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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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| STATE: | Maryland |
| COUNTY: | Baltimore City |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY DATE: | |

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

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| COMMON: | American Brewery |
| AND OR HISTORIC: | Wiessner Brewery |

2. LOCATION

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|---|-------------|---|--------------|
| STREET AND NUMBER: 1701 North Gay Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore | | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Third District | |
| STATE: Maryland | CODE: 24 | COUNTY: Baltimore City | CODE: 510 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments | _____ |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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|---|--------------------|
| OWNER'S NAME: Allegheny Beverage Corporation | STATE: Maryland |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 2216 North Charles Street | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore | CODE: 24 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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|---|--------------------|
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City | STATE: Maryland |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Room 610, Baltimore City Courthouse | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore | CODE: 24 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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|--|--|
| TITLE OF SURVEY: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation | [see continuation sheet] |
| DATE OF SURVEY: 1965 | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 402 City Hall | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore | CODE: 24 |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The American Brewery brew house is a unique example of nineteenth century industrial architecture. Its height and organization of interior spaces were predetermined by the requirements of brewing but the exterior details are expressions of the age and of the people who lived and worked in the area. In style, it can best be described as "middle-European Chalet."

The brew house is five stories high but its three towers make it seem taller. The central tower is seven stories and the two on either side are six. The building's stained glass windows, detailed exterior brickwork and varied windows with arched, rounded, rectangular, and square shapes add a sense of the unusual to the residential neighborhood. The interior of the structure is largely unaltered although some sections have been modernized and others are no longer in use.

There are two buildings across the street from the brew house that were built during the same period and the three together show how a late nineteenth century brewery would have appeared. The southernmost of these was built in 1896 as a residence for the brewery owners. It is a three story brick building with brownstone trim. The door frame and cornice are brownstone with rosette decorations. The rosette motif is repeated in the cornices of the windows with a corbel in the center. The building itself has a wooden cornice now painted green. At present, the windows are boarded up and the interior is gutted.

The office building next door is two stories high and has three sections. The southernmost section has a rusticated brownstone facade. Brownstone archivolts frame the first floor door and window. The four rectangular windows of the second floor are arranged symmetrically over the first floor divisions. Above the roof line, there is a triangular section of stone with the date 1892 inscribed on it. The middle section is the same as the first described except that it is brick with stone archivolts. The triangular stone section has the date 1896 on it. The last and northernmost section was built in 1900 and is also brick. The facade has six divisions implied by brick arches and a slightly larger central section where the garage door is. Each of the smaller sections includes one semi-arched first floor window and one arched second floor window. The central section is slightly taller than the others and includes two windows above the large door.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S): (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The American Brewery is a monument to the development of brewing, one of Baltimore's major industries, and to the Germans who worked there and lived in the area. The first brewery on the site was erected in 1863 by John Frederick Wiessner on land leased from Charles Rogers. At the time, there were 21 other breweries in Baltimore City and nearby sections of Baltimore County. Wiessner's brewery was a great success and the business quickly outgrew the original building. The present structure was built in 1887 to enlarge and modernize the brewery. The brewery was one of the finest in the state and it continued to operate until Prohibition. The Wiessners unsuccessfully attempted to produce "near-beer," 3.2% added, but, in 1931 they were forced to sell the brewery to the FitzSimmons family who owned the American Malt Company, subsequently the American Brewery. The brewery is still used to brew beer although it is now a division of Allegheny Beverage Corporation. The products made there today are Heibrau, Keg, American and Arrow beers. They also make Malta Schaefer for the Schaefer Company.

Many of the Wiessners employees were Germans who had been brewers before their emigration, and they settled near the brewery. The owners also lived in the area. The residence across the street from the brew house was built for the Wiessners and was later used by the FitzSimmons.

