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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse

Other names/site number: VDHR #122-0901

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

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

2. Location

Street & number: 517-523 Front Street

City or town: Norfolk State: VA County: Independent City

Not For Publication: N/A

Vicinity: N/A

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 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

	<u>9-27-14</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u>	
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
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) _____

Patricia Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

11/19/2014
Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: warehouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19th and EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Commercial Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: STUCCO, CONCRETE, METAL, BRICK

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse was constructed in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1916 and designed by the well-known Norfolk firm of Neff & Thompson as a fireproof storage facility in the Commercial Style with Art Deco and/or Cubist elements. The warehouse is currently situated on a corner with Rader Street to the east and Front Street to the north. The lot is only slightly larger than the building itself, approximately one third of an acre, and the building was constructed essentially to the lot line on its western, northern, and eastern sides. The large, four-story warehouse is a concrete block building covered in stucco, and featuring a poured concrete foundation, central stair, and elevator tower topped by a concrete water tank. Scoring in the exterior stucco creates the limited decorative elements: horizontal bands, quoins, and pilasters which extend above the roofline to form minimal crenellations along the corners. The interior is a functional open floor plan with no ornamentation: smooth concrete floors, concrete ceiling joists, and historic sprinkler system. The original window openings are intact, though partially filled with recent masonry blocks.

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Setting

The southwestern portion of the warehouse abuts the Elizabeth River, while the remainder of the south side abuts a partially failed bulkhead and loading area. While formerly embedded in a huge collection of warehouses which stretched from the U.S. naval base to downtown Norfolk, the warehouse is now surrounded by vacant lots, one post-1960s office building to the east, and the Brambleton Avenue Bridge to the northeast. The three lots abutting the parcel to the north, northeast, and south were previously the sites of other Security Storage warehouses.

Warehouse Exterior

Constructed in 1916, the Security Storage Warehouse is a four-story concrete block building on a poured concrete foundation, designed in the Commercial Style with limited Cubist and/or Art Deco elements (although it was built almost a decade before Art Deco architecture became a recognized style). Several Modern movements predated Art Deco, with one of them being Cubist. Definitions of this movement vary from playing with simple shapes to more extreme examples, where elements of the building are brought out from the main surface. The building has a generally horizontal massing and form, combined with a smooth stucco veneer that has been scored with horizontal bands above and below window openings, but a sense of verticality is implied by stylized crenellations at the rooftop parapet, scoring in the stucco to suggest pilasters, and a pedimented primary entry with stylized diamond embellishments, thus anticipating later Art Deco characteristics. The interplay of the round water tower atop the square mechanical room atop the rectangular building block are some of the Cubist elements. While no examples of the Cubist style are known to exist in Virginia, some post-World War II Brutalist buildings in the state are considered Cubistic.

Facing north, the warehouse is nine bays long and four bays wide and has a scored stucco exterior veneer. The west elevation was designed to be devoid of fenestration and demonstrates the scoring pattern uninterrupted. The north (front), east, and south (rear) elevations had large expanses of multiple-pane sash. By 1948, the original window sash had been removed and the unadorned openings were partially infilled with concrete block, leaving a vertical opening in the center for a smaller sash. The partially-infilled openings later were altered again, with additional masonry filling the window openings completely before being partially reopened in the last decade. The original window sash are no longer extant but the contrasting quality of the masonry infill means that all of the historic window openings are clearly delineated with the brick sills intact. Historic photos show the original sash type and light pattern, which would permit the replication of the original fenestration.

The building consists of reinforced concrete columns running the length and width of the building at each bay intersection. Each row of columns is topped by a large reinforced concrete beam running the length of the building with the next story then supported by reinforced concrete floor joists running the full width of the building. The exterior concrete block walls are interspersed with reinforced concrete piers at each bay which run the height of the building. These exterior wall piers protrude into the interior but are flush with the exterior surface. They are, however, highlighted at the corners with scoring in the stucco, creating the appearance of pilasters. The three corner piers also protrude above the roofline in a limited crenellation pattern. Drain spouts protrude from the middle of each bay on every level.

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The interesting interplay of horizontal and vertical elements is apparent at the centered, primary entrance bay on the north façade, facing Front Street. The entry bay features stylized ornamentation incorporated in the masonry and concrete surround, although the doors have been replaced with a pair of double-hung metal sash windows above concrete-block infill. Accenting the entry is a classically derived surround with engaged pilasters and a concrete three-layer stepped pediment with a pointed arch. Each pilaster has three decorative inset stylized diamonds in a vertical composition, possibly referencing keyholes to highlight the “security” function of the building. Below the pilasters are extended plinth blocks with inset, horizontal rectangular panels; these in turn are topped by raised rectangular panels with inset vertical rectangular patterns.

Other openings on the north façade include a single replacement metal commercial door and an overhead rolling garage door. The east side features a newer double-door of plate glass and aluminum, a pedestrian entry with a metal, single-light door, and another overhead rolling garage door. The south side features a single metal overhead roll-up garage door in an historic opening, which is shown in a 1923 photograph and evidenced by the still-extant loading beam protruding from the fourth floor.

