

Startzman Tannery
Baltimore City, Maryland
B-1068
private, 1860's

Statement of Significance

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Survey No. B-1068

Magi No. 0410685614

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Startzman Tannery

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 227 S. Central Avenue not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name S.H. Landsman and Son

street & number 227 S. Central Avenue telephone no.: 675-4414

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21231

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber RHB 3429

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 427

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

none

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This structure was built during the Civil War as the tannery of A. Startzman, probably to process hides from the slaughterhouses of Jones Town and Butchers Hill. About 1890 it ceased operations as a tannery as the meatpacking industry moved further east. By 1896 it housed the distribution facilities of the Bartholomay Brewing Company.

The structure has several sections functionally arranged and built for the tannery. The southern section is a high one story building which housed the bark room, where natural tannins were extracted from oak and other tree barks. It has an unusual roof structure. A central monitor, now sealed, is supported on heavy timber posts just right of midline. From this row of posts the roof rises to the south where it is supported by the south wall. The result is a very inefficient roof but a high (25 feet) single story space, probably designed for the large vats common in early tanneries.

North of the bark house is the finishing house and hide house. The finishing house is a narrow two-bay, two-story brick structure with a heavily corbelled cornice and segmental arched openings. The hide house to the north is a high one-story with semi-circular arched openings. Hides were brought in and opened on the first floor, a process which created considerable stench from the partly decayed hides. They were then treated in vats with caustic to remove the hair, and cured with tanin in other vats. A small office occupied the northwest corner of the work floor. This was later moved to the second floor of the finishing house.

To the rear of the hide house was an open area which has since been covered with a roof. An exterior wall of another structure comprises the interior east wall of this area. A second building, three stories in height, is now part of the property. It is of later date and lies east of the site, facing Eden Street.

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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1860's **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Startzman Tannery on Central Avenue was built sometime during the Civil War by Abraham Startzman. Prior to this, Startzman had worked at S. Eden Street. Other members of the Startzman family also worked in the hide and leather business: David Startzman was at Lombard and Calvert Streets, and John Startzman was at 54 S. Calvert from the 1860's until the 1890's. (John Startzman was at 107 Mercer in 1900.) These locations were important because of their accessibility to the slaughterhouses of Jones Town. Little else is known about the Startzman business.

In 1883, the tannery building was bought by the Bartholomay Brewing Company of Rochester, New York to use as a bottling plant. The front part was used for offices and bottling, while the rear was used for refrigeration and storage. Next door were large stables for the teams used in delivering the bottled beer. The Pennsylvania Railroad tracks ran right into the yard, providing excellent long distance transportation.

After Bartholomay moved out in the early twentieth century, the building was used for a variety of purposes. It is currently occupied by S.H. Landsman and Sons, dealers in scrap metals.

1. SITE I.D. NO

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HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION manufacture	3. PRIORITY	4. NUMBER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
	5. DATE 1883	6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT OWNER ADMIN
		7. OWNER/ADMIN S. H. Landsman and Son

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Startzman Tannery	9. OWNER'S ADDRESS 227 S. Central Avenue
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10. STATE COUNTY M D	COUNTY NAME	CITY/VICINITY BALTIMORE	CONG. DIST.	STATE COUNTY M D	COUNTY NAME	CITY/VICINITY Baltimore	CONG. DIST.
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11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO) 227 Milford S. Central Avenue	12. EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> NHL <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER-1 <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> CL6 <input type="checkbox"/> CONF <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
	13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW) <input type="checkbox"/> INTERIOR INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> EXTERIOR INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONS INTACT

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15. CONDITION	70 <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	71 <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	72 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	73 <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	74 <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	75 <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	76 <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	82 <input type="checkbox"/> DESTROYED	85 <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLISHED
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16. INVENTORIED BY Leslie Barr	AFFILIATION Balto. Museum of Industry	DATE 9/83
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17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

See attached

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE tannery	PRESENT USE MANUFACTURE scrap metals	ADAPTIVE USE
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19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Englehardt + Balto. Md. Book of Its Board of Trade 1884

(CONT OVER)

20. URBAN AREA 50,000 POP. OR MORE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	21. NPS REGION	22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	23. EDITOR INDEXER
24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	NAME	DISTRICT I.D. NO	

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Baltimore City Md.

