

REVIEW SHEET

FD-14

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: JOHN GOMBER BUILDING, 36 S. MARKET ST., FREDERICK, MD. Project No.: _____

Historic District: FREDERICK

7-27-88 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State

7-27-88 date complete information received by State _____

_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____

Inspection of property by State staff? no yes date(s): _____

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

_____ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	1	This property involves: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing _____ for district _____ for individual property <input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved property <input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing _____ for district _____ for individual property <input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved property <input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request
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NUMBER	2	Complete item(s) below as appropriate. <p>(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>18TH, 19TH, 20TH</u></p> <p>(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes <input type="checkbox"/> does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> association <input type="checkbox"/> Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.</p> <p>(3) For properties less than 50 years old:</p> <p>_____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.</p> <p>_____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.</p> <p>_____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.</p> <p>(4) For preliminary determinations:</p> <p>A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:</p> <p>_____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)</p> <p>_____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____.</p> <p>_____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.</p> <p>_____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.</p> <p>_____ Other, explain:</p> <p>B. Evaluation of the property:</p> <p>_____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation</p> <p>_____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D</p> <p>Criteria Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G</p> <p>(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:</p> <p>_____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.</p> <p>_____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.</p>
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NUMBER 3	Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).
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BUILT CIRCA 1890'S, THE BUILDING IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF A CAST IRON FACADE IN THE CITY OF FREDERICK. THE ONLY MAJOR CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED ARE AT THE INTERIOR OF THE COMMERCIAL SPACE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ADDITIONS TO THE REAR. NONE OF THESE ADDITIONS APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANT FEATURES.

THE INTERIOR OF THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS APPEARS TO HAVE RETAINED THEIR WINDOW, DOOR AND FLOOR TRIM AS WELL AS A FEW ORIGINAL DOORS. SOME NEW PARTITIONS WERE ADDED AND HAVE MODERN TRIM.

NUMBER 4	State Official Recommendation:
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- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAT, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
 - The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
 - The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
 - The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
 - The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
 - The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
 - Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended Precedent-setting case Forwarded without recommendation

9-1-88
Date


State Official Signature

See attachments:

NPS Comments:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 -- EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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NRIS No: _____

JUL 27 1988

Project Number: _____

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. **Name of property:** The John Gumber Building
Address of property: Street 36 S. Market Street
City Frederick County Frederick State Maryland Zip 21701
Name of historic district: Frederick Historic District
 National Register District certified state or local district potential historic district

2. **Check nature of request:**
 certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
 certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
 certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
 preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
 preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
 preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. **Project contact:**
Name Cherilyn Widell
Street 315 William Street City Somerville
State New Jersey Zip 08876 Daytime Telephone Number (201) 707-8960

Owner:
I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name James A. Liska Signature [Signature] Date 7/23/88
Organization _____
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number _____
Street 315 W. 2ND STREET City FREDERICK
State MARYLAND Zip 21701 Daytime Telephone Number 301-694-7488

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date _____ National Park Service Authorized Signature _____ National Park Service Office/Telephone No: _____

See Attachments

5. Description of physical appearance: (Continued)

The third addition is located on the extreme east end of the building. It is a one story frame building covered with corrugated metal and is built on a poured concrete foundation. The roof is a built up shed roof. It may be the storage area indicated on the 1930 Sanborn Map but the existing exterior materials, dating much later, point to a more recent construction date or substantial changes over the years.

The first floor interior of the building has undergone substantial change. It is now used for a fish and pet supply store. All finishes are covered with dropped ceilings, carpeting, and peg board.

The second floor is reached by a steep stair which, after a small landing leads to three doors, one door leads to another set of stairs to the third level. The other doors lead to a single L-shaped apartment. The apartment contains four rooms which have been altered from the original floor plan. However, the plaster wall finishes, flooring and window and baseboard trim remain intact throughout most of the space.

The third floor contains a four room apartment. The plaster wall finishes, flooring, and window and baseboard trim are also intact. The rear room in both apartments is a kitchen which does not meet existing codes. Each apartment also contains two bedrooms and a hallway/living room.

Statement of Significance

36 South Market is a very significant building in the Frederick Historic District, as it is the only known example of a cast iron building in the City of Frederick. As indicated by the maker plaque which is intact, the storefront was cast by Mesker Brothers of St. Louis, Missouri and was constructed between 1887 and 1904.

The building contributes to the nineteenth century architectural character of the historic district. It was an integral part of the nineteenth century industrial and commercial history of the community.

John Gomber, a machinist whose name is located on the top of the building, was instrumental in its construction. The City Directories for Frederick indicate that his business was located in a number of locations before he located in 36 South Market.

