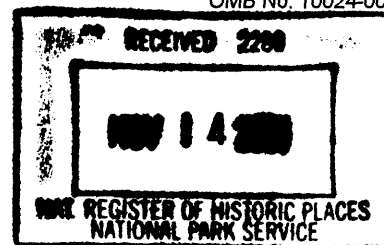


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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

1. Name of Property

historic name Mount Washington Mill Historic District (Boundary Increase)

other name/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 1405-1407 Forge Avenue ☐ not for publication

city or town Baltimore ☐ vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Baltimore City code 510 zip code 21209

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

  
Signature of certifying official/Title

11-9-01  
Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

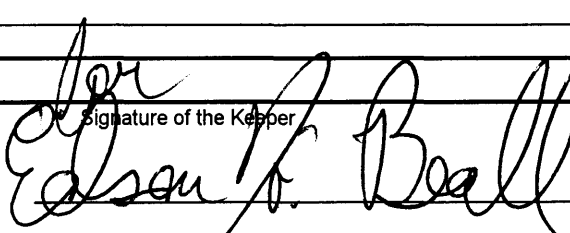
☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.

☐ removed from the National  
Register.

☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

12/28/01

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Name of Property

Baltimore (Independent City), Maryland  
County and State

## 5. Classification

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

- ☒ public-local  
☒ private  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

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

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

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

N/A

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

5

## 6. Function or Use

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Multiple Dwelling

**Current Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade/Business

## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Other: workers' duplex

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof metal - tin

other  

**Narrative Description**

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

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## 8. Description

### Applicable National Register Criteria

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

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

- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

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

### Narrative Statement of Significance

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

### Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

### Period of Significance

1835-1923

### Significant Dates

c. 1835, 1923

### Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder

Unknown

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

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

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

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by HABS # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by HAER # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Register ☐ University
- ☐ Other: Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

### UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 18 357790 4358710  
Zone Easting Northing

2  
Zone Easting Northing

3  
Zone Easting Northing

4  
Zone Easting Northing

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

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

### Boundary Justification

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

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Fred B. Shoken  
organization \_\_\_\_\_ date July 15, 2000  
street & number 1707 Park Avenue telephone (410) 669-5669  
city or town Baltimore state Md. zip code 21217

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

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

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

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

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

## Property Owner

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

name/title Washingtonville Limited Partnership c/o Himmelrich Associates  
street & number 200 Mt. Washington Mill, 1340 Smith Avenue telephone (410) 779-1234  
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21209

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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## **Description Summary**

This documentation was prepared to increase the boundaries of the Mount Washington Mill Historic District in order to take in a mill workers' duplex residence that was not included in the original nomination. The ca. 1835 brick duplex at 1405-1407 Forge Avenue in northern Baltimore, Maryland, stands adjacent to the Mount Washington Mill (listed in the National Register in 1990). It is the only surviving building of a group of some forty duplexes and row houses which were constructed ca. 1835 to accommodate workers at the Mount Washington Mill. The other houses of this group were razed in 1958 to allow for construction of the Jones Falls Expressway. This pair of brick houses are two bays wide and two stories high with a front porch. Small grass plots and asphalt parking areas surround the houses. The houses feature six over six wood windows, aterne metal roof, decorative woodwork at the front roofline and side and rear porches. This property lies within a flood plain and residential use is no longer permitted, therefore the buildings are being converted for office and retail use. 1405-1407 Forge Avenue is a contributing resource to the Mount Washington Mill Historic District. The exterior retains the original residential character of the buildings reflecting their historical role as the only surviving workers' dwellings associated with the early phase of the mill's development.

## **Description**

The front, north elevation of 1405-1407 Forge Avenue faces a parking lot and a renovated twentieth century industrial structure now used for medical offices and a retail store. The duplex is two stories high with a gabled roof perpendicular to the street. A concrete path leads from the street past a small grass plot to a front porch that spans both houses. The porch is at ground level with a concrete floor, decorative mid-twentieth century iron supports and a wood roof covered in asphalt shingles. The original entrance doors to each house are grouped adjacent to the dividing wall and are flanked by six over six wood windows. The doors which are not original are surmounted by transoms. Above the doorway at 1407 Forge Avenue are metal numerals displaying "30" referring to the old address designation of the property – 30 Hooper Avenue. Over the porch, each house has two, six over six windows with wood sill and simple brick lintels. The major decorative feature on the front façade is the decorative woodwork at the roofline.

