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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Busch, John B., Brewery Historic District
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 108-130A Busch Avenue [N/A] not for publication
city or town Washington [N/A] vicinity
state Missouri code MO county Franklin code 071 zip code 63090

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this
[] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties
in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36
CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that
this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [] locally.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

 8 August 2000
Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date

- [] entered in the National Register.
See continuation sheet [].
[] determined eligible for the
National Register.
See continuation sheet [].
[] determined not eligible for the
National Register.
[] removed from the National
Register.
[] other, (explain:)
See continuation sheet [].

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)			
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site			
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
	<input type="checkbox"/> object			
		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
		<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

Historic Resources of Washington, MissouriNumber of contributing resources
previously listed in the National
Register.N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Industry/Processing/Extraction

Current Functions

Vacant/Not in UseCommerce/Trade/business

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other: Missouri-German

Materials

foundation stonewalls brickroof metalasphalt

other _____

See continuation sheet [].

See continuation sheet [].

Narrative Description

See continuation sheet [x].

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history

☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

Property is:

☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

☐ **B** removed from its original location.

☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.

☐ **D** a cemetery.

☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

☐ **F** a commemorative property.

☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Industry

Ethnic Heritage--European

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1855-1950

Significant Dates

ca. 1855

ca. 1888

ca. 1917

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

See continuation sheet [x].

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

See continuation sheet [x].

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State Agency

☐ Federal Agency

☐ Local Government

☐ University

☒ Other:

Name of repository:

Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO

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10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property approximately 3 acres**UTM References**

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	673090	4268840	15	673080	4268800

C. Zone	Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	672840	4268800	15	672870	4268900

[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FOP for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FOP.)

name Roger Langendoerfer
street & number 407 Cedar St. telephone 636 390-3830
city or town Washington state MO zip code 63090

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Summary:

The John B. Busch Brewery Historic District in Washington, Franklin County, Missouri consists of three buildings and covers approximately 3 acres of land. The district is located on Busch Avenue which is due south of the downtown business district. It is roughly bounded by Busch Creek (originally called Dubois Creek) on the north and west, by the VFW Park on the south, and by Jefferson Street on the east. The three properties in the district represent all of the surviving buildings associated with the John B. Busch Brewery and are all contributing buildings. The only other resource on the property is a large stone fireplace, which is a noncontributing structure. The buildings of the John B. Busch Historic District include representative examples of Property Type B: Vernacular Missouri-German and Property Type C: Commerical and meet the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Submission cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri."

The buildings in the district date from ca. 1855, the year the brewery was established to ca. 1917. Two of the buildings served as ice houses for the brewery; the other building was the main brewery complex where beer and later soda water was manufactured. All three buildings have stone foundations and brick walls. The main brewery complex and the larger west ice house are set into the hill; the smaller east ice house is located at the top of the hill. Today, the main building and the larger ice house have been converted to commercial space. The smaller ice house is currently vacant.

Individual Descriptions:

1. West Ice House, 130 Busch Avenue - ca. 1897, addition ca. 1915.

A one story brick building with a stone foundation, a side facing gable roof, and segmental arched windows and doors. (Labeled 1A on Figure One) The rectangular building, which faces north, has a four bay facade. (See Photo No. 1) However, the original building appears to have been three bays wide. The original part of the building has three equally-sized bays with a symmetrical fenestration pattern. A wide double door with a rectangular two light transom in the center bay is flanked by paired three-light casement windows set beneath segmental arches composed of soldier course bricks. The three bays are delineated by full height brick pilasters, and a brick corbel table runs the width of the original facade. The west bay, which has a projecting front gable and a dutch door in a low segmental arched opening, appears to be an early addition. (See Photo No. 2) An etched glass transom above the door reads "John B. Busch Ice House." Because the frame surrounding the door and transom is not centered in the opening, it is likely that the door and transom are not original. A louvered vent in a segmental arched opening is centered in the upper gable end. The original section of the

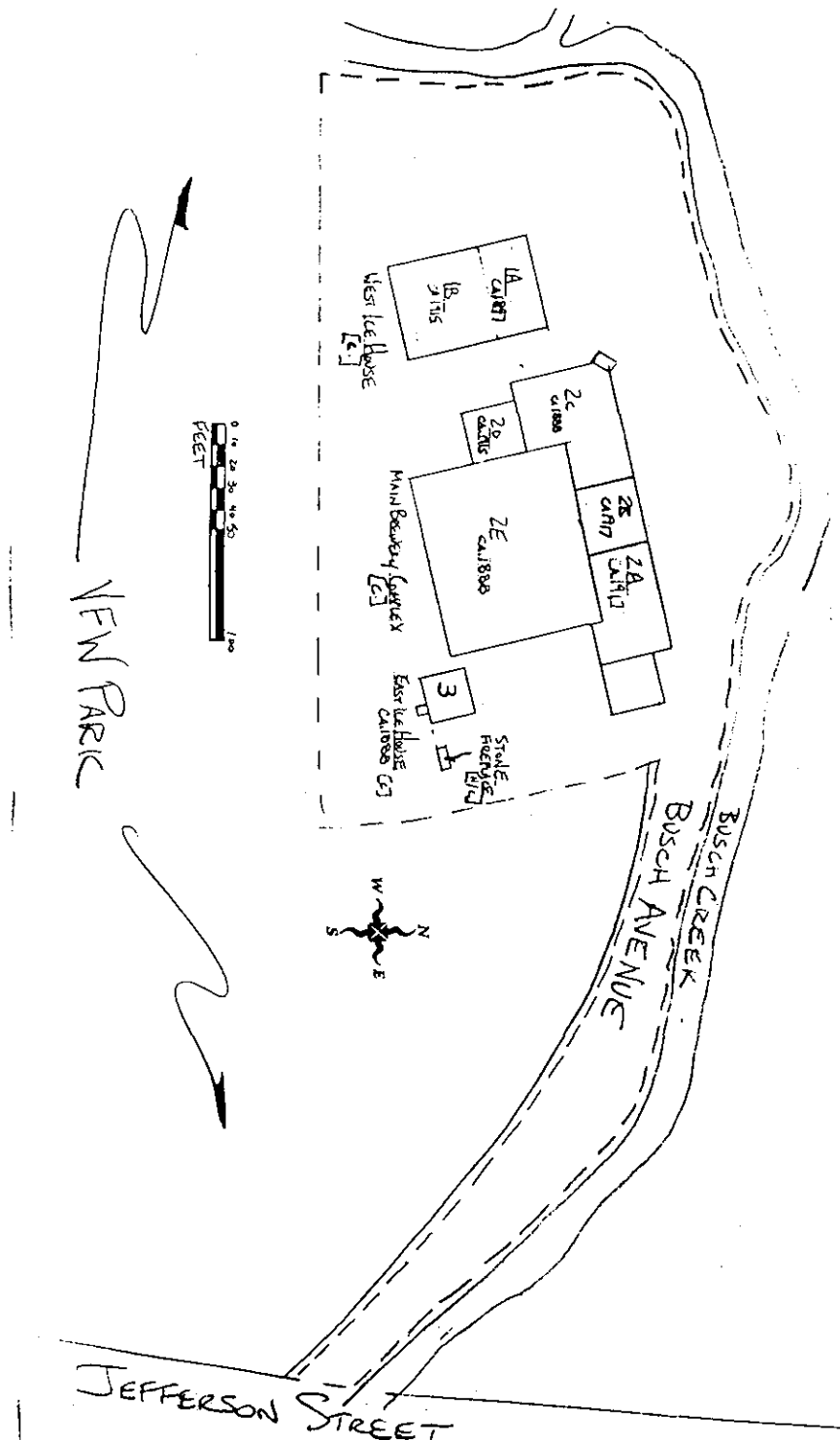
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Figure One: District Footprint Map. The District boundaries are shown as dashed lines.