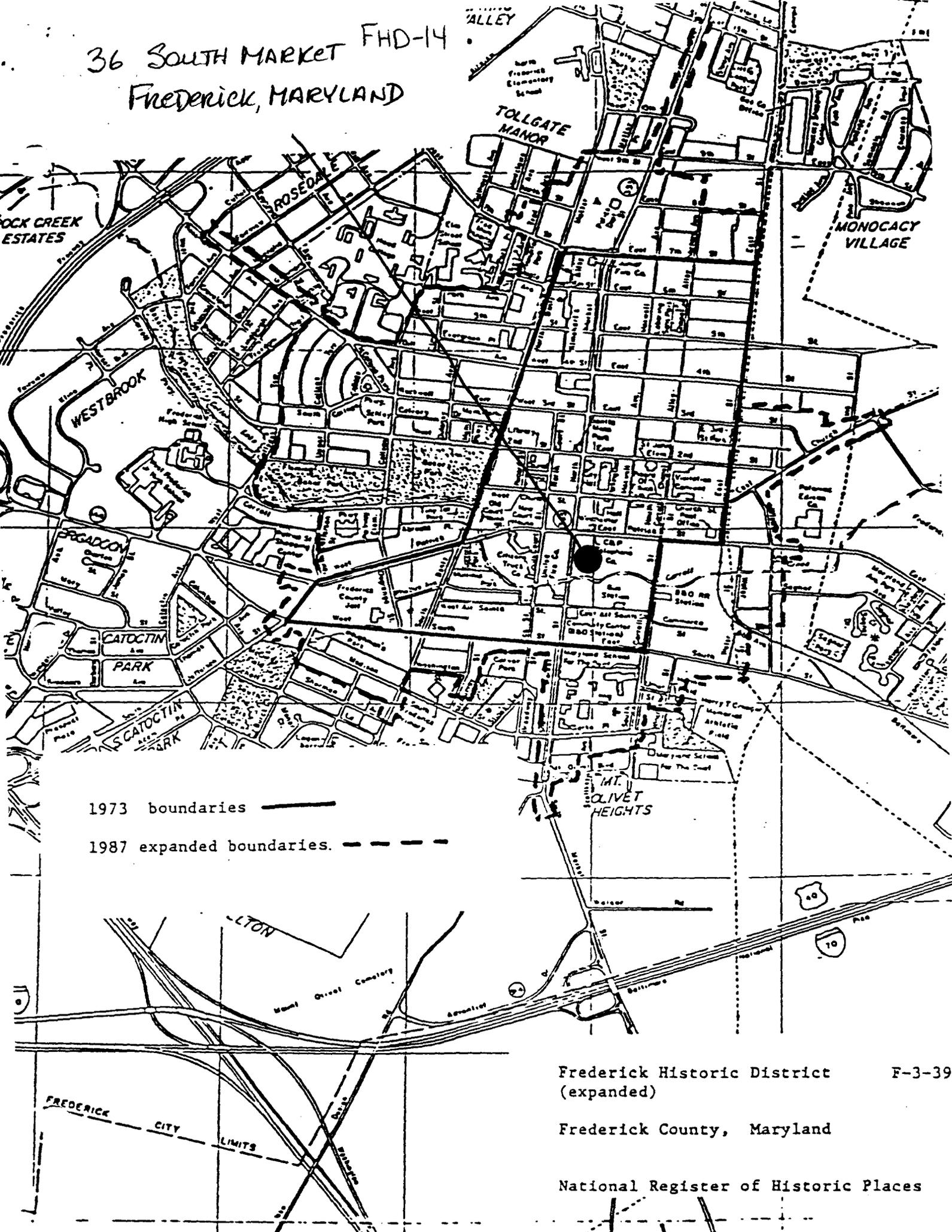
In 1887, Miller General Directory of Frederick City lists "John Gomber, practical machinist located at 93 South Market and residing at 47 South Market." Kirwin's Directory of Frederick City and County, 1892, lists John Gomber and his business at 49 South Market Street and Margaret boarding at the same address. In the 1895 Frederick City and County Directory, John Gomber was located at the site of the existing building as a machinist and selling engine supplies.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: yes no

36 SOUTH MARKET FHD-14
 Frederick, MARYLAND



1973 boundaries ———
 1987 expanded boundaries. - - - -

Frederick Historic District (expanded) F-3-39

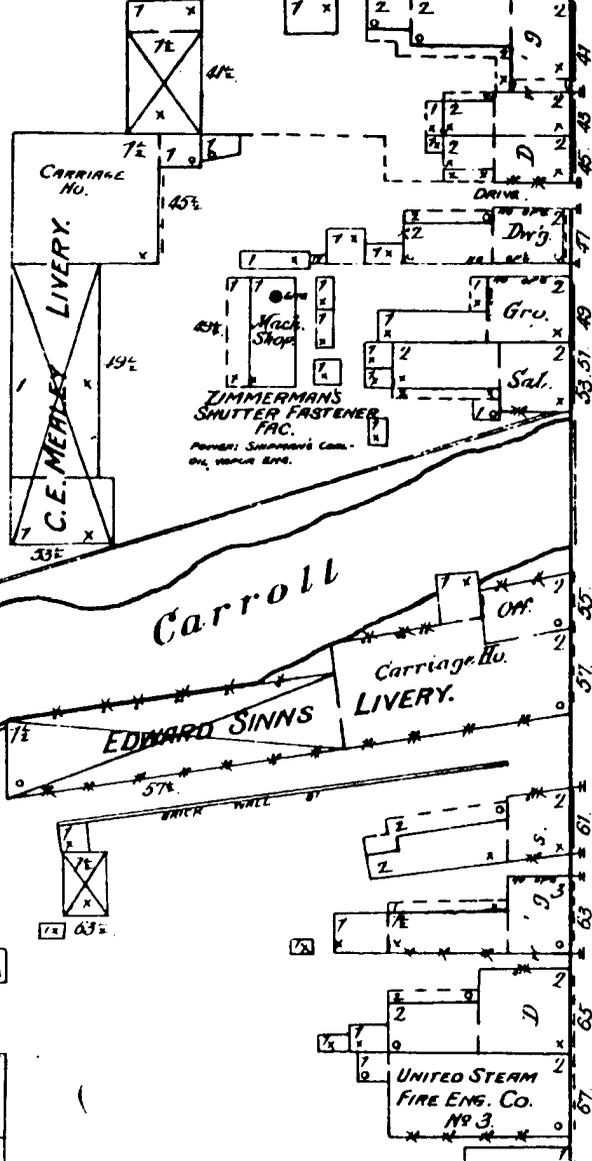
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National Register of Historic Places

