulips and other imported Dutch bulbs once existed; however the original walking path/sidewalk configurations remain. Window canopies have been removed and the front entry stair and doorway altered with the removal of the original wood doors and eastern half of the stair to accommodate the addition of a single steel door at both the top and bottom of a wooden shanty enclosure over the western half of the original stair. The flat roof is a rubber membrane that features clay tile (camelback) coping around its perimeter with exception taken at the parapet which features a stone cornice. There is a red brick

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elevator penthouse on the center of the west wall and a large redbrick chimney at the rear northwest corner of the building.

On the single-story portion (1929 addition) with partial daylight basement, the fenestration is minimal with only small scale steel sash (subterranean and first floor) and a garage entrance bay (on the south elevation) and loading dock (on the north elevation). The south and west walls have sustained considerable ivy growth with masonry and exposed concrete portions in need of repair and tuck-pointing as a result. The flat roof is a rubber membrane applied over a concrete slab that features clay tile (camelback) coping around its perimeter and an elevator penthouse. The rooftop is punctuated by several, twelve in all, steel and glass skylights ranging in size from approximately 4 feet by 4 feet to 6 feet by 4 feet.

The interior of the Templin-Bradley Co. building is a good example of a concrete slab and "mushroom" capital structural system in the basement and on floors one and two. The columns and beams on the third and fourth floors are steel wrapped in plaster and the roof structure is comprised of wood decking. The structural bays on all floors are 20 feet deep (north/south) by 18 feet wide (east/west) and the structure is exposed in open, manufacturing/warehouse space on all floors, except for framed plaster partitions in select locations on floors one through four to accommodate administrative offices and toilet rooms. The floors in the basement and first level are concrete whereas the second through fourth floors are industrial-grade hardwood on sleepers over the concrete floor slabs. The floor-to-floor heights are: basement, 10 feet 6 inches; first, 11 feet 9 inches; second and third, 12 feet 0 inches; and fourth, 12 feet 5 inches. Substantial portions of the original wood flooring have been pulled up for salvage by a former building owner. Currently, large amounts of construction building materials and automobiles with related automotive parts are being housed within the structure. The overall condition of the interior is fair given its exposure to the elements over time and its infrequent use.

The Templin-Bradley Company's overall form is intact, contributes to the character of the neighborhood and is a major visual presence along Detroit Avenue. The building survives with only minor alterations and is one of the largest structures within the Gordon Square Local Landmark District.

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8. State	ment of Significance		
(Mark "x" i	ble National Register Criteria n one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the al Register listing.)	property	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions.)
			Agriculture
X	Property is associated with events that have significant contribution to the broad patterns	e made a s of our	Commerce
	history.		Other
0.000	Property is associated with the lives of person significant in our past.	ons	Period of Significance
			1916 to 1956
	Property embodies the distinctive character of a type, period, or method of construction orrepresents the work of a master, or posse artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose componen	sses high	Significant Dates
i	individual distinction.		1916, 1918, 1929, 1949, 1956
	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, info important in prehistory or history.	ormation	
	Considerations n all the boxes that apply.)		
Property	is:		Architect/Builder
ПА	Owned by a religious institution or used for	religious	
	purposes.	9	Moon, L.R.V Architect (Cleveland, OH)
В	removed from its original location.		George A. Rutherford Company - Contractor
C :	a birthplace or grave.		
D 8	a cemetery.		
E 8	a reconstructed building, object, or structure	ı.	
F 8	a commemorative property.		
G I	less than 50 years old or achieving significa	nce	

Period of Significance (justification)

within the past 50 years.

The period of significance includes the construction of both the original building and its additions through the period the Templin-Bradley Co. was managed by either R. L. Templin, G. Floyd Bradley or A. Pearle Templin-Bradley.

A construction permit was issued on May, 11, 1916 for a 2-story building for the Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co. 5700 Detroit Avenue (listed under 5701 Tillman Avenue). On May 2, 1918, another permit was taken out for a two story addition to the original building. In 1929, according to Sanborn fire insurance maps, a single-story addition was constructed to the rear of the existing four-story building. That same year, R.L. Templin (the company founder) died and G. Floyd Bradley was named his successor. During his Presidency, G. Floyd Bradley (a native of Cleveland) hosted a radio show broadcast from the building promoted as "America's Largest Garden Club",

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was active in civic affairs (West Side YMCA, Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and Cleveland Rotary Club), served as President of the American Seed Trade Association as well as grew/managed the company business. After Floyd's death in 1949, Pearle (Templin) Bradley assumed the position of President in her late husband's place but by 1956 leased the family business to an outside party.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Templin-Bradley Company is significant under Criterion A through its association with 1) agriculture and commerce, 2) the company's role in promoting war relief, community/school gardens and the City Beautiful Movement, 3) consumer education through gardening and culture and 4) the company's significant contribution in scientific seed germination and nursery industry automation.

A recurring theme in 20th century Cleveland, that continues to the present day, is that during difficult economic periods communities of people come together to raise food crops on city land. The working men's farms during the Great Depression, the Victory Gardens during World War II, and community gardens established during the years of urban renewal all provide examples of revivals of urban agriculture as a response to economic difficulties. The Templin-Bradley Co. played a significant role in each of these and many other City Beautiful and school gardening initiatives in addition to innovative seed germination techniques, educational guides through radio and print publications and widespread seed commerce and distribution – locally, nationally, and internationally.

A major influence in American urban design from the 1890s through the 1920s was the City Beautiful Movement. At the turn-of-the-century many communities, including Cleveland, were experiencing the impact of increasing industrialization resulting in an expansion of railroads and retail centers, rising population, air, water and noise pollution, and an overall increase of congestion, disorder, and deterioration.

The City Beautiful Movement and civic improvement projects were seen as a solution to many of these urban issues. These broad efforts were linked to Progressivism by combining social reform with public aesthetic improvements to create a new sense of civic grandeur. This planning trend was grounded in the belief that by creating beautiful and well-organized places for people to live and work, they would become better citizens and improve the quality of their lives.

An important influence in the development of the City Beautiful Movement's grandiose city plans was the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The Fair's display of monumental, white, classical buildings, brilliantly electrified, sparked in America the idea of beautifying entire cities. The influence of the Fair was widespread – it was well attended and the images of the Fair buildings and grounds were widely published in popular magazines, postcards and professional journals and publications.

City Beautiful projects often display similar defining characteristics. Projects ranged from civic center plans with grouped buildings, boulevards, and monuments anchoring grand perspectives to smaller projects such as a single building or bridge, or street paving and lighting. The projects required political and local citizen involvement, often led by influential civic-minded citizens, professionals and elected officials. The project's aesthetics reflected classical design principles of beauty, order, and harmony through the use of Neo-Classical style architecture, unified designs incorporating balance, symmetry, and use of similar materials. Finally, projects often benefited from the collaboration of architects, engineers, sculptors, and other artists contributing towards a unified design.

The most widely recognized and promoted results of the City Beautiful Movement was in the planning and execution of civic planning efforts often focusing on the development of a civic center of classically-designed public buildings, expanded park systems, and landscaped parkways and boulevards. Often lesser known examples of the City Beautiful Movement were carried out in the form of civic improvement projects such as beautifying yards, alleys, and school yards. Cleveland is well known for its City Beautiful Movement examples of grand Civic Plans and Park Systems reflected in the Cleveland Group Plan of 1903 and the resulting classical public buildings and formal landscape of the Mall as well as the

¹ Hufford, Carolyn L. CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY. (2008). "Feeding Cleveland Urban Agriculture."