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east elevation is divided into three bays by brick pilasters and has two windows and a door. The door, which is located in the north bay, has a single light transom. Both the door and the windows are set beneath segmental arches. A brick corbel table traces the roofline of the original part of the building. A louver vent in a segmental arched opening is set in the upper gable end.

The one-story rear addition of the West Ice House has brick walls and a flat roof. (Labeled 1B on Figure One) It more than tripled the size of the building when it was built ca. 1915. The west elevation of the addition has a roll-up garage door, but no windows. The east elevation of the addition has a door and two six-over-six double hung windows. Part of the south elevation is set into the hillside; approximately twelve feet is above grade. The only fenestration on the south elevation is two six-over-six windows. (See Photo No. 3) The West Ice House is a representative example of Property Type B : Vernacular Missouri-German, and it is a contributing building.

2. Main Brewery Complex, 108 Busch Avenue - ca. 1855, reconstruction ca.1888, additions ca. 1917.

A multi-storied complex of buildings which forms a single unit. The complex, which consists of five main sections, contains two large basement-level vaulted cellars, restaurant and banquet facilities, and commercial, office, and retail space. (See Figure One) Although much of the complex dates to the late 1880s, the cellars were probably part of the original construction of the brewery and therefore date to ca. 1855.

Three of the five sections are set next to each other on the north side of the complex. The ca. 1917 northeast section of the complex (Labeled 2A on Figure One) is a one story six bay brick building with a flat roof. The facade faces north and features a stepped roofline with stone coping; the roofline of the four center bays is higher than the two outer bays. Each of the two outer bays has a door and the four inner bays have six-over-six double hung windows which are early or original. All openings are covered by fabric awnings. The west elevation abuts a three story section of the complex. Much of the east elevation is covered by a shed-roofed frame addition.

This northeast section of the complex contains a restaurant space that is currently not in use. The seven panel doors between the dining room and the entrance lobby are eight inches thick and the door surrounds are composed of thick heavy timbers. (See Photo No.10) These features are early or original. The bar area in the rear portion of the restaurant may be earlier than the front part; the ceiling in this area is composed of multiple shallow brick vaults. (See Photo No. 9) A narrow vaulted passageway off the east side of this section of the building leads to the two vaulted cellars. (See Photo No. 11) Both of these cellars are set into the hillside. They have stone walls and brick vaulted ceilings. The largest measures approximately 80 feet long by 30 feet wide. The smaller cellar is approximately 50 feet long and 40 feet wide and has a large stone and brick fireplace built into one end. (See Photo No. 12) The smaller cellar, which can also be entered through a door at the top of the hill just below the smaller ice house, has been used in

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past years as a bar, but it is currently not in use.

The middle section of the north side of the complex is a three story four bay brick building. (Labeled 2B on Figure One, Second Building in Photo No. 4) Built ca. 1917, probably at the same time as the east section, it also has a stepped roofline. The symmetrically arranged facade, which faces north, has two door and two windows on the first floor and four windows on each of the second and third floors. The large second floor windows have twelve-over-twelve sash; those on the third floor are six-over-six. The interior of this section of the building has seen few changes since the brewery was in operation. The bare concrete floors, industrial stairs and railings and the circular holes in the floor for the large brewing kettles are still in place. (See Photo No. 8) This section of the building is currently not in use.

The northwest section of the main building complex is a two story corner entry commercial building which originally housed the brewery's 25 ton ice machine. (Labeled 2C on Figure One, See Photo No. 4.) Built ca. 1888, this section is five bays wide and has brick walls and a flat roof. A brick corbel table runs along the north and west elevations. A modern one story stone vestibule is located in front of the corner entrance. Another double door entrance is located in the easternmost bay. The other four bays are filled with pairs of early or original six-over-six double hung windows topped with segmental arches. Each of the bays on the second floor has a pair of eight-light casement windows topped with a pair of four-light transoms. All of the windows on the second floor are set into segmental arched openings. The first floor of this section of the building is occupied by a beauty shop; the second floor is configured as offices.

The southwest section of the main building complex is a two story rectangular plan brick building. (Labeled 2D on Figure One, See Photo No. 4) This section, which dates to the early twentieth century (ca. 1915), was the location of the large boilers. It faces west and has an entrance door and a garage door on the first floor. On the second floor, there are three equally-spaced nine-over-nine double hung windows. The second floor of this section of the building is at grade level on the south elevation. There are four six-light windows and an entrance door on the south elevation. This section of the building is vacant.

The south section of the main brewery complex is a two story rectangular plan brick building with a flat roof. (Labeled 2E on Figure One) Constructed ca. 1888, it faces south and has a seven bay facade with symmetrical fenestration. (See Photo Nos 5, 7) A double door with narrow side panels is located in the center bay. The three bays on each side of the center bay have equally spaced six-over-six double hung sash with segmental arched tops. The windows are early or original. The double doors, which are newer, have four lights in the top half and crossbraced lower panels. A brick corbel table identical to that on the northwest section of the complex (Section No. 3C) runs the length of the south elevation. Malt was milled and stored in

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this section of the brewery. Today, the lower level is used for storage; the upper level is a banquet facility.

The main brewery complex is a representative example of Property Type C: Commercial, and it is counted as one contributing building.

3. East Ice House - no address - ca. 1888.

The East Ice House is a one story square brick building which sits at the top of the hill on the southwest side of the property. (Labeled 3 on Figure One, See Photo Nos. 5, 6.) Built ca. 1888, It sits on a full basement and has a front facing gable roof. A cupola, which is centered at the ridgeline, has a pyramidal roof and vents. The only fenestration on the building is located on the south elevation. Two segmental arched openings are centered on this elevation. At the ground floor, there is a door, and in the gable end, there is a wooden panel. Both the door and the panel, which are newer, have crossbraced panels. A bulkhead door on the south elevation leads to the large cellar. The east ice house is currently used for storage. It is a representative example of Property Type B: Vernacular Missouri-German, and it is a contributing building.

4. Stone Fireplace.

To the east of the Ice House, there is a large freestanding stone fireplace. (See Photo No 6.) It appears to a fairly recent addition to the property and is, therefore, a noncontributing structure.

