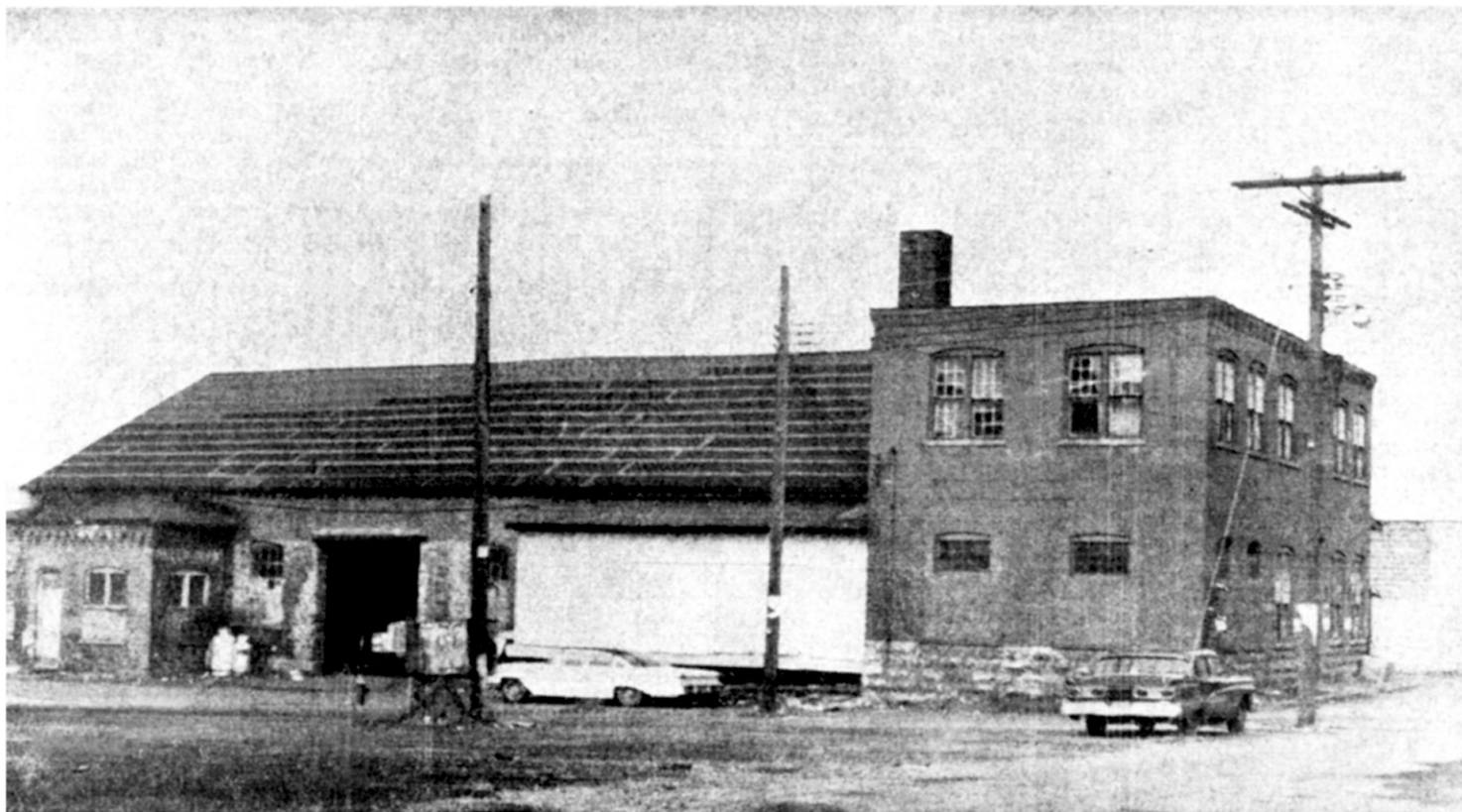


Arterial Scrapbook No. 35



COLLINS BOILER WORKS MANY YEARS - The firm that erected these buildings at the Walnut and Cherry St. intersection dated back to the late 1880's when John H. Collins, who had been making steam boilers, tanks, bridges, iron shutters, and pumps at 28 Washington St., built the older side (left) of this building at what was developed into 22-30 Walnut St. That was about 1892. Andrew B. Collins, son of the founder, was managing the company that in 1915 had diversified with fire escapes and other lines when the steam boiler's popularity

had slumped. In 1918, the Collins made the first ornamental lights for the Mohawk River bridge, a \$1,475 contract. The business was continued to the early 1930's after which the buildings were unoccupied for a few years. By 1940 they were reactivated by location of the Nathan Waste Paper Co. that added a huge yard for waste to the west along Cherry St. The Nathan Co., evicted along with other businesses in the path of the arterial, relocated in the former Grieme Lumber Co. buildings on Erie St. in the Fifth Ward. (Donlon)