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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: The J. Spang Baking Company

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 2707 Barber Avenue

Street

City or town: Cleveland

State: OH

County: Cuyahoga

Not For Publication: N/A

Vicinity: N/A

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 at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

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<u>Barbara Power</u>	DSHPO for Inventory & Registration	<u>Apr 117 2018</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection		
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain:)



Signature of the Keeper

4/14/18

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
Public – Local
Public – State
Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
District
Site
Structure
Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/ Specialty Store

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: Processing

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick, Stone, Metal, Wood

Narrative Description

Summary Paragraph

The 1906 to 1937 J. Spang Baking Company building is located at 2707 Barber Avenue in the city of Cleveland. The one to three-story red and orange brick J. Spang Baking Company Commercial style building is rectangular in plan, demonstrating multiple additions occurring between 1906 and 1937. It is a combination of post and beam masonry load bearing and reinforced concrete construction. The building represents the commercial expansion and growth of the J. Spang Baking Co. into one of the largest bakery businesses in Ohio, offering home delivery service by horse drawn wagon and later by truck. The building is composed of two sections, the Bakery and the Wagon Room & Garage, and the entire building maintains historic integrity.

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The J. Spang Company building resides on Cuyahoga County parcel #007-25-001, composed of approximately 1.42 acres. The property is situated between West 30th (Mill) Street and West 26th Place. It is one block west of West 25th Street, a major north-south corridor travelling through the Ohio City neighborhood of Cleveland and past the 1912 West Side Market (NR #73001423) at Lorain Avenue. Interstate 90-West is located one block south of the building with an exit at Barber Avenue. The building façade fronts the city sidewalk at Barber Avenue with curb cuts and a parking lot adjacent to the east. Barber Court, a brick alley, runs east-west to the rear of the building.

The surrounding neighborhood consists of primarily modest single-family houses and vacant lots, along with several scattered commercial buildings. The ca. 1950, 2011 Nestle USA L.J. Minor Co. Factory,¹ 2621 West 25th Street, is located diagonally across West 25th Street at Barber Avenue. The Scranton South Side Historic District (NR #15000371) and Scranton Elementary School, 1991 Barber Avenue, are located two blocks to the east.

BAKERY: 1906 Stable; 1911, 1923, 1937 Baking Room; 1928 Baking Room Addition

The Spang family bakery business started in their 1889 wood frame home located at 2701 Barber Avenue (demolished).² In 1906, the orange brick Stable was constructed to house the horses and wagons for the baking company's home delivery service (photos 1, 2). The three-bay stable was designed by architect Bernard Van Develde. The horse stalls are indicated by arched openings located along the east and west elevations; the east openings have been bricked in while a portion of the west openings remain and are visible on the interior (photo 14). In 1911, a two-story red brick Baking Room was designed by Cleveland architect R.M. Hulett, adjacent to the west of the 1906 Stable.³ This addition extended the facility to 2705 Barber, with a main entrance at 2701 (photos 2, 3). The façade of the Stable appears to have been incorporated into the 1911 design of the bakery as noted in the brick keying along the east elevation of the façade (photo 1). The 1906 Stable interior was later converted for use as a dining room and storage as part of the Bakery, likely at the same time as the construction of the new stable in 1915 at the southeast corner of Barber and West 30th Street.⁴ In 1923 the second floor of the 1911 Baking Room was

¹ "Nestle Professional Minor's Celebrates 60 Years of Innovation." Nestle Good Food, Good Life. 5 April 2011. Available at <http://www.nestleusa.com/media/pressreleases/minors-celebrates-60>.

² Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1896. Map Collection, Cleveland Public Library; City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 5535, Julius Spang, Stable, 25 September 1906.

³ City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 386-B, Spang Baking Co., Bakery, 20 March 1911.

⁴ City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 10183-A, Spang Baking Co., Stable, 1 November 1915. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1912-13, 1941.

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remodeled.⁵ (photo 31). In 1928, Cleveland architects George S. Rider Co. designed a three-story Baking Room Addition to the west of the 1911 building (photo 4).⁶ This extended the facility west to 2711 Barber Ave. with a neighborhood storefront for local pick-up at the 2707 entrance. The new Bakery addition was constructed of reinforced concrete with interior glazed brick to be in-compliance with sanitary and public health regulations. Finally, in 1937, a third-floor was added to the western portion of the 1911 Baking Room, again designed by Cleveland architects George S. Rider Co (photos 2, 4).⁷ (Historic Images: Figures 1, 2a, 2b, 5, 10a)

The 1906-1937 Bakery section of the building is utilitarian in design and a combination of post and beam load bearing masonry construction and poured concrete construction (photos 1-4, 10-11). It is comprised of 24 bays; the first six bays are two-stories in height with adjacent 18 bays three-stories in height. Exterior brick has been painted over on the basement and ground floor levels throughout.

The first six bays of the Bakery façade along Barber Avenue are comprised of the 1906 Stable and 1911 Bakery Room (photo 2). This two-story portion of the building exhibits 1/1 double-hung windows, some with plywood-infill, resting on stone sills. A brick soldier and limestone course rests at the second-floor sills. The parapet is capped with limestone at the façade while the east and south coping is camel back terra cotta. A metal roll-up dock door is located at the fourth bay which is a later alteration. A projecting sign extends near the east end just below the second floor.

The 1911, 1923 Bakery Room, with 1937 third-floor addition, continues the building to the west. The nine-bay three-story portion of the building is comprised of a rough face brick. An aediculated main entry composed of a sandstone entablature supported by brackets frames the brick-infill entry (photo 3). A sandstone plaque outlined in brick is engraved with "THE J. SPANG BAKING CO." Double-hung windows with wire mesh and plywood-infill window openings are exhibited at the basement and ground floors, with partially and completely infill steel windows at the third floor, all with stone sills. A brick header and soldier course connects the third floor lintels. The flat roof exhibits three monitor roofs. A few skylights are sporadically located.

⁵ City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 30846-B, 2701 Barber Ave., Spang Baking Co., Remodel, 7 February 1923.

⁶ *Plain Dealer*, 28 March 1937. City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 21806-D, Spang Baking Co., 1-story Addition, 22 November 1937.

⁷ *Plain Dealer*, 28 March 1937. City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 21806-D, Spang Baking Co., 1-story Addition, 22 November 1937.

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The remaining nine-bay Bakery portion of the building façade is comprised of the three-story fireproof 1928 Baking Room Addition (photo 4). The vitrified brick façade has projecting piers that spring from a geometric motif. Soldier courses are located at the Bakery storefront and at the base of the parapet, just above the third-floor windows. The steel industrial windows rest on stone sills. The parapet is finished with stone coping. Interior wall and rear coping are camel back terra cotta. The Bakery storefront is protected by plywood-infill while the recessed entry is protected with clapboard siding. The 2777 recessed entry is an aediculated entry of a sandstone entablature supported by brackets. This entry provides direct access to the interior stairs.

The east elevation of the Bakery is comprised at the ground floor of a dock door facing the adjacent parking lot and double wood doors with steel bar enclosure, along with the brick-infill horse stall openings (photo 1). The second floor displays sporadically located double-hung and steel industrial windows, and tenant signage. The west elevation is adjacent to a delivery ramp area at the ground floor level that was covered, but destroyed by fire in 2016. The rear section connects to the Wagon Room & Garage. The two upper floors have steel industrial windows, some are covered with plexi-glass or metal siding.

The rear south elevation of the 1906 Stable and 1911, 1923 Bakery Room, along the Barber Court brick-paved alley, exhibits a combination of 2/2, 6/6, and semi-arched 1/1 double-hung windows, with many openings protected by plywood-infill or metal grates (photos 10, 11). Stone sills are exhibited at ground through third floor windows with a few sills replaced with brick. A garage door entry is centrally located on the 1911 section. The 1928 Bakery Addition has steel industrial windows resting on stone sills, many openings are protected with either corrugated metal infill or plywood. A double door dock-entry with hoist beam is located at the ground floor level. A lateral chimney is adjacent to the westernmost bay. A recessed man door provides entry to the 2707 Barber portion of the building. Alteration dates for windows and roll up overhead doors are unknown.

The interior of the 1906 Stable and 1911, 1923 Bakery Room consists of a small basement area of metal posts, concrete floors, and formed concrete ceiling. The ground floor consists of concrete flooring, raised platforms to support the baking ovens, and painted brick walls (photos 14-16). Additional interior structure has been added over the years. The second-floor exhibits wood substrate, plaster walls and ceilings, both wood and metal posts, and the under-side of the roof monitors (photos 30, 31). Internal stairs are wood, with open risers.

The interior of the 1928 Bakery Addition consists of a basement level composed of concrete floors, steel reinforced concrete beams, and a combination of painted brick or painted formed concrete walls. The ground floor has a combination of plaster walls and painted brick walls,

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elevated flooring with substrate and the sunken bakery storefront at the 2707 entry (photos 12, 13). The westernmost portion of the ground floor is sunken with vehicular access to the rear and stairs that lead to the elevated area indicating an interior docking area (photos 20-21). Chamfered formed concrete columns support concrete beams and flooring (photos 17, 18). There are two elevators within the building and two sets of metal switch back stairs with pipe railing located in a brick enclosed stairwell (photo 19). The second floor is an open-grid plan which is two-stories in height (photos 32, 33). Platforms are sporadically located; indicating areas that held baking ovens or large equipment. Flooring is a combination of poured concrete, clay tile, and brick pavers. The walls are glazed brick. A built-in cooler is located along the west wall. An additional room is noted in the northeast corner which has a two-story space, to separate out management and other specific production areas. A penthouse area is located within the stair penthouse and consists of additional production areas with clay tile flooring and plaster walls and ceilings (photos 34, 35).

WAGON ROOM & GARAGE: 1915 Stable; 1919, 1924, 1926 Wagon Room & Garage

The J. Spang Baking Company acquired land at the southeast corner of Barber and West 30th Street, building a brick Stable in 1915.⁸ In 1919, Cleveland architect Ernest Huberty designed alterations and additions to the Stable adding a one-story Wagon House & Garage to the rear. An addition was added to the east in 1924⁹ and in 1926 an infill addition between the Huberty Additions and the 1915 Stable.¹⁰ Construction of the Wagon Room & Garage reflects the change from horse drawn Red Wagon to Red Wagon bakery delivery truck.¹¹ A fire in 2016 destroyed the northeastern most portion of the Wagon Room & Garage which provided for a vehicular ramp. (Historic Images: Figures 3a, 3b, 5, 10b)

The Wagon Room & Garage section of the building is utilitarian in design with post and beam load bearing masonry construction. The northeast section of the Wagon Room & Garage, lost to fire, is composed of an asphalt paved yard closed off by chain link fence at the street (photos 5, 22, 23). The remaining Wagon Room & Garage façade is comprised of 13 bays; the easternmost six bays are one-story in height with adjacent seven bays two-stories in height (photos 6-9). Exterior brick has been partially painted over at the ground floor throughout.

