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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Spring Garden Brewery

AND/OR COMMON Allied Cordage Company

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1510 Ridgely Street (at Worcester)

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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 checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY \***

NAME Harold H. Short (Ridgely Street bldgs.) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Delray Beach, Florida

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #: RHB 2550  
Folio #: 450

STREET & NUMBER Fayette and Calvert Streets

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

\* Buildings not on Ridgely Street  
Irvin H. Hahn Co., Inc. - 1830 Worcester Street - Baltimore, Md.

**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**

At Ridgely and Worcester stands, the John Bauerschmidt residence, a three and 1/2-story, almost cubical brick building built in the early 1870's. It is five bays wide on all sides, has a hipped roof, 4/4 windows, with arched headers (some windows bricked up) and a later pseudo-colonial entrance framing the door on Ridgely Street. It has been painted white. A long two-story brick building is attached to the square building and extends to the south along Ridgely Street. It is 14 bays long, is painted white, and has modern 32/24 crank windows on the second story. Both buildings were used as part of the brewery at least by 1911, the southern building being used as a bottling house.

The residence of John Bauerschmidt and his workers has been remodeled on the ground stories but is in substantially unchanged, though deteriorated, condition on the second and third stories and attic. The upper stories are divided into bedrooms and other rooms, some with decorative mantels and ceiling designs. New plaster and an electrical system have been applied recently. Arcom, Inc., an audio-visual supply firm, occupies the ground story. The upper stories are unused.

The next building along Ridgely Street, the former bottling plant (B on map) has remodeled offices and warehouse space on the ground story and warehousing on the second story. The ground story warehouse space has brick walls, tiled floor, and steel columns and beams. The second story has brick walls, tiled floor, wood beams, a false ceiling, and no columns. A double brick wall separates Buildings A and B and new construction has joined the two portions of the brewery. Building A, the older portion, was built in the 1870's and has been added on to. Building B was built in 1911. The interior of Building A has been altered and the brewery vats removed. The present tenant, Irvin Hahn Co., manufactures police badges.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870's BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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Historical Significance:

Spring Garden Brewery was established by John J. Bauerschmidt, Jr., one of three brothers from Cincinnati who established competing breweries in downtown and later (1859) near Ridgely Street in southwest Baltimore. John Bauerschmidt built the first section of Spring Garden Brewery as John Bauerschmidt's Lager Beer Brewery on Stowman's Hill in 1866. He later enlarged the brewery several times and built a saloon and inn before his death in 1879. The early brewery included wood-fired copper kettles and cypress wash tubs. After 1879 John's widow Elizabeth and brother-in-law John Man operated the brewery as Bauerschmidt and Man Brewing Company. Elizabeth died in 1886 and the brewery was purchased in 1889 by British interests. John Man continued to manage it under the name Bauerschmidt and Man Brewing Company's Spring Garden Brewery. In 1892 it was known as Baltimore Breweries Company Ltd.'s Spring Garden Brewery and produced pale, standard and munchener beer. In the next decade ownership changed to Maryland Brewing Company and then to Gattlieb-Bauerschmidt-Straus Brewing Company. In 1903 the brewery closed. In 1906 it reopened as Mount Vernon Brewery. The new owner, Julius M. Jackson, remodeled it throughout. It closed again in 1909, never to reopen as a brewery. In 1932 it was a furniture warehouse and in the 1950's it was occupied by the Sunspot Bottling Company. The present owner moved in 1965.

In addition to the original brewery, John J. Bauerschmidt, Jr. built a large 3-story house at Ridgely and Bayard Streets where he lived and boarded many of the brewery workers. The house was built before 1875, survives. It measures 35' x 40', had a tower,

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Query and Vertical Files, Enoch Pratt Free Library

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Roger White

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

November, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

217 No. Charles St.

TELEPHONE

301-396-1931

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21201

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and stood opposite Stowman's Tavern. In the 1880's Bauers<sup>n</sup>schmidt also built a saloon and beer garden known as Bauers<sup>n</sup>schmidt's Park in or near the brewery. A neaby pond provided ice for the brewery and park. Bauers<sup>n</sup>schmidt made kegged beer only and maintained an office on Pratt Street.

Allied Cordage Company, one of the principal tenants, was formerly located near the Inner Harbor. Founded in 1941, it is a wholesale distributor of rope and twine for many diverse users.