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series of landscaped parks and parkways known as Cleveland's "emerald necklace." The significance of the early twentieth century civic improvements accomplished through the Cleveland Public Schools' School Garden Program and the role of the Templin-Bradley Company in providing the seeds and educational gardening information and guidance are lesser known examples of the City Beautiful Movement as carried out by local citizens, public schools, and grassroots organizations. These initiatives are significant aspects that provide insight into the larger role of the City Beautiful Movement and early twentieth century civic improvements carried out at the neighborhood scale throughout Cleveland.

Agriculture & Commerce

Lewis Templin established L. Templin & Sons in 1860 in Calla, Ohio, and incorporated in 1904. According to the 1880 census for Mahoning County, the 92-acre nursery and farm propagated fruits, ornamental trees, honey, grains and vines. His first catalog was published in 1881. Templin's three sons (R. L. Templin, M. B. Templin, and W. W. Templin) took over the company after his death in 1899. R.L. Templin moved the company to Cleveland in 1904. In 1912, R.L. Templin's two sons-in-law joined the business and the name was changed to Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co. to reflect these family additions. The final name found in trade literature for this company is the Templin-Bradley Co., which dates from the mid-1920s into the 1950s. Despite several name changes, the family-owned and operated company consistently operated as seedsmen and nurserymen in the wholesale and retail distribution of seeds, bulbs and shrubs for nearly a century.

Lewis Templin had a fruit and ornamental tree nursery in Calla, near Youngstown, within Mahoning County, Ohio. The town was actually named by Templin ancestors for the calla lily. While working on his father's (Lewis Templin) nursery, in 1876, R.L. Templin started a mail order plant seed and bulb business. His first seeds were imported from Germany. In 1904, the organization, at that time referred to as L. Templin & Sons, was moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to start greenhouses and grow the business in an urban core. In 1912, R.L. Templin was joined by Perry J. Crockett and George Floyd Bradley (sons-in-law through marriage to R.L. Templin's daughters Maude and Pearle, respectively) and, together, they incorporated the Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co. The first listing for the company in the Cleveland City Directory appeared in the 1914-1915 edition with 2711 Church Avenue NW listed as its address. The same address appeared in the 1915-1916 Cleveland City Directory.

"The daily movement of thousands of people along Detroit Avenue encouraged the growth of commercial enterprises along its length geared not simply to the neighborhood residents but also to these commuters. Substantial brick commercial buildings were erected along Detroit Avenue." With ambitions of business growth through increased exposure most likely an influence, in 1916, Templin-Crockett-Bradley Company acquired, constructed and settled into its 5700 Detroit Road location, less than one mile from their Church Avenue site. The Detroit Road address was first listed in the Cleveland City Directory for the Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co. in the 1916-1917 edition, officially replacing the company's former Church Avenue address. Between the years 1918-1929, the building experienced 2 major additions resulting in the structure which exists today. Crockett died in 1920 and, sometime in the mid-1920s, the name Crockett was dropped so that the company came to be known as the Templin-Bradley Co. with R.L. Templin still involved in day-to-day operations as Founder and President, Floyd Bradley serving as Vice-President and Treasurer and Ayda Pearle Templin-Bradley performing as Secretary. Upon R.L. Templin's death in 1929, Floyd Bradley was named President and Pearle Templin-Bradley was named President of the Templin-Bradley Co. with her nephew, Raymond Wells, performing as second Vice-President until Mrs. Bradley eventually leased the business in 1956.

War Relief, Community/School Gardens and the City Beautiful Movement

In 1899, Cleveland was the inaugurator of many admirable civic movements – one of the most noteworthy of which was the work of the Home Gardening Association. The movement, which initially aimed to "beautify vacant lots and unattractive yards which surrounded houses" was so successful in awakening an interest in the culture of flowers that the idea was eventually extended (in 1904) to reach many additional neighborhoods through the

² Products of Agriculture, 1880 Census – Mahoning & Marion Counties (microfiche roll 75). Repository - Western Reserve Historical Society Library

³ Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 19, 1930. Woman of Flowers Sees Blooms of Many Lands.

⁴ National Register of Historic Places – Gordon Square Historic District Nomination (listed 2002) Continuation Sheet, Page 2.

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Cleveland Public Schools Horticulture Program (CPSHP).⁵ As a response to the CPSHP's innovative initiative, the Templin-Bradley Company's *Children's Flower Mission* was developed with a plan to supply packages of seeds for 1 cent each— a concept R.L. Templin and Floyd Bradley had enthusiastically promoted eventually earning the company a reputation for being the nation's largest distributor of seeds for school garden programs.⁸ The Cleveland Public Schools Horticulture Program operated until its system-wide close in 1978.

By beautifying vacant lots and yards in nearly every section of the city, it increased property values besides adding to the beauty of the city. However, what was more important was that it improved the health of the Cleveland residents. It brought people out of doors to cultivate flower and vegetable gardens who, before this, never ventured out into a garden. To educate and incentivize Clevelanders, lectures and garden/flower shows were conducted frequently with prizes for the best gardens in the various wards awarded. Contests and exhibits were also sponsored by private organizations, this was the case with the Floyd Bradley Horticultural Award which was an annual competition where individuals or households would enter their specimens and compete to win Floyd Bradley Horticultural Achievement medallions.⁷

By 1907, the Home Gardening Association reported that "probably 300,000 packages of seeds will be distributed, and several more school gardens will be started." Many generations of gardeners were cultivated through this effort. With such great success realized in the local school gardening program, interest grew to large proportions and programs were begun in other cities and states; by the 1950s, the Templin-Bradley Co. sold flower and vegetable seeds at relatively low costs to student members of approved and supervised garden groups in schools throughout the country.

What was accomplished through this gardening movement could not be computed in dollars and cents. Only 9 varieties of plants were prepared by the association, but the interest was so great that nearly 50,000 packages were sold during the first year. The orders for seeds came in so rapidly from schools that the officers of the Home Gardening Association thought there must have been a computation mistake; but investigation showed that the seeds were really demanded. Each year, the initiative grew in demand and scope. In 1906, the seed distribution in Cleveland alone was documented to be 240,000 packets, in addition to 100,000 bulbs. "By selling them for 1 cent a package (referred to as Penny Packet Seeds) all expenses for the cost of the seeds, envelopes and their distribution has been covered. The work has been so arranged that none of it has fallen upon the teachers in the public schools, whose work is already far too heavy." This movement garnered such success that the idea was widely copied by other cities from New York to San Francisco. The Templin-Bradley Company provided Penny Packet Seeds for school gardens for fifty years. By 1929 the Templin-Bradley Company was reputed as the nation's largest distributor of seeds for school programs, providing flower and vegetable seeds to students participating in supervised garden groups throughout the country.

In 1915, Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr., a landscape architect of national stature, explored the Euclid Creek Valley and Rocky River Valley advising on its possible development. Extremely impressed with the beauty of each, he recommended they be preserved as parks. In 1918, the Cleveland Metropolitan Parks System was created and William Stinchcomb, a self-taught engineer, was leading its charge as the city's chief engineer of parks and later as its director. Stinchcomb was the guiding force in the remarkable program to save much of the city's precious greenery and unspoiled beauty spots. Under the Stinchcomb leadership, lasting 36 years, until 1957, Cleveland gained the greatest parks system in the United States which has become known nationally as Cleveland's "emerald necklace." The Rocky River Reservation is considered the original gem since it was the first land purchased by the park district in 1919. While no direct connection can be made, a likely inference can be drawn

⁵ Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 24, 1907. Gardens in the Heart of the City.