Warehouse Interior

The center of the building is anchored by a large interior tower which runs from the first floor up to the roof. This tower features two elevator shafts and a concrete stairway. The elevator shafts open on both sides of the tower on every floor and the original elevator equipment is in the mechanical room on the roof at the top of the stairs. The stairway, constructed entirely of poured concrete, opens on alternating east and west sides as it ascends to the roof. At the top of the stairs are the remains of the only historic window sash, a twelve-light metal jalousie window with its central opening sash missing. Throughout the interior of the building, the historic sprinkler system is extant, although not believed to be functional.

The central tower extends three stories above the roof with a one-story cinderblock stair penthouse and a two-story poured concrete elevator penthouse abutting it to the south. Finally, the elevator room is topped by a large one-story poured concrete water tank, all of which was built during the original construction. The roof has a heavily worn tar and gravel surface. There is a brick, barrel capped chimney in the east central portion of the roof which runs down to the first floor along one of the support columns. The roofline is surrounded by a four-foot concrete parapet wall accented by the aforementioned low, stylized crenellation treatments.

Other than the missing window sash and the deteriorating roofing material, the building is in good condition, retains all of its historic materials and character, and demonstrates strong architectural integrity.

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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.)

- 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1916-1948

Significant Dates

1916; 1948

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Neff & Thompson, architect

R.R. Richardson & Co., Inc., builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of Commerce and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. In the area of Commerce, the property represents one of only two intact large-scale industrial buildings left in the downtown and Atlantic City areas of the Norfolk waterfront, an area which formerly had scores of warehouse and manufacturing buildings. In the area of Architecture, the warehouse is largely intact, in good condition, and retains most of its historic features. The architect and builder were both well-known, accomplished, long-standing regional contributors in their fields. The design has subtle features and decorative elements which delineate it from other often nondescript concrete and brick warehouse construction. This warehouse also represents an extraordinarily rare historic resource type on the heavily redeveloped Norfolk waterfront with only one other comparable extant example. The warehouse was used for its intended purpose from its construction in 1916 through the late twentieth century, providing secure storage for a variety of goods ranging from tobacco to furniture to grocery products. The period of significance begins with the warehouse's construction in 1916 and ends in 1948 when it was converted from the Sears, Roebuck & Co. warehouse to the E.F. Drews & Co., Inc.--Wholesale Chemists storage facility. At this time the original window sash were removed.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Criterion A – Commerce

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of Commerce for its long-time association with Norfolk's industrial waterfront. The focal point for much of the new industrial development in Norfolk during the early twentieth century was Atlantic City. This area of Norfolk was originally a small, independent village with mostly single-family houses and churches, but in 1872 it was linked to Norfolk with the construction of two bridges. One of these bridges was at the northern end of Atlantic City at Botetourt Street, while the other, an iron bridge which stood in place for decades, was at the southern edge and crossed directly from York Street to Front Street at the intersection encompassing the eventual site of the Security Storage warehouse. As Atlantic City grew it was eventually annexed by Norfolk in 1890.¹ The Norfolk City Railroad Company opened a line to Atlantic City in 1893 which enhanced the ability to move workers and goods easily.²

The facilitation of industry was also the eventual downfall of much of the residential character of the southern, waterfront portion of Atlantic City. Beginning around the turn of the century, cotton industry leaders decided to concentrate their storage facilities and Cotton Exchange in one place and chose Atlantic City because of available land and the proximity to the Elizabeth River. The Norfolk Warehouse Association led the effort by purchasing eight acres of property on the water and building numerous fireproof warehouses, followed eventually by the Security Storage & Safe

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Deposit Co. complex with its five warehouses. Called the "city of cotton," this swatch of warehouses was considered the most compact cotton storage area in the country and the new Cotton Exchange was built across Front Street facing the warehouses.³

The earliest Sanborn map of Atlantic City (1887) shows only the Norfolk Knitting and Cotton Manufacturing Company and the Carman Lumber Company, with the rest of the village devoted to residential development. By 1928, the first Sanborn map showing the completed Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company warehouse also reveals many of the residential streets now had industrial development and this process would continue steadily into the 1950s, though a limited number of residential resources remained.⁴

The warehouse, located at 517-23 Front Street in Norfolk, Virginia, was constructed in 1916. Permits for the pilings were issued August 30 and for the building itself on October 31. Several articles in the *Virginian-Pilot* local newspaper announced the construction, calling it the largest permit for the month of October at \$60,000⁵ and the warehouse is listed as one of the largest items in the category of "piers, terminals, warehouses, factories..." for 1916.⁶ This category of permit was the largest category at that time, demonstrating the rapid growth in the port and supporting industrial base. The Security Storage Warehouse was described as being fireproof, reinforced concrete, measuring 81 feet by 181 feet and costing \$75,000-\$100,000 with Neff & Thompson being the architects. For the purpose of "general storage and light manufacturing," it featured steel sash; rolling steel doors; elevators; chutes; and a sprinkler system.⁷

