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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC

Warehouse D, White Mills Distillery Company

AND/OR COMMON

Warehouse D, Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18th & Howard Streets

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Louisville,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Kentucky

— VICINITY OF
CODE

3 & 4

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

111

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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1080

CITY, TOWN

Louisville,

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville,

Louisville,

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Kentucky Survey of Historic Sites

DATE

1978

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Warehouse D, a whiskey-storage warehouse is now a part of Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation. Old Forester plant, is located southwest of downtown Louisville at the corner of 18th and Howard Streets (Photo 1). The warehouse was built between 1894 and 1904 and was originally part of the White Mills and Lynndale Distillery Company.

The brick structure has a pitched roof and end gables. The interior contains seven floors of wooden barrel racks with windows at each level. Interior walls are exposed brick (Photos 2, 3, 4, 5). *photos missing*

The southern facade abuts another larger brick warehouse and only a small portion of that facade is visible. The north and east facades have brick pilasters which rise the full height of the building. They are topped by brick capitals, some of which have open-work brick vents. The pilasters are joined above the capitals by brick corbeling (Photos 6, 1).

photos missing
The eastern facade contains five tiers of windows. The section at either end of this facade originally contained similar windows but they have been bricked up (Photo 1). The northern facade has two tiers of windows. All windows have segmentally arched tops with radiating brick arches above. Windows on the first two levels have security bars. Originally all windows had iron shutters and the shutter mounts are still visible (Photos 6, 1).

At the north end of the warehouse a one-story, brick guardhouse was added sometime in the past twenty years. Adjacent are brick and stone pillars and iron gates at the driveway. These are also twentieth century additions (Photos 6, 1).

Visually and stylistically Warehouse D is an interesting example of industrial architecture at the turn of the century.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1894-1904 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Warehouse D is visually an interesting example of industrial architecture and is similar in style to other industrial structures of the same period. It is unique in that it is one of the very few surviving brick distillery warehouses built around the turn of the century in Jefferson County.

A distillery existed on part of the Brown-Forman property as early as 1883. It was known as the Wallwork and Harris Distillery and was owned by James Wallwork and William S. Harris. They bought lots in 1881 bounded by 18th, Howard, and 20th Streets, and extending South about 270 feet. The 1884 Atlas of Louisville indicates distillery buildings on the western half of the property, at Howard and 20th Streets.

James Wallwork died in 1883 and in 1885 his estate sold the distillery property to the surviving partner, William S. Harris. The distillery was known afterward as the W. S. Harris Distillery.

Harris died in 1894 and that same year his widow sold the distillery to Charles E. Lemmon, owner of the Old Times Distillery at Broadway and 28th Streets. Lemmon immediately sold the distillery to Samuel A. Hoffheimer of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1896 the distillery was listed in the city directory as the White Mills Distillery Company. By 1899 part of the property was known as the Lynndale Distillery. Both Lynndale and White Mills were owned and operated by Hoffheimer Brothers, of Cincinnati, until passage of the Prohibition Amendment in 1919.

It was during the Hoffheimer ownership that Warehouse D was built. An 1894 Sanborn Map Company survey of distilleries in Kentucky shows no structure on the present site of Warehouse D (Map 1). The 1905 Sanborn Maps of the City of Louisville do show Warehouse D on its present site (Map 2). A fire in 1896 destroyed one of two metal clad warehouses on the property. Possibly Warehouse D was built shortly after the fire to replace the burned warehouse which had been on the western part of the property.

In 1919 Hoffheimer Brothers sold the White Mills and Lynndale Distilleries to G. Lee Redmon, of Louisville. The distilleries were shut down and the equipment dismantled under the Prohibition Amendment.

In 1923 Congress passed the Concentration Warehouse Act which required that all whiskey produced for medicinal purposes during Prohibition must be stored in government designated warehouses where federal officials could supervise its withdrawal. The warehouses owned by the G. Lee Redmon Company were designated concentration warehouses and medicinal whiskey manufactured by various distillers was stored there.

