

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic North Pacific Brewing Company Beer Storage Building
and/or common Astoria Fire House No. 2 (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 2968 Marine Drive N/A not for publication
city, town Astoria N/A vicinity of First Congressional District
state Oregon code 41 county Clatsop code 007

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Astoria
street & number 1095 Duane Street
city, town Astoria N/A vicinity of state Oregon 97103

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clatsop County Courthouse
street & number 749 Commercial Street
city, town Astoria state Oregon 97103

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title City of Astoria Landmark has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1984 federal state county local
depository for survey records City of Astoria Historic Buildings and Sites Commission
city, town Astoria state Oregon 97103

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u> N/A </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Astoria Fire House No. 2, is a solid brick building designed in 1896 by Portland architect Emil Schacht as a storage house for the North Pacific Brewing Company. Remodeled into a firehouse between 1928 and 1929, the building currently is only partially occupied and is in fair condition.

Fronting Marine Drive on the south, the building is located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian, and comprises the south 65 feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12 of Block 147, Shively's Addition to Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon. The entire nominated parcel is 65 x 150 feet in dimension.

The oldest portion of the solid brick building rests on a concrete foundation 36" thick. First floor walls are 25" thick; 2nd floor, 21" thick; 3rd floor, 17" thick; and roof parapet, 13" thick. Supporting the inside area of the first floor are fifteen cast iron pilings on 10' centers. Originally, these supported wooden posts which in turn supported wooden floors and roof.

The main building measures 42'6" wide x 59'6" deep, and is 43'6" from the ground to the top of the parapet. A simple sheet metal cornice decorates the front of the building below the parapet which is ornamented with square insets. Originally there was a louvered water tank and cooler on the roof, and only six small windows -- two on each floor, with brick keys -- on the Brew House adjoining on the east.

In 1928-29, when the building was transformed into the headquarters station of the Astoria Fire Department, the wooden interior was gutted and the roof water tank removed. A concrete floor was poured on posts supported by the original cast iron pilings which extend a couple of feet higher than the basement floor. Four huge concrete arches were poured in place to support the concrete second floor so that no posts would interfere with the main garage room. Second floor interior walls were framed and plastered and support the third floor wooden gymnasium floor. The flat composition roof is supported by 10" x 24" wooden beams 40' long. The window openings on the third floor are original on the north and south elevation. Additional paired windows with six-over-six double-hung sashes were put in on the second floor. Windows on the east wall of the second and third floors were originally doors into the brew house. The first floor windows were removed and replaced with arched doorways 11' wide with brick keys to match the original, and a 3'6" wooden door between them. Cast iron wheel guards were installed on each side of the steel garage doors. A brass fire pole extends from the first floor to the ceiling of the second floor. The old beer barrel elevator was removed and the shaft used for a hose drying tower. The exterior north wall was plastered. The adjoining wooden brew house was in a deteriorated condition and was not needed by the city. By 1935, it was replaced with a one-story addition with a brick front and a concrete east wall, the rest being frame construction. The south wall features a rectangular wooden garage door of three hinged panels, solid lower section and 12 panes above. On each side are six-over-six double sash windows. The wing is 32' wide and 49'8" long. The east wall features a door with transom on the south end and three 32-pane windows in Chicago-style frames. The north wall, covered with composition fake bricks, has no windows. An exterior chimney is in the NE corner. Until the new fire station was built just to the north in 1977, it was used as storage space for city fire department equipment.

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J. E. Wicks blueprints dated 5/25/28 are in file #13.7 in City Engineer's office. A large incised stone plaque announces the historic function on the upper south elevation and the bronze plaque on the west end of the south front reads: Fire Station No.2, This building was constructed in 1896 by the North Pacific Brewery and rebuilt 1928-29 by the City of Astoria to serve as a fire station. City Commission: J C Ten Brook, Mayor; John R. Arnold - '28, Anton Sorenson - '29; E C Gearhart; Victor Seeborg; Lloyd Van Dusen; City Manager George Garrett; Fire Chief C E Foster; Uhrbrand and Lervick, Contractor; J E Wicks, Architect.