⁶ Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 17, 1955. Strictly Business: Interest in Home Gardens Swings From Vegetables to Flowers, Lawns.

⁷ The Washington Post, October 31, 1941. Floyd Bradley Medal Goes to Mrs. Gray.

⁸ Gardens in the Heart of the City.

⁹ Ibid

Cleveland Plain Dealer, November 7, 1965. She Sets Sail For Happiness.

Marmolya, Gary Allen. Gems of the Necklace. Page 63.

¹² Condon, George E. <u>Cleveland: Prodigy of the Western Reserve</u>. Page 146-47.

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since the Templin-Bradley Co. owned land as trial grounds on a parcel on Mastick Road (the thoroughfare farthest west which defines a large portion of the incorporated border of the Rocky River Reservation) so they would have likely heard about Olmstead's expedition or could have even met him personally while he was surveying nearby land. As an extension of the park system, Clevelanders also enjoyed lakefront venues such as Edgewater on the West Side and Gordon Park on the East Side. In 1936, an illuminated fountain and garden donated by local businesses was installed at Edgewater Park and accepted by then Mayor Harold Burton on behalf of the City of Cleveland. In front of a crowd of nearly 1500, businesses involved were publicly thanked for their contributions; Westinghouse Company (fountain and lights), Ohio Cut Stone Co (fountain bowl) and the Templin-Bradley Co. (gardens and landscaping). A highly probable inference can be made that Stinchcomb, as Cleveland Metropolitan Parks System Director, or his employee, Edgewater Park Director Hugo Vargo, approached the companies involved with the initial donation requests for the public fountain project.

During the 1922 Annual Convention of the American Association of Nurserymen, Floyd Bradley gave testimony promoting Cleveland and stated that his nursery "is the only one in Cleveland city limits." However, Cleveland City Directories list several seed stores located throughout the city (Chander's & Sons, The Goff-Kirby Coal Co., Kendel's A.C. Seed Store, Wood & Company, Botzum Brothers and Tilton & Sons) so market competition did exist. What can be concluded is that, while the Templin-Bradley Company was not the only Seed Store or Nursery in Cleveland at this time, it was the only wholesale distributor to competing retail operations and, by all accounts, the largest of these operations. During the busy season (spring months) at the Templin-Bradley Co., it is well documented that the Cleveland Post Office assigned three of their own clerks in the plant at 5700 Detroit Avenue to cancel stamps and send the Parcel Post packages directly to the mail trains instead of re-handling them in the Cleveland Post Office. Seed catalogs even boast that "four to five tons of parcel post packages of seeds, bulbs, shrubs and catalogs are started on their journey each day during our busy season..." with more than 7500 orders a day. The More than 300 workers were employed during the rush season.

In 1935, Floyd Bradley served as Vice-President of the American Seed Trade Association and, the following year, named President in July 1936 holding that position for one year. At the time, the American Seed Trade Association was comprised of 250 of the largest seed dealers and growers in the country.¹⁶

During the years of The Great Depression and then the war years, the average home garden was devoted largely to producing vegetables for the family dinner table. As part of the war effort, the government rationed foods like sugar, butter, milk, cheese, eggs, coffee, meat and canned goods. Labor and transportation shortages made it hard to harvest and move fruits and vegetables to market. So, the government turned to its citizens and encouraged them to plant Victory Gardens in hopes individuals could grow and harvest their own fruits and vegetables. Nearly 20 million Americans answered the call. They planted gardens in backyards, empty lots and even city rooftops. With both government and businesses, at that time, urging people to make gardening a family and community effort, Victory Gardens no doubt spurred a great deal of business for the nursery and seedsmen industry throughout the nation.

Following World War II, interest in home gardening swung from vegetables to flowers and lawns. Once commercial food production resumed and Victory Gardens were no longer the trend, home ownership was on the rise and people shifted their energies to beautification of their yards. The impact of homeowner devotion to beautifying their residences and gardens stimulated the Templin-Bradley Co. business with order levels generally multiplied from years prior. By the mid-1950s vegetable gardens had generally given way to bright arrays of flowers through various seasons, along with broad expanses of lush green grass. Products like Templin-Bradley's "Ideal Shady Nook" grass seed were very marketable and adapted themselves well to National trends in home gardening and lawn maintenance. Also following the war, the "Seeds for Europe" campaign was a national

¹³ Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 22, 1936. Edwewater Park Fountain Starts.

Proceedings, Annual Convention American Association of Nurserymen. 1922. Page 145.

^{15 1922} Templin-Bradley Co. Annual Seed Catalog.

¹⁶ Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 13, 1928. Rustle of Spring.

¹⁷ Hufford, Carolyn L. CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY. (2008). "Feeding Cleveland Urban Agriculture."

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initiative to send seeds to areas of Europe devastated by war so that Europeans could cultivate and grow food. With the thinking that "a package of seeds grows many times its weight and value in vegetables," citizens were encouraged to make monetary donations to the cause. On a local level and working in conjunction with the *Cleveland Press* newspaper, the Templin-Bradley Co. was the clearinghouse for the "Seeds for Europe" campaign in Cleveland by shouldering the work of packaging and shipping the seeds purchased with donations raised by Press readers.¹⁸

Consumer Education Through Gardening & Culture

Radio was the first mass media in the 1920's - families received news bulletins, advertising, and music through this forum. In April 1927, Floyd Bradley made radio history in Cleveland when he, along with Art Cook (announcer, operator and publicity directory of the WHK radio station) broadcast a play-by-play description of the opening game between the American League's Indians and White Sox from the Dunn Field press box, with the Templin-Bradley Co. as sponsors. 19 Throughout that year and several to follow, Floyd Bradley gained local notoriety as a radio announcer for many opening games played by the Indians and other local sporting events. With a great sense of ease at the microphone, in March 1928, Floyd Bradley began broadcasting a daily 10 minute "Radio Garden Club" on WTAM-WEAR from his private office at 5700 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, during a timeslot which, prior to this, was reserved for WTAM-WEAR announcers to read government bulletins.²⁰ One 1929 Plain Dealer advertisement even refers to Templin-Bradley's broadcast as "America's Largest Garden Club!" For the first four seasons he was on the air, Floyd Bradley told members "how to till the soil, how and what to plant and all that a good gardener should know." In Mr. Bradley's own words as noted in his company's annual seed catalog, "All my talks are based upon requests for information which come by mail and over the counter from our customers, so we know they cover points of general interest in gardening and beautification of the home grounds."21 In later seasons, a music trio (pianist, violinist and a cellist) played and broadcast from his residence at 1553 Arthur Avenue in Lakewood to offer something different than other radio programs while capturing the fireside atmosphere of his home for listeners. 22 In search of the best seeds throughout the world, it is documented that both Floyd and Pearle Bradley were world travelers for their business and, often times, the music they played during their radio broadcasts was from countries they had recently visited in their travels always promoting that Clevelanders could purchase seeds, bulbs, flowers or plants from these distant lands through the Templin-Bradley Co. and, in so doing, add a bit of culture to their landscapes. 23

Another communication vehicle employed by the Templin-Bradley Co. to promote its mission and products was the production of print materials. A 48-page publication called *School Gardens – 1915* which was edited by R.L. Templin and published by The Children's Flower Mission, Cleveland, Ohio, included information and suggestions on school gardens, children's home gardens, junior clean-up work, and how to make your home and community a more desirable place in which to live. A 64-page booklet called *Better Gardens* (1922) was written and published by the Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co. for the express use of its customers. This was an in-depth reference guide on how to prepare soil, plant, cultivate, harvest, can, and store yields of produce. The booklet was given free to customers placing an order over \$2.00 or more. To satisfy the company's goal in seeing that every gardener should have a copy, customers with smaller orders could purchase the booklet for an additional 25 cents.