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Summary:

The John B. Busch Brewery Historic District in Washington, Missouri is a representative example of nineteenth century brewery architecture and of Missouri-German architecture. As such, the district is significant under Criterion A in the areas of INDUSTRY and ETHNIC HERITAGE--European. The buildings in the John B. Busch Brewery Historic District are representative examples of Property Type B: Vernacular Missouri-German and Property Type C: Commercial. As such they are significant under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. The buildings of the district meet the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri," and fall under the historic contexts "Early Development and German Immigration: 1829-1870," "The Golden Era: 1871-1904, Assimilation and Twentieth Century Development: 1905-1950," and "Architectural Development: 1839-1950.

The John B. Busch Brewery, also known as the Washington Brewery, is the largest and longest-lived brewery in Washington's history. The brewery was established in 1855 by German immigrants, John Baptiste Busch, Fred Gersie, and Henry Busch and continued in operation for one hundred years. Beer production ceased in 1918 due to prohibition, but the brewery continued to manufacture ice, near beer, and soda water into the 1930s. Although prohibition was repealed in 1933, the brewery never resumed beer production. Instead, the company bottled Anheuser-Busch beer and was a distributor of Budweiser beer until it closed in 1954. The three buildings in the district are the only surviving buildings of the John B. Busch Brewery. Although at least one other building associated with the brewery exists in Washington, it is not part of the original brewery site. The building at 101 East Second St. in the proposed Locust Street District was a soft drink bottling plant which was owned by the John B. Busch Brewery in the 1930s.

The buildings in the John B. Busch Brewery Historic District are representative examples of Property Type B: Vernacular Missouri-German and Property Type C: Commercial. The brick construction, brick cornices or corbel tables, and segmental arched window and door openings on the brewery buildings are all typical of Missouri-German architecture of the last half of the nineteenth century. Furthermore, the brewery buildings are significant as examples of nineteenth century brewery architecture. The ca. 1917 additions to the main brewery complex reflect the shift away from Missouri-German traditions that occurred in Washington in the early twentieth century.

The period of significance begins ca. 1855, the year the brewery was established, and runs through 1950, the standard fifty year cutoff. The brewery continued in operation bottling and distributing Anheuser-Busch beer until 1954. Additional significant dates for the district include ca. 1888, the period in which much of the brewery was reconstructed after a fire, and ca. 1917, the period just before prohibition when significant additions were made to the main brewery

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complex. All three of the buildings in the district are contributing; a large stone fireplace east of the east ice house is a noncontributing structure. The buildings of the John B. Busch Brewery Historic District are very much intact, particularly on the exterior and are in excellent condition. The district retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Elaboration:

Industry

John Baptiste Busch was born in the Rhineland area of Germany in 1832. He came to the United States when he was seventeen years old and settled in St. Louis. There, he learned the brewery business from elder brother George who owned Busch's Brewery.¹ After two years of training in St. Louis, and three years of college, at McKendree College in Lebanon, IL and Howard College in Fayette, MO, John B. Busch moved to Washington in 1854.²

In collaboration with his brother, Henry, and with Fred Gersie, John B. Busch established the Washington Brewery in 1855. The Washington Brewery was not the first brewery in Washington; an early brewery was established by Heinrich Tamm. However, it grew to be the largest brewery in Washington and was in business long after Tamm's brewery had ceased operations. John B. built his brewery into the base of a large hill just south of spring-fed Dubois Creek (now known as Busch Creek). In the early years of the brewery's existence, a number of Busch family members including Ulrich, Joseph, Henry, George, and Adolphus, participated in its operation as employees or financiers. However, within five years of its establishment, John B. Busch was the sole owner of the Washington Brewery. John B. Busch married Antonie Krumsick in 1858, and she became vice-president of the company, an unusual appointment for a woman in the mid-nineteenth century.

¹Suzanne Hill and Donald Roussin, "The Other Busch Brewery: John B's Washington Brewery, All in the family for 100 years." American Breweriana Journal, May-June, 1997, p. 4.

² Ibid.

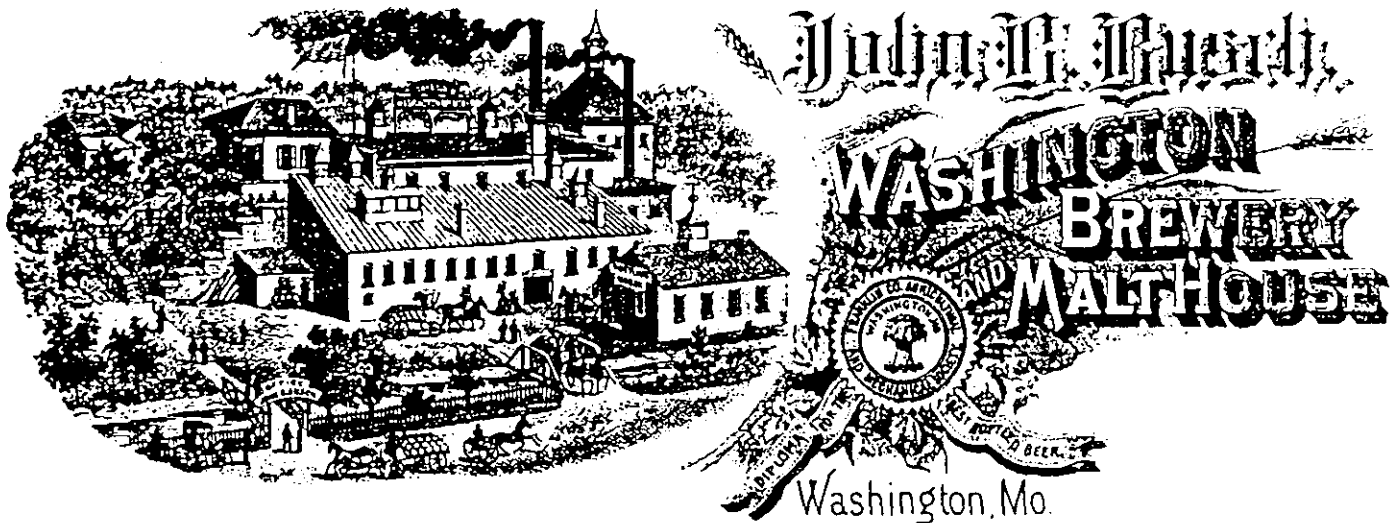
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Figure Two: Advertisement for The John B. Busch Washington Brewery and Malt House
(From the collections of the Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO)



The Washington Brewery was an almost immediate success. By 1860, the brewery was making both beer and ale, and production had reached 6000 barrels per year.³ For several years during the Civil War, John B.'s brother-in-law, George Krumsick, took over operation of the brewery while John B. served in the Missouri Militia.⁴ During Price's raid on Washington in 1864, the brewery was looted by Confederate soldiers.

³ United States Census, 1870 Census of Industry for Franklin County, p. 4.
(Microfilm copies on file at the State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri)

⁴ Ibid., p. 5.