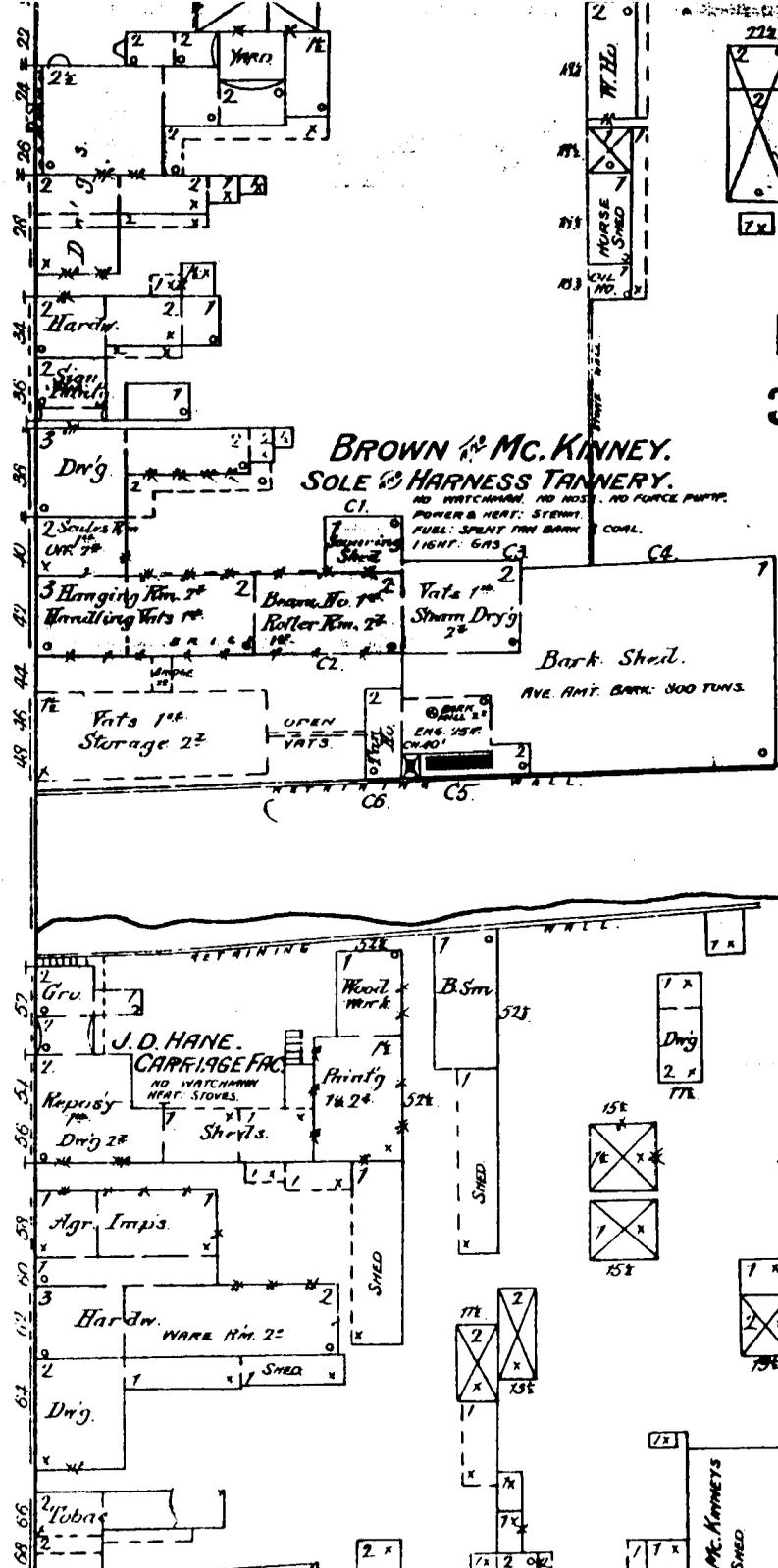


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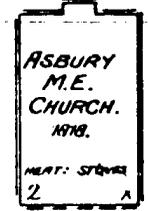
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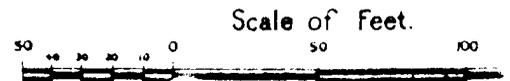
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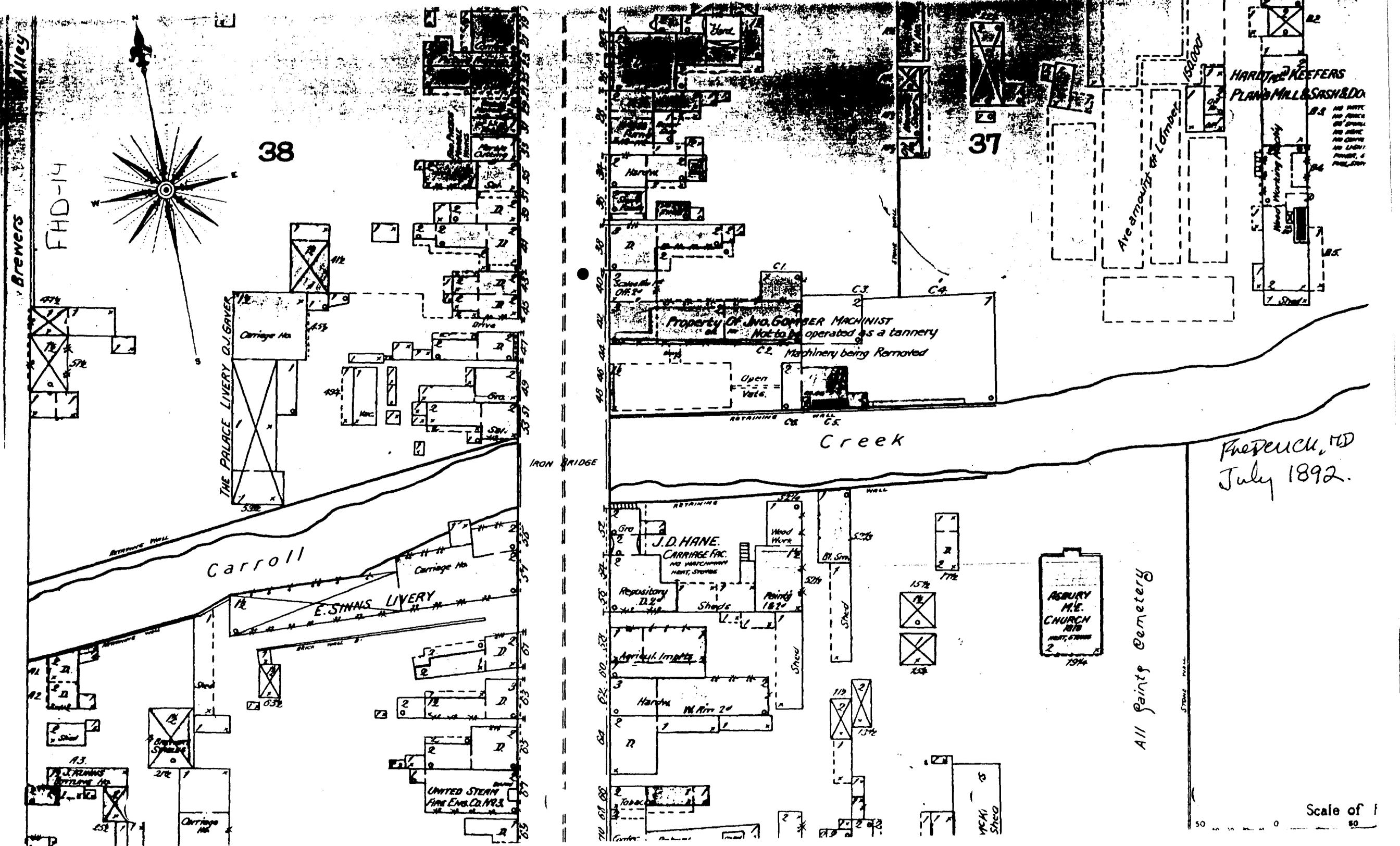
FREDERICK, MD August 1887

HARDY & KEFFERS. PLANING MILL & SASH & DOOR FAC.

NO WATCHMAN
 NO FORCE PUMP
