

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: D-13  
(Colgate-Palmolive Company Jersey City Plant: D-13)  
34 Morris Street  
Jersey City  
Hudson County  
New Jersey

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- Location:** 34 Morris Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey
- Significance:** D-13 served as the principal chemical processing and manufacturing facility at the Jersey City plant c1920-87. Although not an individually significant structure, D-13 was significant as a component of the Colgate plant.
- Description:** D-13 is a 41-by-50-foot, three-story, reinforced-concrete, classicized structure, with two-by-two interior bays and a two-bay facade on Morris Street. The vertical two-part facade composition is achieved by the use of vertical piers ending in a simple cast concrete entablature. The eastern bay is fenestrated with large industrial steel sash multi-pane windows with pivoting panels. The western bay consists of two unequal steel multi-pane sash windows separated by an inset concrete pilaster. Both the separated western windows and the eastern bays have continuous concrete sills and no lintels. The ground floor western bay consists of a paired pedestrian door and truck bay with overhead door, connected by an overhanging canopy and a stair platform; the eastern bay has three basement level louvers, remnants of a former basement. The east side of the structure has an open, one-story, riveted-steel storage platform with a corrugated aluminum roof, and an exterior metal staircase with fire doors (VIEW TO NORTHWEST).
- The D-13 interior has a central octagonal column, concrete slab floors, and a stairway, elevator, and related roof bulkhead in the southwest corner of the building. The first and second floors were used to mix flammable liquids, and had a number of stainless steel tanks. The third floor was equipped to distill and store essential oils, which were stored in building J-1 after 1977 (HAER No. NJ-71-00). In 1987, third-floor equipment included an early 20th-century soap perfume still designed by Colgate & Company personnel (PERFUME STILL TO NORTHEAST, THIRD FLOOR; see HAER NO. NJ-71-CC, Figure 2).
- History:** Colgate & Company built D-13 in 1920, with the original design including a proposed three-bay expansion to the east. The basement was eliminated c1975. D-13 was demolished in 1990.

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\* Capitalized references are to photographs included with this documentation.

Sources:

Plans

All plans and drawings listed below are currently (1991) held by the Colgate-Palmolive Company. For access, researchers should contact the company's Office of Corporate Communications, 300 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Elliot G. Brown, Engineers and Contractors, N. Y. and Truscon Steel Co.  
1920 Kahn System of Reinforced Concrete, Laboratory Building,  
Colgate & Company, Jersey City, N.J. [3 numbered drawings]:  
2. Floors and Roof - Plans and Framing.  
3. Architectural Plan.  
26-8. Plot Plan Showing Location and Character of Buildings  
Adjacent to Proposed Building D-13.

Colgate-Palmolive Company/Colgate-Palmolive Company  
1958 Plot Plan - New Exterior Stairway, Building D-13. Dwg No.  
1007.  
1974 Eliminate Basement. Proposed Alterations to Equipment and  
Piping. Dwg. No. 2-7150.

Hudson Structural Iron Works, Inc., Jersey City, N.J.  
1958 Exterior Stairway, Building D-13/ Colgate-Palmolive Company,  
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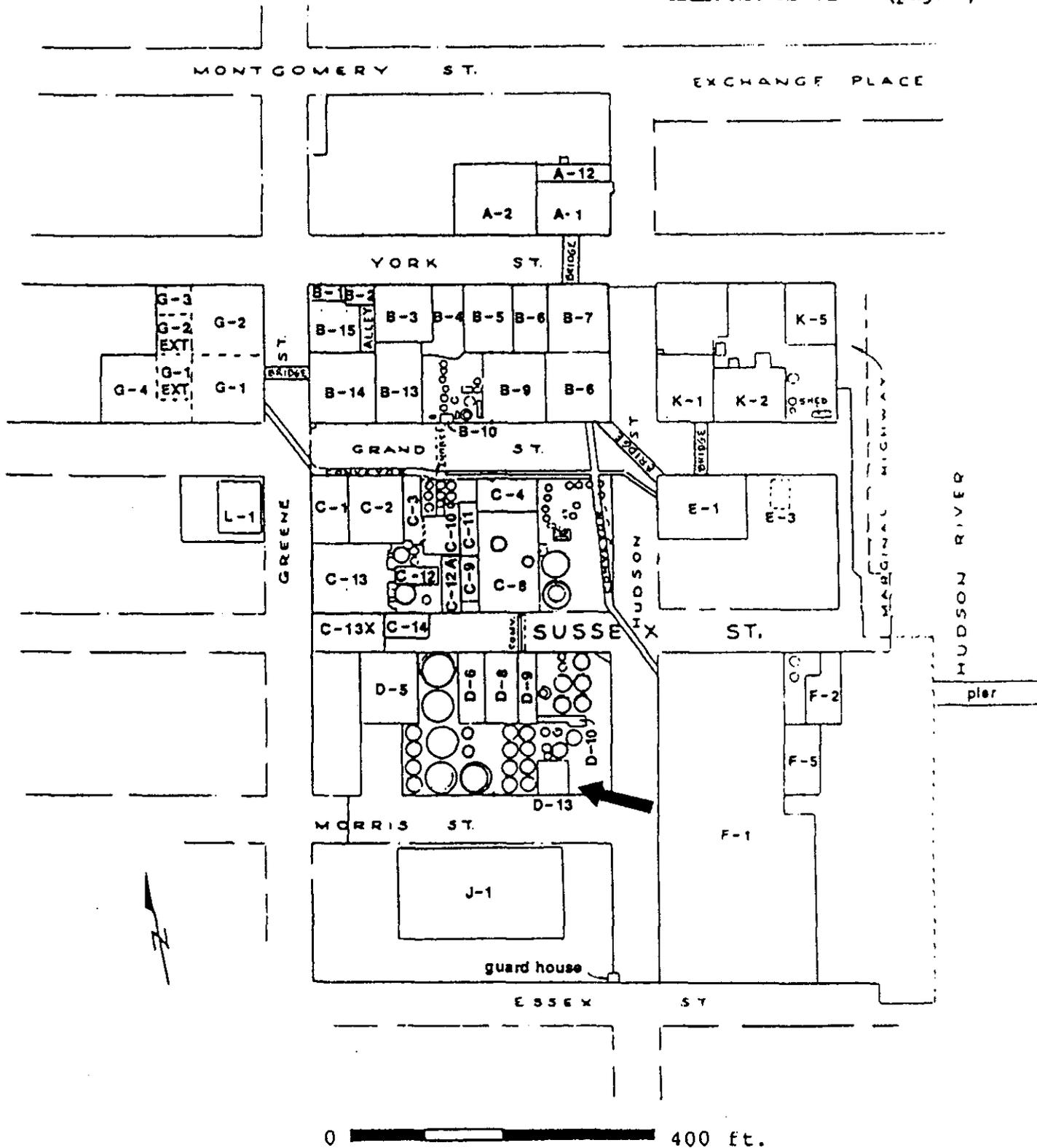


Figure 1. LOCATION OF D-13 AT COLGATE JERSEY CITY PLANT