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company, Inc., was first listed at the Front Street address in 1916 with Arthur P. Jones as President, Clarence Aiken Aspinwall as Vice-president, W.B. Jones as Secretary, and David F. Watt as Treasurer. Aspinwall also served at one time as a director and a member of the executive committee for the American Warehousemen's Association. A.P. Jones also served in the leadership of this organization. Before leading the Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co. Inc. in Norfolk, Aspinwall represented the Security Storage Co. in Washington, D.C.⁸ Aspinwall was also clearly a leader in the field of cold storage, as demonstrated by his presentation of a paper entitled "Cold Storage for Household and Personal Effects" at the twenty-first annual American Warehousemen's Association convention in Chicago in December 1911. The dozens of articles covering numerous cold storage topics at this convention is evidence of a rapidly expanding industry still in its early development in regards to the best methods and technologies.⁹

Sources during the 1910s described the Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company's complex at Front Street in Norfolk, Virginia, as covering nearly seven acres on the waterfront of the Elizabeth River at the western end of the York Street Bridge. The company listed three modern concrete warehouses and two brick and reinforced concrete warehouses totaling 280,000 square feet of floor space. These buildings were assembled over several years; some constructed by Security Storage and some purchased from other companies. There was a rail connection with the Atlantic City Branch of the Norfolk & Western Railroad and a dock for barge deliveries including 1,000 feet of wharves and aprons. In 1921 the complex was described as "one of the largest concerns of its kind in the South," and additionally called "perhaps the most important addition to the commercial development of Norfolk in the last decade." In 1925 the complex was declared to be particularly suited for tobacco storage. To promote use of their facility, the company maintained five large

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trucks or moving vans, three with trailers.¹⁰ With its relatively new reinforced concrete method of construction and the sprinkler system, fed by a concrete water tank, this building was accurately marketed as being the safest and most up-to-date storage facility in the city.

Norfolk's heavily industrialized waterfront was redeveloped again through the second half of the twentieth century, this time as a result of deindustrialization. This latter redevelopment process focused on the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods and was led by the City of Norfolk's Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Many residential and commercial buildings were demolished to make way for new development. The second phase of this project focused on Atlantic City, resulting in much of the remaining residential stock and a majority of the commercial buildings being demolished.¹¹ The result was a waterfront with only a few reminders of its industrial past.

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse continued to be used for secure storage of a variety of goods through the twentieth century. While various small tenants are listed periodically for a year or two (and sometimes renting only part of the warehouse), there were several companies listed for longer periods of occupancy. During its first decade of existence the primary tenant was the American Tobacco Company. The 1925 city directory and the 1928 Sanborn map indicate that the property was then leased by Libby, McNeill & Libby, a wholesale grocer. The 1937 city directory lists the Jones Warehouse Company as the occupant. A late 1941 article in *The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch* announces that Sears, Roebuck & Company had leased the warehouse for ten years, but the owner was the Bondholders Warehouse Corporation. It lists the 60,000 square foot property as having direct frontage onto the Norfolk & Western Railroad.¹² The 1951 directory lists E. F. Drews & Company, Inc.—Wholesale Chemists as the tenant. It was in conjunction with this change of occupancy that the original window sash were removed and the openings partially filled, between 1947 and 1948. Later years saw the Colonial Stores and the return of the American Tobacco Company before the M E X Furniture Company is listed in the 1969 city directory. By the 1975 directory the building is listed as vacant and it remained so until the end of the twentieth century. Based upon historic photographs, the partially filled window openings were completely filled in sometime after 1960 before being partially reopened by the current owner within the last decade.¹³

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse today is one of only two remaining and intact examples of early twentieth century industrial architecture along the waterfront in either the Atlantic City section of Norfolk, or the downtown Norfolk waterfront. The other example is the Virginia Ice & Freezing Corporation (DHR #122-5423), which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. Built in 1920, this warehouse was constructed at the height of the seafood industry in early twentieth century Norfolk. Virginia Ice & Freezing Corporation was one of the largest ice and cold storage operations in Norfolk and the warehouse, likely designed by Norfolk architect B. F. Mitchell, was constructed as a cold storage facility. Similar to the Security Storage Warehouse, the Virginia Ice & Freezing warehouse is a Commercial style, flat-roofed building constructed of reinforced concrete, featuring minimal architectural embellishment and large interior open spaces.

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Two other large industrial buildings remain along the Norfolk/Atlantic City waterfront, but neither retains historic architectural integrity. The first is the Boush Cold Storage Warehouse (DHR #122-0206), constructed in 1888. This warehouse was originally part of a beer manufacturing concern, and served alternately as a cold storage or beer facility until a 1976 fire. The greatly altered shell of this warehouse now serves as part of a parking garage and is no longer visible. The second remaining warehouse was part of the five-building complex which made up the Security Storage and Safe Deposit Company. Located at the end of a small peninsula, only a block from the subject property, this resource was constructed in 1920 but converted to the Pier Condominium development in 1988, leaving the historic warehouse encased within the condominium project and obscuring its historic use and association.