 NO SMALL HOSE
 NO HEAT
 NO CONVEYERS
 NO LIGHTS
 POWER: STEAM
 FUEL: SHAWNEE COAL.

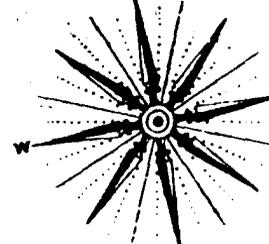
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Mc. KINNEYS SHED



Brewers Alley

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THE PALACE LIVERY CO. DRIVER

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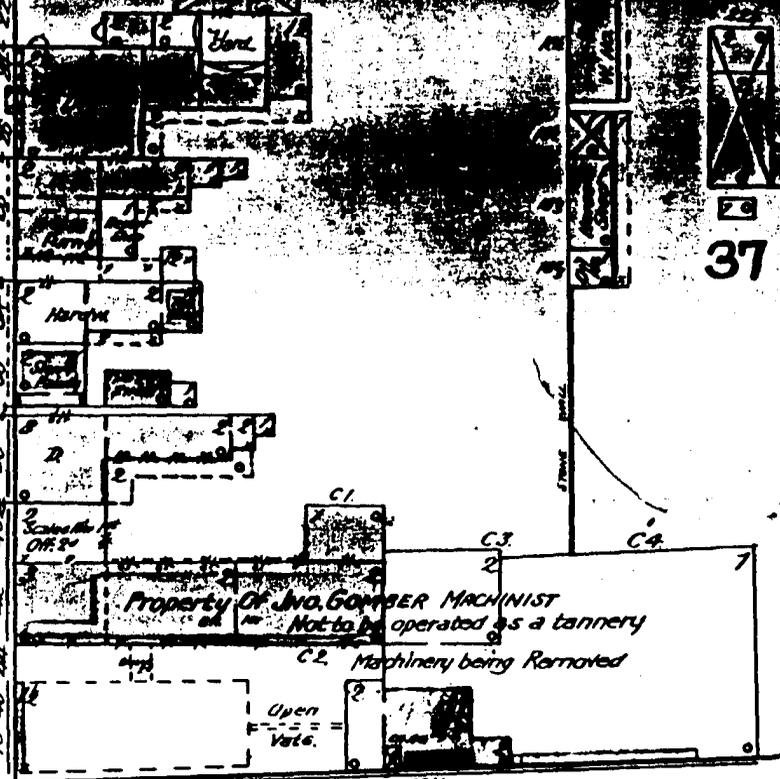
Carroll

E. SINAS LIVERY

Carriage No.