⁸ City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 10183-A, Spang Baking Co., Stable, 1 November 1915.

⁹ City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 35603-B, Spang Baking Co., Storage Addition, 30 January 1924.

¹⁰ City of Cleveland Building Permit No. 48787-B, Spang Baking Co., Building Addition, 9 September 1926.

¹¹ Huberty, Ernest. Plans for Alterations & Additions To Brick Stable Building for The J. Spang Baking Company. 26 October 1918, revised 17 April 1919. City of Cleveland Archives, Permit No. 18134-C, 9 May 1919

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The 1924 one-story portion of the Wagon Room & Garage façade is composed of two garage door bays to the east which have been infilled with brick and a man door at the first bay (photos 6, 7). Remaining bays are comprised of paired tripartite windows with brick lintels and stone sills, which are protected by wire mesh. A roll-up garage door with iron bollards is located at the fifth bay. Alteration dates for windows and roll up overhead doors are unknown.

The façade continues with the two-story portion of the Wagon Room & Garage. Exterior brick demonstrates evidence of repair and replacement, exhibited by varying types of red brick and mortar color. An aediculated painted stone entablature with a diamond motif frames a recessed entry, which has been infilled with plywood at the eastern most bay. Remaining bays at the ground floor are comprised of paired 3/3 double-hung windows and tripartite windows with brick lintels and stone sills. Second floor window openings have been plywood-infilled. A brick soldier course marks the ground floor and cornice. The raised parapet is capped with corbelled brick and stone coping at the façade and two-story west elevation. Remaining elevations have terra cotta camel back coping.

The west elevation is composed of the 1915 Stable, the 1926 Yard-infill addition (photo 8) and the 1919 Huberty addition (photos 8, 9). The two-story portion is composed of paired windows with plywood-infill at the ground floor and single windows with plywood-infill at the second floor, all with stone sills and brick lintels. A man door is in the southern bay of the two-story section. The façade's soldier course cornice and the brick corbelling at the parapet continue onto this portion of the west elevation. To the south is the 1926 one-story Yard-infill addition with two garage doors flanking a man door with steel bar enclosure. The last bay was part of the 1919 Huberty Addition which included the chimney.

The interior of the Wagon Room and Garage is utilitarian with concrete floors or brick pavers, painted and un-painted brick walls, and exposed metal posts supporting wood beams and rafters (photos 24-26). The second floor is plywood substrate with a combination of wood and plaster surround columns, drywall perimeter, and ceiling with non-historic trim; remnants of 2x4 construction remains (photos 28, 29). The metal pan and concrete switch back stair with metal balustrades and wood rail is located in an enclosed blond brick stairwell (photo 27).

INTEGRITY

The J. Spang Baking Co. building demonstrates some deterioration and minor modifications, yet retains historic architectural integrity for a building that through modification was able to support growth of the company from a small household bakery into one of the largest bakeries in Ohio

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by the 1920s.¹² Integrity of **Design** is exhibited in both exterior and interior architectural elements of the Commercial style, with post and beam load-bearing brick and reinforced concrete construction for operation of a bakery. The evolution of the home delivery component of the business from horse drawn wagon to truck is demonstrated by remnants of the Stable, Wagon Room & Garage. Although fenestration has been compromised over the years, the fenestration pattern remains. A sandstone plaque outlined in brick is engraved with “THE J. SPANG BAKING CO.,” along with the retail bakery storefront. Interior exposed structural elements with lack of decoration and finished wall surface; chamfered wood, concrete and steel columns and beams; along with glazed brick in sanitary areas demonstrate the retention of historic fabric, **Materials**, and **Craftsmanship**, representing the utilitarian use of the building. The building remains in its historic **Location** since the founding of the J. Spang Baking Company and the architectural language retains the historic **Feeling** and **Association** as noted in historic images of the building in its original historic **Setting** along Barber Avenue.

¹² Coates, William R. *A History of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland*, Vol II., Chicago: The American Historical Society, 1924, 176.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- 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

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE

ETHNIC HERITAGE

Period of Significance

1906-1958

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Huberty, Ernest

Hulett, R.M.

Rider, George S. Co.

Van Develde, Bernard

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The J. Spang Baking Company building is significant under **Criterion A** in the **areas of Commerce and Ethnic Heritage**, as represented through the home delivery bakery business and for its association with the enterprising German American business community who brought their entrepreneurial skills and culture to Cleveland, growing the city during the Progressive years in America. J. Spang Baking Co. began operation in 1887 out of the Barber Avenue home of husband and wife founders, Julius and Fredericka Spang. By 1924, the company had grown into one of the largest bakery businesses in the State of Ohio.¹³

The **period of significance begins in 1906** with construction of the J. Spang Baking Company horse stable supporting home delivery service. It continues with construction of a two-story 1911 baking room and additions through to 1937, along with the 1915 stable and 1919, 1924, 1926 Wagon House and Garage. The period of significance **ends in 1958** when the J. Spang Baking Company was sold and ceased operation.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Julius and Fredericka Spang were part of the German emigration to America and the City of Cleveland during the late nineteenth century, bringing with them their bread making tradition and ingenuity creating a home delivery bakery business. The J. Spang Baking Company grew from a home baking operation to become one of the largest automated bakery businesses in Ohio during the Progressive years and into the 1920s.¹⁴

Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage

The German Migration and German Food Tradition

Between 1845 and 1855, more than a million Germans fled to the United States to escape economic hardship as well as the political unrest caused by riots, rebellion, and eventually a revolution in 1848.¹⁵ Unlike some immigrant populations, Germans arriving to America generally had enough money to journey to the Midwest with large numbers settling not only in New York City and Baltimore, but in Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Milwaukee.¹⁶ Between 1820 and World War I, approximately 5.5 million Germans came to the United States.¹⁷ With completion

¹³ Coates, 176.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Andrica, Theodore. "100 Years of Nationalities in Cleveland," *Cleveland Press*. Available at www.clevelandmemory.com.

¹⁶ U.S. History "The Rise of American Industry – 25f. Irish and German Immigration." Available at ushistory.org.

¹⁷ U.S. Bureau of Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970*, Washington, D.C., 1975.

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of the Ohio & Erie Canal in 1832 and of a railroad network in the 1850s, the City of Cleveland became more attractive to migrating populations, especially for mercantile trades.¹⁸

Following the national trend, most immigrants to Cleveland from 1830 to 1870 originated from the German states, Great Britain, and Ireland. In 1870, the foreign born population of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County consisted of 15,855 Germans, 9,964 Irish, and 4,533 English as the three largest immigrant populations making up 33% of the population of Cleveland.¹⁹ By 1900, over 40,000 Germans resided in the city and over 45,000 in Cuyahoga County. They first settled along Lorain Avenue in Brooklyn and along Superior and Garden (Central Ave.) streets on the east side. As the city expanded, succeeding generations moved east, west, and south. German neighborhoods of Cleveland became scattered throughout the city at: Clark Ave./Fulton Rd.; Detroit Ave.; Industrial Valley; Old Brooklyn; Stockyards; Tremont; Central; Mount Pleasant; and St. Clair. Germans remained the largest ethnic group arriving to the city on an annual basis until the mid-1890s. The City of Cleveland in 1900 was four times the size of the city in 1870, energized by a rapidly expanding population fueled by an influx of foreign immigrant population. In 1910, the City of Cleveland became the sixth largest city in the country during the Progressive years in America.²⁰

The enterprising German population brought with them their food culture, becoming prominent in wholesale and large-scale food and drink businesses, including breweries, retail grocery, wholesale baking and retail baked goods, as well as restaurant businesses.²¹ Germans developed an expertise in baking bread which became part of their culture due to the quality of German soil, which was excellent for growing wheat and rye grains. The decentralized history of Germany allowed for entities to maintain their cultural identities and habits, including an array of bread recipes.²² Germany produces more varieties of breads than any other country including over 300 varieties of dark and white breads and over 1,200 varieties of rolls and mini-breads, categorized into the following groups: *Weizenbrote* - Breads made from wheat; *Weizenmischbrote* - Breads made from a mixture of wheat flour and other flours; *Roggenbrote* - Breads made from rye; *Roggenmischbrote* - Breads made from a mixture of rye flour and other flours; *Vollkornbrote* - Breads made from whole grains, which includes breads

¹⁸ Miller, Carol Poh. Wheeler, Robert A. *Cleveland A Concise History 1796 – 1996*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2nd ed., 1997, 49.

¹⁹ Van Tassel, David R. and Grabowski, John J. eds. *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1996, 558; Miller, 82; U.S. Bureau of Census.

²⁰ Van Tassel, David R. and Grabowski, John J. eds.; Miller, 101.

²¹ Cleveland and Its Neighborhoods. Available at

<https://sites.google.com/site/clevelandanditsneighborhoods/home/ethnic-groups-in-cleveland/germans>.

²² Schall, Annika. "Germany and Bread: A Slice of Home," *Fair Observer*, 18 June 2012.

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made from coarsely to finely ground whole grains; *Brötchen & Kleingebäck* - Rolls & Other Mini-Breads; and, *Spezialbrote* - Specialty Breads²³

German bread bakeries became located in large cities throughout the world. In 1900, there were nine larger bakeries listed in the Cleveland City Directory including: Cedar Ave. Baking Co, 1504 Cedar Ave.; The Chandler & Rudd Co. with two locations on Euclid Avenue; Cleveland Bakery (National Biscuit Company) on Central Ave. with a retail store at 172 Ontario; Lyman F. Kulp, 455 Pearl; Nussdorfer Standard Baking Co., 110-118 Erie; The Ohio Baking Company, 768 Superior; Perry Pie Company, 292 Dare; and Robinson Bros. (branch of National Biscuit Co) at 113-117 Bridge Street. One hundred and fifty-eight (158) smaller bakeries were scattered throughout the city, including the German bakery of Julius Spang listed at 135 Barber Avenue. The City Directory does not classify bakeries by ethnic type, but other larger and likely German bakeries included: Lyman F. Kulp at 455 Pearl; Jacob Laub at 1092 and 1094 Lorain; and Nussdorfer Standard Baking at 110 to 118 Erie.

