

OLD FROSTBURG BREWERY

AL-VII-A-038  
Route 36, Frostburg  
1907-1908

The Old Frostburg Brewery consists of an irregularly shaped rectangular brick structure, which is six bays wide and two stories on the main facade to four stories in the rear of the building. The structure was erected soon after December 31, 1907 by the Frostburg Brewing Company for the sole purpose of an industrial brewery site. Although the original owners operated the brewery for only seven years, due to the deeding of equipment and supplies, it is believed the brewery was in operation through 1935. The structure presently serves as low-cost housing for college students.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VII-A-038

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Brewery

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36,

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

H. Irwin Castleton **Irma Schlosstein**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

26 Spring St.

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 378  
Folio #: 3

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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|                                          |                                       |                                             |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD            | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |                                             |                                                   |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Old Frostburg Brewery is located on the west side of Route 36 in Frostburg, Allegany County.

The Brewery is an irregularly shaped rectangular brick building that is six bays wide and two stories high on the main facade to four stories in the rear of the building. Brick for the building is laid in American Common Bond. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. Windows in the structure are double hung, wooden sash frames with six over one lights and recessed semi-circular arches. Three entrances are located on the main facade. They feature doors with verticle paneling, two transom lights and a semi-circular arch. The Brewery roof is of the flat industrial type. A combination cement and brick belt course runs the perimeter of the building at the roof line. A tower with a parapet gable is located on the east side of the building.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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| PERIOD                                    | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |                                                 |                                                 |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY    | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|                                           |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |                                                 |                                              |

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|----------------|------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | 1907 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
|----------------|------|-------------------|

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Brewery was constructed soon after December 31, 1907 by the Frostburg Brewing Company for the sole purpose of an industrial brewery site. The structure included all features required for the brewing process such as fermenting rooms, refrigerating room, bottling room, boiler room, etc. The Frostburg Brewing Company appears to have operated under the original owners for some seven years until in 1915 the property was deeded to William Gunter, Edward Dufty and Karl Schlosstein by John Miller, et. ux.<sup>1</sup> According to the land records, it is not clear whether the brewery continued to operate. However, in 1934, the tax collector sold the property to Karl E. Schlosstein because of non-payment of taxes, and along with the property he was deeded all equipment and supplies associated with a brewery.<sup>2</sup> Due to the deeding of equipment and supplies it is believed the brewery was still in operation through 1935.

The Old Brewery is presently owned by Irwin Castleton, Louise Hackett and Irma Schlosstein and has been renovated to serve as apartments for local college students.

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1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

2 ibid

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/8/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A-038

378/3

DATE: 11/1/76

Less Than 1 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Brewery

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36, Frostburg

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: west

NAME OF OWNER: H. Irwin Castleton

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4() 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6() 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: rear rectangular addition

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6() 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( <sup>6/1</sup>)  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: west

HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN two transoms + semi-circular arch  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, ~~Flat~~, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:  
Use - Appt.  
Significance - Arch Ind  
Date Constructed - 1907  
Condition - Fair

TITLE SEARCH

Old Brewery

Allegany County Deed; Liber 378, Folio 3  
 grantee: Irwin Castleton, Louise Hackett, Irma Schlosstein  
 grantor: Angel Olivas  
 August 31, 1964  
 (4 tracts of land)

Allegany County Deed; Liber 173, Folio 618  
 grantee: Karl E. Schlosstein  
 grantor: Oscar C. Robeson, Tax Collector  
 July 23, 1935  
 Consideration: \$550.00

(The tax collector sold the property because of non-payment of taxes  
 (building tract) on July 7, 1934.

Personal property deeded to Karl Schlosstein in Frostburg Brewery:

Part 3: 5 pumps, 25 casks, 5 horses - (Frank, Prince, Mack, Deck, Fancy), A 125 HP boiler, 1 beer filter, 1000 cases, 1000 kegs, 1000 gross of bottles, 1 bandelot copper cooler, (3) 2-horse wagons, (4) 1-horse wagons, (2) double sets of harnesses, (1) single set of harnesses, 2 bob sleds, one six foot safe, 1 copy press, 1 gas engine, 1 steam engine, 1 keg filling machine, 14 fermenting tubs, 3 stacks of condensing pipes, 6 office chairs, bottling house contents, harness and stable equipment, (1) 40 ton refrigerating machine, 1 power engine, one topper, one brew kettle, 1 mash machine and tub, Malt and material, 1 conveyor, 1 malt mill, shofting and geering, pulleys and hangers, scales, 1 typewriter, 1 Wales adding machine, pipes, ammonia and condensers, cooperage and fixed cooperage, pumps and pipes, 200 foot of hose, filter mash washer, 1 mash; two with brass spigots, 1 stamps concelor, (1) 40 HP steam engine, 1 desk,

Allegany County Deed; Liber 117, Folio 39  
 grantee: William R. Gunter, Edward Dufty, Karl E. Schlosstein  
 grantor: John P. Miller, et. ux.  
 May 10, 1915

Allegany County Deed; Liber 103, Folio 39

grantee: The Frostburg Brewing Company

grantor: Theodore Meerbach, et. ux.