The keg office was in the southernmost end of the other building across the street from the brew house. The bottle shop was in the middle section and the bottling plant was in the northernmost section. The entire building is now used for office space and storage.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
- Electrical Contractors, Vol. 3, no. 6, January 1941, p. 9.
- Industries of Maryland, Baltimore: Historical Publishing Company, 1882, p. 279.
- Kelley, William J., Brewing in Maryland; from Colonial Times to the Present, Baltimore, Remington's, 1965, p. 292ff.
- Power Pictorial, no. 26, September 1933, p. 9-11.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| SW | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.75 acre

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Catharine F. Black and A. McClellan

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Sept. 27, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

| 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION | NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION |
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| <p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Orlando Ridout IV</u> <u>Orlando Ridout IV</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u> <u>for Maryland</u></p> <p>Date <u>Sept. 27, 1972</u></p> | <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register</p> <p>_____ <i>Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> |

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

1972 State

Maryland Historical Trust
2525 Riva Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Code: 24

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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| 3. MAP REFERENCE | | | |
| SOURCE: | | | |
| U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map quadrangle Baltimore East | | | |
| SCALE: 1: 24,000 | | | |
| DATE: 1953 | | | |
| 4. REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Property boundaries where required. 2. North arrow. 3. Latitude and longitude reference. | | | |

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BALTIMORE EAST QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale: 1:24,000
photorevised 1966



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20'
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452
17'30"
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lat 39° 16'
long 76° 16'



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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| 3. PHOTO REFERENCE | | | |
| PHOTO CREDIT: | Michael Bourne | | |
| DATE OF PHOTO: | April 1972 | | |
| NEGATIVE FILED AT: | Maryland Historical Trust 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 | | |
| 4. IDENTIFICATION | | | |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. | | | |
| West elevation | | | |

GPO 921-737



NAME American Brewery

LOCATION 1700 North Gay Street
 Baltimore, Maryland

ARCHITECT

DATES 1887

OWNER American Brewery Company

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The structure was erected in 1887 for John Frederick Wiessner who had owned a small brewery on that site since 1863. No record naming the architect has been found. The area was replete with breweries, there being 21 separate operations in Baltimore City and the surrounding county at the time Wiessner opened his new building. It covered an area of about two acres and was equipped with the latest brewing machinery and ice equipment. Its capacity in 1887 was 100,000 barrels.

The Wiessner family operated the business until Prohibition when they sold it to the FitzSimmons family who continued in operation as the American Malt Company until after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. American, a division of the Allegheny-Pepsi Beverage Corporation, continues to produce beer in the brewery.

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Adjoining the double building is a two-story, seven-bay long structure used for a warehouse. Each bay is separated by pilaster strips. The central bay has a large opening for a wagon entrance. A small pediment above the roof is flanked by two small dome-like objects.

The entire complex of buildings on the west side of Gay Street contribute to the effect which the brewery has over the entire area.

