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Eigenbrot Brewery, (Henry Eigenbrot Brewing Company)

Architectural Survey File

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Henry Eigenbrot Brewing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
private, 1873
B-1049

Statement of Significance

Baltimore was a major brewing center in the nineteenth century, partly because of its large German population and also because of its ready supply of grain. By the end of the century there were dozens of small, independently owned breweries. The industry remained a prosperous one until Prohibition crippled it in 1920. Brewery architecture, the only remains of this once thriving industry, with its romantic, Germanic character and elaborate decoration, has given Baltimore some of its most interesting industrial structures. The Eigenbrot Brewery in West Baltimore, founded in 1873 and remodded in 1896, is an excellent example of brewery architecture.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. B-1049

Magi No. 0410495514

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Eigenbrot Brewery

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 101/113 Willard Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☐ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☒ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☐ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

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

name Hollins Industrial Park

street & number 101 Willard Street

telephone no.: 362-6692

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code Maryland 21223

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse

liber RHB 3132

street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets

folio

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

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

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

The majority of the Eigenbrot Brewery company was built in 1873 by Ferdinand Joh. This group of structures includes those which border South Warwick Street at the foot of Lipps Lane. Central to this early group is a two story brick building with a gable roof which later served as a "wash and storage" room. This was probably part of the original brewhouse. North of this building and adjacent to it is a one story brick building which later became part of the brewery's bottling plant. South of it is a three story hops storage building with a highly decorative brick cornice.

In 1892 the brewery began a modernization program which greatly increased its capacity. Key to this was the installation of a refrigeration system to expedite the cooling of the wort. An elaborate boiler house and compressor house fronting on Willard Street housed the unit. The former has a rooftop lantern now in badly deteriorated condition. In 1896 and 1897 a new brewhouse and cold storage warehouse was added. The brewhouse is a five story brick structure fronting on Willard Street just north of the office. The warehouse is also five stories but is much higher - each floor having sufficient clearance for the large wooden fermenting vats and storage tanks.

In 1906 the company added three new structures to house its expanded distribution facilities: A two story brick stable along Hollins Street, a two story addition to the bottling plant and a new stock house. In 1909 a new refrigeration plant was built between the 1873 and the new warehouse.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☐ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☒ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1873, 1896 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.

Baltimore was a major center of brewing in the nineteenth century, partly because of its large German population (and appeal to new German immigrants) and also because of its ready supply of grain. By the late nineteenth century there were dozens of small, independently owned breweries. The industry remained a prosperous one until Prohibition crippled it in 1920. Brewery architecture, the only remains of this once thriving industry, with its romantic, Germanic character and elaborate decoration, has given Baltimore some of its most interesting industrial structures. The Eigenbrot brewery in Southwest Baltimore, founded in 1873 and remodded in 1896, is an excellent example of brewery architecture.

The Eigenbrot Brewery on Willard Street in West Baltimore was actually founded by Ferdinand Joh in 1873. Joh died in 1876, however, and the brewery was inherited by his daughter Louisa, who married Henry Eigenbrot the same year. Eigenbrot was a thirty year old machinist, the son of a saloon keeper. Though he became the manager, Louisa retained title to the brewery.

The brewery was not incredibly successful, but it did enough business to continue, and to support the Eigenbrots in a comfortable style. In 1892, however, a reorganization of the brewery came about, and Alexander Straus, the son of malt supplier Levi Straus, became the new manager. (As a result of their role as malt suppliers, the Straus family had a great deal of power in the brewing industry.) A new company was formed, and Alexander Straus became the principal owner along with Louisa Eigenbrot.