UNITED STEAM
FIRE ENG. CO. NO. 3

IRON BRIDGE

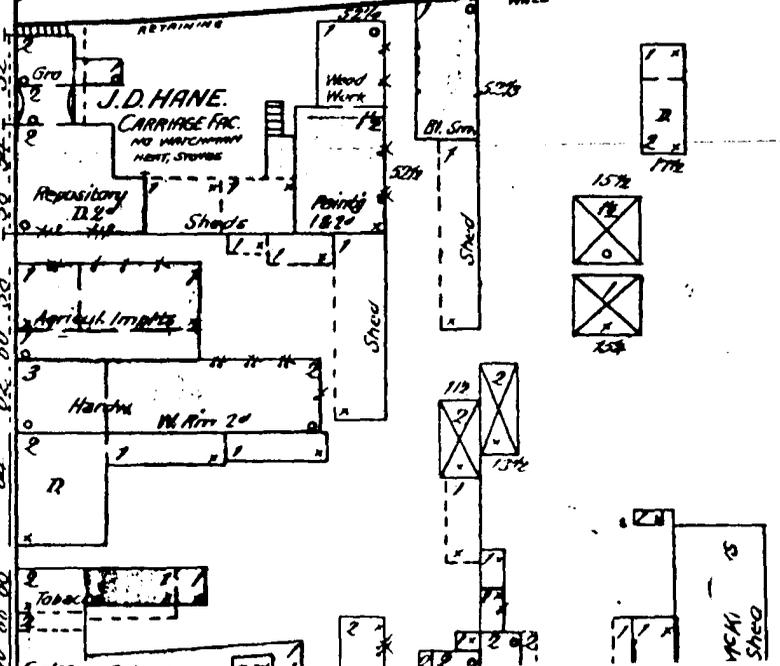


Property of Jno. GOMBERT MACHINIST
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C.2. Machinery being Removed