Recorders: Catharine F. Black
Maryland Historical Trust
April 24, 1972

Michael Bourne
Maryland Historical Trust
May 1, 1972

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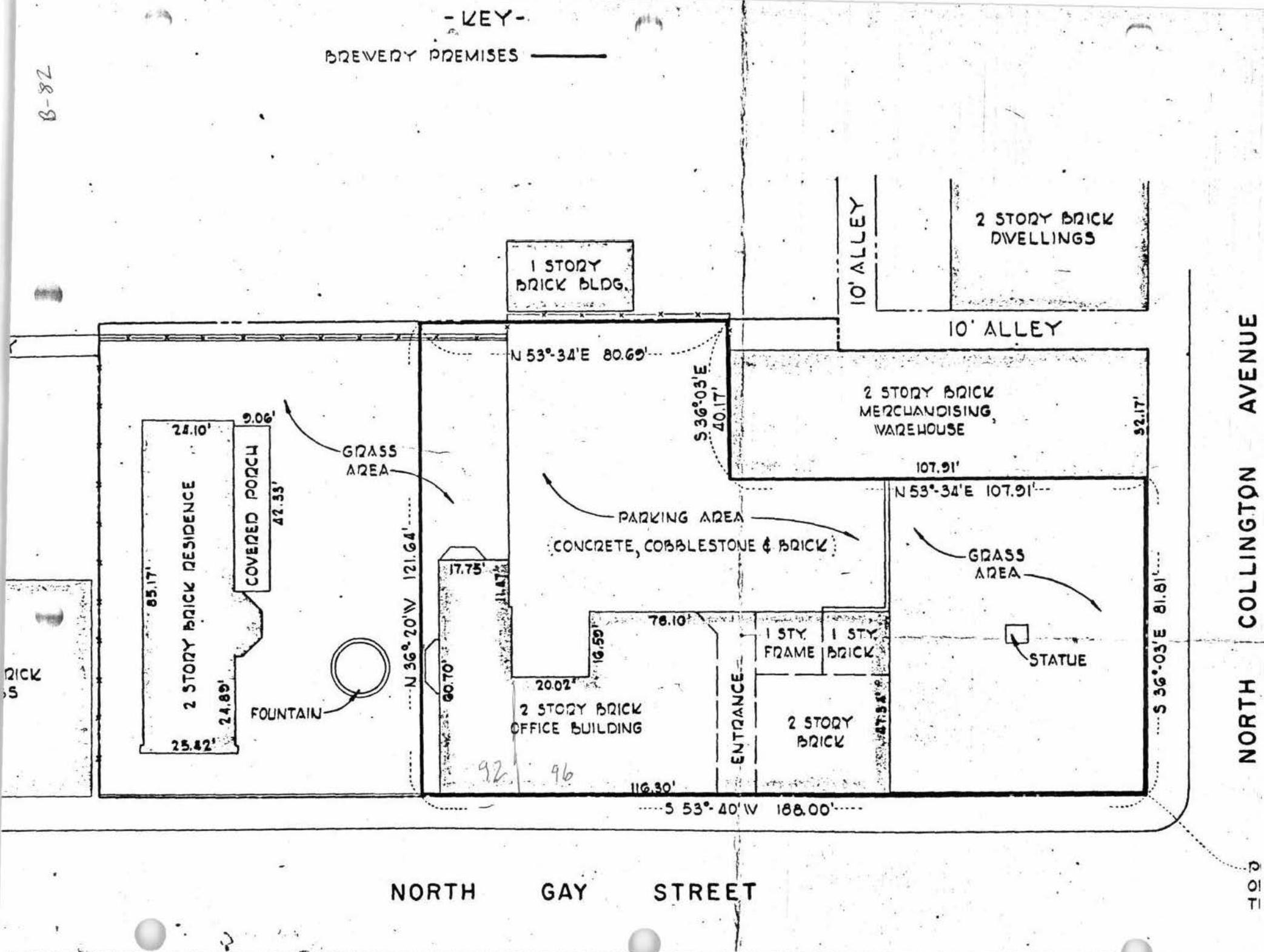
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BREWERY PREMISES ———



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NORTH GAY STREET

NORTH COLLINGTON AVENUE

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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Property Name: Building 10, Bottling Plant Survey Number: NA

Property Address: 1700 North Gay Street Baltimore

Project: Rehabilitation of Bottling Plant Agency: F/CDBG

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name L. Bowlin, R. Andrews, B. Pencek Date: 11/90, 1994

District Name: American Brewery Survey Number: B-82

Listed Eligible _____ Comment

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

The resource contributes/ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

Location Design Setting Materials

Workmanship Feeling Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Building 10 which includes additions known as Buildings 25 and 26 was one of several twentieth century buildings that were not evaluated for their contributing significance when the American/Wiessner Brewery was listed on the NR in 1972. In my opinion, Building 10 is significant for its association with the development of the brewing industry after the repeal of Prohibition. Mr. John Fitzsimmon purchased the nineteenth century complex of the Wiessner Brewery on North Gay Street in 1931 to accommodate his expanding American Malt Company. The entrepreneur survived Prohibition by producing malt syrup which was used in a variety of edible products including home brew. When Prohibition was repealed in 1933, Fitzsimmons continued his malt production but also returned to making beer under the label of American Beer. While over twenty breweries existed in nineteenth century Baltimore, only five breweries existed by the mid-1930s. Those breweries which survived Prohibition underwent technological advances in production, bottling and quality control after the repeal. Constructed in 1937 with additions in 1946-49, Building 10 was built to house those advances and to accommodate production demands. Therefore, I believe that Building 10 reflects the evolution of the beer industry and contributes to the significance of the National Register property.