Criterion A: Commerce

Julius and Fredericka Spang and The J. Spang Baking Co.

Julius and Fredericka Spang immigrated from Germany to America in 1882, part of the large migration of Germans to Cleveland, who had become a major force in Cleveland industry by 1890. They settled among the German population on the west side of Cleveland at 135 Barber Avenue, with their seven children. Julius Spang was trained as a baker in Germany, bringing his trade and German bread culture to the United States. He was employed as a master baker at the Stillman Hotel on Euclid Avenue and later at the Ohio Baking Co. To earn extra money, he began baking goods at his home in 1887, while Fredericka sold the “home baked goods” to neighboring grocers and residences, delivered by basket.²⁴ In 1889, the Spangs built a separate wood frame bakery at 78 Barber Avenue, with a storefront and the bake house to the rear.²⁵ It was reported that in the early years,

His [Julius’s] wife and children bore their share of responsibilities in starting the business. For a long time the ship [sic] had a precarious existence. It was a hand to mouth business, the capital being only sufficient to buy supplies from day to day. Mr. Spang would purchase a stock of flour, bake a batch of bread and his good wife then peddle it among the stores. While the husband was the mechanic and the master of the

²³ *German Food Guide*. “Bread.” Available at <http://www.germanfoodguide.com/bread.cfm>.

²⁴ *Plain Dealer*, 29 April 1925; Coates, William R. *A History of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland*, Vol II., Chicago: The American Historical Society, 1924, 176; U.S. Federal Population Census 1900; *Lorain Journal*, 28 April 1925.

²⁵ Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1896.; G. M. Hopkins Maps, City of Cleveland 1898. Map Collection, Cleveland Public Library; Coates, 176.

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technical process of bread making, she was the financial and sales manager. Long since her entire family have given her the credit for the business in its larger developments.²⁶

In addition to finding sales among neighboring grocers and residences, the Spangs secured a stand at the Central Market, operated by Fredericka Spang and “where thousands of Clevelanders grew to know Mrs. Spang and enjoy her personality.”²⁷ Success at the Central Market allowed Julius to quit his job and dedicate himself to the J. Spang Baking Co. The Spangs differentiated themselves by offering home delivery service. In 1906, a two-story red brick stable housing Spang Red Wagon horses and wagons was constructed adjacent to the east of the wood frame store and bakery to serve and expand the home delivery component of their business. (Historic Images, Figure 7)

The J. Spang Baking Co. was incorporated in 1909²⁸ with capital of \$25,000. In 1911, the wood frame store and bakery were replaced on the same site with a two-story red brick bakery building, supported by twenty horse-drawn delivery wagons.²⁹ Home delivery service became more popular as delivery service by grocers began to be eliminated, when Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P) introduced economy stores in 1912.³⁰ The J. Spang Company acquired property at the southwest corner of West 30th Street and Barber Ave, where they built a new larger stable in 1915. In 1919, the stable was expanded and altered for construction of a Wagon Room & Garage to house Red Wagon motor powered delivery trucks which allowed for expansion of the business.

The children remained involved in the business after Fredericka passed away in 1922. Son Emil Spang had opened a wholesale bakery in ca. 1913 on East 24th Street,³¹ south of Superior Avenue, known as the Emil Spang Baking Co. He returned to the J. Spang Baking Company in 1922 as an active manager after his mother’s death. Emil continued to operate the East Side Bakery at East 24th Street as part of the J. Spang Baking Co., until selling it in 1950.³² The J. Spang Baking Company extended business outside of the Cleveland city limits and into Lorain with another bakery plant established in 1925 with a distribution facility in Elyria. In 1925, father Julius was president. William, the youngest, served as general manager, Henry was secretary-treasurer, and the three remaining sons Albert, Emil, and Arthur served as Vice Presidents, with 34 sales people operating out of the Lorain plant. The Barber Avenue plant

²⁶ Coates, 176.

²⁷ *Lorain Journal*, 28 April 1925.

²⁸ *Plain Dealer*, 21 May 1951.

²⁹ Coates, 177.

³⁰ Liebmann, George W. *Neighborhood Futures*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2004, 66.

³¹ *Plain Dealer*, 12 March 1913.

³² *Plain Dealer*, 23 December 1961.

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housed the main operation with the Baking Room expanded with a second story addition in 1923 and 1924 additions to the Wagon House & Garage. In 1925, it was reported the business had three modern plants at Barber Avenue, Lorain Avenue, and East 24th Street with 142 trucks serving Northeast Ohio.³³ In 1925, the Barber Avenue main plant employed 240 people, the Lorain plant with an Elyria distribution branch employed 100, and the third plant at East 24th street employed 75 people.³⁴ In 1925, the company advertised Home-Bake brand bread and baked goods “delivered in the RED Wagon to your door- are the preferred baked goods among housewives.”³⁵

Between modest beginnings baking goods out of their home in 1887, the business became one of the largest bakery businesses in the State of Ohio by 1924.³⁶ In 1926, a second story addition was added to the Barber Avenue Baking Room. A three-story addition was added to the west in 1928. Their primary product was the brand name “Home-Bake Bread.” (Historic Images, Figures 8, 9, 11)

J. Spang Baking Company Bakery Process

The J. Spang Baking Company boasted in 1925 that automatic machinery used in the bread and roll departments “produces quality greatly superior to the hand-made processes and the materials are not touched by human hands from the time the flour is compiled into the sifting and blending machine until it finds its way to the wrapping machine...Every precaution is taken in the bakery to keep the surroundings as clean as would be demanded by the cleanest of housewives in their own kitchens.”³⁷ Yeast was described as the great civilizing agent of bread, with every improvement in yeast coming with a corresponding improvement in bread. From the more primitive bread starters, the use of a leavening agent progressed to modern fresh yeast with constant experiments undertaken to improve bread making.³⁸

The J. Spang Home-Bake Bakeries process was described in 1925, to begin at the sifter and blending machine where “pure white flour from the ‘Golden West’ grain fields” is thoroughly sifted, cleaned, and carried to enormous flour bins. The flour was then carried to the weighing hopper and carefully weighed as per formula or recipe and then emptied into the large mixing machine. “Pillsbury’s best grade of flour,” generous quantities of milk, butter, eggs, and lard

³³ *Lorain Journal*, 28 April 1925.

³⁴ *Lorain Journal*, 28 April 1925.

³⁵ *Plain Dealer*, 29 April 1925

³⁶ Coates, 176.

³⁷ *Lorain Journal*, 28 April 1925.

³⁸ *Ibid.*

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were used in the bread to give it “nutrition and flavor.” The mixer was then set in motion to incorporate the dough “developing thoroughly all the health-building elements which science says are necessary to the health and vitality of the nation.” The dough was then emptied into sanitary metal troughs where it was allowed to ripen, with certain temperatures maintained within the room for a uniform bread product. When the dough was ripened and conditioned, it was then conveyed to a dividing machine, where it was portioned into separately weighed loafs. It was then carried to the rounding machine. The evenly formed dough balls then went to the proofer where the balls rode back and forth for a determined time, and then into the molding machines where they were made into loaves ready for the pan and proofing room. In the proof room, the bread was allowed to rise in the pans for a determined time before being placed in ovens located on the second floor for baking. From the ovens, the loaves travelled to the wrapping machines, where they were packaged in dust and moisture proof wrappers for sale and delivery to customers.³⁹ (Historic Images: Figures 5, 6) The loaves were then delivered to thousands of homes daily, in J. Spang Baking Company Red Wagons.⁴⁰

The Later Years

The company flourished during the Depression years, offering bread and baked goods as a food staple. In 1937, the bakery expanded with the addition of a third floor. In 1947, Vice President William Spang was quoted in the *New York Times* in response to concern over rising retail bread prices, “so much wheat is being sent overseas that supplies are becoming shorter in this country. The price of wheat and rye flours has risen steadily because of foreign demand.”⁴¹ Julius Spang remained president of the Company until his death in 1950 at age 97. The home delivery component later fell victim to increased automobile ownership, the rise of supermarkets, and the increased use of refrigeration.⁴² By 1956, the J. Spang Baking Company employed 433 people and operated the main plant at 2911 Barber Ave., another plant in Lorain, and a third in Akron. In April 1957, the company announced that it would discontinue house-to-house delivery routes in Greater Cleveland and concentrate on the wholesale part of the business. Spang goods would only be available through grocery stores.⁴³ The 1957 Cleveland Directory listed 20 wholesale bakeries, among them was J. Spang Baking Co. The five Spang sons stayed in the family business throughout their lives, selling in 1958 to competing wholesale bakery, Laub Baking Company.⁴⁴ At the time of sale in 1958, Albert Spang (1877-1932) and Henry (1884-1952) had

³⁹ *Lorain Journal*, 28 April 1925.

⁴⁰ *Plain Dealer*, 25 February 1928.

⁴¹ *New York Times*, 10 March 1947.

⁴² Liebmann, 66.

⁴³ *Plain Dealer*, 23 April 1957

⁴⁴ Van Tassel and Grabowski, unnumbered.

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passed away. The remaining brothers were in their retirement years including Emil Spang (1878 - 1961) age 80, Arthur (1880-1962) age 78, and William (1887-1970) age 71.⁴⁵

A long list of bakery machinery and equipment “formerly used by the J. Spang Baking Co.” at Barber Avenue was advertised for sale in the *Plain Dealer* on May 18, 1958 and again on November 23, 1958 as “last Call, Must Vacate Premises, Must Sell Remaining Equipment at Once” indicating the company went out of business at Barber Avenue in 1958.⁴⁶ Advertisements in the local *Plain Dealer* newspaper for J. Spang bread ceased at the same time, indicating that the brand had been rolled into Laub Baking Co.

After 1958, Artisan Cabinet Corp.⁴⁷ owned by master craftsman Ernie Heinzmann, operated in the building from approximately 1963 until liquidating in 1990. Other commercial and light industrial tenants thereafter included Products Chemical Company (Amaza Laboratories Inc.) from 1994-2007⁴⁸ and North Coast Machine in 2002.⁴⁹ The J. Spang Baking Co. building remained under Spang family ownership for over 110 years, until it was sold in 2017. The building has been vacant since 2016.

