

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: F-1
(Colgate-Palmolive Company Jersey City Plant: F-1)
64 Hudson Street
Jersey City
Hudson County
New Jersey

HAER No. NJ-71-KK

HAER
NJ
9-JERCI,
18KK-

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
Northeast Field Area
Chesapeake/Allegheny System Support Office
National Park Service
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

HAER
NJ
9-JERC,
18KK-

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: F-1
(Colgate-Palmolive Company Jersey City Plant: F-1)

HAER No. NJ-71-KK

- Location:** 64 Hudson Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey
- Significance:** F-1 served as the principal finished products storage facility at the Colgate Jersey City plant from 1954 to 1988. Although not an individually significant structure, F-1 was significant as a component of the Colgate plant.
- Description:** F-1 was a two-block-long, four-story, pile-supported, concrete-block-and-structural-steel building, occupying a 465-foot-long site between Essex and Morris streets. The warehouse was 218 feet wide at the south end, 174 feet wide at the north end, and 87 feet high, encompassing 368,000 square feet. Devoid of ornamentation, F-1 was finished in glazed yellow brick set in a common bond, with random windows and louvers throughout. The longest, Hudson Street facade had eighteen recessed truck bays and one pedestrian door. The Sussex Street facade had two canopied truck bays and one pedestrian door, and a recessed horizontal strip of windows at the second floor level showing the structural concrete column. This strip was infilled with glass block. Two elevated conveyors brought finished products to the north and northwest sides of the upper F-1 floor from B-, C-, D-, and C-blocks. Most of the F-1 interior was open, concrete storage space, with systems for conveying and automatic palletizing. The first floor contained an mezzanine for offices, locker rooms, and lavatories along the north and west walls of the building. Glazed tile was used for the wall surfaces in the locker rooms and lavatories.
- History:** F-1 was constructed in 1953-54 for the purpose of receiving, storing and shipping finished merchandise. Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc. of Detroit, Michigan designed the vast warehouse. Although the architectural design firm was founded by one of America's most important industrial architects, the firm was by then no longer directly associated with Albert Kahn, who died in 1942. George A. Fuller Company was the general contractor. The Austin Company installed conveyor systems, and the Lamson Corporation installed automatic palletizing systems. F-1 was demolished in 1990.
- Sources:**
- Colgate-Palmolive Company
n.d. Facts on New Soap Warehouse. 1 p. Copy on file, Jersey City Public Library vertical files.

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: F-1
(Colgate-Palmolive Company Jersey City Plant: F-1)
HAER No. NJ-71-KK (Page 2)

Other sources on F-1 consulted for this documentation include a set of 88 1953-54 construction photographs held by the Colgate-Palmolive Company, labelled EP-10040-B, and an incomplete set of design drawings included in the company's Jersey City plant drawing collection. Albert Kahn Associates--the firm's current name--has a complete set of drawings for Job No. 1960-N at its offices in the New Center Building, Detroit, MI 48202.

Historians: Michael S. Raber
Raber Associates
81 Dayton Road
South Glastonbury, CT 06073