Below is a Coast & Geodetic Survey marker F 472,1941.

On the interior of the main building, the hose tower, stairs, toilet facilities, offices and locker rooms are located on the south wall. The other spaces are open except on the second floor, which is divided into two north/south oriented rooms for recreation and sleeping.

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1896; 1928–1929 **Builder/Architect** Emil Schacht (1896)/John E. Wicks (1928–29)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Astoria Firehouse No. 2, initially erected in 1896, is located at 2968 Marine Drive in Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon. Designed as a storage facility for the North Pacific Brewing Company by Portland architect Emil Schacht, the building was remodeled by local architect John E. Wicks in 1928–1929 for use as a firehouse and was subsequently enlarged with a single story wing by 1935. The building is locally significant under Criterion "a" for its contributing role in the development of the City of Astoria, first as an industrial building and secondly as an integral part of the city's expanding governmental infrastructure. It also may be secondarily evaluated under Criterion "c" as one of few extant industrial brick buildings in Astoria dating from the late 19th century and as a design of Emil Schacht, noted Portland architect.

Before the Finnish became a major ethnic community in Astoria, the Germans were probably the largest non-English language group in the city. Astoria's commercial history abounds in such names as Boelling, Leinenweber, Schmidt, Schimpff, and Kirchhoff. Wherever there was a major German community, we are told, there immediately sprang up a German brewery. John Kopp founded the North Pacific Brewery in the early 1880s in Upper Astoria. In March 1893, he purchased the east half of Block 147, Shively's Addition to the city of Astoria for \$7,000. Finally, on July 8, 1896, he laid the cornerstone of the new brewery. By January 1897, it was producing 200 barrels a day, flavored with hops grown in the nearby Nehalem Valley.

The Astoria Daily Budget reported on July 15, 1908, that North Pacific Brewing Co. had begun producing a new non-alcoholic beer called Maltona. Prohibition brought an end to Astoria's brewing industry at the end of 1914. In 1916, the Far West Milk Products Co. converted the brewery into a condensed milk plant, but the downtown saloons didn't sell enough of the product to keep the plant running, so by 1921, according to the Sanborn fire insurance atlas, the plant was not in operation. The 1924 atlas shows the building vacant.

In 1928, the City of Astoria needed to replace its aging wooden firehouse in Uppertown. After the Great Fire of 1922, when 28 city blocks -- including the central fire station -- burned in a few hours, there was a much greater interest in fireproof construction. It was considered a fine idea to convert the old NPB beer storage house, which had been vacant for fourteen years, into a central fire station. Local architect John E. Wicks was engaged to remodel it for that purpose.

There is a growing interest in the work of J. E. Wicks, Astoria architect who emigrated from Finland as a young man. His career is of statewide interest in that when Oregon began to certify architect he was given license No. 3, and sat on the certification board for twelve years. He designed many of the major residences and buildings in Astoria, including the Norris Staples House which is being nominated to the National Register. His daughter, Ebba, is one of Oregon's early women architects. With her husband, Ernest Brown, the firm was known as Wicks & Brown, then Brown & Brown, then Brown & Brown & Grider, and now with the Browns retired, it is Grider & Potter.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Various editions of Sanborn fire insurance atlases on file at Astoria Public Library
2. Newspaper index at Astoria Public Library
3. Newspapers: Daily Morning Astorian 7-9-1896, p. 4; 12-29-1896, p. 4; 7-17-28, p. 1
Astoria Daily Budget, 7-15-1908, p. 5; 12-13-16, p. 5; 2-20-29, p. 1

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Astoria, Oregon-Wash.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Astoria Firehouse No. 2 is located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian, and comprises the south 65 feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12 of Block 147, Shively's Addition to Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon.