Architects

Ernest Huberty (1878-1965)

Ernest Huberty was employed as a draftsman for the Cleveland architectural firm of Lehman & Schmitt in 1895. He remained employed as a draftsman from 1897 to 1904 and as an architect from 1905-1955. In 1911, he was a member of the firm of Huberty, Summerell & Gilman, and a partner with George S. Summerell in 1912. *The Ohio Architect*, November 1940, listed him as a registered architect. He lived at 8017 Whitethorn Avenue in the Hough neighborhood of Cleveland for the majority of his life. In addition to designing alterations and additions to the J. Spang Baking Co. building in 1919, he designed predominantly commercial as well as factory, residence, storefront apartment, townhouse, and theater buildings.⁵⁰

⁴⁵ Find a Grave Index, 1600s to Current. Available at *Ancestry.com*.

⁴⁶ *Plain Dealer*, 18 May 1958.

⁴⁷ *Plain Dealer*, 1 October 1983, 12 November 1966, 18 February 1980, 12 December 1963. 5 August 1990.

⁴⁸ *Best's Safety Directory*, Volume 2. A.M. Best Company, 1994; *Brands and Their Companies*, Gale Research, Technology and Engineering, 1 May 2007.

⁴⁹ *Ohio Bell Telephone Directory*, 2002.

⁵⁰ Huberty, Ernest. Plans for Alterations & Additions to Brick Stable Building for The J. Spang Baking Company. 26 October 1918, revised 17 April 1919. City of Cleveland Archives; Cleveland Architects Database. Cleveland Landmarks Commission.

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Ralph Martin Hulett (1873-1943)

Ralph M. Hulett was born in Cleveland and attended West High School. He was first employed as a draftsman in the office of Bernard Van DeVelde. He then worked for George H. Smith, followed by employment in the office of George H. Steffens. In 1900 he opened his own office which was later incorporated as the Ralph M. Hulett Company, general architectural, building and real estate business in Cleveland. He was a member of the firm of Matzinger and Hulett in 1905 and Hulett & Stanton in 1922. He served as a director of the Carpathian Realty Company and the Fire Safe Development Company. He designed a 1911 addition to the J. Spang Baking Co. building. His work included residential, apartment, commercial, church, theater, factory and school buildings.

Rider, George S. Co. (1858-1917/2007)

The George S. Rider Co. was an architecture and engineering firm specializing in industrial buildings. The company was responsible for many industrial structures throughout Cleveland and the region, with offices in the Century Building, 412-16 West Superior Avenue. George Smith Rider was born in Cranston, Rhode Island in 1858 and trained as an engineer. After his death in 1917, the firm continued under his name, with Herman Neff serving as President of the company. Offices were located in the Marshall Building and Terminal Tower. The George S. Rider Company remained in business until 2007. The engineering firm of Barber Hoffman acquired lingering plans of the George S. Rider Co.

Their work in the Cleveland area and Midwest includes: the 1919 Perfection Stove Company Building, 1200 Union Ave., Kansas City, Missouri (NR# 14000376); the 1907-1920 W.S. Tyler Company Building Addition, Building #38 and Building #38 additions at 1375 East 34th Street and 1379-91 East 34th Street, Cleveland; the 1917 National Acme Company at 170 East 131st Street, Cleveland; the 1921 Foote Burt Company Building at 13000 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland; and the 1906 Cleveland Worsted Mills in Ravenna. The company designed additions to the J. Spang Baking Co. building in 1928 and 1937.⁵¹

Bernard Van Develde (1854-1920)

Bernard Van Develde was the son of Dutch-born parents. He was raised on the west side of Cleveland. In 1880, he was a draftsman with the firm of Heard and Smith and by 1885 listed as an architect in Cleveland City Directories. In 1885 he had a short-lived partnership with Vincent Wyss, who later practiced in Lancaster, Ohio. Van Develde was the architect of several

⁵¹ Cleveland Architects Database. Cleveland Landmarks Commission.

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significant ecclesiastical buildings for the Roman Catholic diocese in the last decade of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th century. His work included the design of church, convent, school, commercial, and residential buildings. He designed the 1906 Stables for the J. Spang Baking Co.

Conclusion

The J. Spang Baking Company is representative of the enterprising German American business community who brought their entrepreneurial skills and culture to the growing city of Cleveland, during the late nineteenth century and into the Progressive years in America. With humble beginnings, the J. Spang Baking Co. began operation in 1887 out of the Barber Avenue home of husband and wife founders, Julius and Fredericka Spang. The Spang family grew the business into one of the largest automated bakeries in the State of Ohio by the 1920s.⁵² The Company continued to flourish during the Depression years, offering bread and baked goods as a food staple and adding a third-floor addition to the bakery in 1937. By 1956, the J. Spang Baking Company employed 433 people and operated the main plant at 2911 Barber Ave., another plant in Lorain, and a third in Akron. Home delivery service allowed them to distinguish themselves in the marketplace and remained a defining component of their business until shortly before the sale of the company in 1958. The J. Spang Baking Company building is representative of this legacy with additions from 1906-1937 to accommodate growth of the bakery, as well as more efficient means of home delivery transportation. The Commercial style J. Spang Baking Company building maintains a significant level of historic architectural integrity as an early twentieth century Bakery and Wagon & Garage building.

⁵² Coates, 176.

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National Register Nominations

Scranton South Side Historic District, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH (NR #15000371)

West Side Market, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH (NR #73001423)

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
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- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: Cleveland Public Library

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio. The boundary of the historic J. Spang Baking Co. building follows Cuyahoga County Parcel #007-25-001.

Boundary Justification

The nominated boundary includes the property parcel historically associated with the building.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Photo Log

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City or Vicinity: Cleveland

County: Cuyahoga **State:** OH

Photographer: Diana Wellman

Date Photographed: October 2017

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4. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0004): Bakery Facade, camera direction SE.
5. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0005): Wagon Room and Garage, fire area 2016, camera direction S.
6. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0006): Wagon Room and Garage, camera direction SW.

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22. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0022): First Floor, Wagon Room and Garage, 2016 Fire, camera direction N.
23. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0023): First Floor, Wagon Room and Garage, 2016 Fire, camera direction NE.
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33. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0033): Second Floor, Bakery 1923 remodel, camera direction NW.
34. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0034): Third Floor, 1928 Bakery, camera direction SW.
35. (OH_Cuyahoga_JSpangBakingCo._0035): Third Floor, 1928 Bakery, camera direction SW.