In 1931 Brown-Forman Distillery Company, Inc., purchased the distillery property from the G. Lee Redmon Company and moved its offices to the Howard Street location.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately .12 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Louisville West Quadrangle QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	60,638,0	4,23,345,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

7th City District
Block 36-H
Block 3

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Jean Kinsman, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER

727 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

Louisville,

DATE

August 11, 1978

TELEPHONE

587-3501

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Charles W. Gentry

TITLE

DATE 10-30-78

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Charles W. Gentry</i>	DATE <u>12-8-78</u>
FOR KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
ATTEST: <i>Jane H. Gilmore</i>	DATE <u>12/6/78</u>
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	

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Warehouse D, Brown-Forman

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Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation, a leader in the distilling industry, had its beginnings in 1870 when George Garvin Brown, a Munfordville native who had moved to Louisville, formed a wholesale-whiskey business with his half-brother J. T. S. Brown. By 1883 the firm had become Brown-Thompson and Company with the addition of James Thompson, a cousin of George Garvin Brown, and George Forman. In 1890 James Thompson sold his stock to the other two partners and they formed the Brown-Forman Company, which was incorporated in 1902 as the Brown-Forman Distillery Company. Brown-Forman's first distillery was located at St. Mary's, Kentucky.

By the time of Prohibition, Owsley Brown had succeeded his father as president of the company. All distillery equipment had to be shut down and dismantled, but distillers with whiskey on hand could sell it to druggists for medicinal purposes. The Treasury Department also granted a very few licenses to distillers allowing them to distill whiskey under government supervision for medicinal purposes. One of these licenses was issued to Owsley Brown in 1920.

In 1923 the Concentration Warehouse Act forced Brown to close the St. Mary's Warehouse and move the stored whiskey to the Concentration Warehouses at 18th and Howard Streets in Louisville, which were owned by G. Lee Redmon. In 1924 Brown-Forman bought the capital stock of the Redmon company and moved its offices to the Howard Street location. In 1931 Brown-Forman purchased the property at 18th and Howard Streets and the buildings and equipment. After the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 Brown-Forman was in a position to immediately begin production of whiskey.

The company's main offices and the Old Forester distilling operations have been at this location since 1931.

Over the years the plant and office facilities have been expanded and additional buildings have been erected. Warehouse D is no longer needed as space for storing whiskey. The company plans to renovate and adapt the warehouse for use as offices.

The architect of Warehouse D is unknown. The structure is visually an interesting example of industrial architecture and is similar in style to other industrial structures of the same period. It is unique in that it is one of a very few surviving brick distillery warehouses built around the turn of the century in Jefferson County. Reuse of the building will maintain an attractive turn-of-the-century industrial structure as a viable part of a site which has been the scene of distillery operations since the late nineteenth century.

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Jefferson County, Kentucky

ITEM NUMBER

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The distillery industry in Kentucky dates to the late 18th century and to the early 19th century in Jefferson County. White Mills Distillery (later Brown-Forman Distillery) is a late 19th century enterprise. The importance of the White Mills Warehouse is based largely on the fact that it is one of the few remaining brick distillery warehouses in Jefferson County and not the commercial contribution of White Mills or Brown-Forman Distillery.

In recent months several brick warehouses at a distillery in eastern Louisville, probably dating from the early twentieth century, were demolished. One other warehouse remains at that site. Available information indicates that most other distillery complexes in Jefferson County were built after 1933.

The entire Brown-Forman complex has not been included in this nomination because any remnants of buildings once part of the White Mills and Lynndale distilleries, if they exist, have been so extensively remodeled, altered or incorporated into new structures that any original fabric of the structures has been virtually obliterated.

The large building adjacent to Warehouse D (shown in Photo 1) was built in 1935, and designed by the architectural firm of Joseph and Joseph, Louisville, Kentucky.

The date of Sanborn Map 3 is 1969.