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Creek



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REPOSITORY
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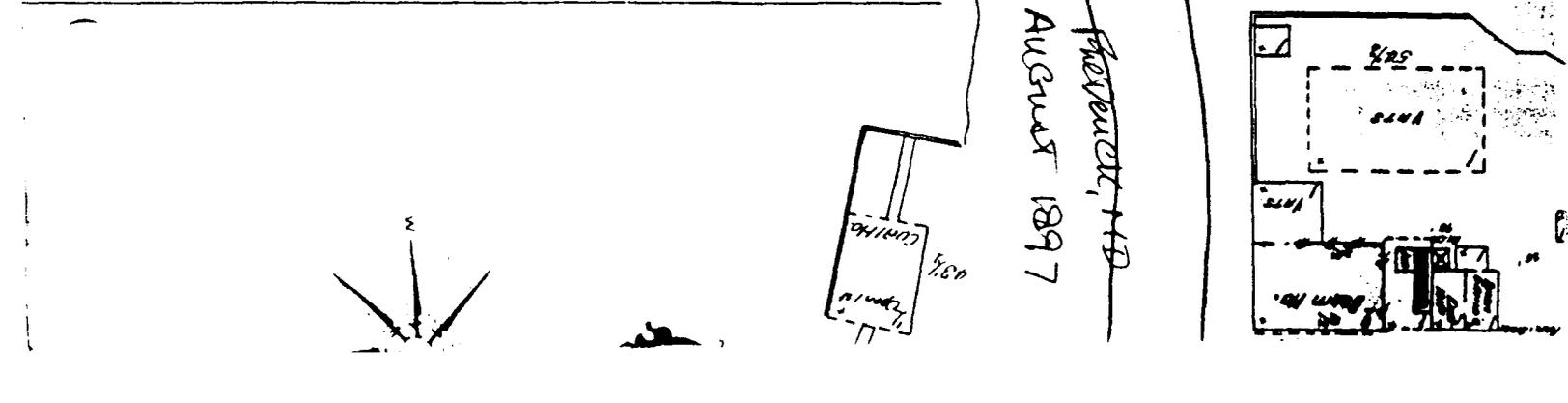
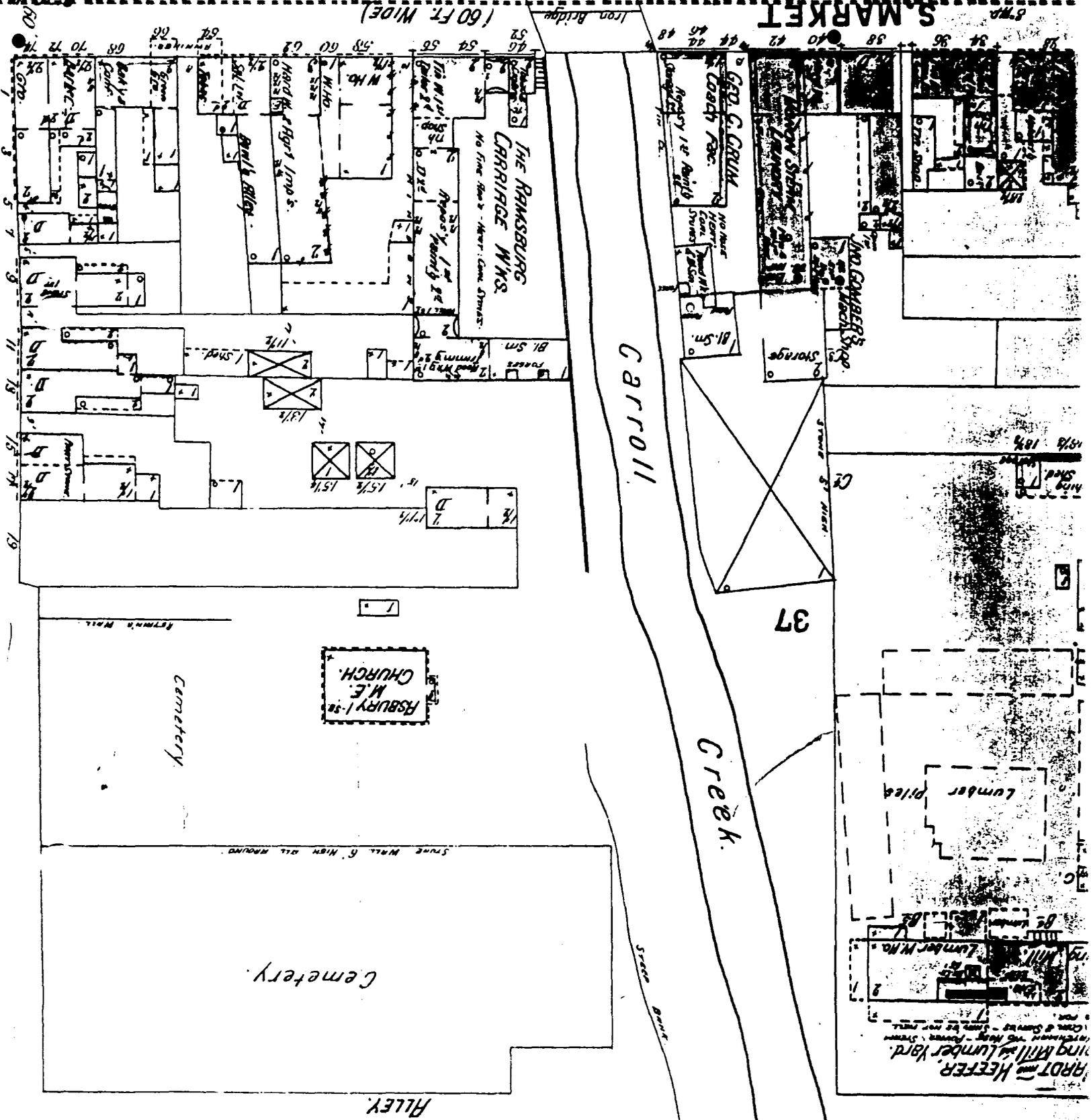