Criterion C – Architecture

The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse also is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, both as an intact example of a historic, purpose-built commercial facility that maintained its intended use for much of the twentieth century and as a product of the Neff & Thompson architectural firm. This firm also designed at least one other of the now-lost examples elsewhere in the original complex. A regionally known and prolific firm, Neff & Thompson was active in Virginia from 1902 to 1932. Clarence Amos Neff Sr. (active from 1898 to 1952) was an architect and engineer who began his career in Norfolk in 1898 after obtaining his architecture degree from Columbia University. He also served as president of the Norfolk Federal Savings bank and the Princess Anne Country Club. Thomas P. Thompson (active from 1902 to 1932) was partners with Neff until Thompson became Norfolk's city manager. The two partners designed approximately 600 projects, including many office buildings, personal residences, country clubs, and large scale commercial projects. Some of the most prominent and still existing include the Monticello Arcade (1906-1907, Norfolk; NRHP 1975), the Country Club of Virginia clubhouse in Richmond (1907-09), Maury High School (1909, Norfolk), the Virginia (now Granby) Theater (1915, Norfolk; contributes to Downtown Norfolk Historic District Boundary Increase, NRHP 2001), the Naval Operating Base (1917, Norfolk), and the Seaboard Air Line Railway Building (1926-27, Norfolk; NRHP 2013). Finally, Clarence Neff was the primary architect for the early campus of William and Mary in Norfolk (now Old Dominion University), including the main Education Building and Foreman Field (1935-36). He also designed Granby High School (1939, Norfolk) and Center Theater and Arena Municipal Auditorium (1943, Norfolk). Additionally, a number of prominent commercial buildings still stand, including many in Norfolk.¹⁴ The Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse featured the still relatively new concept of reinforced concrete construction. Neff & Thompson pioneered this construction method in Tidewater utilizing it as early as 1906 in the Monticello Arcade.

Several of the Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company warehouses, including the subject building, were constructed by R.R. Richardson & Co., Inc. The company was established in 1913 and was active for decades in the region. Its numerous projects included the administrative buildings of the World War I-era Naval Operating Base, the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, now the Chrysler Museum (contributes to Ghent Historic District, NRHP 1980), the Newport News Armory, St. Andrew's Church, as well as several schools in the Norfolk area.¹⁵

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Although vacant today, and never an example of high style architecture, the Security Storage Warehouse retains a high level of integrity. The building's physical materials are largely intact but for the original window sash (which are documented in historic photos), which allows the building to convey its integrity of location, workmanship, materials, design, feeling, and association. The property's setting is somewhat compromised due to the massive redevelopment that has taken place along Norfolk's waterfront.

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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 # _____
 recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, VA

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): VDHR File #122-0901

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property .42 acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

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Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 1. Zone: 18 | Easting: 384078 | Northing: 4079480 |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The historic boundary of the Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co. Warehouse is shown on the attached parcel map obtained from the City of Norfolk. The property occupies a lot labeled as Parcel #4 GJKI. The lot is bound by Front Street to the northeast and Rader Street to the southeast and is located at the southwest corner of that intersection. The parcel runs 106'8" along Rader Street and 181'6" along Front Street. A plat is also attached showing the metes and bounds.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary encompasses all of the land currently associated with the resource, all of which was historically part of the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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date: 6/13/2014

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse

City or Vicinity: City of Norfolk

County: NA

State: VA

Photographer: Marcus R Pollard

Date Photographed: 11/4/2013

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photo 01 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0001
(NE Elevation, facing SW)

Photo 02 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0002
(NW Elevation, facing SE)

Photo 03 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0003
(South Elevation, facing North)

Photo 04 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0004
(Main entry, facing South)

Photo 05 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0005
(Water tank and top of elevator/stair tower, facing West)

Photo 06 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0006
(Top of elevator tower, under water tank, facing SW)

Photo 07 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0007
(Interior central tower stairway)

Photo 08 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0008
(Elevator and stair tower entry, facing SW)

Photo 09 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0009
(Typical interior floor, facing SE)

Photo 10 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0010
(Typical ceiling, facing NW)

Photo 11 of 11: VA_Norfolk City_Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse_0011
(Typical window opening, facing NE)

Historic Images

Figure 1. Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse (center of picture), ca. 1923.

Figure 2. Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse (center background of picture to right of water tower), ca. 1939.

Security Storage & Safe Deposit Co Warehouse
Name of Property

Norfolk, VA
County and State

Figure 3. Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse (left side of picture), ca. 1945.

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Name of Property
City of Norfolk, VA
County and State
N/A
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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Company Warehouse