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After the war, the brewery began to be called the John B. Busch Washington Brewery and Malt House, but it was also referred to as the Washington Brewery well into the twentieth century. (See Figure Two) Although production in the 1870s was less than before the war, several thousand barrels per year were still being brewed, and John B. Busch's brewery prospered. In 1877, Die Washingtoner Post reported that Busch had improved his brewery by adding steam engine power for grinding malt and pumping water. A year later, Busch had a lake constructed to cut ice from during the winter for the ice house.⁵ By the mid-1880s, newspaper advertisements boasted that "keg and bottle beer [would be] sent to all parts of the country."⁶ John B., however, unlike his younger brother Adolphus, the founder of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in St. Louis, was not interested in expanding the business beyond its Washington base. According to John B's grandson, Ulrich, the Busch family "just took care of Franklin County. The brewery's total output never exceeded 10,000 barrels per year."⁷

On July 20, 1888, a fire destroyed much of the brewery. The Franklin County Record stated that

John B. Busch, Washington, lost his entire brewery by fire. The building was worth \$50,000. It was insured for \$28,000. Fire started in the malt house. Stock of beer not destroyed.⁸

Based on this report, it is assumed that the original cellars were not destroyed. Reconstruction apparently began immediately because the brewery was back in production within a few months.

John B. Busch, Sr. died in 1894 after a long illness. His son, John B. Busch, Jr. moved back to Washington that same year and took over management of the company. The brewery continued to grow until prohibition threatened to put the company out of business. Busch ceased brewing beer in November 1918, but the business continued to operate by diversifying

⁵ Ralph Gregory. A History of Washington, Missouri. (Washington, MO: Washington Preservation Inc., 1991) p. 15.

⁶ Franklin County Record, November 4, 1889. (Kiel Files p. 5350. Washington Historical Society, Washington, Missouri)

⁷ Hill and Roussin, p. 5.

⁸ Ibid, p. 6-7.

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its operations. Initially, the company produced and sold ice and continued to produce a near beer called Buscho, which the brewery had made prior to prohibition. In an article about the John B. Busch Brewery published in American Breweriana Magazine, the authors, Suzanne Hill and Donald Roussin noted that:

An advertisement for Buscho in 1917 hailed it as a non-intoxicating cereal beverage. 'A delicious health drink - a satisfying liquid food - that can be used daily by all members of the family with good results, all the year around.'⁹

Buscho was discontinued after a short time due to its lack of popularity, but soda water in a variety of flavors was produced for many years. (See Figure Three) When it appeared that prohibition might not end for many years, if ever, "the Busches sold their brewing equipment to a brewery in British Honduras. The copper brew kettles and other equipment filled 15 to 16 train cars."¹⁰ After Prohibition was repealed in 1933, the Busch family decided it was too costly to buy new brewing equipment to resume beer production. For the last twenty years of its operation, the brewery bottled beer produced in St. Louis by Anheuser-Busch and operated as a distributor for Budweiser beer. The company was managed by Ulrich W. Busch, Jr. In 1954, the John B. Busch Brewery closed after 100 years in business.

For many years after the brewery closed, the Buescher Corn Cob Pipe Factory rented the brewery buildings as storage space. In 1988, a local businessman, Roger Langendoerfer, and his brother-in-law, Frank Tillman, purchased the brewery.¹¹ The brewery was converted to restaurant, retail, and office space. Today, only part of the building is occupied, but a new microbrewery is scheduled to open soon.

⁹ Ibid., p. 8.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Bill Miller, Jr. "Historic Brewery Being Restored" Washington Missourian. July 1, 1989, p. 2A.

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Figure Three: Advertisement from the Washington Observer June 8, 1923, p. 4.

It's Great!

Busch Soda Water

TEN GOOD REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD DRINK BOTTLED SODA WATER

1. Because bottled soda water is not subjected to dirt, dust and the contamination of disease germs.
2. Because bottled soda water is manufactured under the most sanitary conditions.
3. Because the state board of health approves bottled soda water and thoroughly inspects the plant of every soda water manufacturer.
4. Because bottled soda water in every way is a most wholesome and nutritious beverage.
5. Because bottled soda water is properly proportioned, carbonated and mixed in a sanitary plant with modern filling and capping machinery, made uniform in quality, untouched by hand and unspoiled.
6. Because bottled soda water, in the case of well-known national fruit drinks, cannot be substituted. Substitution of soda water is very easy where bottled beverages are not served.
7. Because the Crown sealed bottle of soda water is your protection for a drink as a drink should be.
8. Because the most eminent doctors strongly advocate and recommend the drinking of pure carbonated bottled soda water.
9. Because bottled soda water is an ideal food.
10. Because bottled soda water is of refreshing, stimulative and assimilative value, and cannot be too frequently or too strongly urged for a jaded appetite.

All of our beverages are made from DISTILLED WATER, PURE CANE SUGAR and TRUE FRUIT EXTRACTS. Our bottles are STERILIZED before being filled, which makes our CARBONATED BEVERAGES absolutely PURE.

Order a case delivered to your home.
Phone 178.
John B. Busch Brewing Co.

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Architecture

The buildings of the John B. Busch Brewery Historic District are significant as industrial examples of Property Type B: Vernacular Missouri-German and Property Type C: Commercial.¹² The brick walls, dentiled cornice and segmental arched window and door openings of the buildings are all common to early Missouri-German buildings in Washington.¹³ Dentiled brick cornices and segmental arched window and door openings are particularly common to the surviving nineteenth century houses in the community. In Built in the U.S.A., Dianne Newell notes that "the breweries of the Northeast and Midwest were frequently expressions of the German origins of their owners and workers."¹⁴ The parts of the district which were constructed during John B. Busch, Sr's lifetime all feature these Missouri-German elements.

The Busch Brewery buildings are also typical of brewery architecture across the country in the late nineteenth century. According to Dianne Newell, the author of "Breweries" in Built in the U.S.A.,

By 1880, the brewhouse was an enormous multistory structure of massive fireproof, factory construction. Because temperatures were mechanically regulated, many windows were feasible. The brewery complex expanded to include an office building, a power plant and maltings, which were highly functional structures made up of a series of low-clearance stories with numerous tiny, closely spaced window openings and paved floors on which germinating grain was spread, as well as a kiln for drying.¹⁵

¹² See MPS cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri" for a full description of the Vernacular Missouri-German and Commercial property types.

¹³ See MPS cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri: Architectural Development: 1839-1950, Section F, Associated Property Types" for a full discussion of Missouri-German characteristics.