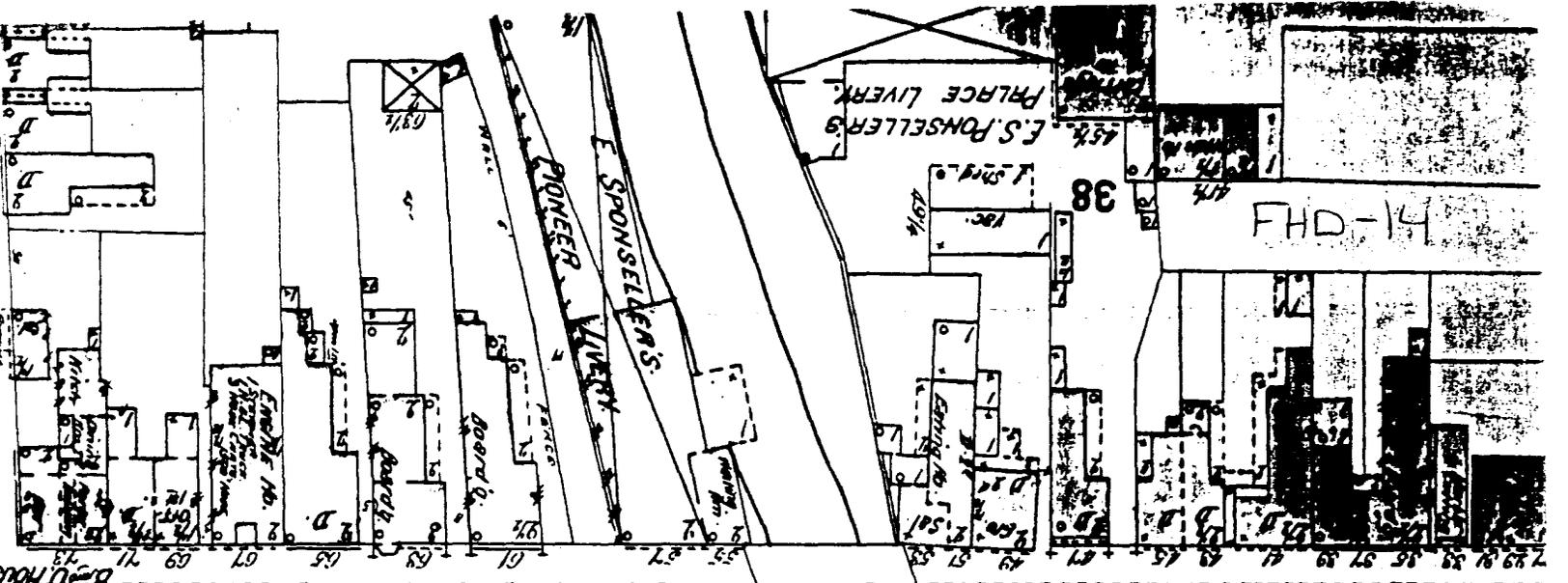
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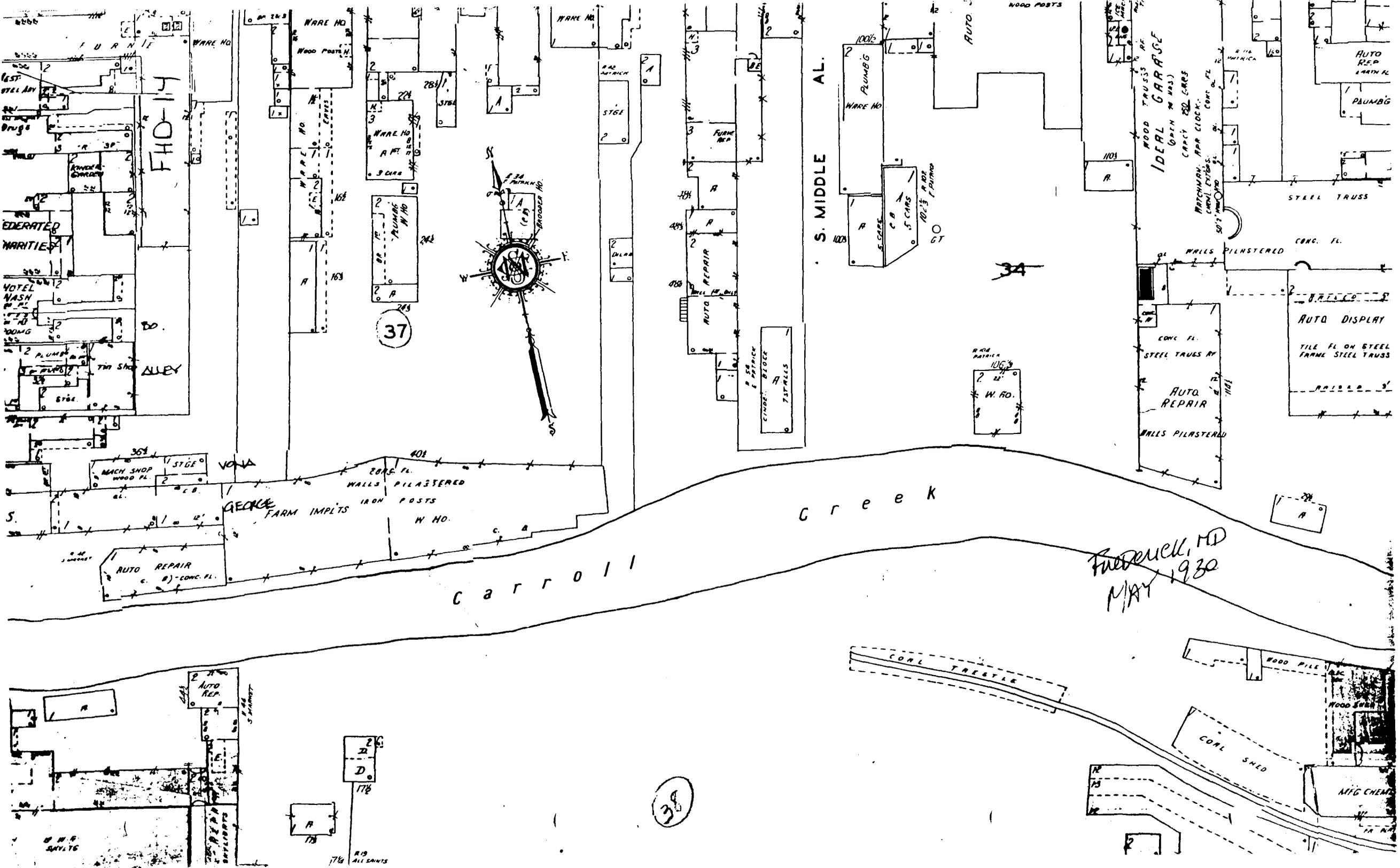
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CHURCH
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All Saints Cemetery