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

state None code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bruce R. Berney, Secretary

organization City of Astoria Historical Bldgs. & Site Commission date March 16, 1984

street & number 450 Tenth St., Astoria Public Library telephone (503) 325-7323

city or town Astoria state Oregon 97103

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

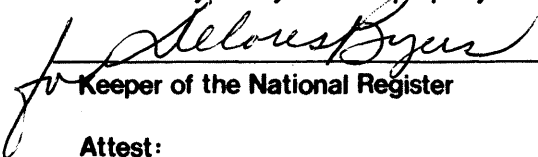
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date July 11, 1984

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


Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 9/7/84

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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Emil Schacht, architect.

During his 40 years of practice in Portland, Schacht was responsible for many notable buildings. The building for which he is perhaps best known is the Oriental Building which was built for Portland's Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905. Done in an ornate Spanish Renaissance style, the building was torn down when the fair grounds were demolished a few years later. Other buildings include Central Police Headquarters at 2nd and Oak Streets, 1912; the early Elks Temple at 329 Stark; the Perkins Hotel at 422 SW 5th, now demolished.

The Cachot Therkelsen Collection in the Special Collections department of the University of Oregon Library in Eugene, Oregon, shows in its index 122 blueprints of projects by Emil Schacht, 49 by Emil Schacht and Son, 19 by Martin Schacht, 24 by Schacht & Bergen, and 1 by Schacht & Linde. Included in the list are many titles which are missing in the inventory.

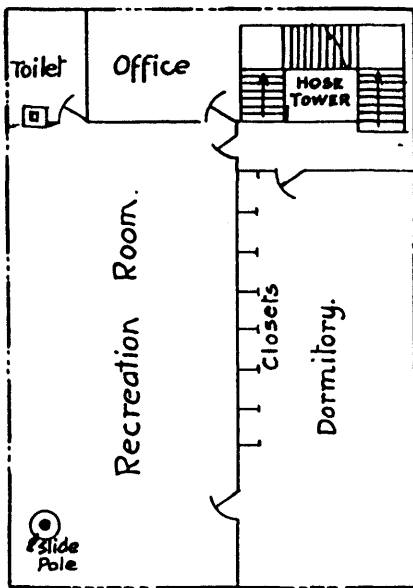
Surviving buildings in Astoria:

- North Pacific Brewing Co. beer storage building, 1896,
remodeled in 1928-1929 for Uppertown Fire Station.
- Old City Hall, 1909.
- Frank I. Dunbar House, 1911. 1684 Irving.
- Scandinavian American Bank Building, 1912. Burned in 1922, but rebuilt
as old U. S. National Bank.
- First National Bank (Schacht & Bergen), 1923. Modernized both inside
and outside.

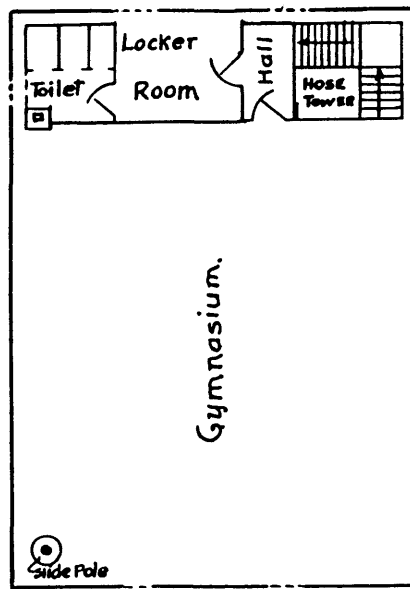
Emil Schacht was born in 1854 in southern Denmark. He studied at Hanover, Germany and at Copenhagen, Denmark. He moved to New York City in 1874 where he was a draftsman for six years, returned to Denmark for one year, where he married, then moved to Omaha, Nebraska. In 1884, he moved to Portland where he worked alone at first, then later with his son Martin. He died suddenly in 1926.