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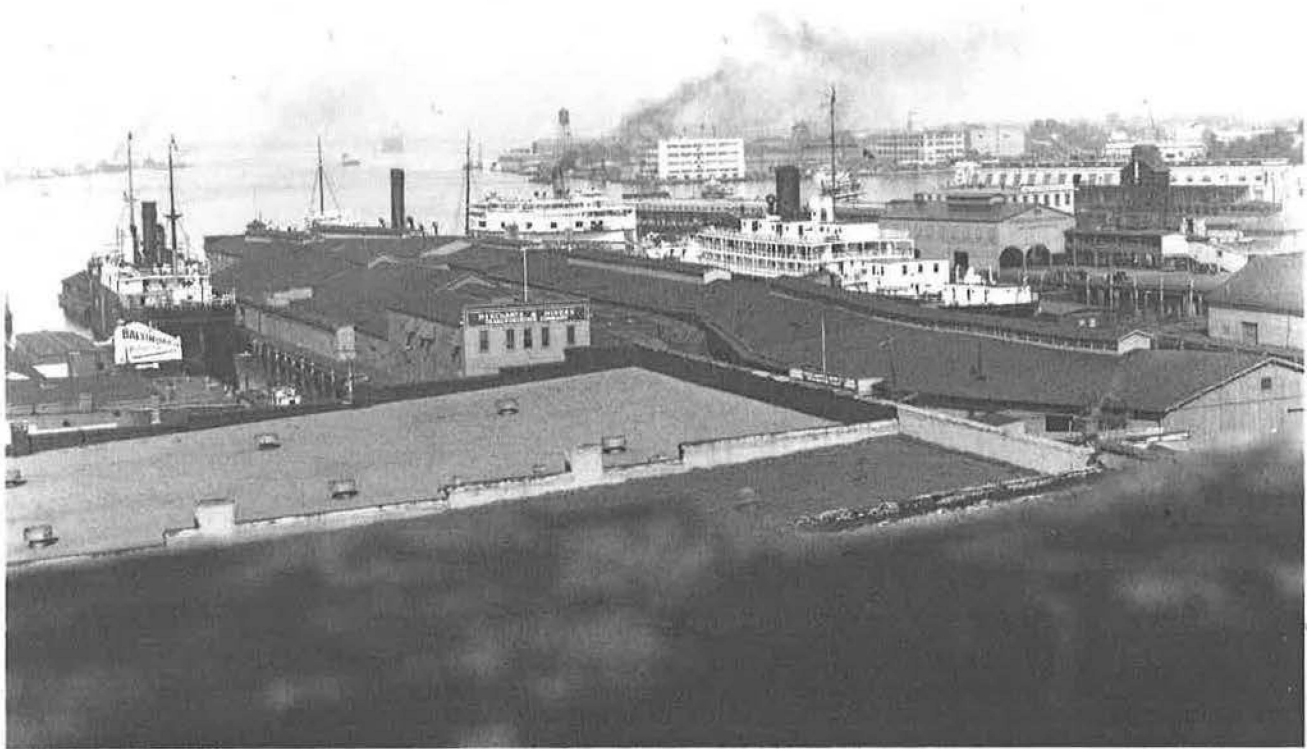


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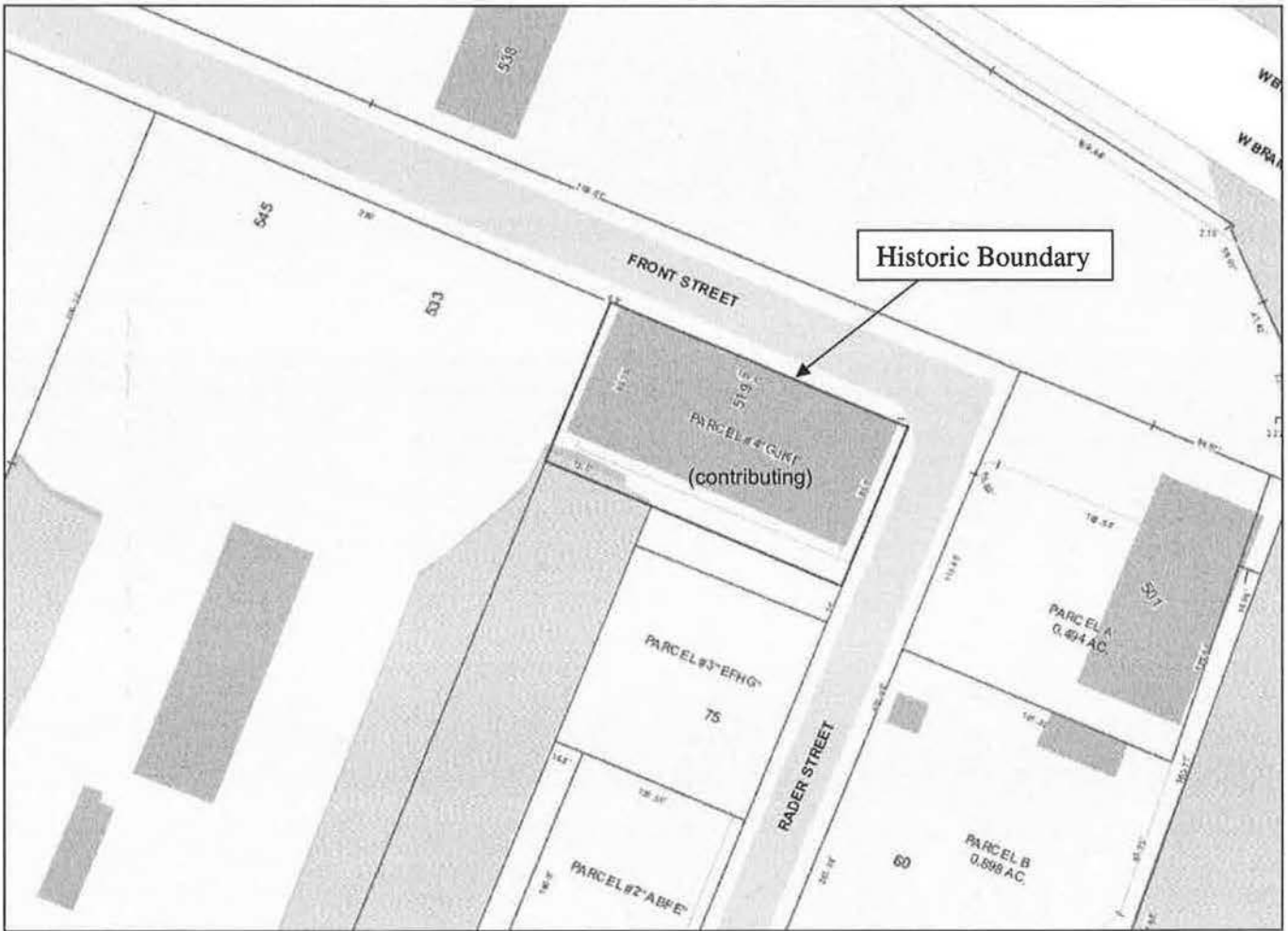
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Figure 3. Security Storage & Safe Deposit Company Warehouse (left side of picture), ca. 1945.