Scientific Seed Germination - Nursery Industry Automation

Seeds distributed by the Templin-Bradley Co. were raised in Denmark, California, Japan, Holland, France, Italy, Germany, Bermuda, and twenty-eight of the forty-eight states in this country. The seeds are tested, experimented with, packaged, and distributed to home owners and back-yard gardeners all over North America. Fifteen million packets of seeds and hundreds of thousands of flower bulbs and shrub roots were ordered, packaged, and

^{18 1922} Templin-Bradley Co. Annual Seed Catalog.

¹⁹ Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 17, 1927. How WHK Broadcast Opening Indians Game From Dunn Field.

²⁰ Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 13, 1928. Rustle of Spring.

^{21 1922} Templin-Bradley Co. Annual Seed Catalog.

²² Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 14, 1947. McDermott's Mailbag: Criticism of Lewis Action After Centralia Disaster... Suggests Gifts of Seeds to France. & Cleveland Press, April 20, 1949. Floyd Bradley Dies: Headed Seed Company.

Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 10, 1929. Consumers Find Food Prices Off: Trend At Week-End To Lower Levels - Supplies Good.

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distributed from the Detroit Avenue plant every year. One foreign customer of the Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co., a missionary living along the Congo River was sent seeds four times per year in hermetically sealed packages. From those seeds, vegetables were farmed and harvested for the entire colony.²⁴ This massive amount of distribution was made possible through the use of eight automatic machines, each of which fills, seals, and counts 30,000 packets per day in addition to more than 300 workers employed during the rush season.²⁵

The Templin-Bradley Co. "Seed Guarantee" was not taken lightly and its processes were proudly documented for successful seed germination in several of the company catalogues and gardening publications. In their 1904 seed catalog, they make the statement "We are the only seedsmen in America, so far as we can learn, who stamp and test on back of each packet."²⁶ The Templin-Crockett-Bradley Co.'s School Gardens – 1915 publication states "We test all seeds before packeting them, so that we are sure that a fair percentage in each packet will grow under favorable conditions. We have two systems of testing, using a modern up-to-date testing apparatus, in which by a system of warm water circulation beneath we can regulate the temperate to any degree desired. Most varieties will germinate freely in what we call the blotter plan, by simply scattering a few seeds between a folded piece of blotting paper, and placing them in the warm tester. Those seeds which did not come up to the "Quality Seeds" standard the company had set using this testing method were immediately rejected."27 Other varieties refused to respond to this treatment so an alternate method of trial plant testing in soil (the same as planting) was exercised in these instances as well as the testing done to determine seed type. For this purpose, the company maintained a 13-acre tract of land on Mastick Road (in Bay Village) as well as the company lawn in front of the Detroit Avenue plant both referred to as trial grounds or testing gardens. The lawn at 5700 Detroit Avenue was primarily reserved to test over 450 varieties of imported Dutch bulbs (primarily tulips) with thousands of people traveling to the building each spring to see the flowers planted to represent colors of the rainbow. Additionally, the company operated a substantial 130-acre nursery farm in Medina Township on lots 59 and 68.28 The acreage is located on the south side of the current Route 3 (Weymouth Road) and is between Rocky River (low land east of the river) and the turnoff onto Granger Road. From this location, large quantities of native-grown vegetable seeds and plants were grown; however, this farm couldn't sufficiently supply the considerable quantities of seeds, plants, bulbs, shrubs, roots and vines sold by the Templin-Bradley Co. each year. "What the company doesn't produce itself is supplied by reliable horticulturalists and nurserymen in all parts of the world."29

For the Templin-Bradley Co., the quality of seeds was just as important as the guaranteed germination. The reasonable conclusion of the general public would be that seeds sold for one cent per packet must be of inferior quality out of necessity; however, as noted in the *School Gardens - 1915* publication regarding school gardens, "We believe it is of more importance that the child who spends its first pennies for seeds, with high expectations of success, should have the best seeds – better than the adult who is used to disappointments." The company contracted their seeds a year in advance with growers of good reputation. R.L Templin (and later Floyd Bradley) would spend much of their summer vacations visiting growers and inspecting the growing crops both locally and abroad. Often times, large varieties would be purchased separately and then mixed at the Templin-Bradley Co. facilities. The company not only researched and procured where the best seeds were produced but they then mixed the seeds in-house to create the highest quality yield of crops or blooms. When asked about Templin-Bradley's experimentation with seeds and flower varieties, Floyd Bradley stated "that styles change in flowers the same as in architecture, autos and women's clothing. People are constantly seeking something different. Flower styles are changed principally by crossing pollen from one to another. This often requires years of hard work to change the appearance of a single flower." The company not only researched work to change the appearance of a single flower.

²⁴ Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 1, 1926. Seeds Grown In Cleveland Cover Nation: Templin-Bradley Co. Sends Its Products To Banks Of Far Congo.

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Templin-Bradley Company.

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- 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. Key all photographs to this map.
- Location Vicinity Map
- Space Plan Drawings
- Continuation Sheets
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

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and County: Cuyahoga

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Description of Photograph(s) and number: South façade (left) and West elevation (right), camera facing

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Description of Photograph(s) and number: South elevation of single-story portion (left) and West elevation (center) rear of West elevation 4-story portion (far right), camera facing northeast.

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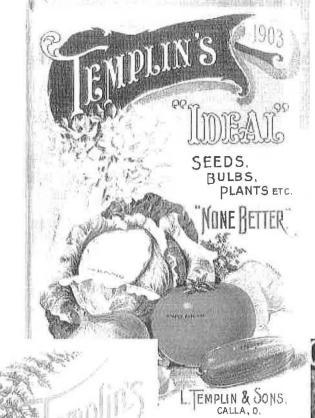
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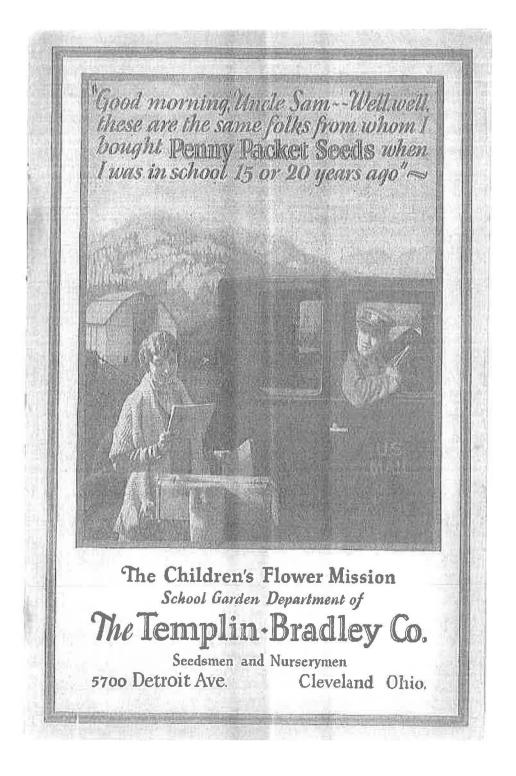


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> THE TEMPLIN-CROCKETT-BRADLEY CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO Our own building, modern and fireproof. Used exclusively for seed and nursery business. An acre of floor space Latest improved equipment. More than 200 people required to care for our hundreds of thousands of sustamers

To You for Your Garden: Season of 1922

Let us stop for a few memous and talk over tagether, some of the reasons why this catalog can help to make your garden most satisfactory this year.