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2968 Marine Drive
Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

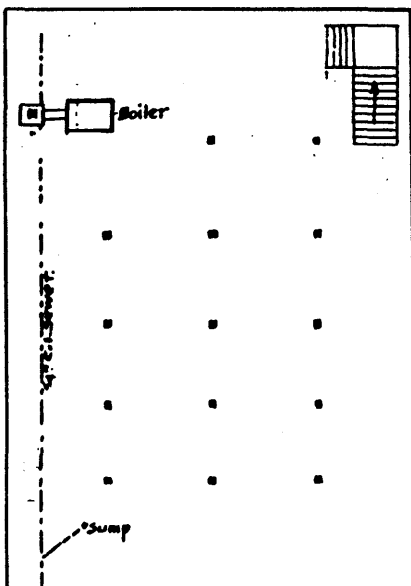
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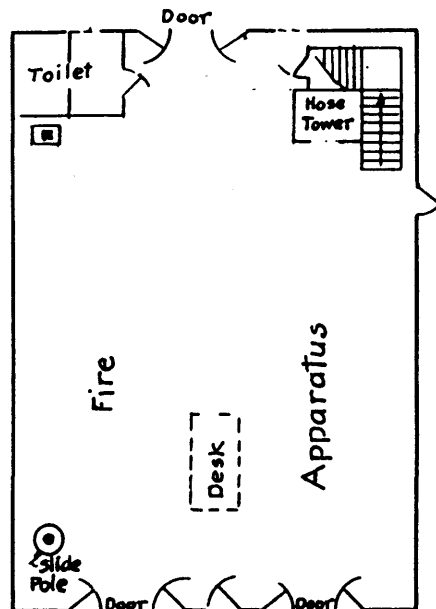
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