Ulana D. Zakalak
Zakalak Associates
57 Cayuga Avenue
Oceanport, NJ 07757

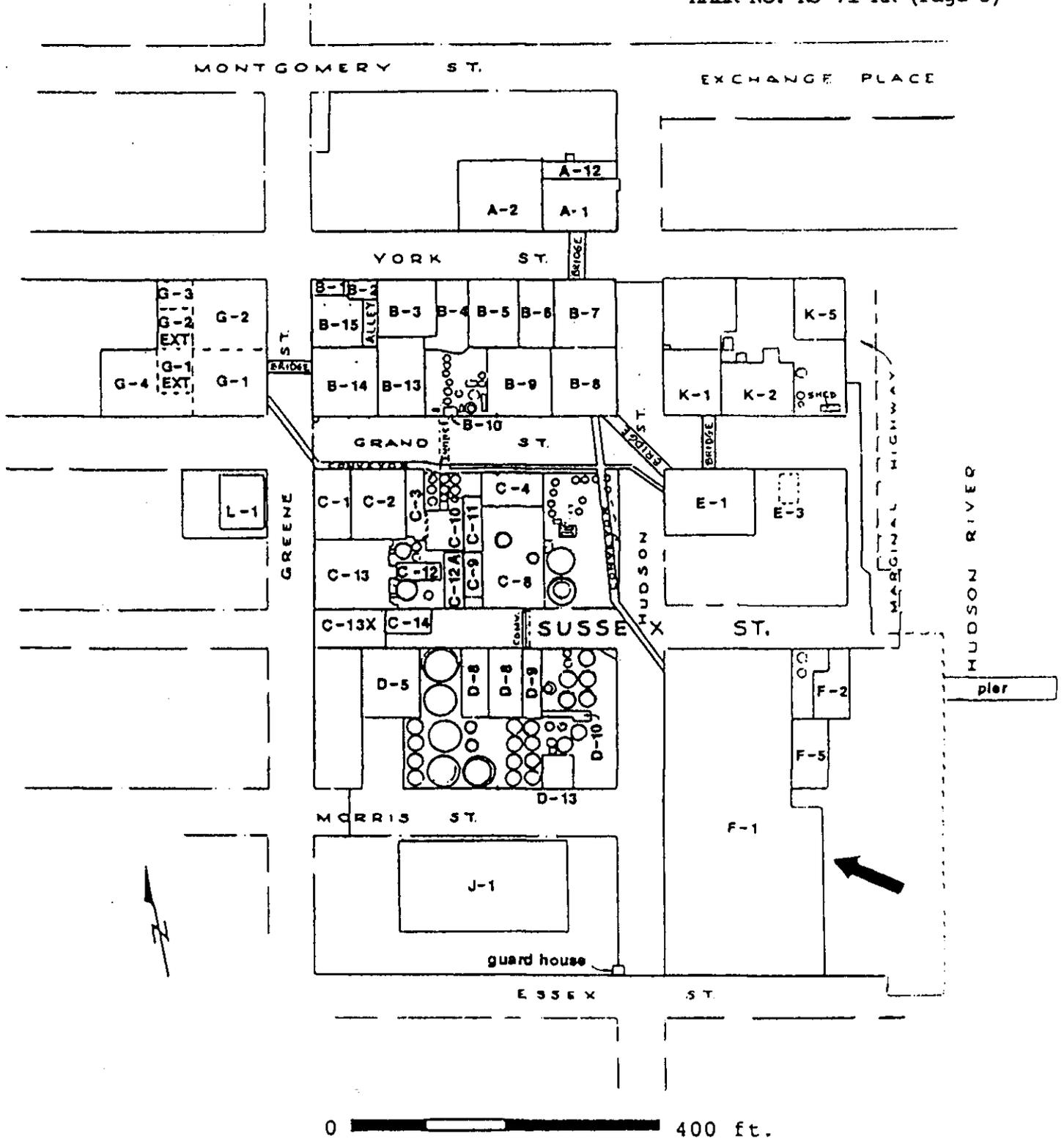


Figure 1. LOCATION OF F-1 AT COLGATE JERSEY CITY PLANT

N

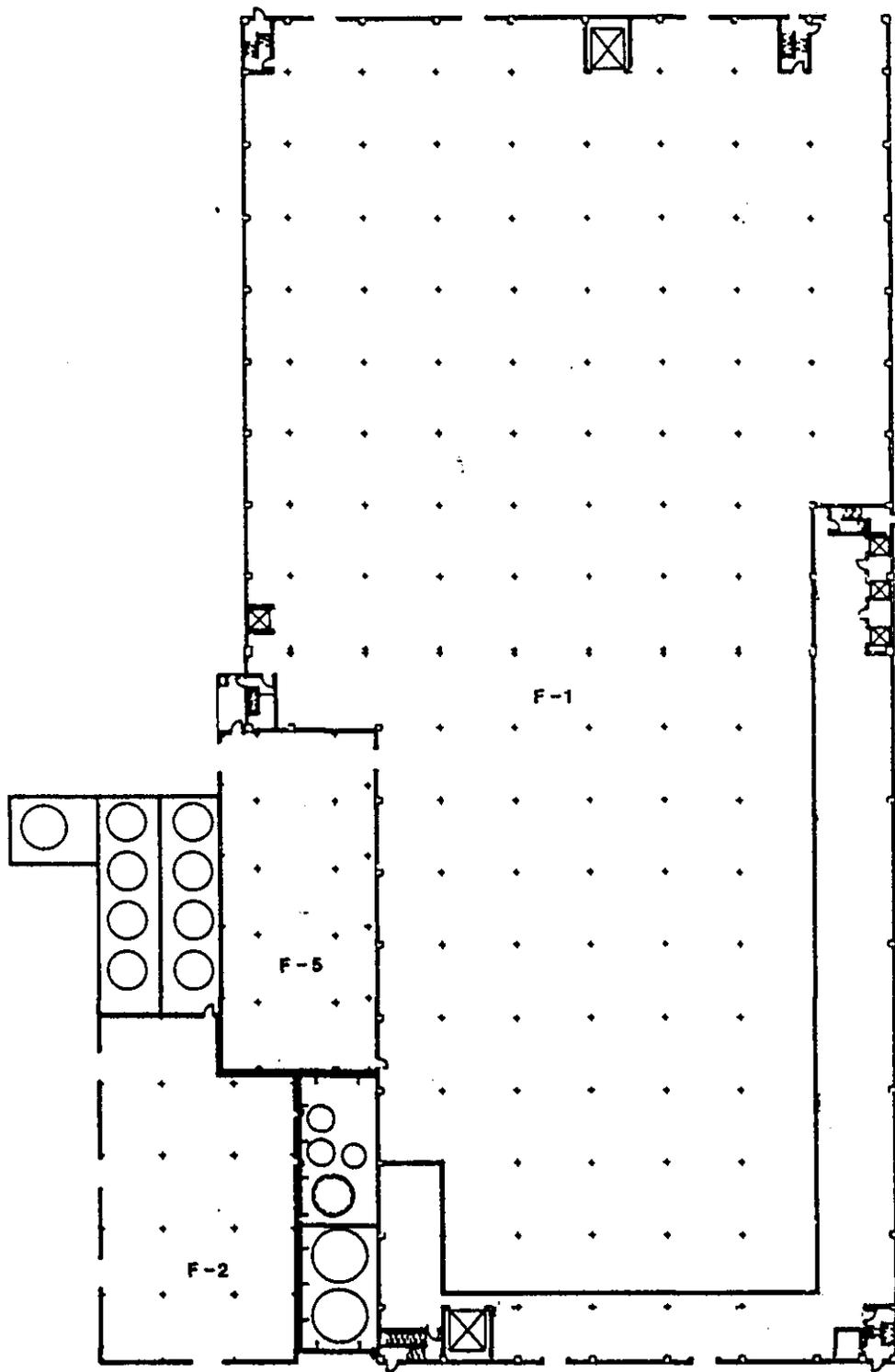


Figure 2. F-BLOCK PLAN AT F-1 MEZZANINE LEVEL
Scale: 1" = 60'