An Unusual Catalog For seventres years we have such to our policy of listing only might offer to our customers. This accounts for the numeral size of this catalog. As proof that the idea is right, we point to the nucley wonderful demand for our stacks, more than 13,000,000 packets being sold last scarse. So you will full here only the varieties for which there is the greacest general demand from all classes of gardeners.

A Convenient Catalog You will find that ordering from this catalog is a very order in each department. You will like the numbering system too, for by using it, you need not bother to write the names of the varieties you wish to plant. To give you a good idea of what the different types of flowers and vegetables look like, we have used an unusually large number of illustrations.

Unusual Service We are able to render unusual service to our customers for two reasons. First, because of the more than fifty years which Mr. Templin has devoted to the seed and nursery business. This gives us a knowledge of the best sources of seed supply as well as a lifetime understanding of what the public demands from a seedsman. Second, by the development of our strong organization, trained to do things right, plus the exceptional facilities which our big building and feet of as equipment afford.

Gardening Handbook We have prepared this 64-page booklet, "BETTER GARDENS," to help you to get the best results from your garden. Its size lets us go into all necessary details on preparing the soil, planting, cultivating, harvesting, canning and storing. Also suggests some planting arrangements for bulbs, roots, shrubs and vines. This booklet free if your order amounts to \$2.00 or more. With smaller orders, add twenty-five cents. Every gardener should have a copy.

Order Early Dun't wait until planting time. Do it now, while it is fresh in your mark, and shrubs, which might be damaged by freezing, will be held in our specially equipped nursery department until planting time and will then be sent to you so as to arrive in first-class condition.

May your garden this year be the best ever.

The Templin-Crockett-Bradley Company Seed Headquarters 5700 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Two Big Reasons Why You Should Order from Us This Year

- 1. We guarantee you satisfaction or the return of your manny for any item which you think is not satisfactory.

 2. Every price in this catalog includes delivery to your nearest express or post office. In other words, prices include delivery.

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THE TEMPLIN-CROCKETT-BRADLEY CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO

Proof of Quality

The outward appearance of seed is seldom an indication of quality. You as buyer must place confidence in us as seedsmen. To merit this, we are very careful that our seeds are of the highest possible quality.

We know which growers produce the best seeds of the various kinds. Our contracts with these producers are made one and two years in advance so that we may be more certain of our supply.

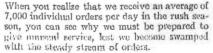
To be sure of germination, we test each lot of seeds in our laboratory, immediately rejecting any seeds which do not come up to the standard we set. At our trial grounds, shown above, we made more than one thousand type tests in 1921.

In addition to proving that our seeds come up to catalog descriptions, we also try out new varieties, before we ask you to buy them. Many

of our growers conduct even more extensive trial grounds which we visit for the purpose of study.

So you see, we strive continually to earn for our seeds the name we have given them, "Quality Seeds."

Will you test their quality this year?



with the steady stream of orders. To present our message to you requires a very large edition of this catalog. How many copies do you think we sent out this year? See the in-

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Proof of Service

In our packeting department we use eight automatic machines, each of which fills, seals and counts 30,000 packets per day. This equipment makes possible, sales of upwards of 13,000,000 packets annually.

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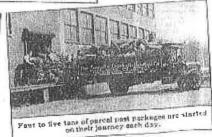
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Will you try us for service this year?



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(**Below**) Bert Weston of the Templin-Bradley Company planting a cabbage seed in the 1944 Victory Garden on the Cleveland Mall. Photo is part of the Cleveland Memory Project managed by the Michael Scwartz Special Collections Library on the campus of Cleveland State University. (**Below**) Cleveland Landmarks Commission planting records for the Victory Garden project on the Mall.



(Right) Aerial photo of the City of Cleveland Victory Garden on the Mall. Photo contained within the Cleveland Memory Project Collection at Cleveland State University.

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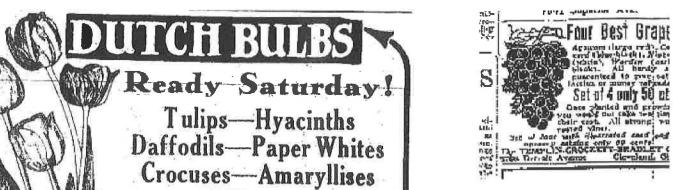
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You know the quality of the bulbs Templin-Bradley imports from Holland. for you have seen them in bloom in our Trial Grounds here at 5700 Detroit Avenue each spring for many years.

Bright, properly grown Evergreens from our own Nursery at Medina are now ready, here.

New Colored Fall Catalog Now Ready, Free



Most complete and modern in America for handling seeds, bulbs, shrubs, over-

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May 27, 1928 Cleveland Plain Dealer photo – caption read "A little patch of Holland in Cleveland. This picture gives just a glimpse of the tulip garden in front of the Templin-Bradley Co. offices, 5700 Detroit Avenue. Thousands have "stopped in" to visit the garden and meet the many tulips personally."



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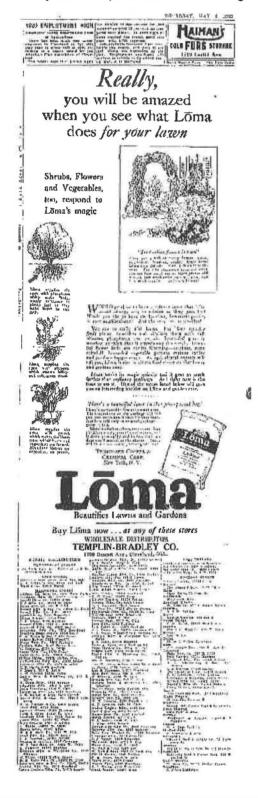


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May 1929 Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper ad (Templin-Bradley is only Wholesale Distributor listed) and May 1954 Popular Mechanics magazine ad (Templin-Bradley only Ohio-based company listed)





Underground "fence" keeps grass in its place. Stops bluegrass (including new Merion), quack grass, Bermuda, St. Augustine. Bent and others from spreading into cultivated areas. Install NO-SEE around trees, shrubs, foundation plantings, flower heds; along fences, hedges and driveways. Mow right over it, trimming edge neatly. Gives your lawn that well-cared-for look with half the labor. NO-SEE is mode of corrugated, golvanised steal, Sections two feet long by 4 inches deep key together with special clips, Easy to install; just drive down to sail level. Bends around corners follows consour at splij.

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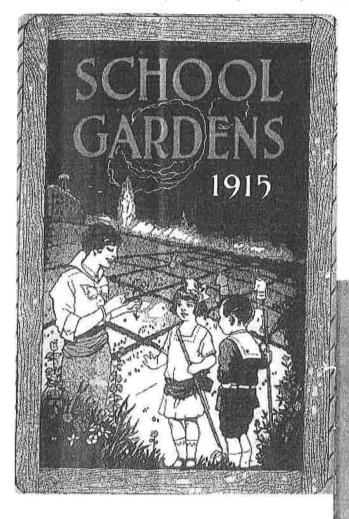
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January 29, 1948 photo of James A. Van Kleeck, Store Manager, and Mrs. Elaine Baker, employee, working in the seed order department of the Templin-Bradley Company. Image is part of the Cleveland Public Library's Photograph Collection.