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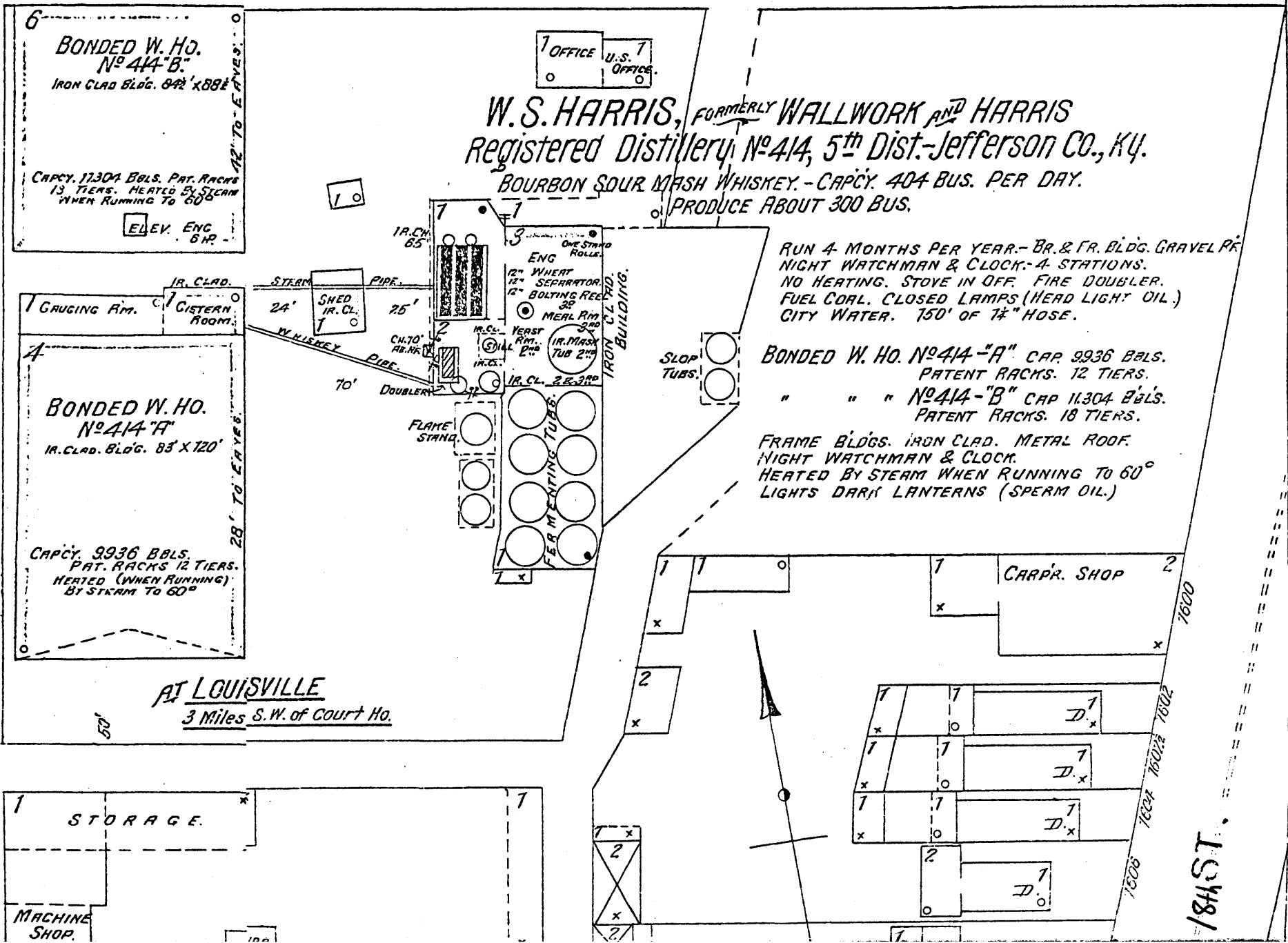
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HOWARD ^{4" W. PIPE} ST. 69

CIST.

KENTUCKY, 5



AT LOUISVILLE
3 Miles S.W. of Court Ho.

18th ST.