December 31, 1907

(Part of the parcel for the brewery)

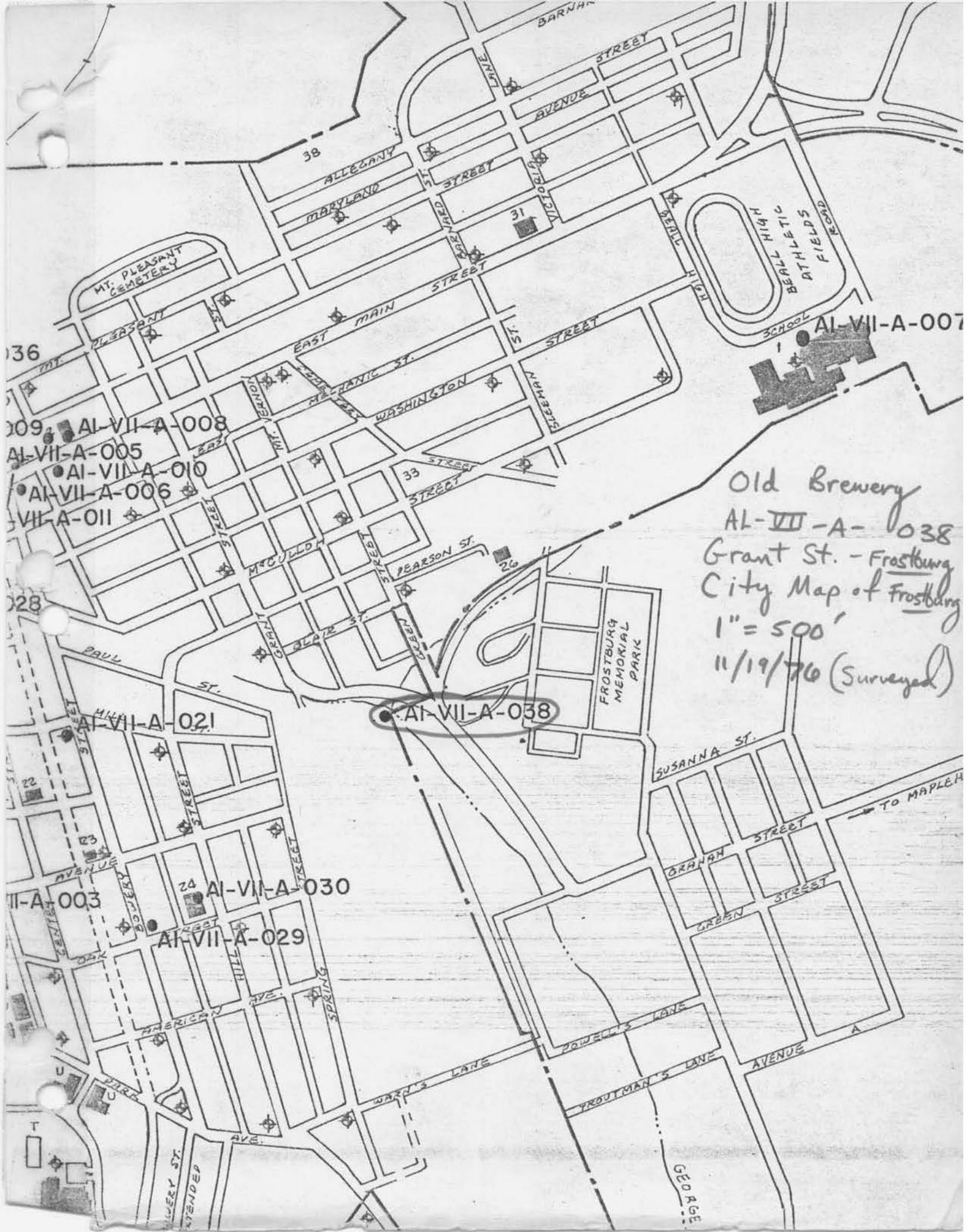
Allegany County Deed; Liber 101, Folio 520

grantee: The Frostburg Brewing Company

grantee: Andrew J. Willison, et. ux.

July 6, 1907

(Part of the parcel for the brewery)



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Grant St. - Frostburg  
City Map of Frostburg  
1" = 500'  
11/19/76 (Surveyed)



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Old Brewery

Rt. 36, Frostburg

John E. Nelson

11/19/76

Southwest



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Old Brewery

Rt. 36, Frostburg

John E. Nelson

11/19/76

North