The brewery underwent a great deal of expansion and modernization under Straus. The plant was enlarged and new equipment, including refrigeration units, was installed. In 1891, the year before Straus took over, the brewery produced about 14,000 barrels of beer, but by 1895 production reached about 45,000. A fire at the brewery in 1896 precipitated the erection of a new and larger brewhouse, and in 1897 a new large storage building was erected as well.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Brewing in Maryland William Keiley 1964

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Leslie Barr, Dennis Zembala, Ann Steele

organization Baltimore Museum of Industry date September 1983

street & number 1415 Key Highway telephone 727-4808

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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Henry Eigenbrot Brewing Company
Baltimore City, Maryland
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In 1899, the Maryland Brewing Company, a newly formed conglomerate, purchased the Eigenbrot Brewery along with seventeen other Baltimore breweries. Straus was retained as manager, but Eigenbrot retired at this time. The Maryland Brewing Company was sold to the Gottlieb-Bauernschmidt-Straus Brewing Company in 1901. This sale included the Eigenbrot property. Henry Eigenbrot died in 1906.

A two story addition to the bottling and storage house, a new stock house and a two story stable were built in 1906. In 1909, concrete floors, electric lighting and steam heat were installed, and in 1911 a 75 ton ammonia condenser and new vertical single - acting compressors were added. Straus left the brewery in 1912, and Charles Bach became brewmaster and manager. He retained this position until 1920, when Prohibition closed all the breweries. A moving and storage company took over the property at that time. It is currently owned by a furniture distribution company.

1. SITE I.D. NO. **8-1049**

HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 2040

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

manufacture

3. PRIORITY

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

5. DATE

1873

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

Hollins Industrial Park

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Eigenbrot Brewery

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

101 Willard Street

10. STATE **M D** COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG
DIST.STATE **M D** COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.
DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

101/113 Willard Street

12. EXISTING
SURVEYS☐ NR☐ NHL☐ HABS☐ HAER-I☐ HAER☐ NPS☐ CLB☐ 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☐ OTHERQUAD
NAME

Balto. West

UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING SIGN

SCALE

☐ 1:24☐ 1:62.5☐ OTHERQUAD
NAME15. CONDITION 70 ☐ EXCELLENT71 ☐ GOOD72 ☒ FAIR73 ☐ DETERIORATED74 ☐ RUINS75 ☐ UNEXPOSED76 ☒ ALTERED82 ☐ DESTROYED85 ☐ DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Leslie Barr

AFFILIATION

Balto. Museum of Industry

DATE

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

see attached

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

brewery

PRESENT USE

warehouse

ADAPTIVE USE

19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Brewing in Maryland Kelly, 1964

(CONT OVER)

20. URBAN AREA 50,000
POP. OR MORE?☒ YES ☐ NO

21. NPS REGION

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☒ YES, LIMITED☐ YES, UNLIMITED☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN23. EDITOR
INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES☒ NO