Frederick, MD
July 1892.

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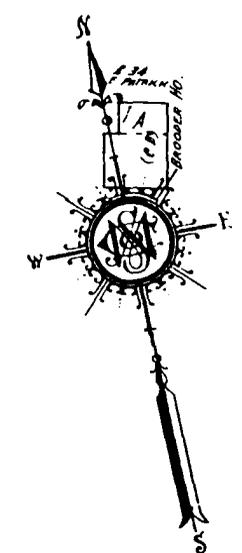




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IDEAL GARAGE



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CARROLL

Frederick, MD
MAY 1930

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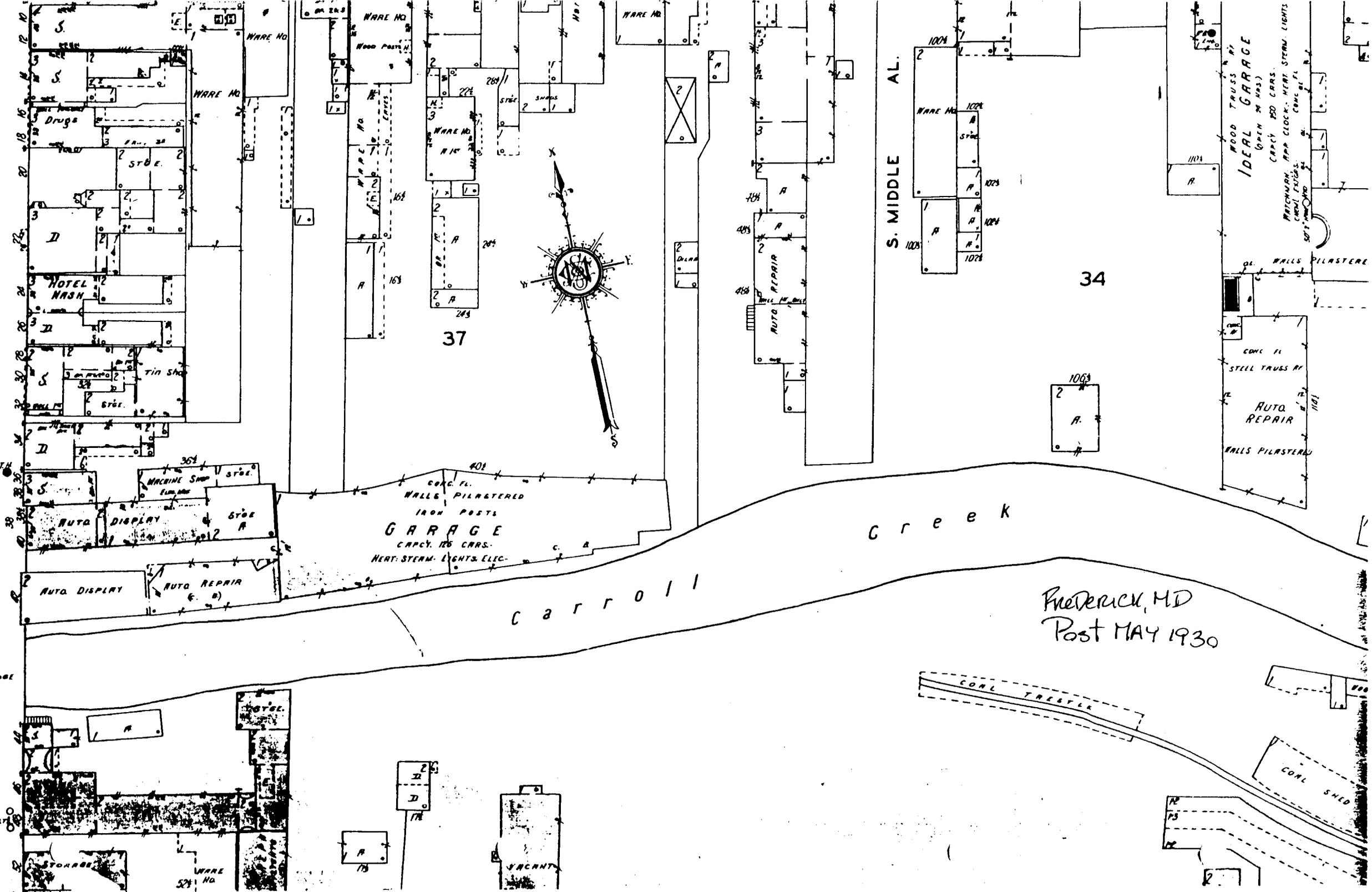
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FREDERICK, MD
Post MAY 1930

MARKET

C. E. Widell, Preservation Consultant

2022 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009
202-265-8847

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

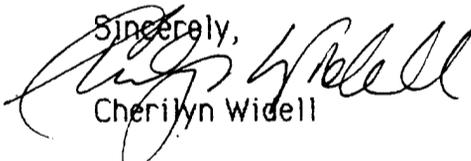
July 27, 1988

Ms. Charity Davidson
Maryland Historical Trust
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Charity,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Part I Certification Application for 36 South Market Street located in the Frederick Historic District. The Part II should follow soon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at my new number 201-707-8960. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Widell

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

36 S. Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick --- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE /
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS Apts.
<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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

COMMENTS: Unusual Cast Iron Facade

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

This building is most unusual for this area as it has a Victorian Cast Iron front facade. It is of three stories, three narrow bays wide and approximately three wide bays in depth. It is attached on both sides. The third story is slightly narrower, being corbelled in from the second story. The rear facade appears to be of more recent construction as it contains 1/1 sash with no lintels or arches. There are also several additions to the rear of recent construction.

The front facade is entirely of metal facing, of classic design, and richly ornamented. Each story is divided by a band or belt course decorated by a chain of roundels. The first floor facade is framed by pilasters on pedestals both embellished with bands of floral motifs, fluting, and capped by acanthus leaf designs. This type framing is also used between the apartment entrance and the shop window. The upper floor sections are also framed by pilasters and the bays divided by engaged columns on high pedestals decorated with square floral bases and topped by corinthian style capitals.

The entire front facade is headed by a wedge shaped metal cornice, richly decorated by floral designs such as acanthus leaves, fleur-de-lys, flat dentils, and urns. The metal frieze is adorned by decorated half round designs above the windows. The roofline is crowned by a similarly decorated flat topped pediment over the center with the name "John Comber" and with ornamental iron urns in each corner. The metal roof slopes slightly to the rear. The building rests on a low foundation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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C1885 - C. F. Bowers		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		
1860-70 - Brinkman				

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cast Iron Facade, unusual for this area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	<i>DOUGLAS M. GREENE</i>	
	<i>ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN</i>	
ORGANIZATION	<i>HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION</i>	DATE
	<i>CL. of FREDERICK RD. #1701</i>	<i>JULY 1974</i>
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN		STATE

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