

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: D-9
(Colgate-Palmolive Company, Jersey City Plant: D-9)
35 Sussex Street
Jersey City
Hudson County
New Jersey

HAER No. NJ-71-FF

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- Location: 35 Sussex Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey
- Significance: D-9 served as an oil refining plant from c1915-86, part of a multi-structure refining and bleaching complex on Sussex Street which by 1942 included buildings D-6 and D-8 (HAER Nos. NJ-71-DD and NJ-71-EE). Although not an individually significant structure, D-9 was significant as a component of the Colgate plant.
- Description: D-9 is a one-and-three-story-plus-basement, flat-roofed, wood-framed, brick-bearing structure laid in common bond, with limited vernacular/ Italianate influences. The southern 40 feet of the 25-by-100-foot structure is one story. On the four-story Sussex Street facade, the roofline is ornamented with a wooden cornice, decorated with scrolled wood brackets between which the frieze is decorated with panels. The center of the cornice has a pulley system that at one time must have related to storage on the third floor, where the center bay was once a door. The facade has been severely altered. The ground floor bays have been infilled with brick except for the westernmost bay which is a wooden pedestrian door with a transom. Evidence of segmentally arched basement openings still exists in the northeast corner. The second floor has 2/2 wood-frame double-hung windows, set into simple wooden surrounds with bluestone lintels and sills. The third floor consists of (east to west) a boarded-up window, a brick infilled door, a smaller replacement window, and an infilled brick window with attached pipe bridge from the power house in C-Block (HAER NO. NJ-71-T; see HAER No. NJ-71, D-6 (RIGHT), D-8 (CENTER), AND D-9 (LEFT) NORTH ELEVATIONS).
- Each wooden floor of the structure, framed by 6-by-6-inch wood posts and 4-by-8-inch wood beams, houses large riveted tanks used to refine oils and fats. There is a narrow wooden staircase in the northwest corner (HAER No. NJ-71-CC, Figure 2).
- History: The structure was built c1890-1905 for residential or commercial purposes. Colgate & Company purchased and modified D-9 c1915, probably when it built adjacent D-8 (HAER No. NJ-71-EE). Aside from infill of facade openings, installation of tanks and related piping, and some 1948 reinforcement, there was little known modification of the original structure. D-9 was demolished in 1990 (THIRD FLOOR TO SOUTH, WITH OIL TREATING TANKS).

* Capitalized references are photographs included with this documentation, or with other documentation packages for HAER No. NJ-71 and associated structures.

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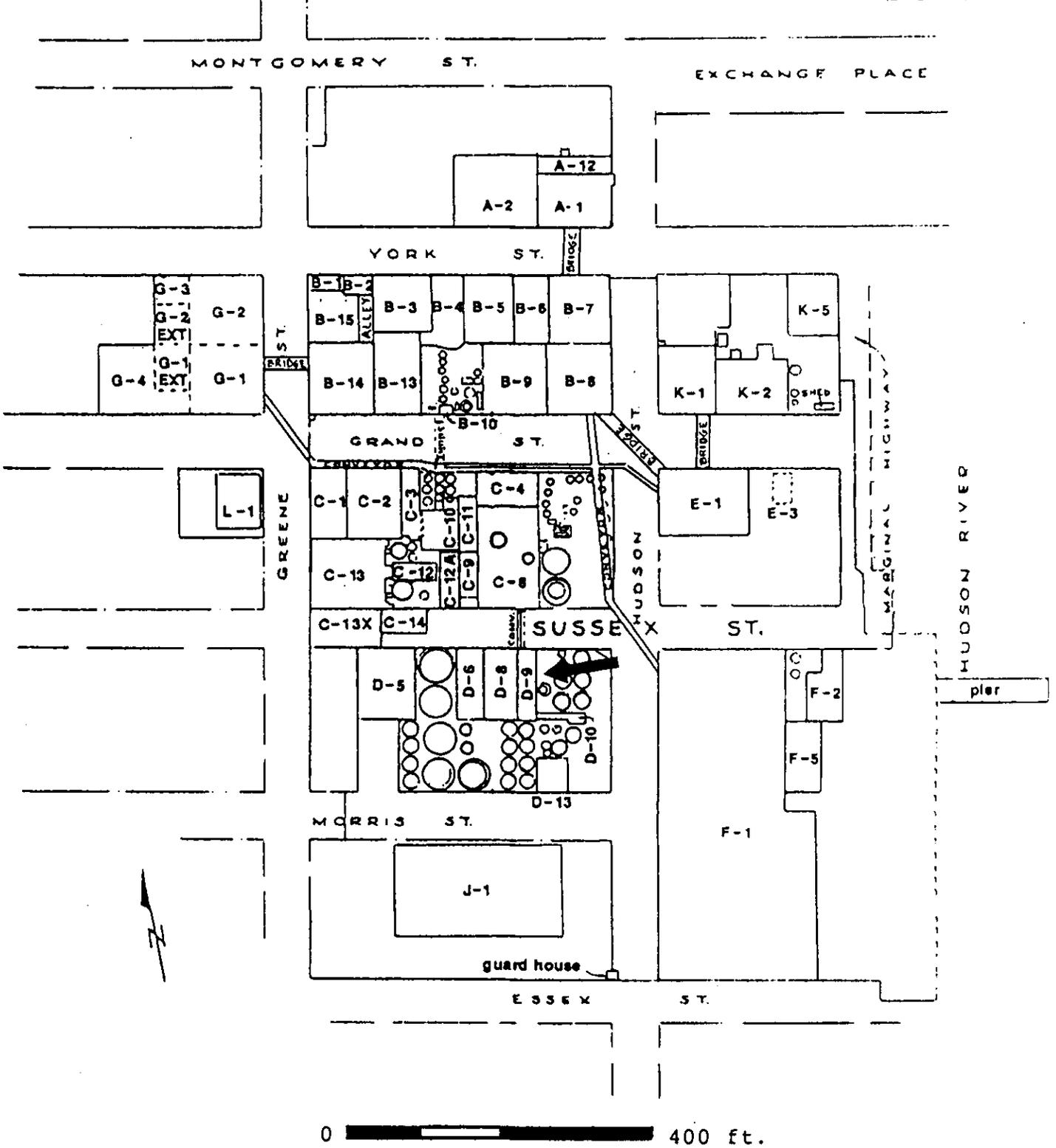


Figure 1. LOCATION OF D-9 AT COLGATE JERSEY CITY PLANT