Documentation on the property is presented in: attached with this form, compliance file "American Brewery" William Kelley's book Brewing in Maryland

Prepared by: Brian Kelly, architect on project

L. Bowlin July 1995
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Alcanda P. Roberts 9-28-95
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): industrial/bottling and shipping plant for brewery

Known Design Source: _____



**ORIGINS AND EVOLUTION OF
THE AMERICAN BREWERY
1701 N. GAY STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
JUNE 20, 1995**

The number of breweries in Baltimore in the last part of the nineteenth century shrunk in 1899 with the formation of a "beer trust" known as The Maryland Brewing Company. Seventeen breweries were merged into the company leaving only a handful of "independents". The situation was exacerbated later in the year with a brew workers union strike. In 1920 Prohibition struck another blow, where most of the breweries simply closed. Strictly speaking, there were only 3 breweries in Baltimore during Prohibition (although probably thousands of basement operations!). These are:

THEODORE REICHART established 1931, located at 2208 Harford Road, the premises was raided and closed on August 17, 1931. The brewery had its own Rathskeller with push button communications. Five agents spent three days smashing the equipment at this large and modern operation.

GLOBE (parent company established 1820), originally located at Hanover and Conway Streets, survived Prohibition by brewing a "near beer". Not surprisingly, it was the first brewery to produce beer the day Prohibition was repealed, April 7, 1933.

GUNTHER (parent company established 1876), located at O'Donnell and Conkling Streets in Canton. The company fell just short of surviving Prohibition and went into receivership in 1931. During the dry period, they attempted to hang on by producing "near beer" and commercial ice for sale. Unfortunately it was not quite enough. In 1933, however, Gunther was purchased and reopened and to keep up with demand - expanded.

Since the John F. Wiessner & Sons Brewing Company closed in 1920, and the brewery was not sold to the American Malt Company until January 1931, there were 11 years of silence at the plant. John Fitzsimmons, President of American Malt originally set up his operations on the site of Frederick Bauernschmidt's former American Brewery on Hillen Road. The American Malt Company (named for Bauernschmidt's former American Brewery) produced canned hop flavored malt syrup for home brewing, baking and baby formula, and demand out stripped the plants capacity. Even the by product was used as cow feed to increase milk production. Hence, the purchase of the former Wiessner Brewery on Gay Street.

The brewery was the third local brewery to come on line after Repeal. The first American beer was sold in July of 1933. No other Brewery in Baltimore survived Prohibition with the same ingenuity as Fitzsimmons showed.

The American Brewery, Inc. (established 1933) was one of three that opened in 1933 following the Repeal. These three upstarts combined with the two survivors of Prohibition - left Baltimore with only five Breweries. The playing board had changed forever!

It is hard to imagine that at one time there was a trunk line of 29 old German Breweries along the Gay Street/Belair Road corridor in Baltimore. Maybe a greater concentration than Milwaukee ever had.

The other new breweries which sprouted up were the FREESTATE BREWERY CORP. and the famous NATIONAL BREWING CO., INC.. One distinction held by the American Brewery is that in addition to the brewing of beer, the malt syrup production continued to grow. Uses for this product expanded to breakfast foods, medicine and textile manufacturing. Additionally, many large East Coast breweries bought malt from American.

One of the major indications of change in brewing is the beer container and its handling. When the original John F. Wiessner and Sons brewery began in 1863, beer was sold to bars only in barrels. One could take a bucket of beer home drawn from a keg then quickly put it in the ice box. Wiessner first bottled his own beer in his own bottling house in 1896-7.