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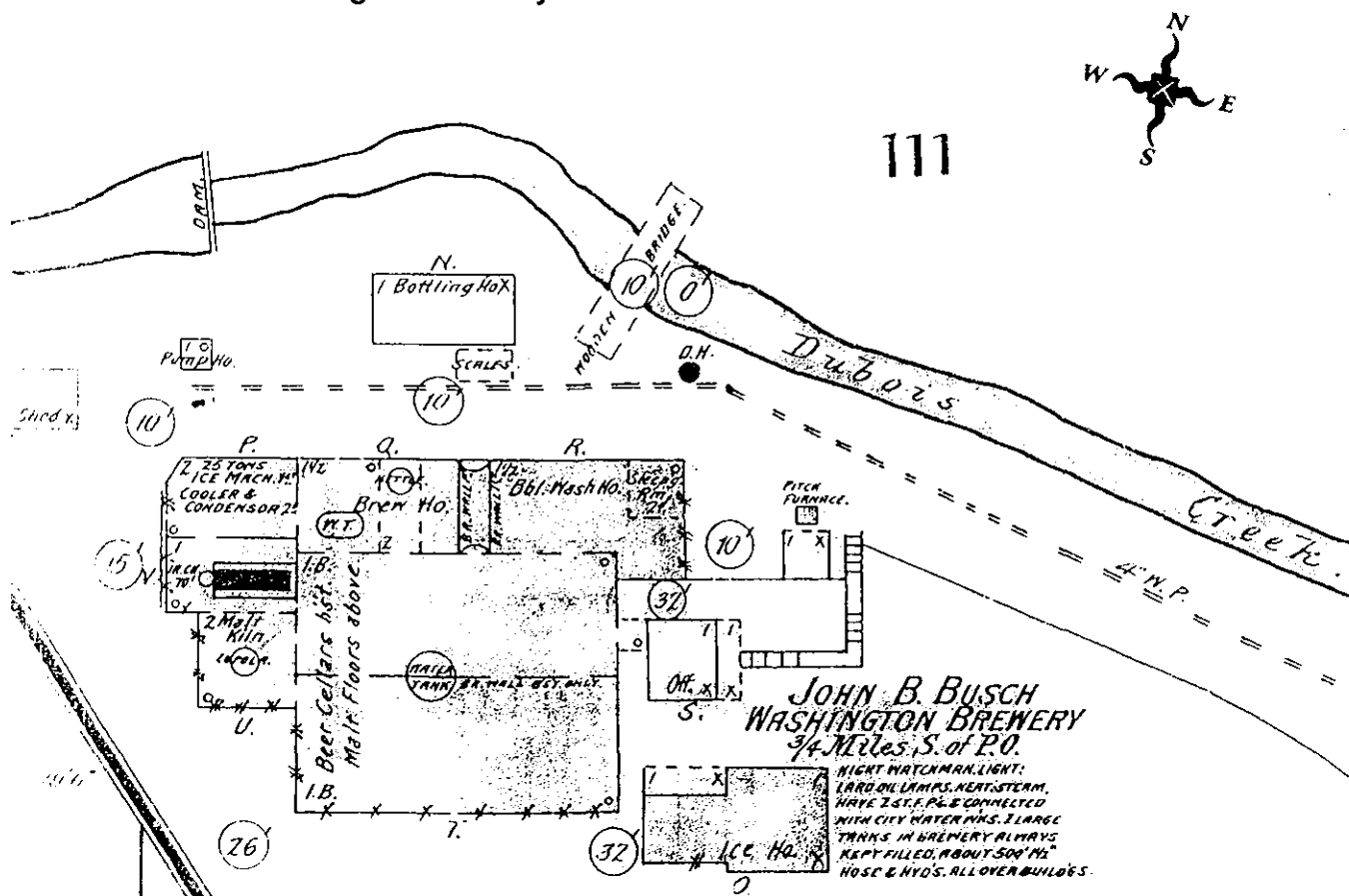
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Sanborn maps from 1893 shows that the design, organization and equipment of the John B. Busch Brewery is consistent with other late nineteenth century breweries in the United States. (See Figure Four) Although some of the brewery buildings have been demolished, the thick brick walls, heavy doors, and vaulted arch cellars that remain in the extant brewery buildings continue to remind us of their original function.

Figure Four: Section of the 1893 Sanborn Map for Washington showing the John B. Busch

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The evolution of the John B. Busch Brewery Historic District parallels the architectural development of Washington. Although a few buildings in Washington continued to be built with segmental arched window and door openings, for the most part, Missouri-German characteristics were no longer used on buildings after the turn of the twentieth century. The nineteenth century portions of the district feature Missouri-German characteristics, but later twentieth century additions to the main brewery complex are characteristic of the Art Deco style, a popular national style of the period.

The John B. Busch Brewery Historic District appears today much as it did when the Busch family owned and operated the business. The buildings in the district are very much intact, particularly on the exterior, and they are in excellent condition. The district represents one of the few extant nineteenth century brewery complexes in Missouri, and the buildings are fine examples of Missouri-German architecture.

Chronology: From Sanborn Maps, United States Census Records, and local histories noted in the bibliography.

- 1832 - John Baptiste Busch is born in the Rhineland region of Germany.
- 1849 - John B. Busch immigrates to the United States and settles in St. Louis, MO.
- 1854 - John B. Busch moves to Washington, MO
- 1855 - John B. Busch, Henry Busch and Fred Gersie establish the Washington Brewery just to the south of Dubois Creek.
- 1858 - John B. Busch marries Antonie Krumsick
- 1860 - Census of Industry - Value of the brewery - \$20,000, production by horsepower - 3000 barrels of ale and 3000 barrels of beer.
- 1862 - John B. Busch leases the brewery to George Krumsick while he is away with the Missouri Militia.
- 1864 - The brewery is looted by Confederate soldiers during Price's raid on Washington.
- 1869 - The brewery is shown on the Bird's Eye View of Washington.
- 1870 - Census of Industry - Value of the brewery \$25,000, production - 3000 barrels of beer, no ale.
- 1877 - Steam engines installed at the brewery.
- 1878 - Busch builds 1/4 acre lake to cut ice from in the winter.
- 1888 - A fire destroyed much of the brewery, but the cellars and the beer contained within them were apparently undamaged. The brewery was rebuilt and back in operation by the end of the year.

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Chronology continued.

1893 Sanborn - The main brewery complex and the east ice house are both in place. The east ice house had a larger building attached to it on the east. Other buildings and structures on the site include a bottling house, an office, a wagon shed, a pump house, and a large set of scales.

1894 - John B. Busch, Sr. dies. John B. Busch, Jr. takes over as president of the John B. Busch Brewery.

1898 Sanborn - All of the buildings shown on the 1893 Sanborn are still in place. Three additional ice houses appear on the map this year. All three are located to the west of the main brewery complex; one is located on the west side of Dubois Creek.

1908 Sanborn - All of the buildings on the 1898 Sanborn are still in place. An overhead ice slide is shown extending across Dubois Creek between the two westernmost ice houses.

ca. 1915 - The addition to the west ice house is constructed.

1916 Sanborn - The rear addition to the ice house just to the west of the main brewery complex is the only addition. The westernmost ice house is labeled "to be removed."

ca. 1918 - Two new Art Deco style sections are added to the main brewery complex.

1918 - Beer production is ceased. The remaining beer in the brewery cellars is sold by the end of the year.

ca. 1920 - The beer brewing kettles and equipment are sold to a brewery in British Honduras. The John B. Busch Brewing Company is producing ice and flavored soda water.