Tax Parcel Map
Security Storage and Safe Deposit Company Warehouse
City of Norfolk, Virginia
DHR #122-0901
Parcel #4 GJKI



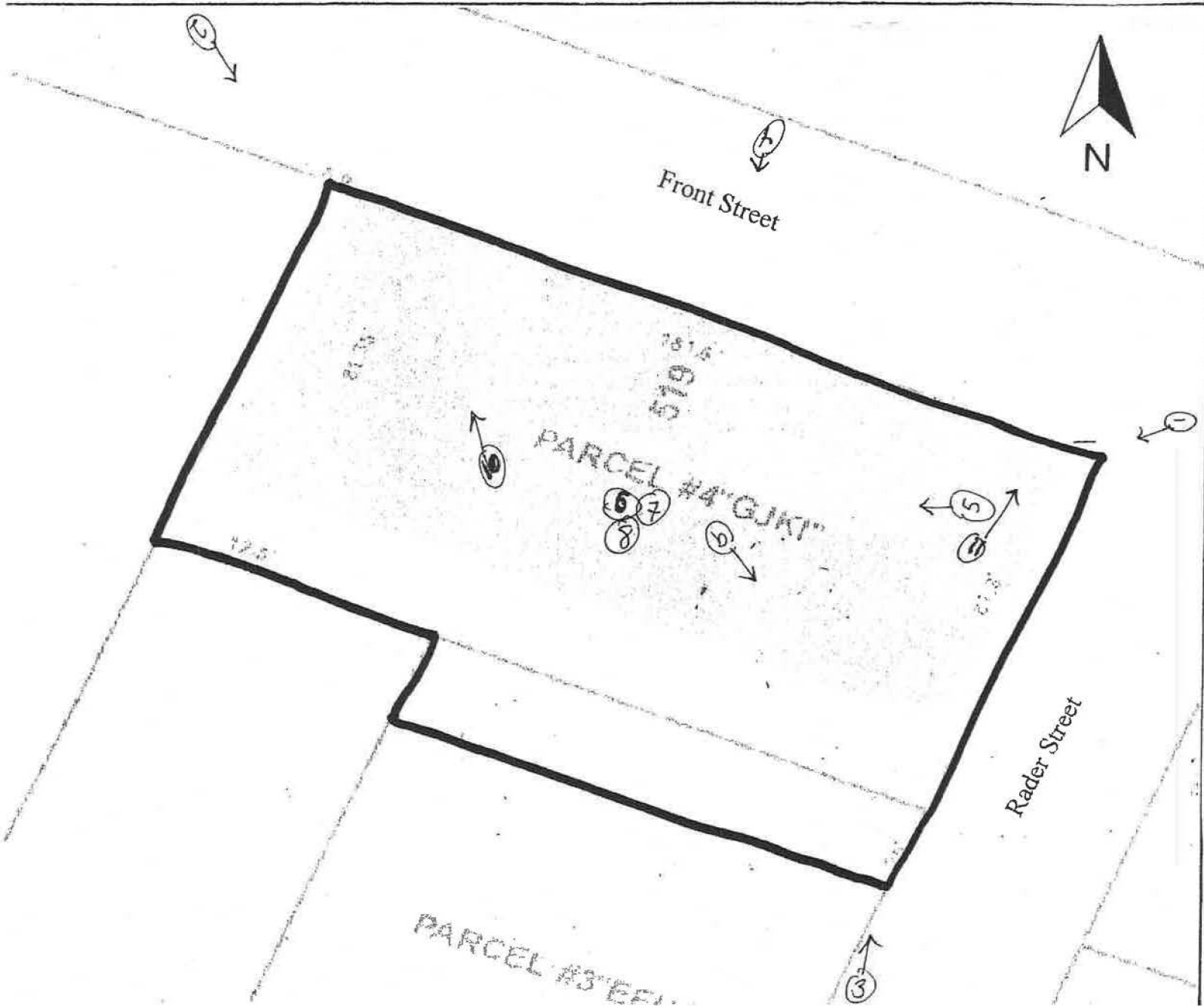
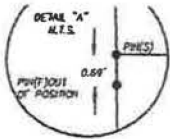