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Distillers Corp., Louisville,
Jefferson, County, Kentucky

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Sanborn-Perris Map Company
New York, New York

Map 1
Sanborn Survey Map, 1894,
showing site of Warehouse D
prior to its construction

— 1 1/2" = 100 feet

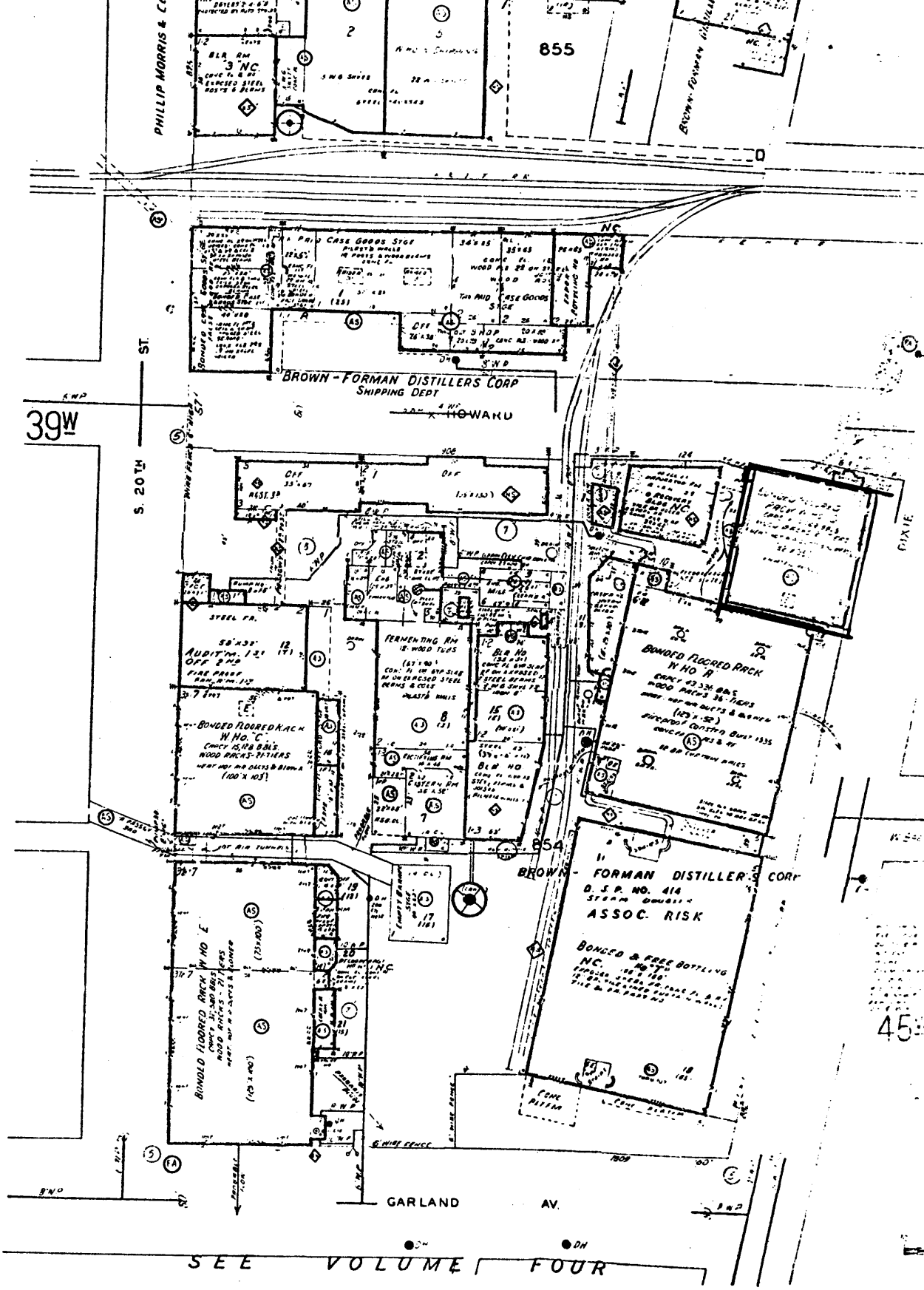
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Sanborn Map Company
New York, New York

Map 2 **NOV 7 1978**
1905 Sanborn Map showing Ware-
house D on its present site

1 1/2" = 100 feet



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Distillers Corp., Louisville,
Jefferson, County, Kentucky

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Sanborn Map Company

Map 3 1978 1969 map
Sanborn Map showing present
site of Warehouse D and
Brown-Forman Distillers Corp.

1 1/2" = 100 feet