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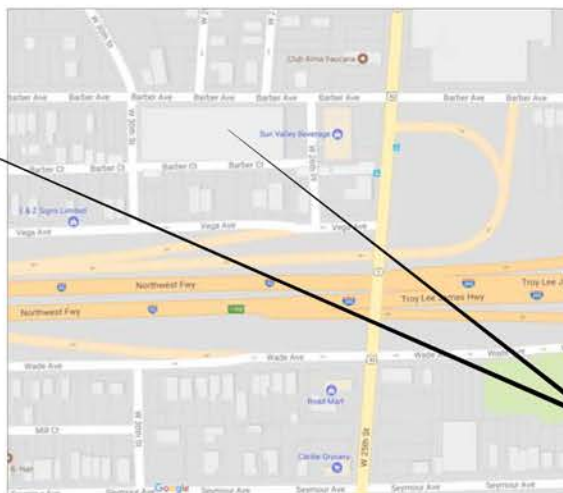
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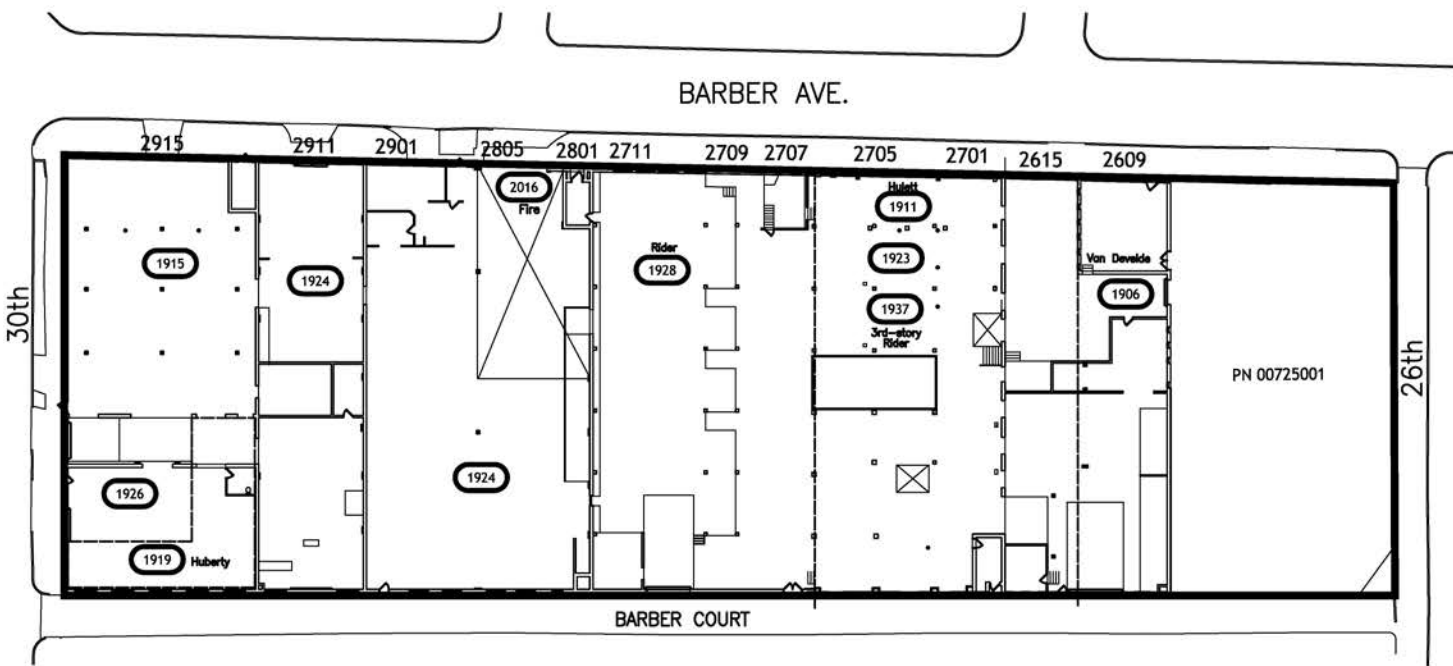
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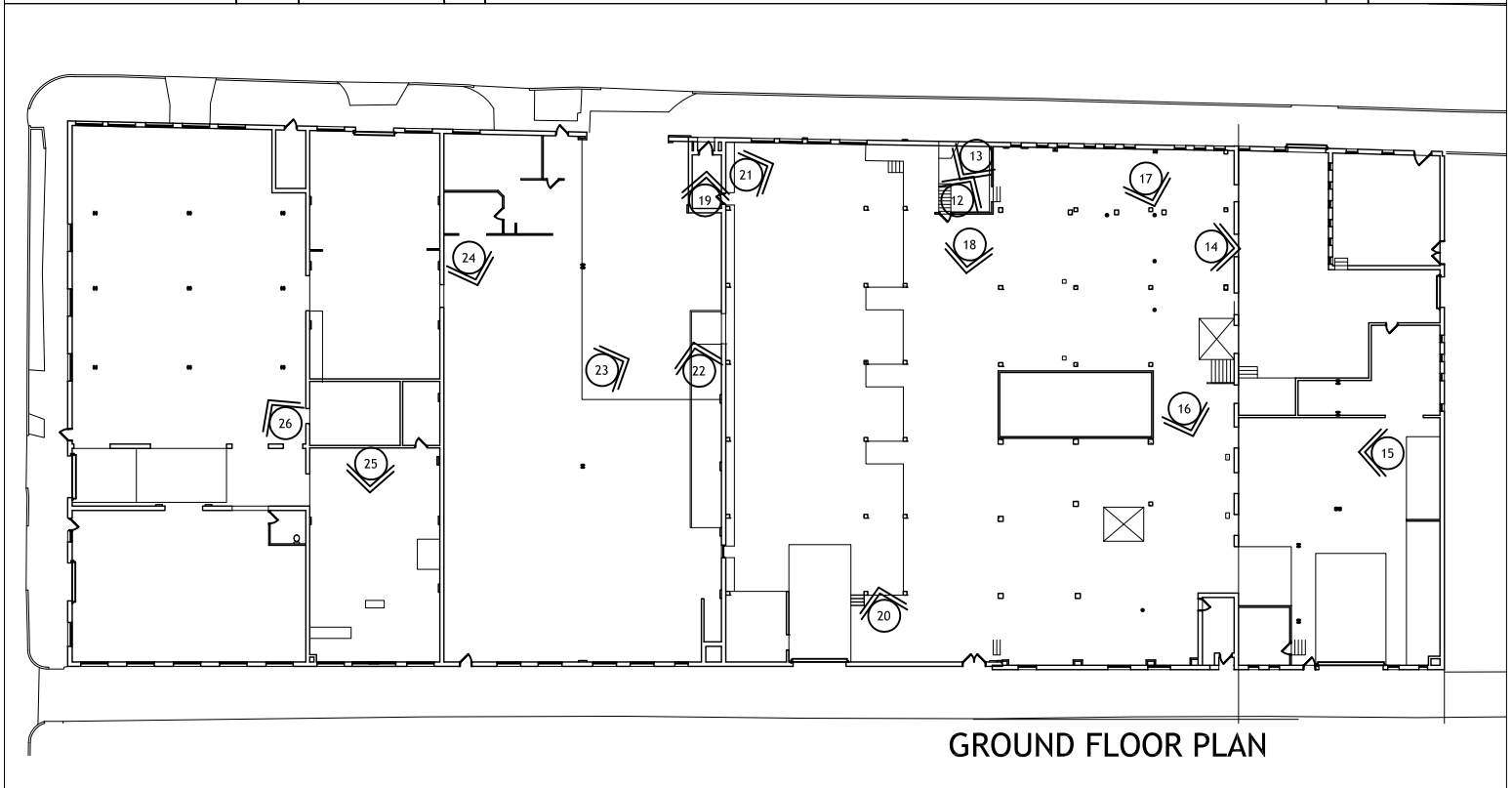
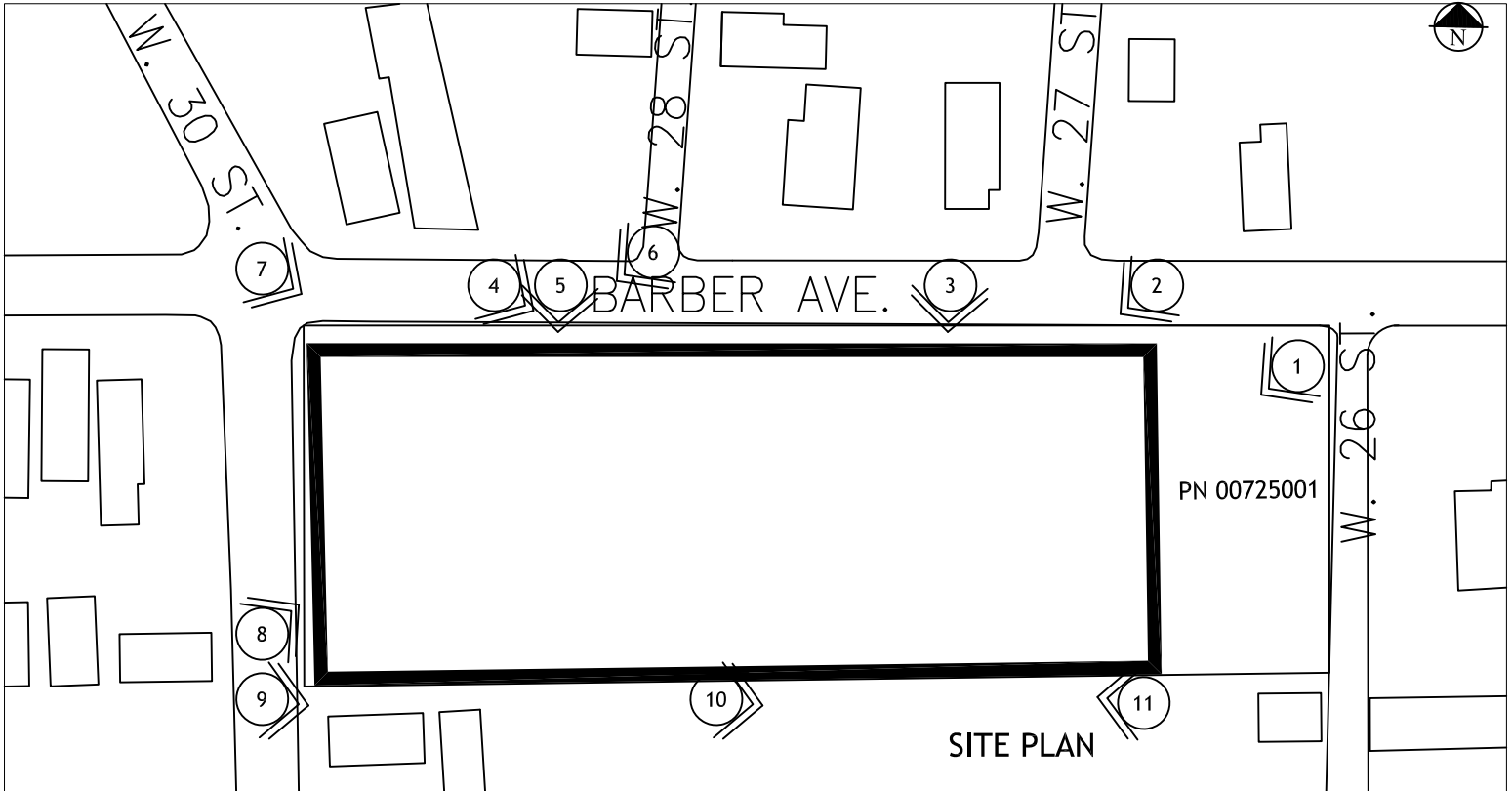
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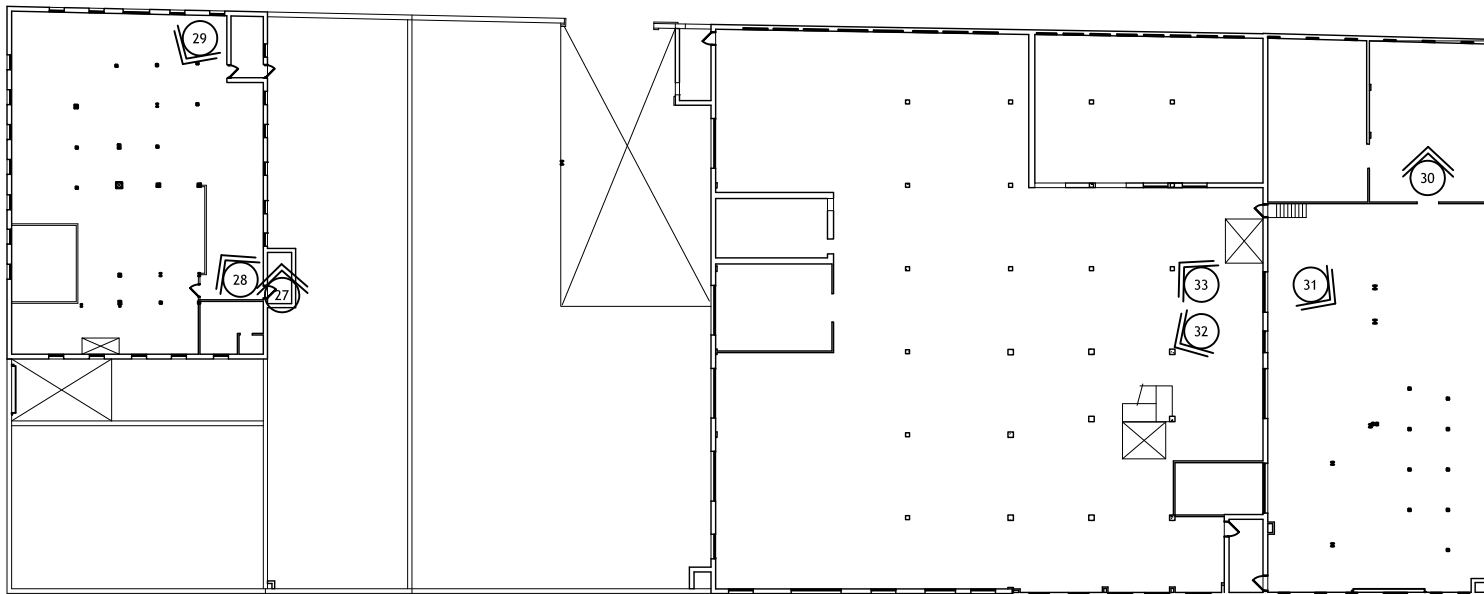
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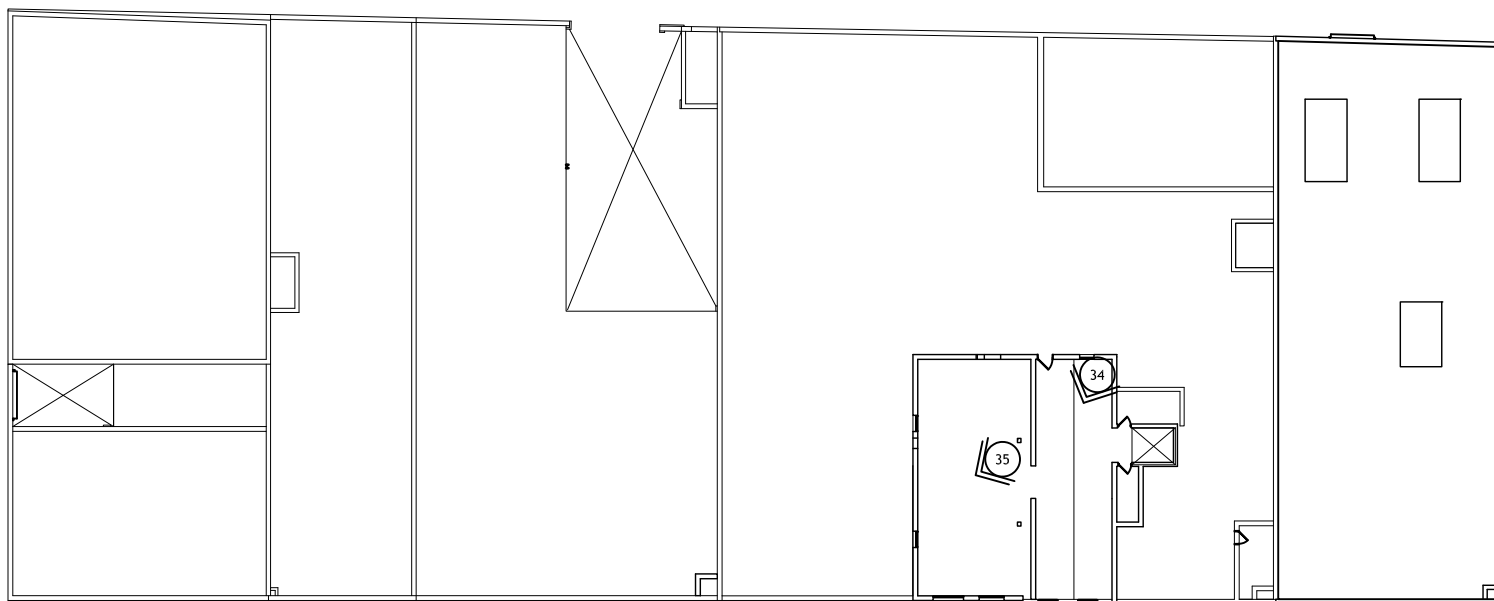
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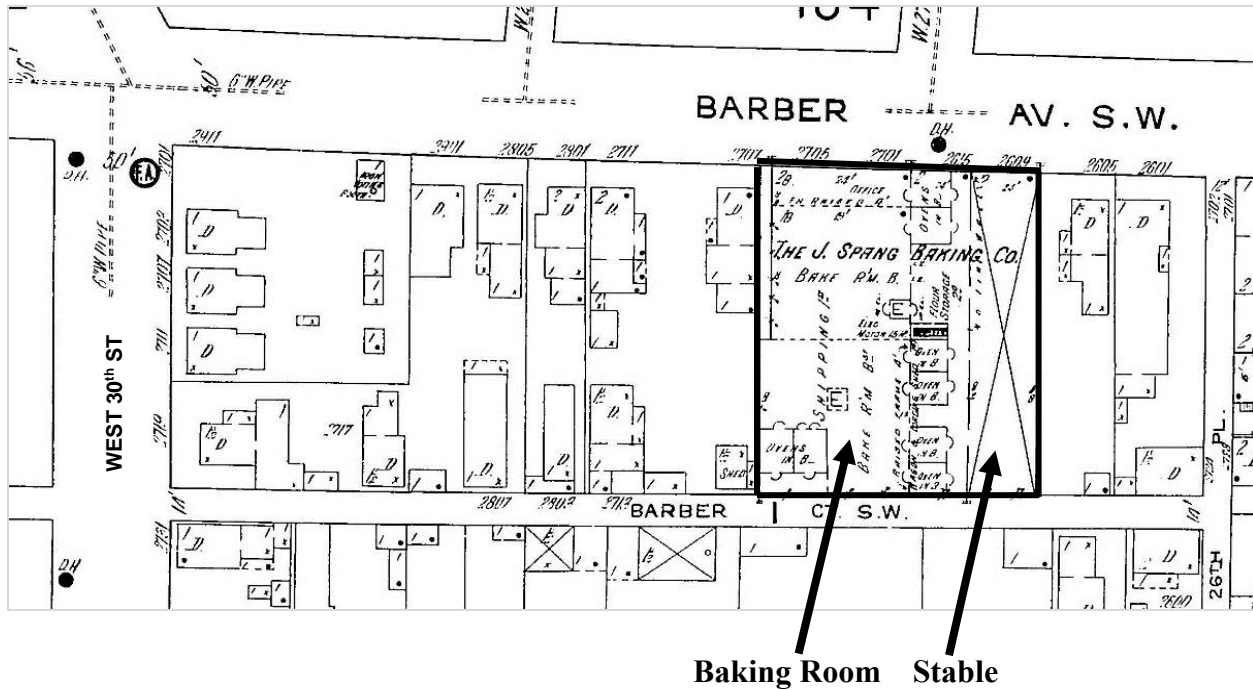