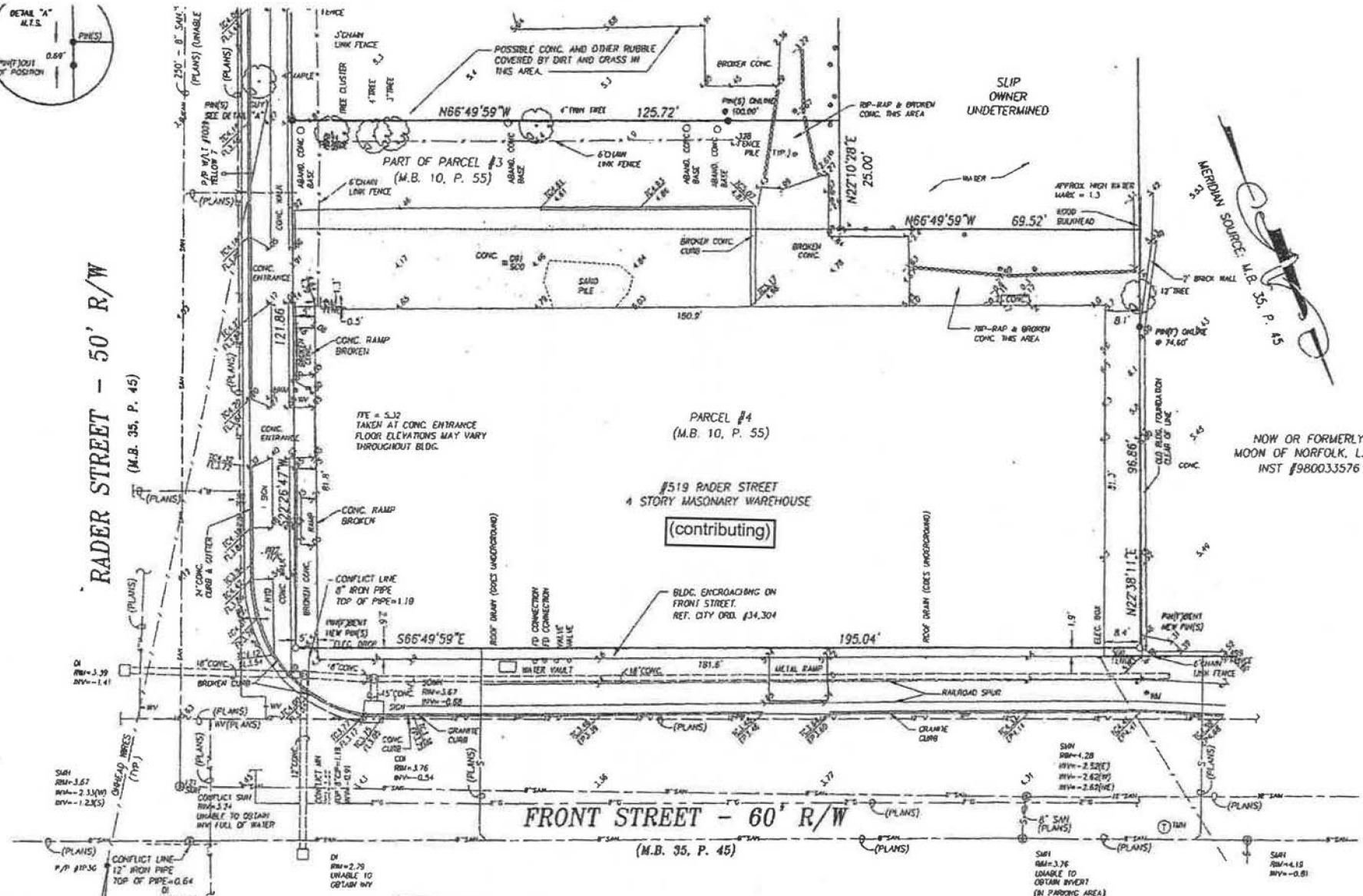


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City of Norfolk, VA
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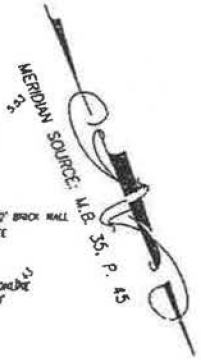