1926 Sanborn - The ice house on the west side of Dubois Creek is gone. All of the other buildings that were on the 1916 map are still in place.

1933 - Prohibition is repealed. The John B. Busch Brewery becomes a bottling facility for Anheuser-Busch beer and a distributor of Budweiser beer.

1954 - The John B. Busch Brewery closed after 100 years in operation.

ca. 1955-1988 - The brewery buildings are used for storage by the Buescher Corn Cob Pipe Factory.

1988 - Roger Langendoerfer and Fred Tillman purchase the brewery and begin rehabilitation.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

The property is parcel number 10-5-0-3-099-002-000 as shown on Franklin County Tax Map 57-10-5-22-3. The map was prepared by Walker and Associates, with aerial photos taken 3-10-96, scale 1"= 100'. Copies of the map are available at Washington City Hall and the Franklin County Assessor's Office in Union, MO.

Boundary Justification: The boundaries represent all of the property currently associated with the buildings.

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Photographs

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101 East High Street
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List of Photographs (Camera Angles are indicated on the Photo Key Map)

1. Ice House/Washington Printing Press, facing southwest.
2. Ice House/Washington Printing Press, detail, facing south.
3. Ice House/Washington Printing Press, facing northwest.
4. Main Brewery Building, facing southeast.
5. Left to Right: Ice House/Washington Printing Co, Main Brewery Building, Ice House/Storage Building, facing northwest.
6. Ice house/storage building, facing northeast.
7. Main Brewery Building, facing northeast.
8. Brewing Room in Main Brewery Building.
9. Restaurant Space in Main Brewery Building.
10. Door in Main Brewery Building.
11. Entrance to Brewery Cellars.
12. Small Cellar

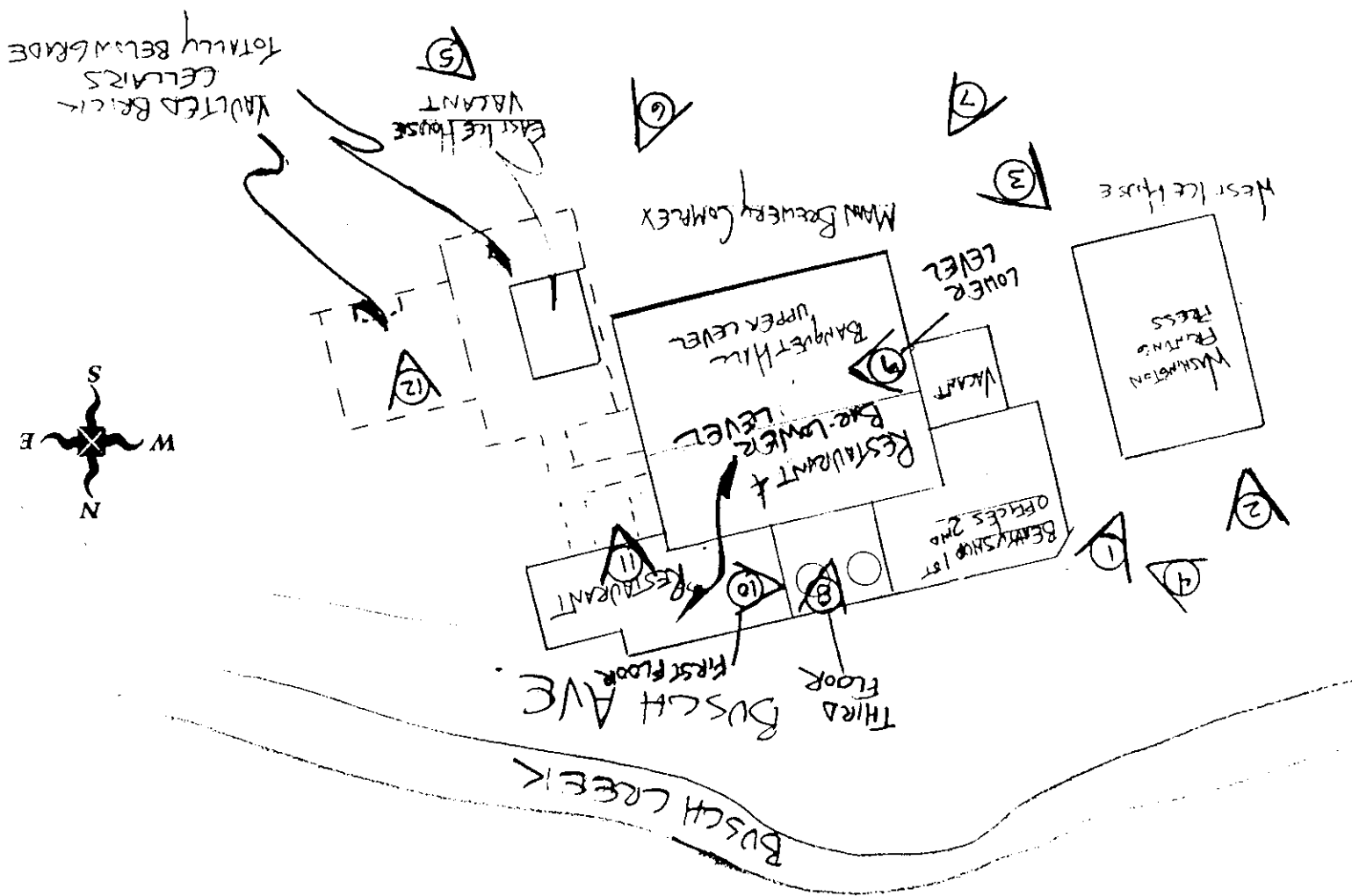
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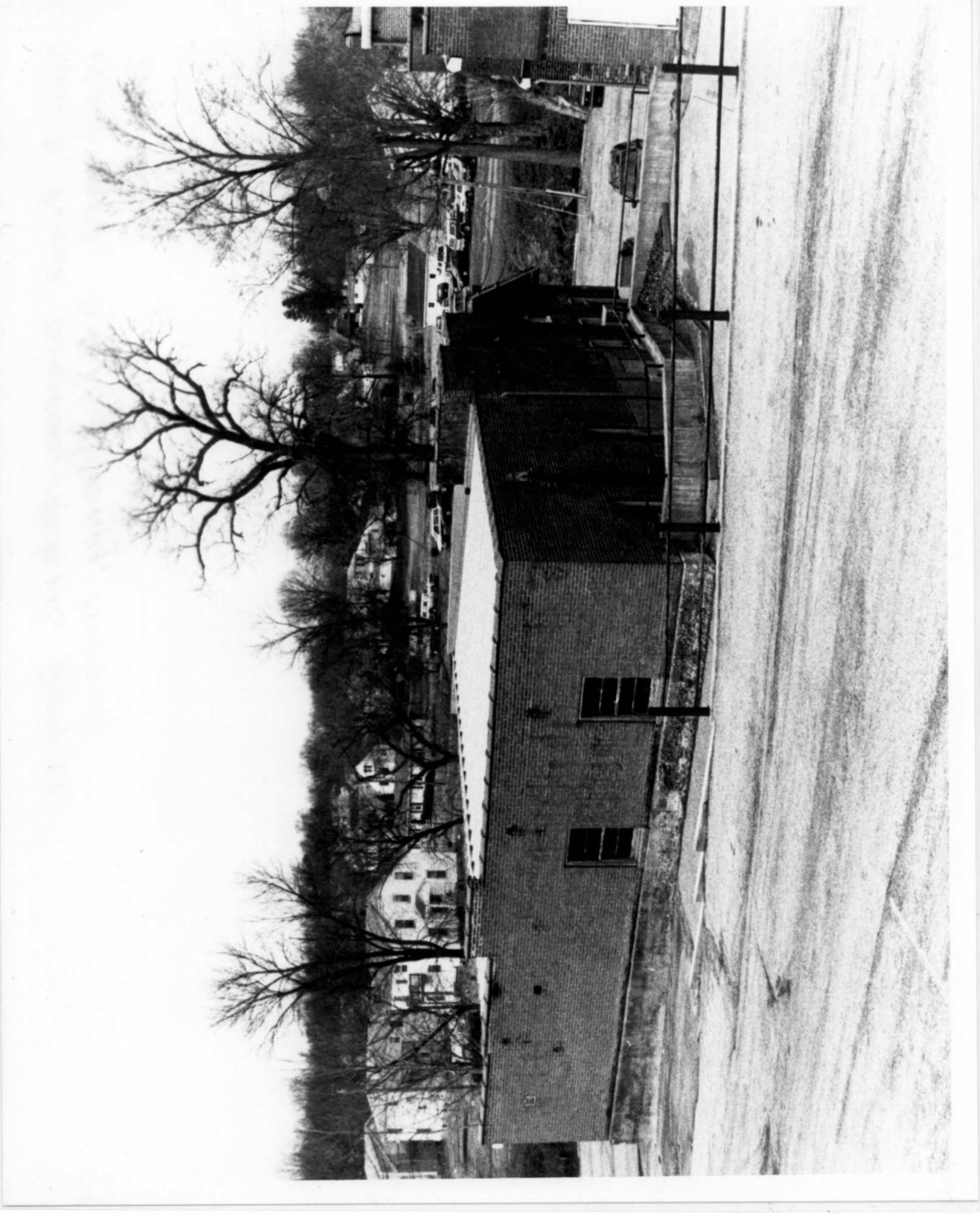
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Figure Seven. Photo Key Map. Current building uses are labeled.