The side of each house (the eastern and western elevations) feature blank brick walls at the northern end. The southern end is punctuated by four, six over six wood windows on the second floor level and a door plus three windows on the first floor. The doors are set into the third bay from the southern wall of the building. A wood sign displaying "Framin' Place" is located on the side of 1407 Forge Avenue. The side elevation of 1405 Forge Avenue includes a side porch similar to the front porch. Three steps above ground level, it has a wood floor and lattice below the floor level. It spans three bays along the eastern elevation.

The rear of 1407 Forge Avenue displays a secondary sign at the second floor level. A rear porch has been enclosed and is faced in wood siding. An air conditioner unit has been installed over the porch. The rear of 1405 Forge Avenue retains a porch, similar to the others on the side and front. The windowless elevation has a single rear entrance door along the porch.

Since these properties are located within a flood plain, residential use is no longer permitted. Adaptation to new uses has necessitated interior alterations to the structures. In 1405 Forge Avenue, steel support beams have been installed to support the second floor. Interior walls and the stairway leading to the second floor have been removed. The second floor is now accessible by the front entrance stairway in 1407 Forge Avenue. The second floor of both houses have been connected with the creation of large openings in the brick dividing wall between the buildings. The second floor ceiling has been removed leaving the joists open to the roof structure above. Walls are of exposed brick, plaster and cinder block where repairs were necessary. The side entrance of 1407 Forge Avenue leads to the first floor commercial shop. The commercial space features a front show room, work room with drop ceiling, and a storage space within the former rear porch. A crawl space basement area is not accessible.

In spite of the alterations to the interiors of these houses, the exterior retains a relatively unaltered residential appearance of the only surviving workers' housing directly associated with the early development of Mount Washington Mill.

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## **8. Statement of Significance**

1405-1407 Forge Avenue contributes to the historic character of the Mount Washington Mill Historic District under National Register Criterion A for its association with the industrial development of Baltimore's Jones Falls Valley.

## **Resource History and Historic Context**

The Mount Washington Mill, originally known as the Washington Cotton Factory, was started in 1808, after President Thomas Jefferson enacted a trade embargo for imported manufactured textile goods. In order to accommodate employees for this business venture, a complex of workers' housing was developed adjacent to the mill ca. 1835. It consisted of approximately forty brick houses, both duplexes and rows. The houses stretched along Forge Avenue from the mill complex to the former Northern Central railroad tracks. The complex shows up in several atlases dating from 1877, 1916 and 1928, and a Baltimore Sun photograph from 1941 shows several brick duplexes and row houses on Forge Avenue.

This mill housing complex was one of several that developed in the Jones Falls Valley in the first half of the nineteenth century. Located at a distance from what was then the urban center of Baltimore to take advantage of water power, mill owners could not draw upon the large labor pool available within the city. Instead, many undertook the construction of workers' houses. This not only provided a convenient source of labor, but mill owners derived income from renting housing to the workers and selling them goods in company stores.

When the Mount Washington Mill was sold in 1923 and converted to the Maryland Bolt and Nut Company, the mill housing was sold off to individuals. In 1958, all the houses in the group were razed for the construction of the Jones Falls Expressway, except for 1405-1407 Forge Avenue which were the closest houses to the former mill. The City of Baltimore purchased 1407 Forge Avenue in 1984 in effort to reduce the number of residences in the flood plain. In 1999, Washingtonville Limited Partnership purchased 1405 Forge Avenue, the last residence of the former mill village. With the purchase of this property and a long-term lease with the City for 1407 Forge Avenue, a single entity controls both the Mount Washington Mill and the surviving workers' duplex for the first time since 1923.

When the Mount Washington Mill was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1990, 1405-1407 Forge Avenue was not included within the district nomination because the two halves of the duplex were on separate parcels of land which were not controlled by the owners of the mill. However, this duplex is integral to the historic character of the Mount Washington Mill. It was originally built by the mill owners, and was occupied by mill workers. It stands directly adjacent to the mill property.

## **10. Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property is described among the records of the City of Baltimore, Department of Public Works, Property Location Section as Lots 3, 4, and 5/7 in Block 4660, Section 15, Ward 27.

## **Boundary Justification**

The nominated property comprises the area historically associated with the resource.