Figure 1. 1911 J. Spang Baking Company with 1906 Stable

Source: 1912-13 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

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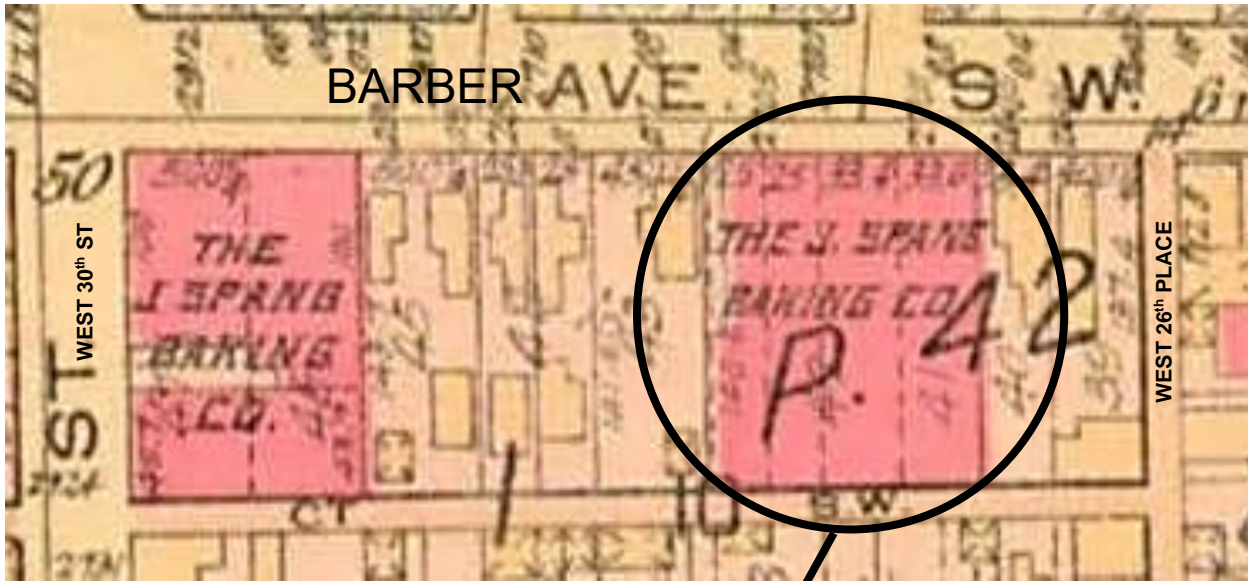


Figure 2a. The J. Spang Baking Company, 1920-22
Source: 1920-1922 G.M. Hopkins Map

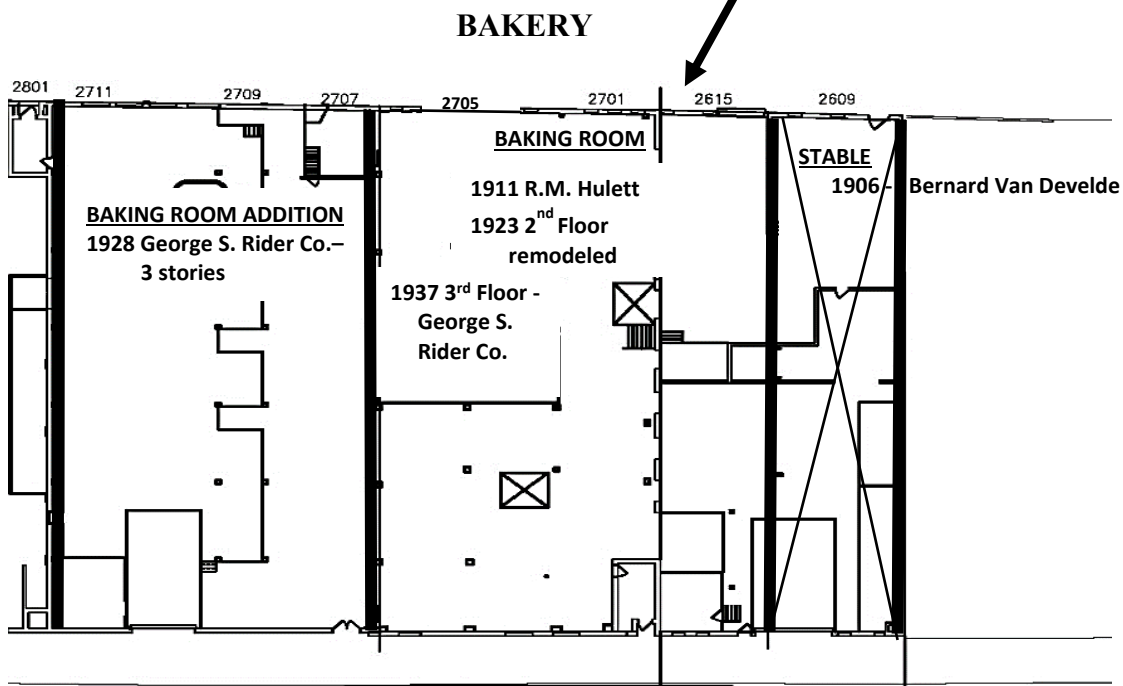


Figure 2b. The J. Spang Baking Company, Construction Progression and Architects, 1906-1937