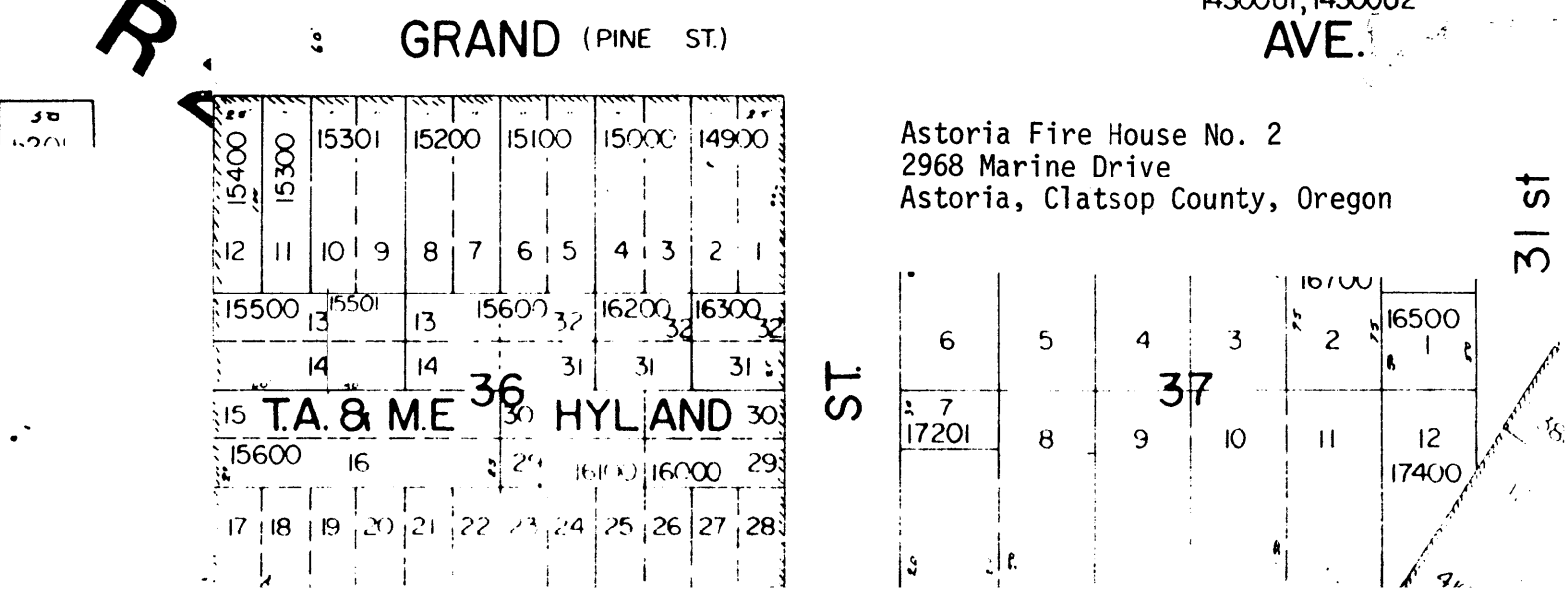
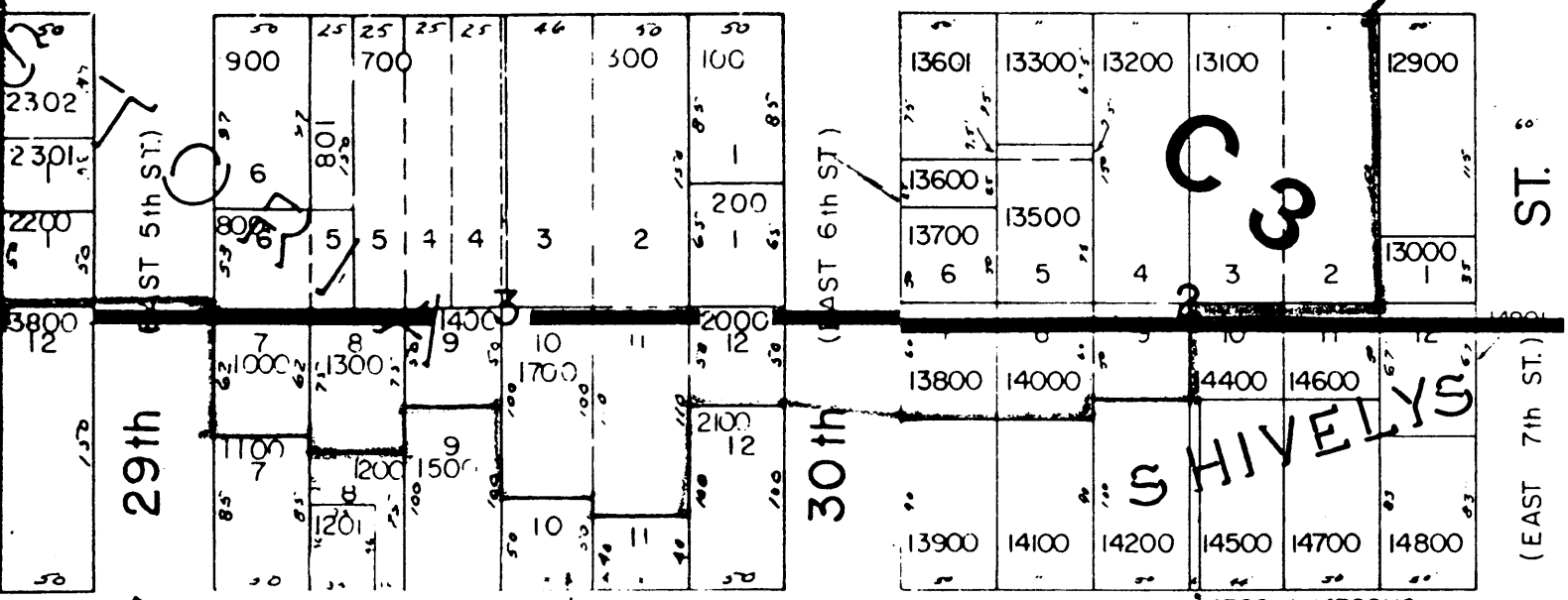
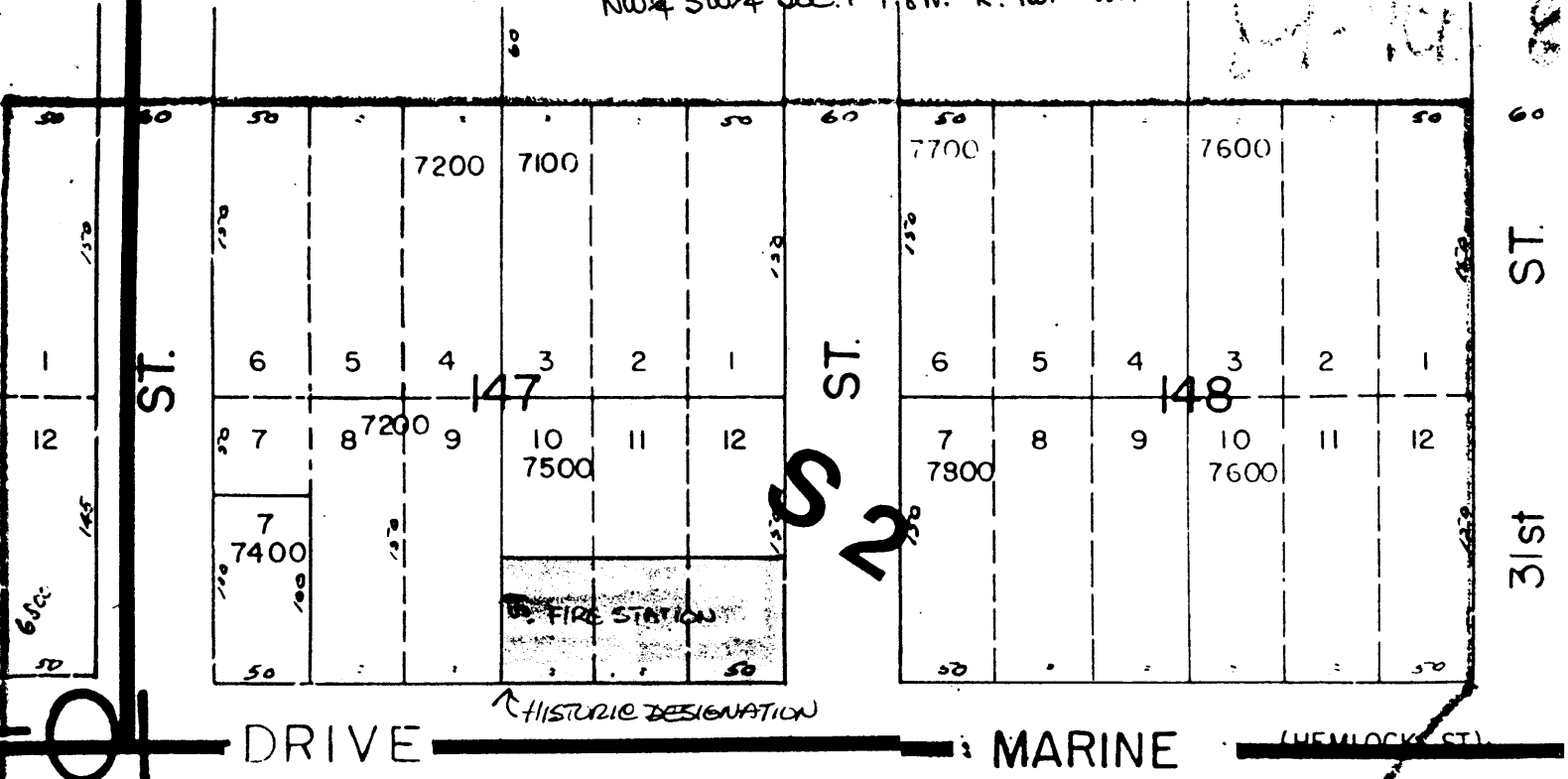