The following photos depict the bottles and respective dates during the life of operations on North Gay Street.

Building 10 was needed for handling a large volume increase of 3000,000 barrels over pre-prohibition levels of 100,000 barrels. Also, now ten different sized containers were used. Kegs, bottles and cans in sizes ranging from 7 oz. bottles to 31 gallon barrels were produced here. This operation was primarily on the second and third floors. Storage sorting and loading was on the first floor.

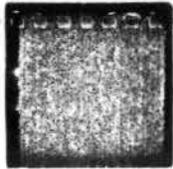
Thus far, the leads have not indicated an architect for Building 10. In my judgement, it is more possible that a contractor was hired to be responsible for the design and construction. Meticulous business and accounting records were kept during the life of the American Brewery. As soon as it died, the vultures descended picking the bones clean. Even in the early 1970's, brewer mania fever caught on and collectors knew that anything with a trade name on it would be valuable.

The building as a clean, modern and efficient machine was a notion straight out of the Bauhaus movement. The immigration of Walter Gropius fit right in the German-American cross culture which pervaded brewing. It is no surprise therefore than an industry which was being streamlined for increase production and quality would want a well light, spacious and sanitary building. The other Baltimore breweries renovated or built similar bottling plant buildings for the same reasons.

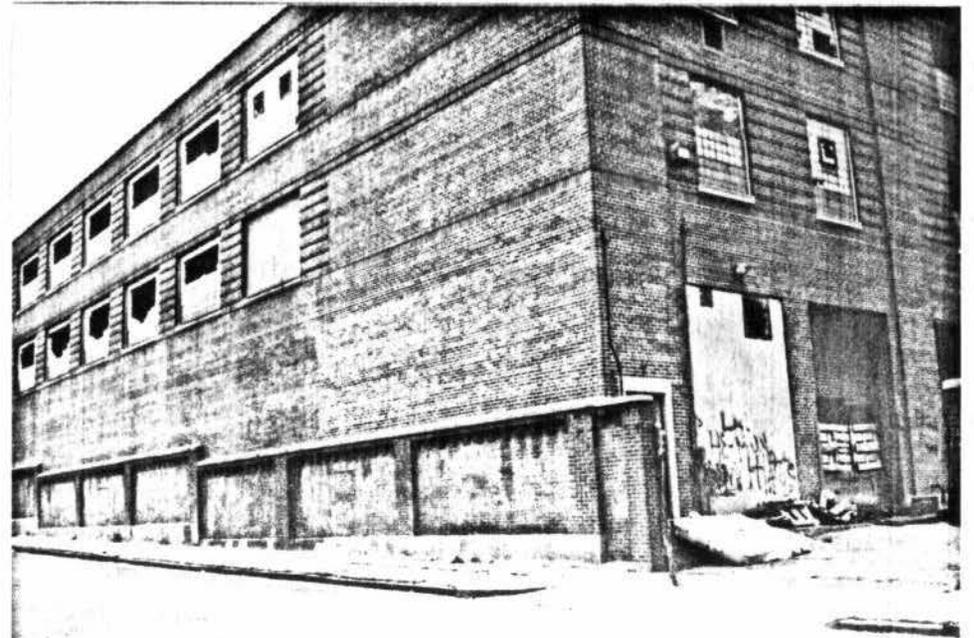
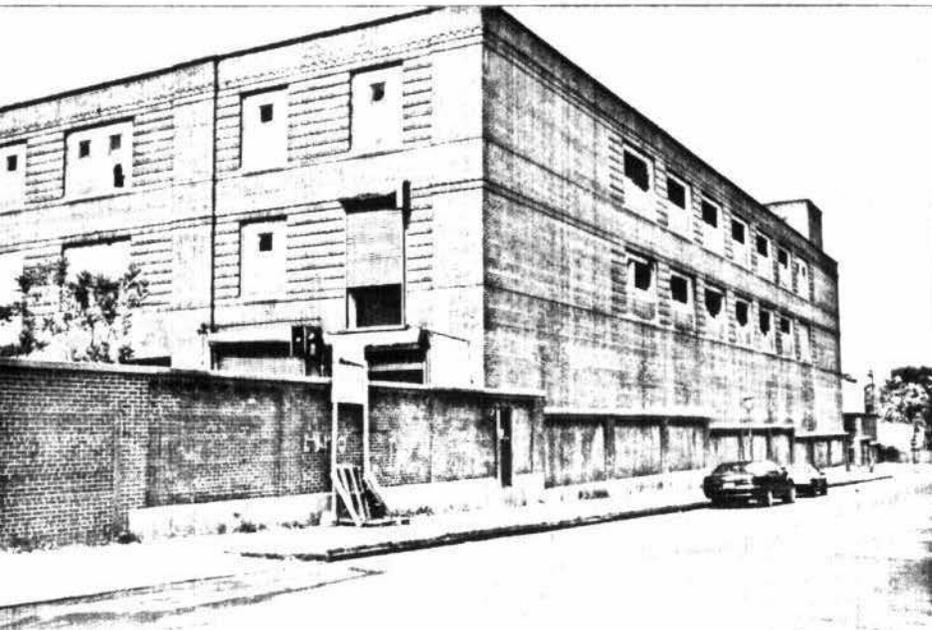
The attached photograph of the Greenspring Dairy shows some of the typical details of the glass block panels, recessed brick bands and box-like massing. Like the American Brewery, the up to date equipment was the real pride of the operation. The buildings were built to contain the equipment which in the case of the American Brewery was the most advanced in the industry allowing the strictest quality control standards.