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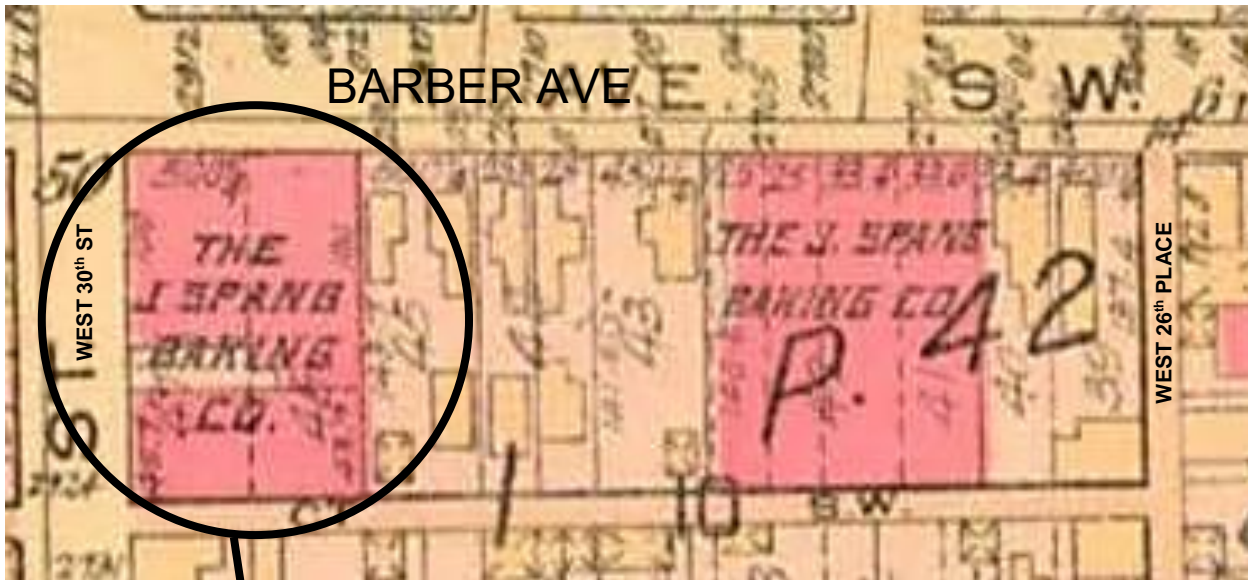


Figure 3a. The J. Spang Baking Company, 1920-22

Source: 1920-1922 G.M. Hopkins Map

WAGON ROOM & GARAGE

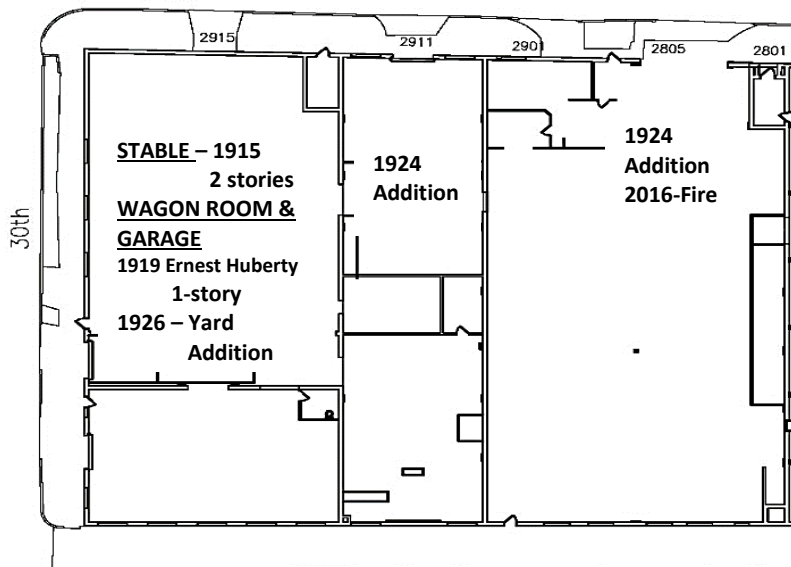


Figure 3b. The J. Spang Baking Company, Wagon Room & Garage Construction Progression and Architect, 1918-26

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Figure 4. The J. Spang Baking Company, 1927-37

Source: 1927-37 G.M. Hopkins Map

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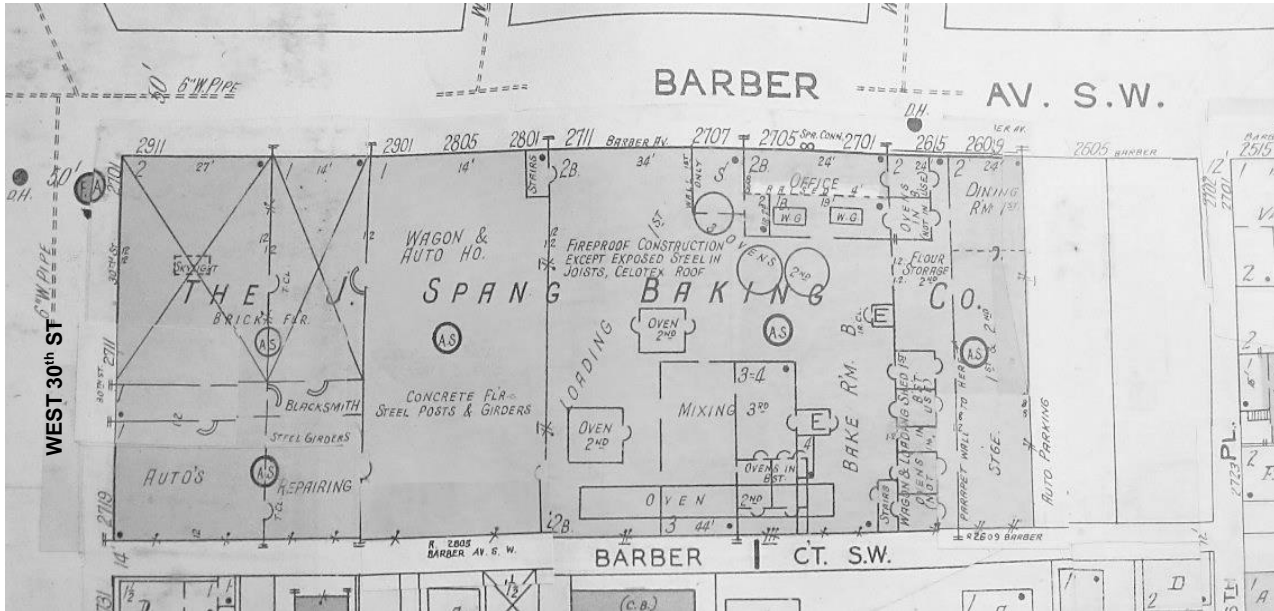


Figure 5. The J. Spang Baking Company, 1941

Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1941

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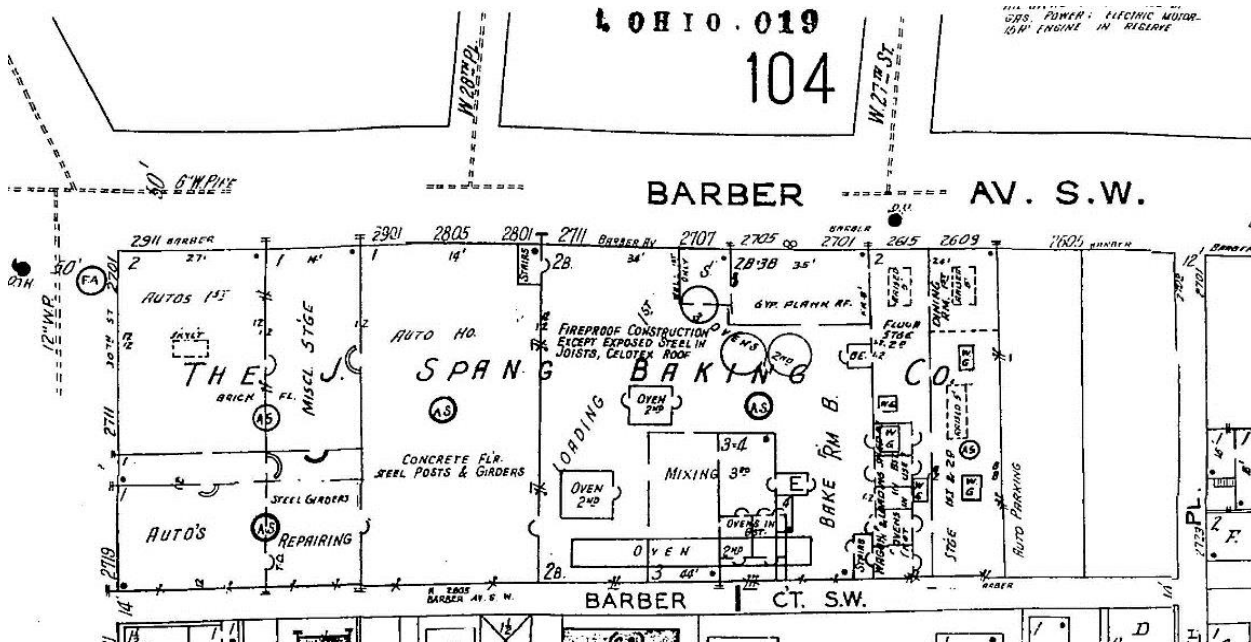


Figure 6. The J. Spang Baking Company, 1951

Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1951

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Figure 7. The J. Spang Baking Company Horse and Wagon Delivery, Photo undated

Source: www.delcampe.net

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The Founders of  *Our Business*

The J. Spang Baking Co.

FREDERICKA SPANG *JULIUS SPANG*

ALBERT SPANG *EMIL SPANG* *ARTHUR SPANG* *HENRY SPANG* *WILLIAM SPANG*



The Men Behind Your Loaf

The Spang family and associates are Cleveland men who have made good bread for 36 years. **NOW** Spang's have produced a finer bread, a more healthful, wholesome, delicious tasting loaf—

Spang's HOME-BAKE Bread

Knowledge, Ability and Faith have created Spang's HOME-BAKE Bread—*baked with pure creamery butter.*

Knowledge *understands* good bread making. Ability *makes* the bread. Faith *urges* on to greater accomplishment.