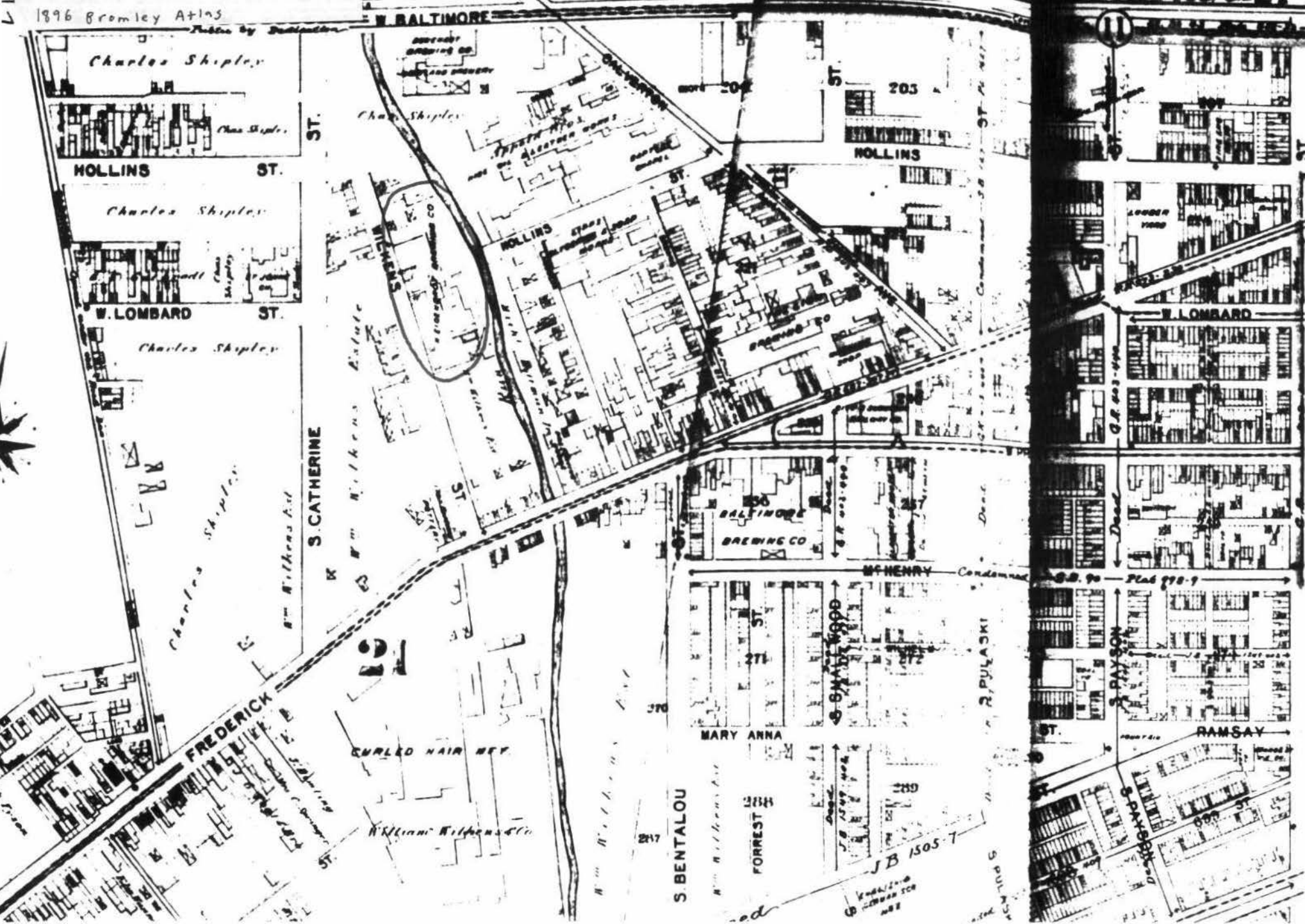
NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO

Eigenbrot Baking Co.
Baltimore City Md.