Brian W. Kelly
Kelly Clayton & Mojzisek

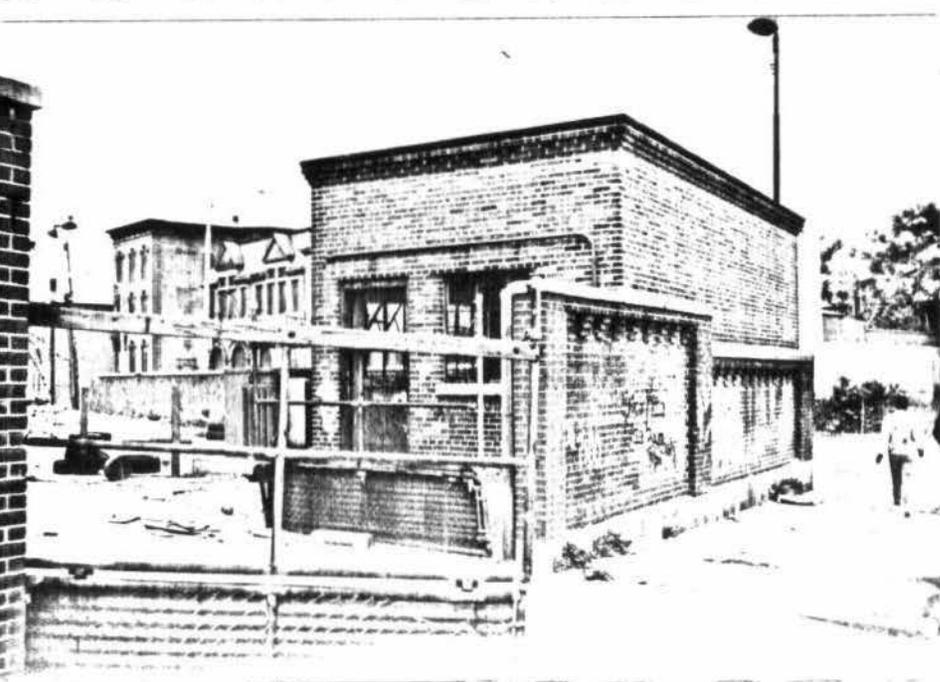
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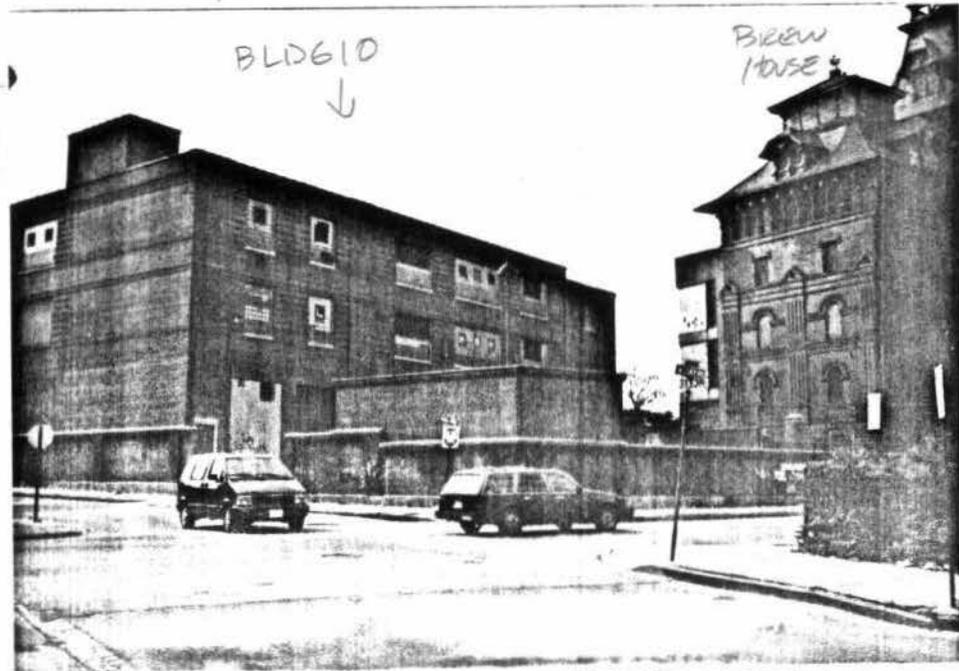