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City of Norfolk, VA
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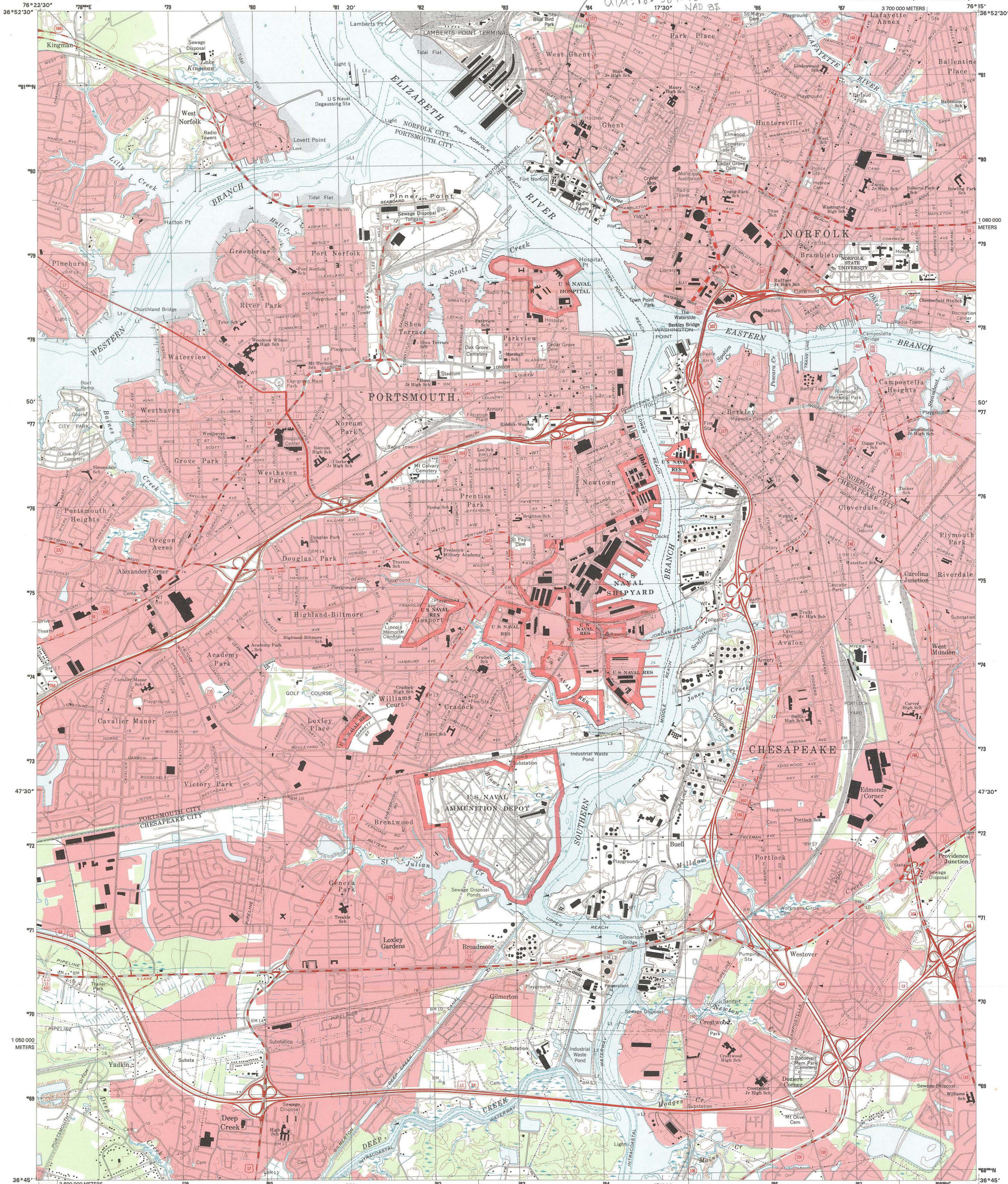
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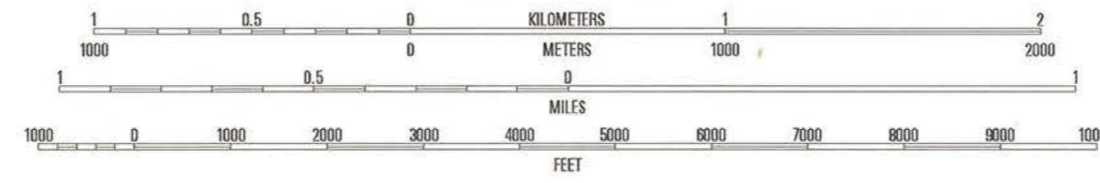
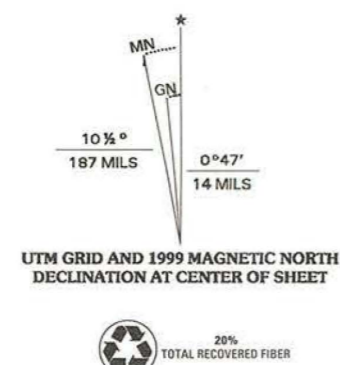
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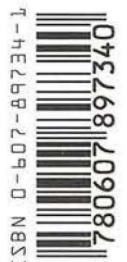
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Security Storage and Safe Deposit Company Warehouse
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: VIRGINIA, Norfolk

DATE RECEIVED: 10/03/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/03/14
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/18/14 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/19/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14000948

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11/19/2014 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Historically and architecturally significant early 20th century
concrete, fireproof warehouse - rare surviving example in the city.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A&C

REVIEWER Patricia Andrus DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 11/19/2014

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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RE: Security Storage and Safe Deposit Company Warehouse, City of Norfolk, and Murray Hill, Loudoun County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed nominations, referenced above, are being submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations have been considered, and approved, by the State Review Board and the SHPO has recommended them for listing. Any letters of comment or objection have been copied at the end of the nomination material, along with any FPO notification letters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is 804-482-6439.

Sincerely,

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