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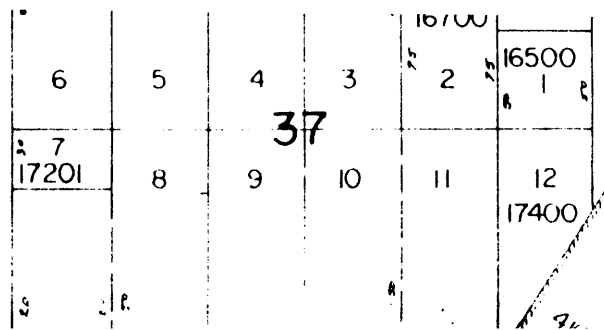


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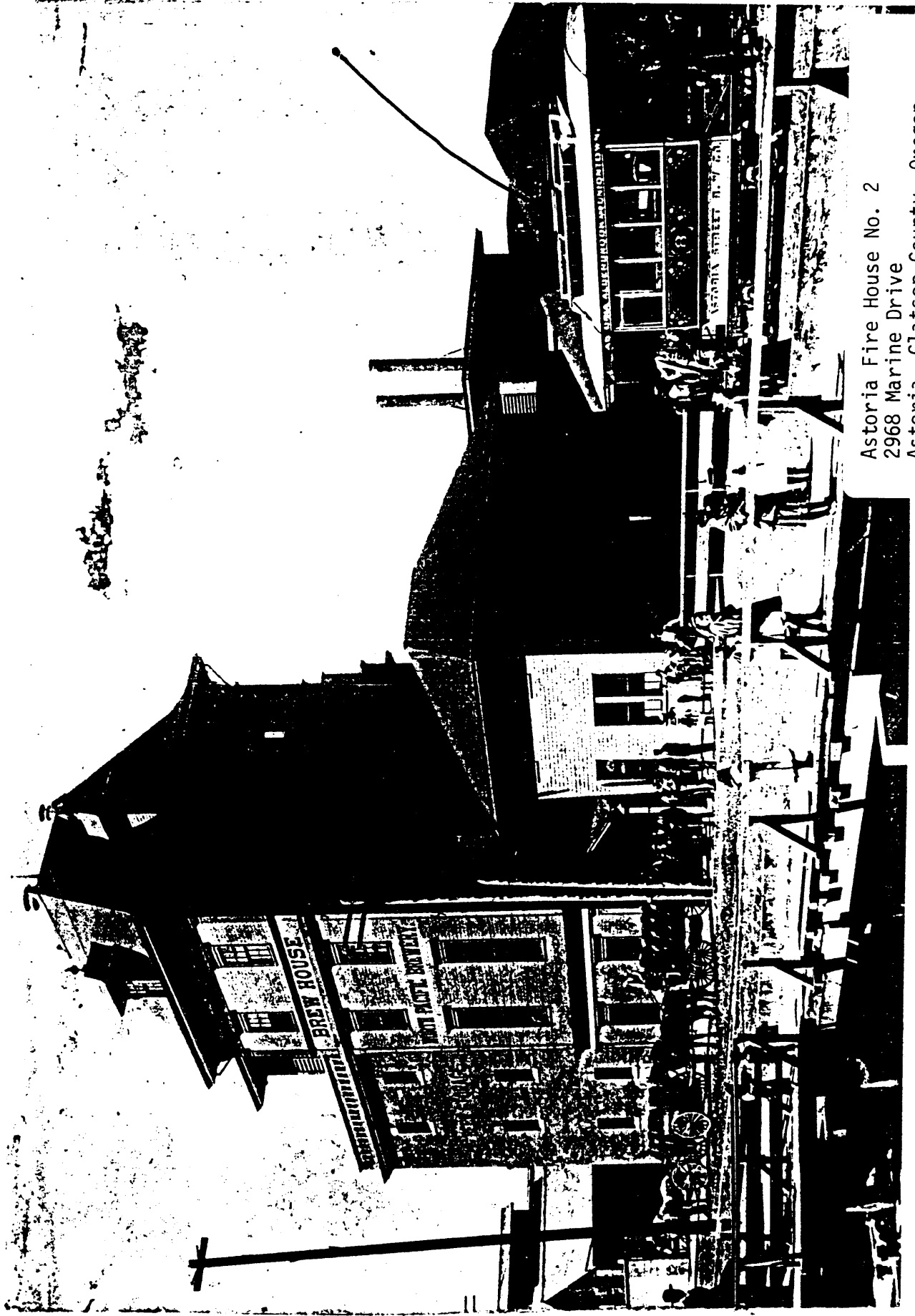
CLATSOP COUNTY ASSESSORS MAP 8-4-40B
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Historic photo, circa 1896. North Pacific Brewing Co., Astoria, Oregon



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