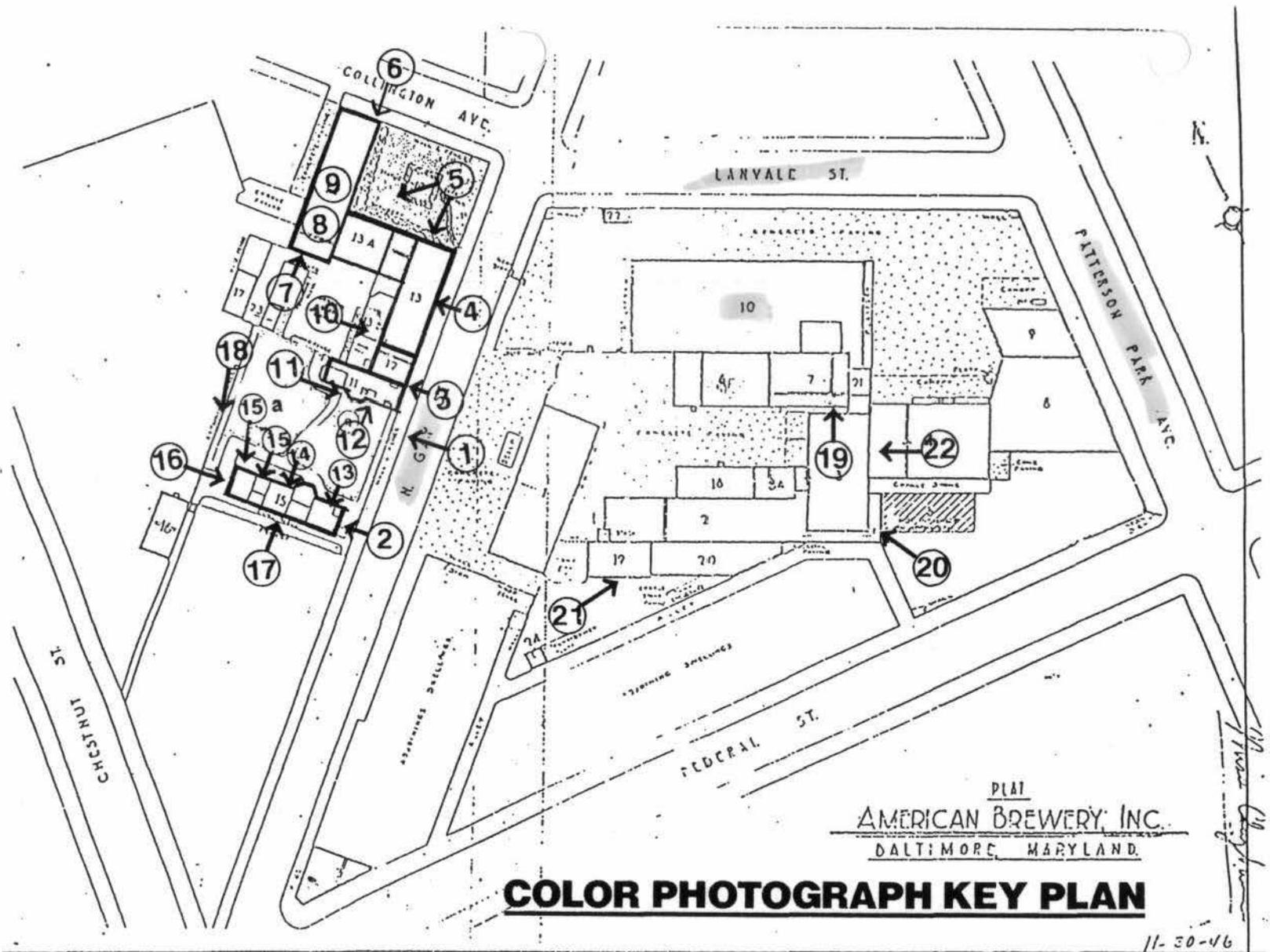
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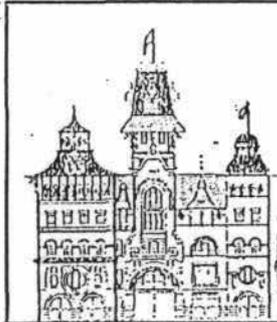
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Brew
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The AMERICAN APPRAISAL COMPANY