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George F. Bradley (aka Floyd Bradley) Clippings

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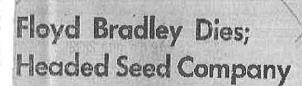
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FLOYD BRADLEY RITES TOMORROW

Head of Nursery Company. Active in Civic Affairs

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Flayd Bradley, president of the Templin-Bradley Co. onto of the oldest and largest seed and numery flems in the United States, died unexpectedly last night at his home, 1853 Arthur Ave, Lakewood.

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Growing Things Are Memorial to Floyd Bradley, Seed Man

For years, Floyd Bradley and als wife trevel over the world gathering sack.

If was a unique partnership. He was precide of Tranpin-Exhibey Co., the hallocally terms Cleve and seed and numery thou and she a gran laughter of the century-she but has were vice president and scorsing.

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Floyd Bradley Medal Goes To Mrs. Gray

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rinner ranked second, with 57 points, and Mrs. F. E. Burgess third wath 33 puints, Sweepstakes prime: In actifications arrangement classes was Mr. and thes. J. 4. Scanka with 29 points.

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Images of the front and back of a Floyd Bradley Horticultural Achievement Medal (typical).





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Ayda Pearl Bradley (aka Mrs. Pearle Templin Bradley) Clippings





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MRS, BRADLEY will take alone, after your first meal the Wide Horizon Group on a 13,000 mile jaunt from the Royal Palace at Bangkok to the Staten Island Ferry during her slide talk Tuesday at 2 in Madison Branch Library 13229 Madison Avenne, Lakewood The public is invited. She gave the first half of her 1964 world cruise in May and "left them waiting there in Bangkog."

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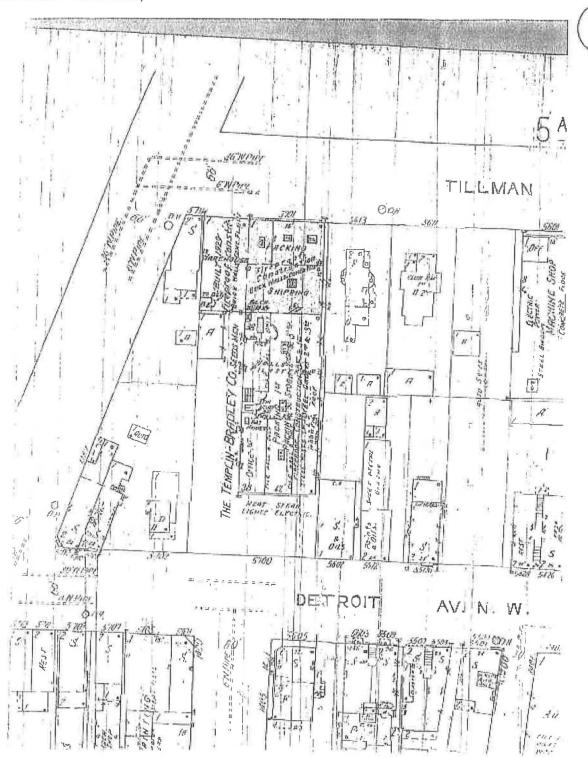
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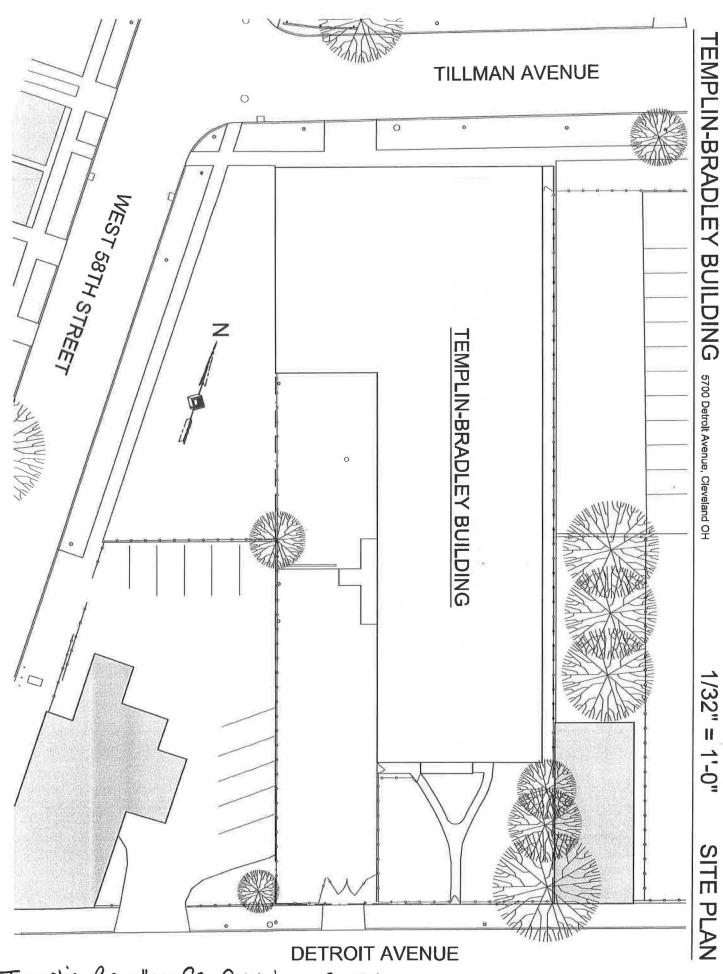
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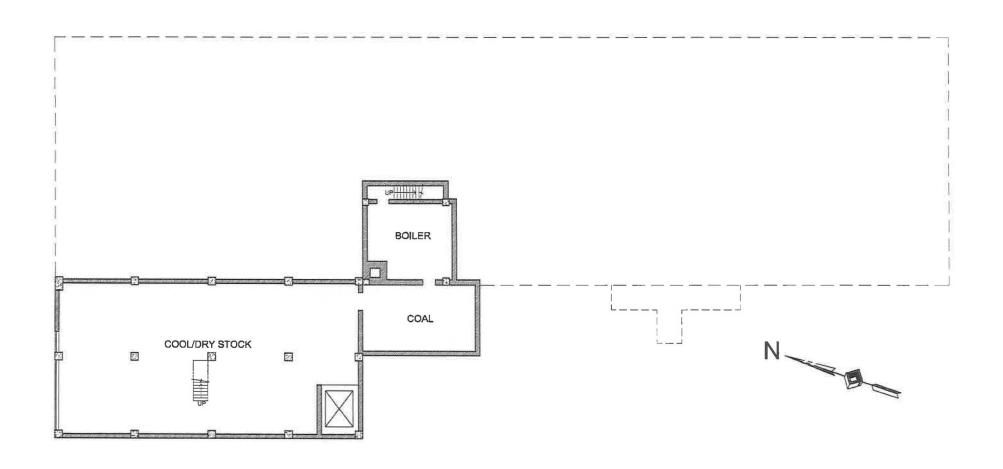
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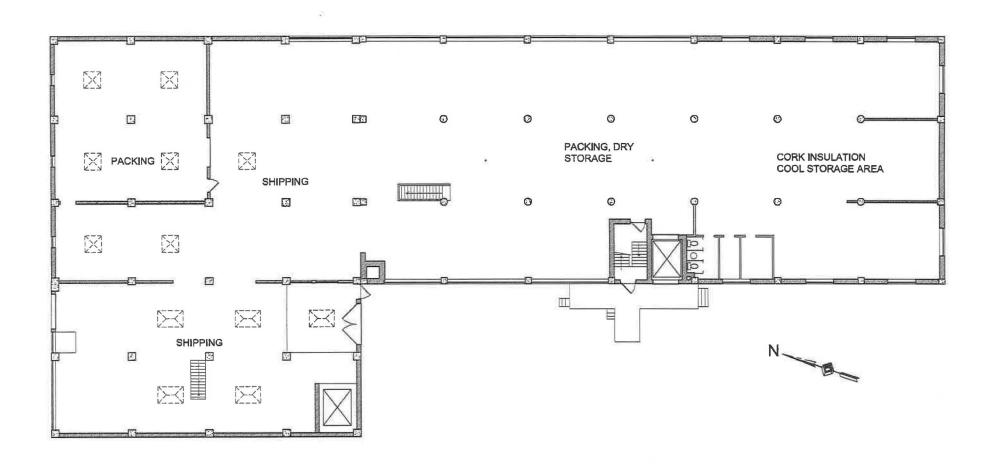