B-1049

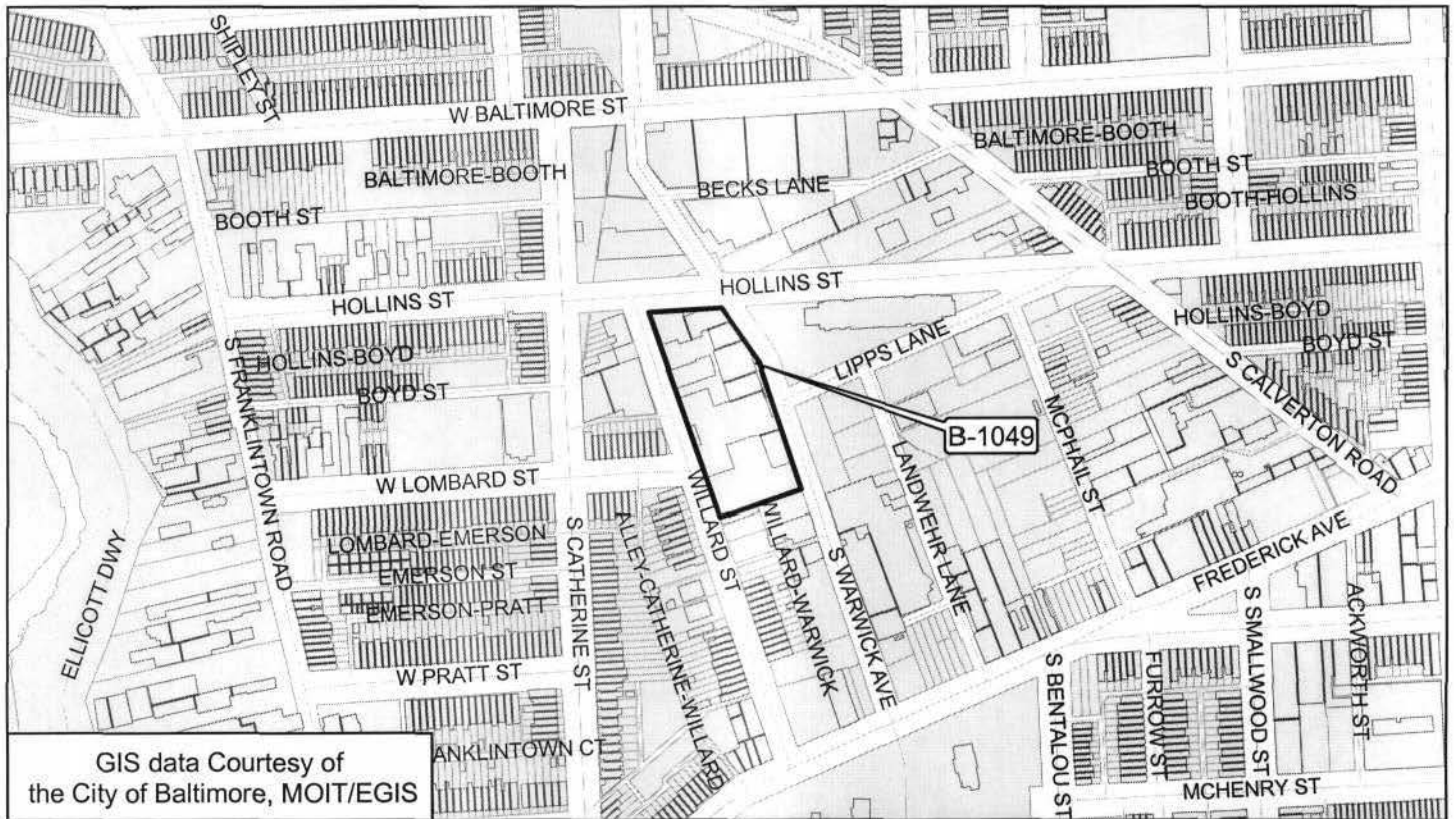
1896 Bromley Atlas





Broth Brewery
Baltimore City Md
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565 7.5 Balto West
33 57170 43 50360

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Eigenbrot Brewery
(Henry Eigenbrot Brewing Company)
101-113 Willard Street
Block 2173, Lot 028
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad.





EIGENBROT BREWERY B-1049

BALTO. CITY, MD.

P. LIEBHOLD 9/83

LOOKING N.E. AT COMPLEX

WILLARD ST.



THE E. J. LADEY CO.
418-25
1000-11 10-1000-23

Tyrene
ACVPS 237-9600

Lowell

1911
1900

BOO
was
here

19-21
JA

EIGENBROT BREWERY B-1049

BALTO. CITY, MD.

P. LIEBHOLD 9/83

LOOKING N.E. AT ICE MACHINE + BOILER HOUSE



EIGENBROT BREWERY B-1049
BALTIMORE CITY, MD.
PETER LIEBHOLD 9/83
LOOKING N.W. AT BOILER HOUSE



EIGENBROT BREWERY

B-1049

BALTO. COV, MD.

P. LEBHOLD

9/83

LOOKING S.E. AT STABLE BLDG.