The BREWERY

in East Baltimore

Developed by the Council for Economic and Business Opportunity Inc.
in cooperation with the City of Baltimore
Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor

**KELLY
CLAYTON &
MOJZISEK**

Architects - Planners

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Baltimore, Maryland 21218
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNEAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| STATE: Maryland | |
| COUNTY: | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | |

1. NAME

COMMON:
American Brewery (1933 - to date)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same (1863 - John F. Weissner Brewing Co.)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1700 N. Gay Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore,

STATE
Maryland

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| CODE 24 | COUNTY: Baltimore | CODE |
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3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|---|---|--|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> | Government <input type="checkbox"/> | Park <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | Comments <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Allegheny Beverage Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:
2216 N. Charles Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE:
Maryland

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Baltimore City Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Holliday Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE
Maryland

CODE
24

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
See attached schedule.

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> | Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fair <input type="checkbox"/> | Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> | Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | | Moved <input type="checkbox"/> | | | Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

See attached.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| | | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

See attached.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | |
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| NE | ° ' " | ° ' " | | ° ' " | ° ' " | |
| SE | ° S E E | A T T A C H E D | | S C H E D U L E S | | |
| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | | |

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|--------|------|--------|------|
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John L. Lampe, Vice President & General Manager

ORGANIZATION: American Brewery, A Division of Allegheny Beverage Corporation

DATE: 9/2/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
1700 N. Gay Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland

CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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~~B-89~~ AMERICAN (WEISSNER) BREWERY

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ENLARGE TO 5 1/2" WIDTH

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