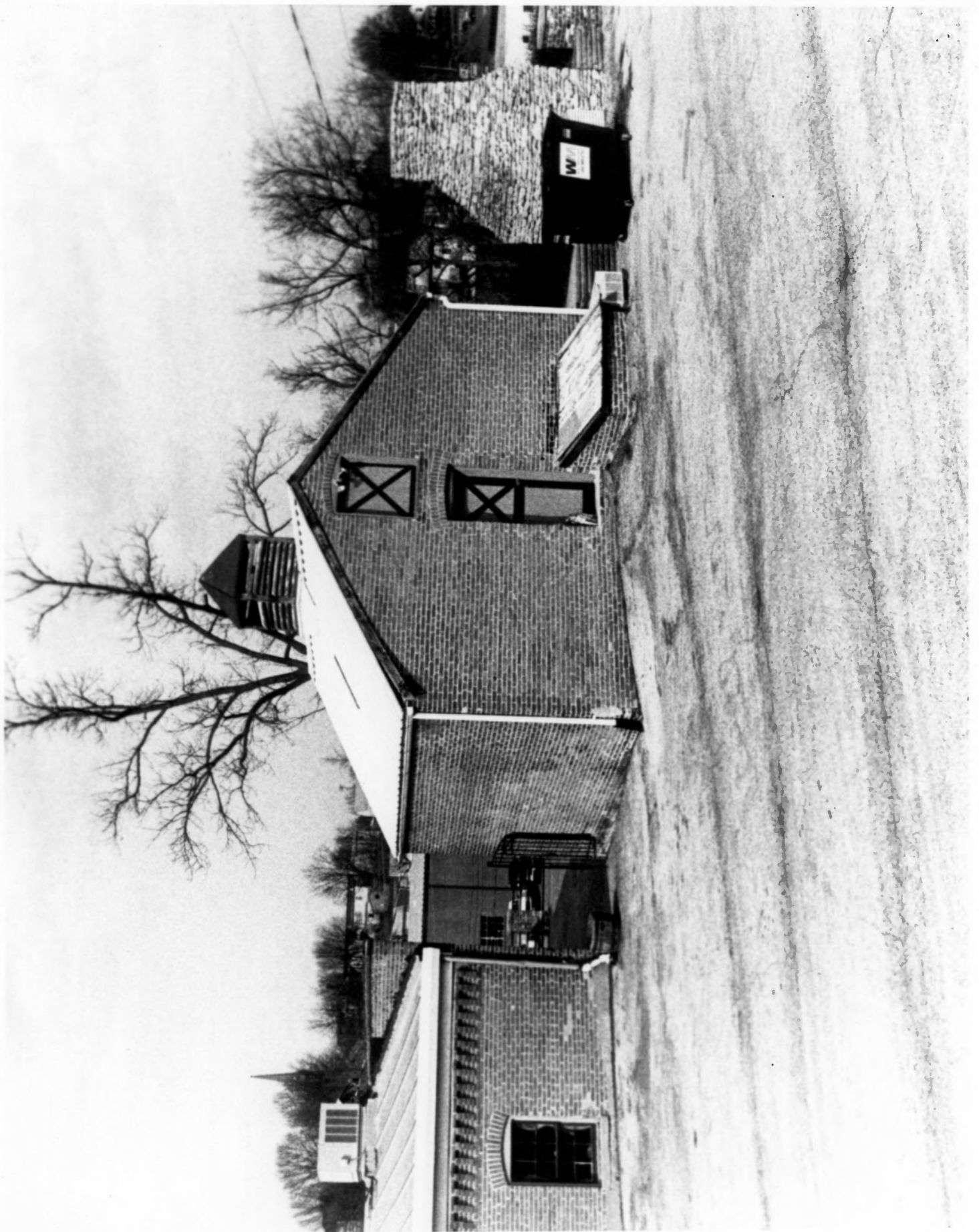


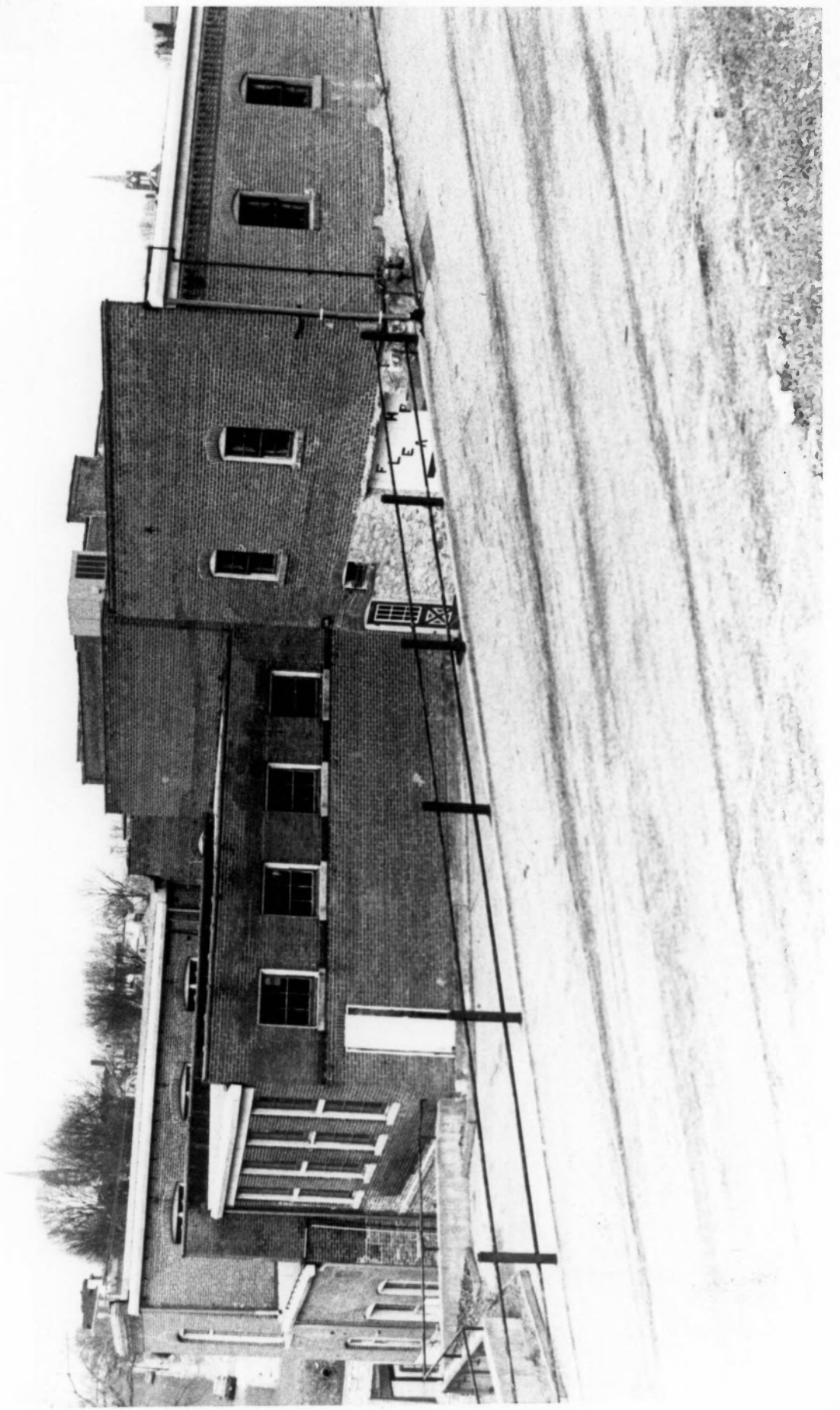