Brown and crisp—*baked with pure creamery butter*—Spang's HOME-BAKE Bread is brought to your door daily in your Spang **RED Wagon**.

Look for your **RED Wagon** today. Buy HOME-BAKE Bread. Eat HOME-BAKE Bread. *Know* how good bread—*baked with pure creamery butter*—tastes.

Call Your Spang RED Wagon

Elyria Home-Bake Bakery Telephone 2738 Or Telephone Cleveland Home-Bake Bakery Libelita 365 Lorain Home-Bake Bakery Telephone 3137

Figure 8. The J. Spang Baking Company, Advertisement

Source: *Plain Dealer*, 9 September 1924

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The Result of Integrity and Perseverance





Julius Spang
Thirty-eight years ago Julius and Fredericka Spang made Home-Bake Bread in their modest home, on the site of the present Barber Avenue Bakery in Cleveland.
Each loaf represented the painstaking effort of these two Spang pioneers. To produce the purest and finest loaf of bread possible was the aim of Julius and Fredericka Spang. This effort in the home thirty-eight years ago proved to be the forerunner of the present Spang bakeries. Each year has brought its success—until now the new Lorain Bakery opens—proving again that Integrity and Enterprise bring their reward.

Fredericka Spang

Our New Lorain Bakery Opens Today






Albert Spang **Wm. Spang, Gen. Mgr.** **Henry Spang**

Visit This New Modern Bakery Today.
See How "Home-Bake" Baked Goods Are Made

Quality, Service and Honest Values Built This New Bakery

¶ Today the new Spang Bakery at Lorain opens—ready to serve the people of Lorain and vicinity with famous Home-Bake bread and other Spang baked goods.

¶ The increasing demand for Spang Home-Bake bread and baked goods has made necessary the building of this fine, modern Bakery.

¶ For 38 years the Spang family and associates have made better baked goods—baked goods that are more healthful and wholesome and delicious.

¶ Knowledge and ability have brought about Spang success. Two large Cleveland bakeries in addition to the new Lorain Bakery, tell the story of the success of this progressive organization.

¶ Visit the new Spang Lorain Home-Bake Bakery. See how Home-Bake bread is made. See fine cakes and pies made. See why Spang foods—delivered in the RED Wagon to your door—are the preferred baked goods among housewives.

The J. Spang Baking Company






Look for the RED Wagon on Your Street

Figure 9. The J. Spang Baking Company

Source: *Plain Dealer*, 29 April 1925.

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Figure 10a. The J. Spang Baking Company Bakery, Image 1925 & Photo, 2017

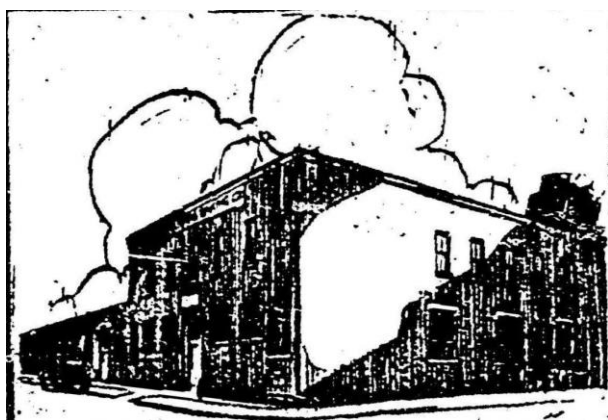


Figure 10b. The J. Spang Baking Company Wagon Room & Garage, Image 1925 & Photo, 2017

Source: *Plain Dealer*, 29 April 1925

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SPANG'S
"HOME-BAKE" GOODS

Wholesome
Nutritious

*A Cleveland Owned Institution
Bakes This Loaf for You*

It was in 1868—thirty-eight years ago—that Julius Spang and his wife baked their first loaf of bread for Cleveland. It marked the founding of The J. Spang Baking Co.—a Cleveland institution with but one policy: "to give Cleveland the best bread that it is possible to produce."

A steady growth has rewarded their firm adherence to this one policy—"good bread always." The Spang family and their employees, today as in 1868, are the sole owners of this Cleveland institution.

Three large and modern bakeries are necessary to supply the demand for Spang's Home Bake Bread—a bread that is different. You will like Home Bake. Try it today.

The Spang Baking Company is owned, controlled and operated by the Spang family and EMPLOYEES

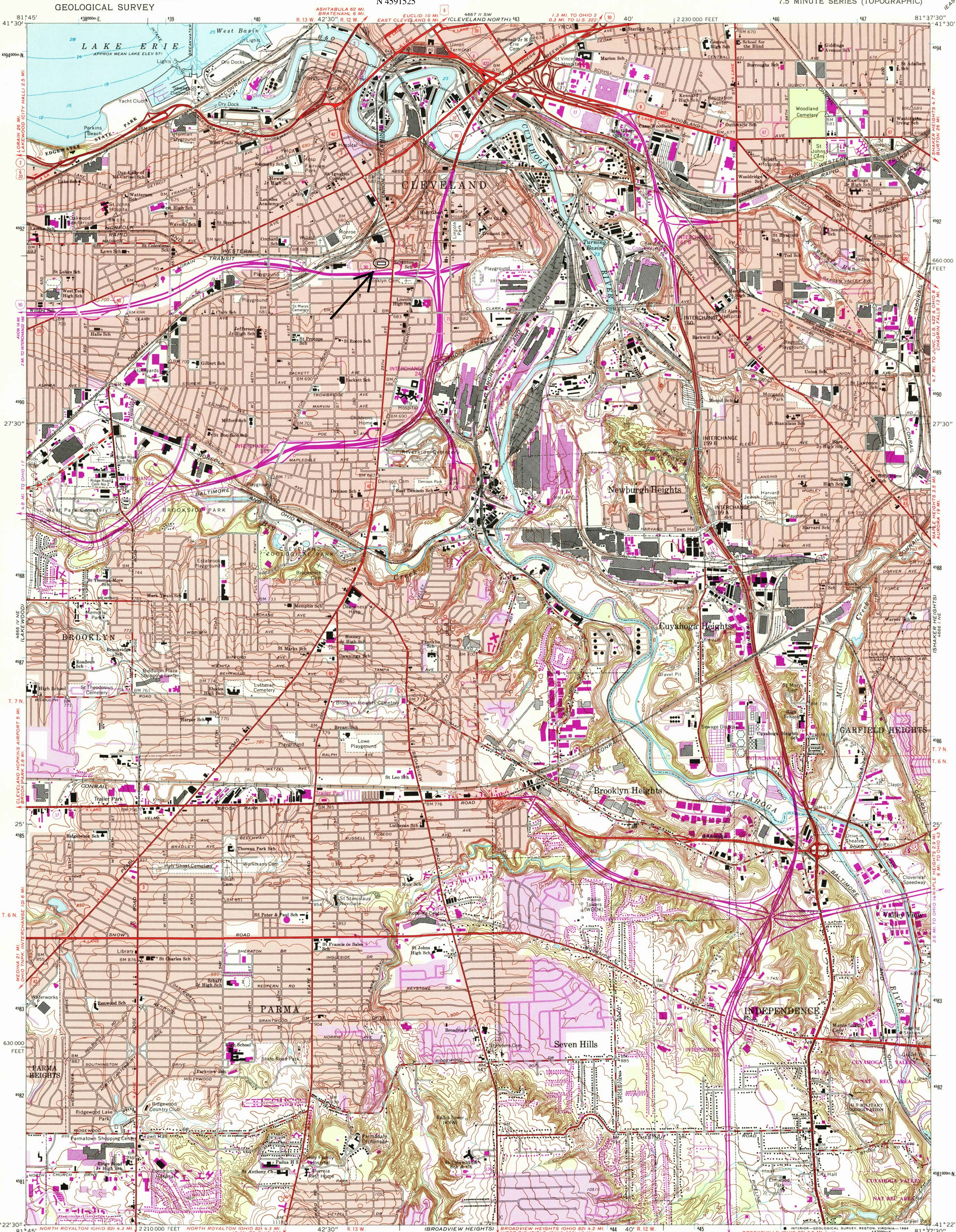
THE J. SPANG BAKING CO.

SPANG'S **HOME-BAKE** BREAD

Look for your Spang **RED** Wagon

Figure 11. The J. Spang Baking Company Advertisement, 1926

Source: *Plain Dealer*, 24 February 1926



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Interstate Route ——— U. S. Route ——— State Route ———
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THE J. SPANG
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Spang, J., Baking Company

Multiple Name: _____

State & County: OHIO, Cuyahoga

Date Received: 5/4/2018 Date of Pending List: 5/24/2018 Date of 16th Day: 6/8/2018 Date of 45th Day: 6/18/2018 Date of Weekly List: _____

Reference number: SG100002551

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

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Accept Return Reject 6/14/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: AOS: Commerce, Ethnic Heritage-German, POS: 1906-1958, LOS: local

Recommendation/ Criteria: Criterion A

Reviewer Lisa Deline Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2239 Date 6/14/18

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



April 20, 2018

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief, National Register
and National Historic Landmark Programs
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
Mail Stop 7228
1849 C St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find four (4) new National Register nominations for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the nomination submissions.

NEW NOMINATION

J. Spang Baking Company
Urbana Country Club
H. C. Godman Company Building
Massillon Downtown Historic District

COUNTY


Cuyahoga
Champaign
Franklin
Stark

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for the following: J. Spang Baking Company, Cuyahoga County and H. C. Godman Company Building, Franklin County.

Please have the control unit pass along the enclosed card to Patrick Andrus.

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact the National Register staff in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000.

Sincerely,

for  Barbara Power

Lox A. Logan, Jr.
Executive Director and CEO
State Historic Preservation Officer
Ohio History Connection

Enclosures

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The following materials are submitted on April 20, 2018
For nomination of the J. Spang Baking Co. to the National Register of
Historic Places: Cuyahoga County, OH

- Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
___ Paper ___ PDF
- ___ Multiple Property Nomination Cover Document
___ Paper ___ PDF
- ___ Multiple Property Nomination form
___ Paper ___ PDF
- Photographs
___ Prints ___ TIFFs
- CD with electronic images
- Original USGS map(s)
___ Paper ___ Digital
- Sketch map(s)/Photograph view map(s)/Floor plan(s)
___ Paper ___ PDF
- ___ Piece(s) of correspondence
___ Paper ___ PDF
- ___ Other _____

COMMENTS:

- ___ Please provide a substantive review of this nomination
- This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- ___ The enclosed owner objection(s) do _____ do not _____
Constitute a majority of property owners
- ___ Other: _____