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1. SITE I.D. NO. B 0 0 0

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

3. PRIORITY

4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)  YES  NO  UNKNOWN

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT OWNER ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN  
Harold Shores

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE  
Spring Garden Brewery/Allied Cordage Company

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS  
Delray Beach, Florida

10. STATE COUNTY M D COUNTY NAME CITY/VICINITY CONG. DIST. 3 STATE COUNTY F L COUNTY NAME CITY/VICINITY CONG. DIST.

Baltimore Delray Beach

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

12. EXISTING SURVEYS  NR  NHL  HABS  HAER-I  HAER  NPS  CL6  CONF  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  OTHER

13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW)  INTERIOR INTACT  EXTERIOR INTACT  ENVIRONS INTACT

14. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING SIGN SCALE  1:24  1:62.5  OTHER QUAD NAME Baltimore West

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15. CONDITION 70  EXCELLENT 71  GOOD 72  FAIR 73  DETERIORATED 74  RUINS 75  UNEXPOSED 76  ALTERED 77  DESTROYED 78  DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY Roger White AFFILIATION Baltimore Industrial Museum DATE November 1980

17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

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18. ORIGINAL USE Industrial (Brewery), Residential PRESENT USE Industrial (Various), Storage ADAPTIVE USE

19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER  
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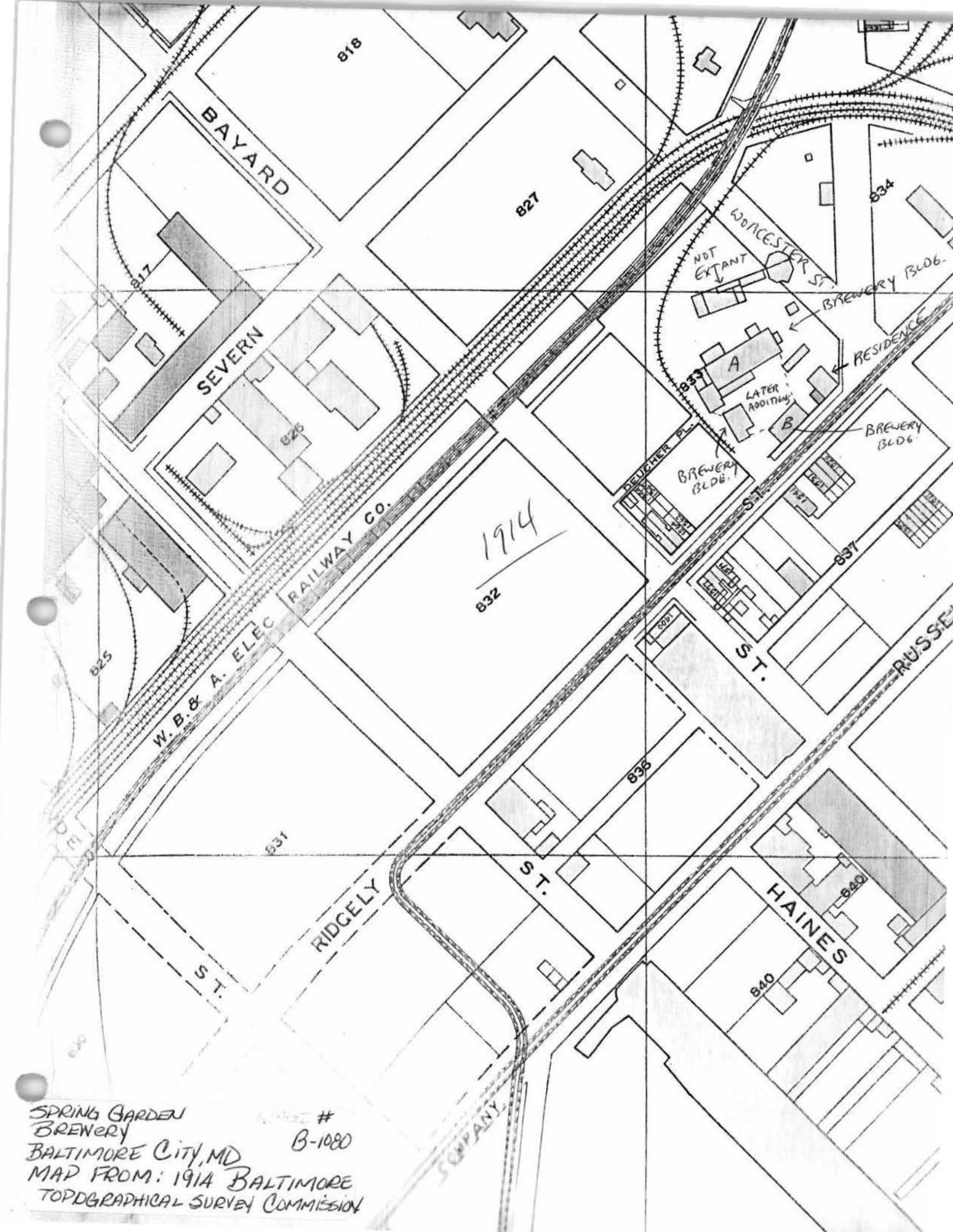
20. URBAN AREA 50,000 POP. MORE?  YES  NO

21.