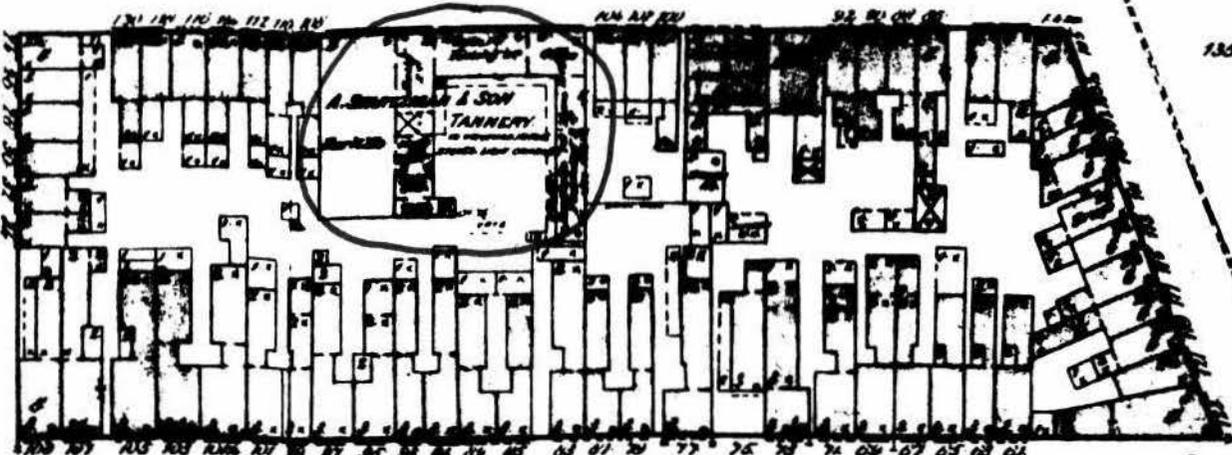
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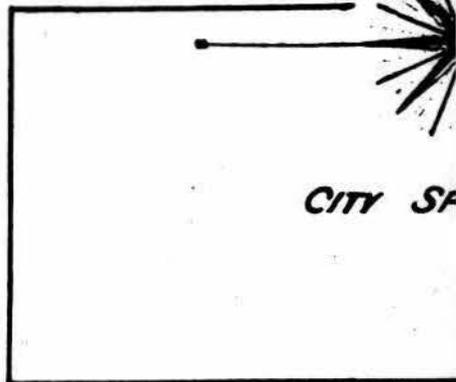
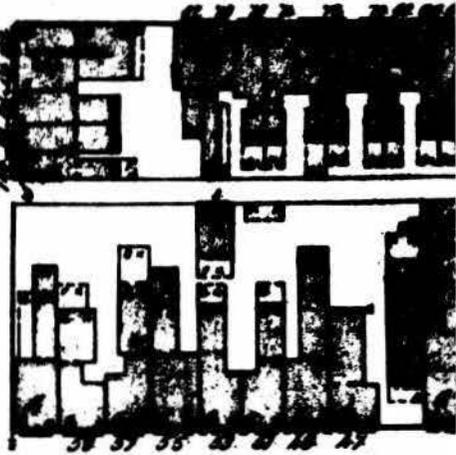
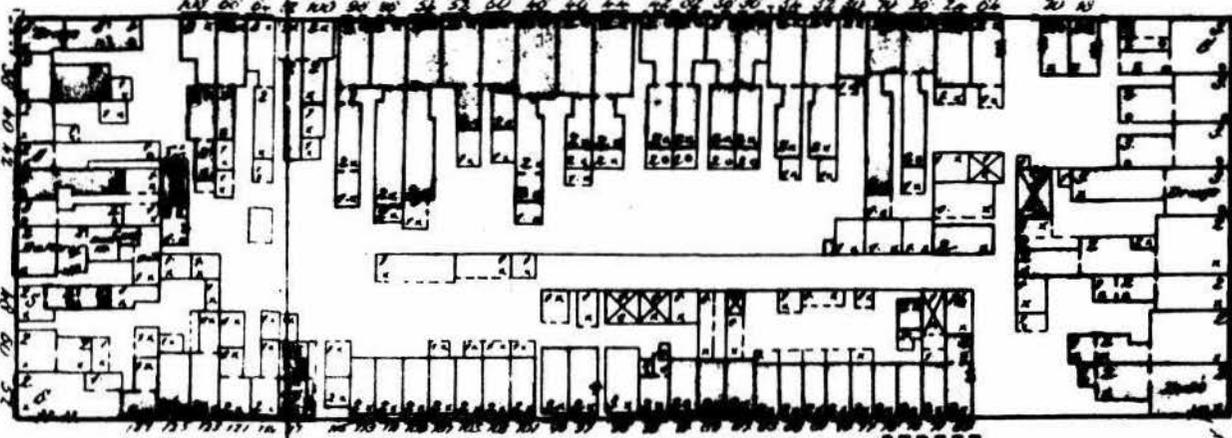
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SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE



SOUTH EDEN STREET



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BALTIMORE CITY, MD
USGS 7.5' BALTO. EAST
18° 6' 20.60" 43° 49' 79.00"

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Block 1416, Lot 021
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