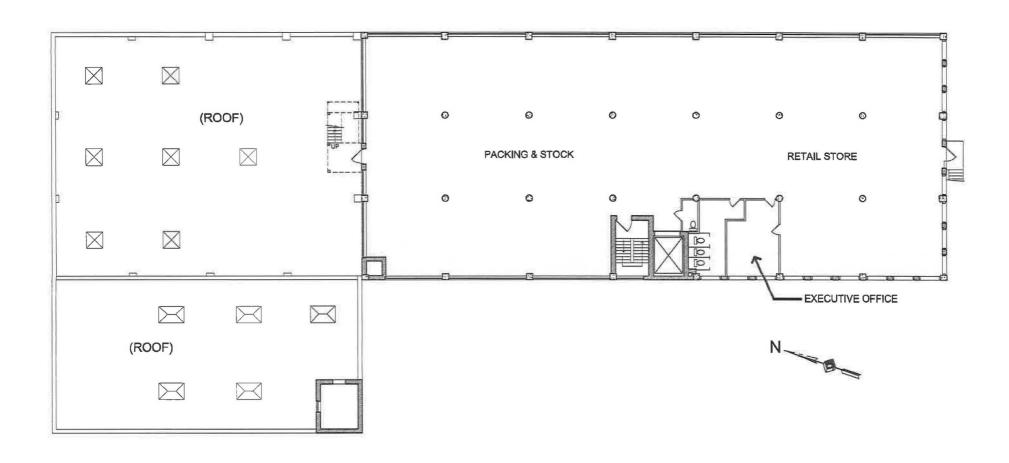
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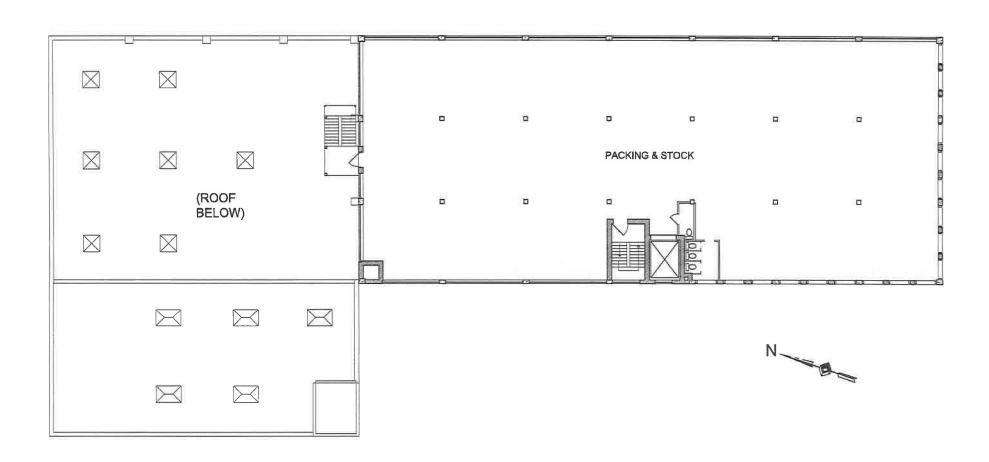
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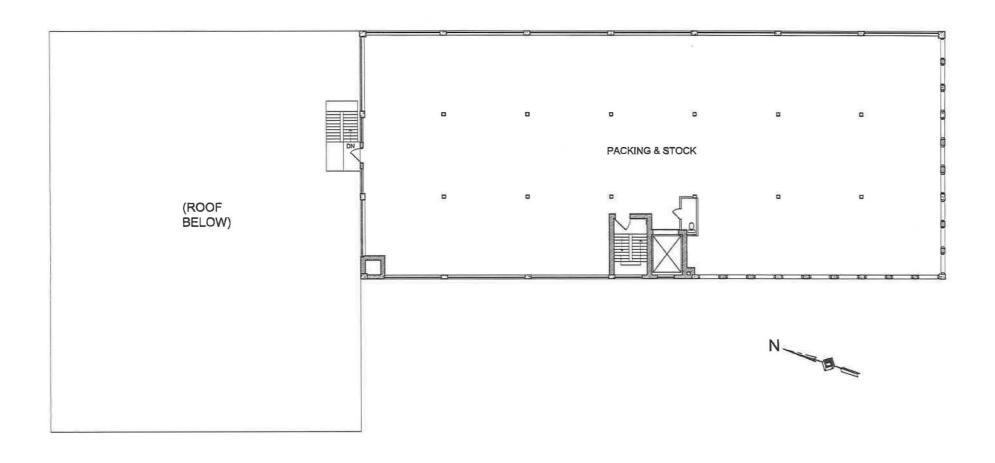
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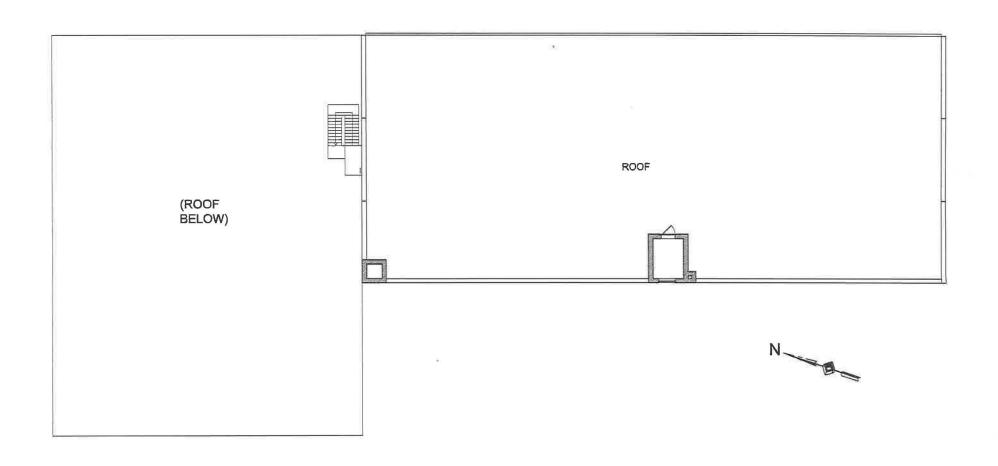
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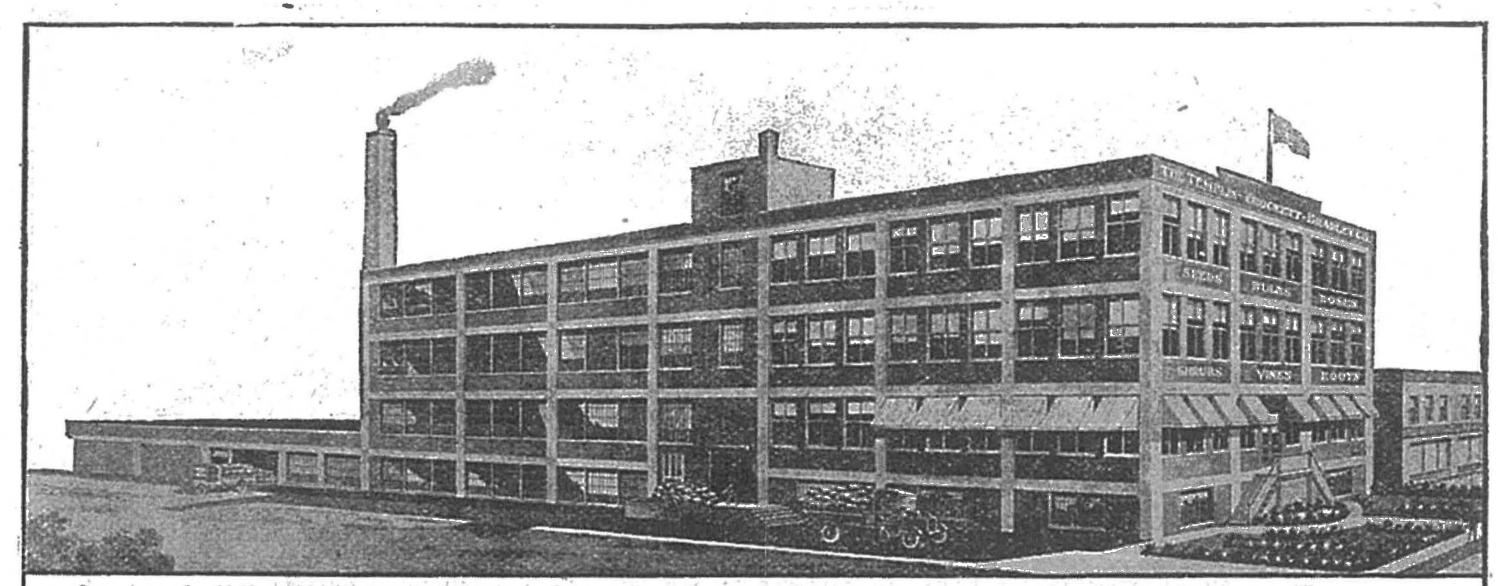