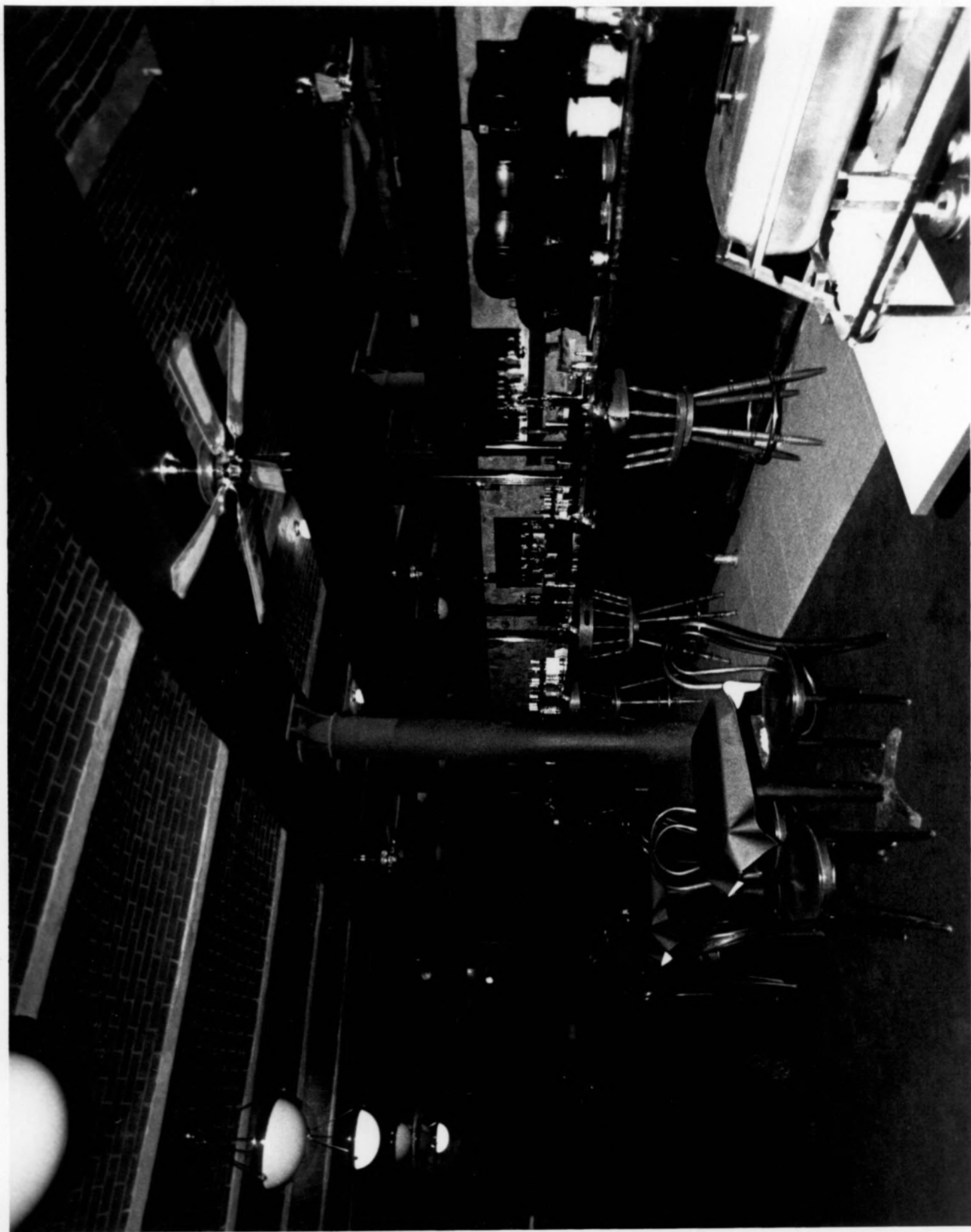














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