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY  YES, LIMITED  YES, UNLIMITED  UNKNOWN

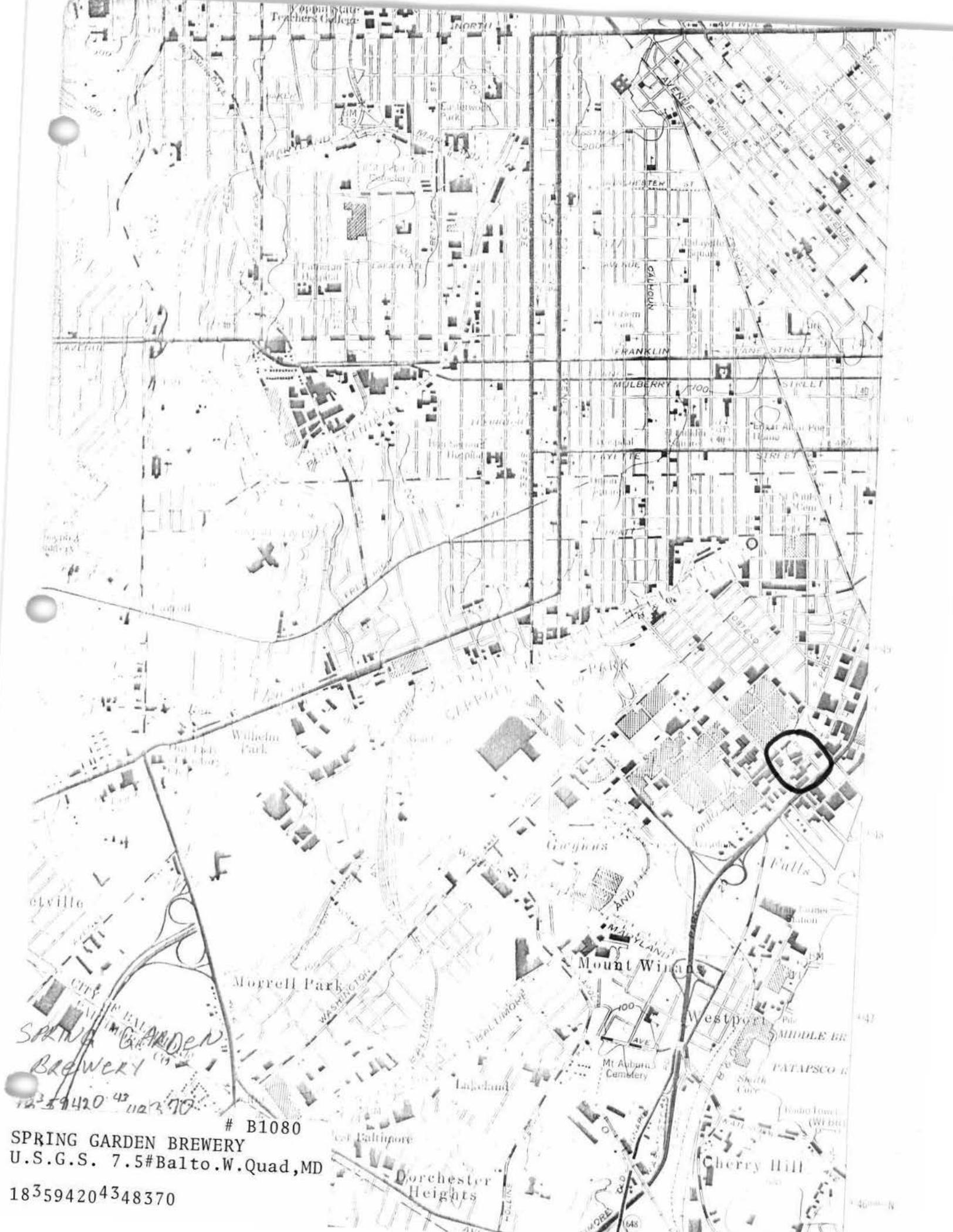
23. EDITOR INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES  NO NAME DISTRICT I.D. NO



SPRING GARDEN  
 BREWERY  
 BALTIMORE CITY, MD  
 MAP FROM: 1914 BALTIMORE  
 TOPOGRAFICAL SURVEY COMMISSION

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SPRING GARDEN BREWERY  
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