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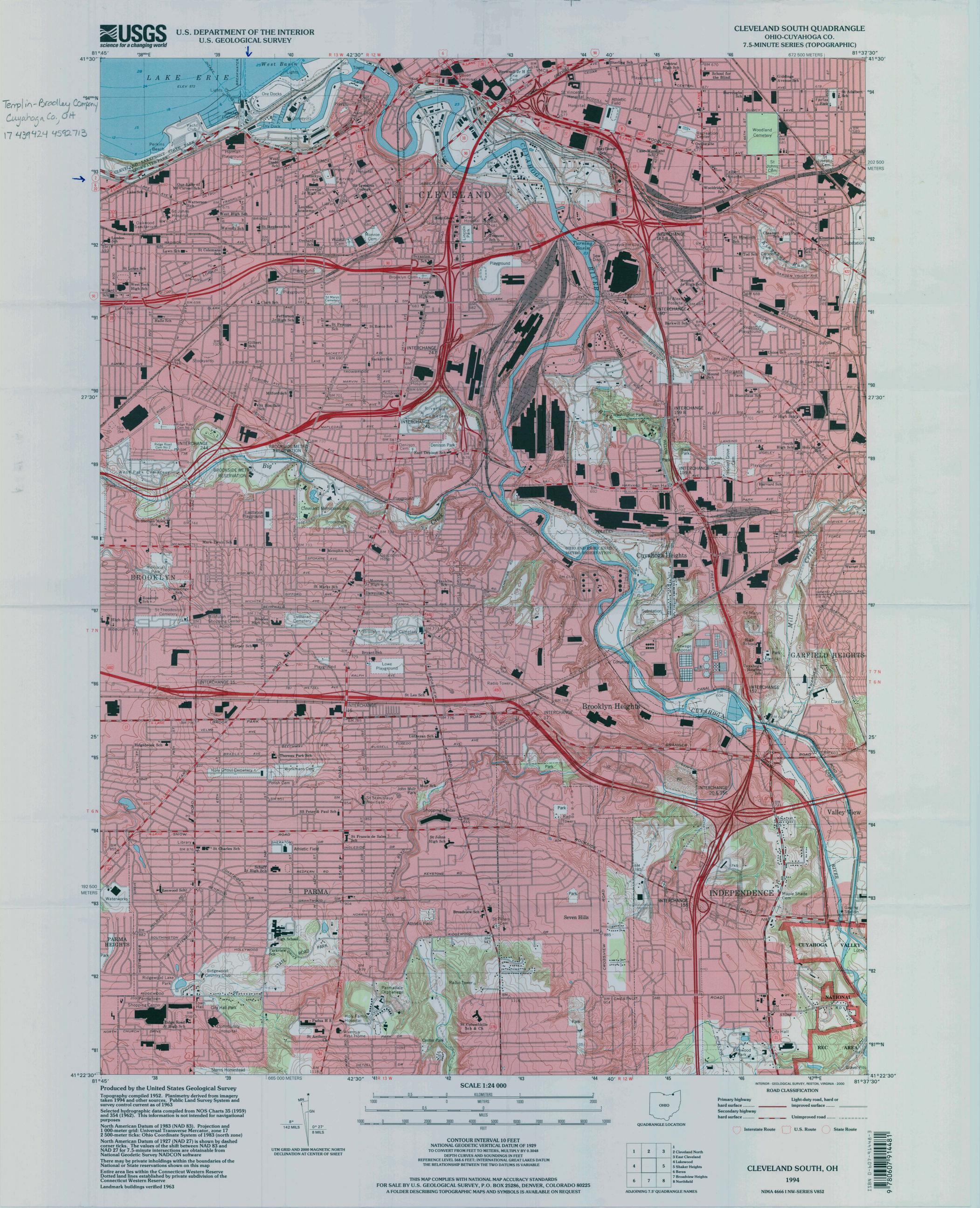


Our own building, modern and fireproof. Used exclusively for seed and nursery business. An acre offloor space. Latest improved equipment. More than 200 people required to care for our hundreds of thousands of customers.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY TemplinBradley Company NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Cuyahoga
DATE RECEIVED: 5/03/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/30/13 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/14/13 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: 5/30/13
REFERENCE NUMBER: 13000390
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
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OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 800 E. 17th Avenue Columbus, OH 43211 (614)-298-2000

The following For nominatio Historic Places	materials are submitted on April 24, 2013 n of the <u>Templia-Bradley Co.</u> to the National Register of:
	Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
	Multiple Property Nomination Cover Document
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	Photographs $(1-21)$
	CD with electronic images
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	Piece(s) of correspondence
	Other
COMMENTS:	
	Please provide a substantive review of this nomination
	This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
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April 23, 2013

Ms. Carol D. Shull, Keeper of the National Register National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1201 Eye Street, NW (2280) Washington DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find four (4) new National Register nominations for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new nomination submission.

NEW NOMINATION	COUNTY
Chagrin Falls East Side Historic District	Cuyahoga
Fairview Community Park Historic District	Cuyahoga
Mayfield Theatre Building	Cuyahoga
Templin-Bradley Company Building	Cuyahoga

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact the National Register staff in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000.

Sincerely,

Burt Logan

Executive Director and CEO

State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures