

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kelly Springfield or "The Kelly"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The brick factory building is two stories high with a mezzanine and basement. It was built to house the most modern and largest rubber machinery available with elaborate overhead electric traveling cranes and high speed heavy duty elevators. The plant was designed so that movement of the tire from raw material reception to shipment preparation was progressive with no back haul nor rehandling of materials in the manufacturing process.

Each of the original buildings has 2x10" yellow pine plank floor covered with one-inch maple flooring to make a more resilient and longer-lived flooring than concrete or cement. The manufacturing departments were designed to capture maximum daylight; the milling, calendering, and vulcanizing departments were especially equipped with monitors and sawtooth roofs for this reason.

The plant has, of course, undergone modernization and expansion. Most of the original buildings, however, remain and comparison of a 1924 photograph (I-1) with one of the present day (I-2) shows the major change to be infilling with standard metal utility buildings. The original buildings are early twentieth century industrial buildings with some of their streamlined brick facades employing false Dutch stepping, brick corbelling, and accentuated brick piers between the large windows which pierce the brick walls.¹

Housing for plant employees occurred simultaneously with plant construction. The Central Investment Company, employing contractor W. J. Morley and local architect T. W. Biddle, built the Kelly Springfield Hotel now known as the Smith Apartments in 1920.² The four-story brick building at 725 Kelly Springfield Boulevard, like many of the plant buildings, has a false, stepped facade. Projecting sections of six courses of brick work alternate with two inset courses to mark the entrance level which has a central major arched entry flanked by large three-part windows and a narrower end window and secondary entrance. The upper floors--twelve bays wide--are without ornamentation above the simple first floor cornice. Brick quoins mark the corners. (I-3)

Originally built as nearly identical frame houses with red cedar shake shingling, the company built housing has undergone many changes. Most of the shingles are gone and several houses have been covered with synthetic shingles and formstone. (I-4) Some such as 862 Sperry Terrace remain in close to original condition. (I-5) In general, maintenance and condition range near fair and good. Only a few buildings are seriously deteriorated.

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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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kelly Springfield district is a homogeneous grouping of early twentieth-century industrial buildings, a worker hotel, and single family detached worker housing. Built in or near 1920, the worker housing was commissioned by the Kelly Springfield Tire Company, designed by the Minter Homes Corporation, and constructed by the Hunkin-Conkey Construction Company. One of the first modern tire plants in the world, the Kelly Springfield plant is also significant.

The Kelly Springfield Tire Company, in a move to consolidate its Akron and Wooster, Ohio plants and to update its facilities in the early days of the automotive tire industry, constructed a new modern tire plant in Cumberland. Cumberland, served by three trunk line railroads--one skirting the industrial site--was chosen by a professional industrial location team. Its proximity to West Virginia and Maryland coal fields assured a sufficient and dependable fuel supply while the Potomac River furnished the quantities of water necessary in the manufacturing process.

Kelly Springfield broke ground for the new factory in 1917 but the interruption of World War I made progress slow and the first plant building was not completed until the next year. By 1920, the main factory building, intake building, pump house, boiler house, garage, hospital and laboratory were complete. On April 2, 1921 Kelly Springfield manufactured its first Cumberland tire; on April 23, the plant opened to the public providing Cumberland with its first modern industrial plant in the twentieth century. (I-1) (I-2)

An undistinguished building, the hotel designed by local architect F. W. Biddle, is a significant part of the history of Kelly Springfield in Cumberland. (I-3) The plant built housing nearby for its workers. The hillsides near the plant were laid off into lots creating Mann's and Sperry Terrace. The company constructed simple pattern book housing for its workers. Inspired by the popular bungalow, two-story houses hid their verticality with gambrel dormers, intersecting roof lines and low porches. Their proximity to the plant and characteristic 1920's styling make these houses an integral part of the Kelly Springfield district.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Thomas and Williams, A History of Allegany County, 1924, pp. 431-433.
2. City of Cumberland, Building Permit #5067.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Kelly Springfield district is bounded on the north by the southern side of the National Highway, U. S. Route 48, and by the rear property lines on the west side of Sperry Terrace; on the south and east by the Potomac River; and on the west by the southern edge of Edison Avenue and along the eastern edge of the proposed extension of Patterson Street (a paper street) to the city limits at the Potomac River.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
<u>Genevieve P. Keller</u>	<u>July 19, 1976</u>
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
<u>Land and Community Associates</u>	<u>804-295-3880</u>
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
<u>1410 Holly Road</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
CITY OR TOWN	
<u>Charlottesville</u>	

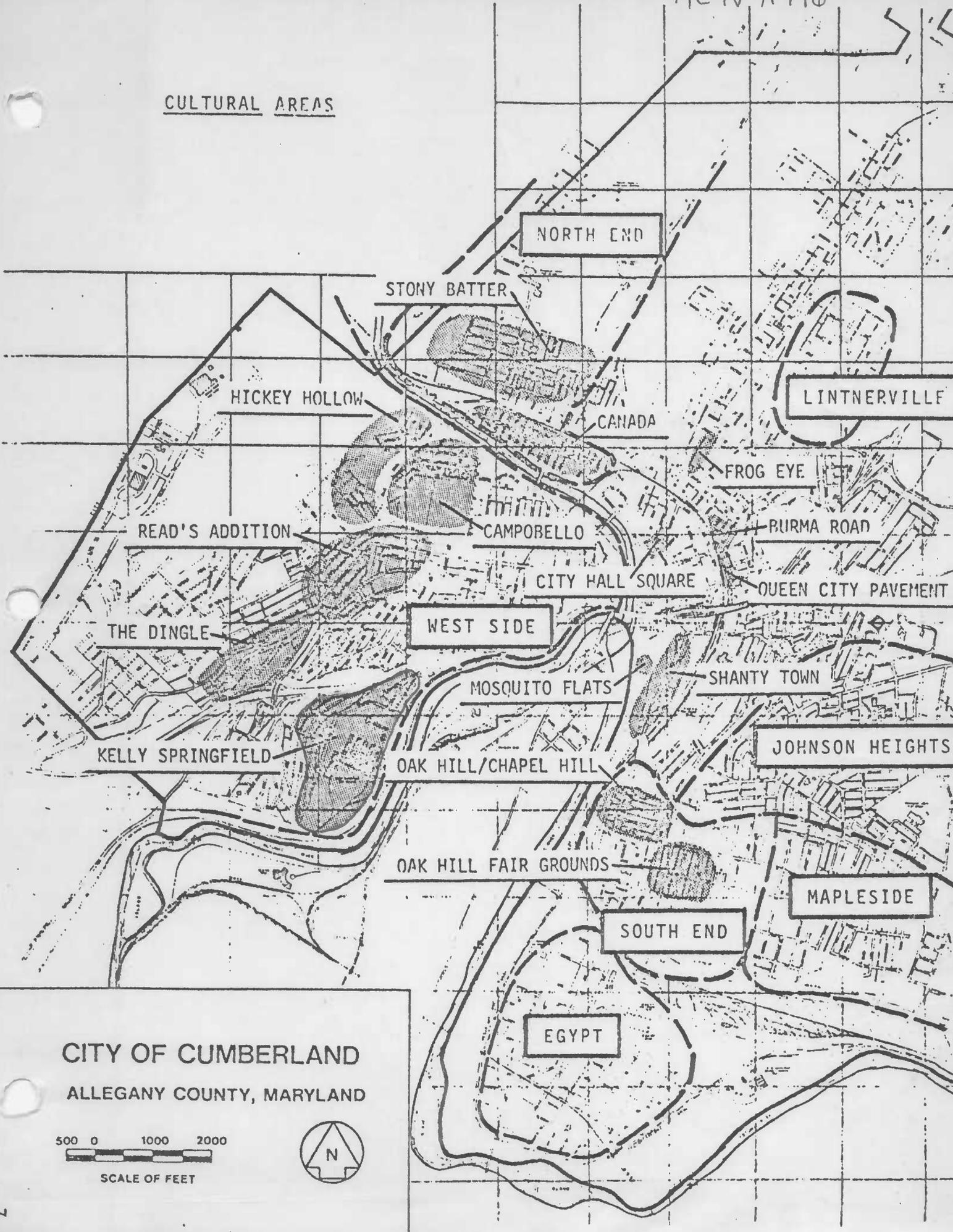
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DISTRICT DIGEST AND SUPPLEMENT

LAND AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
1976

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The following pages contain documented information about representative buildings within the district. This information was useful in determining ages of buildings and in identifying the architects and builders who were active within the district in certain periods. A notation of M1858 is the earliest documentation contained in the digest. Although a number of the buildings existed prior to 1858--some as early as 1790. Pre-1858 is a convenient early date to use for the remaining log, Federal, and Greek Revival style buildings built in Cumberland before the Civil War. These buildings as a group are the major surviving physical record of Cumberland's early history. A notation of M1875 indicates that a building was constructed between 1858 and 1875.

DIGEST KEY

- * Alteration, addition
- ** Interim
- # City of Cumberland Building Permit
- M Map
- CEM City Engineering Map
- HJM Herman J. Miller
- DN Cumberland Daily News
- ET Cumberland Evening Times
- ph. col. Photographic collection
- clip. Undated newspaper clipping
- T&W Thomas & Williams, History of Allegany County
- misc. Several sources, common knowledge, tradition

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REPRESENTATIVE BUILDINGS--DISTRICT I: KELLY SPRINGFIELD

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HOUSE #	SUPPLIER OF PLANS	BUILDER	ORIGINAL OWNER	SOURCE	DATE
<u>KELLY SPRINGFIELD BOULEVARD</u>					
725	T. W. Biddle	W. J. Morley	Central Investment Co.	#5067	1920
755	D. A. Martin	D. A. Martin	Franchesca Gigliotti	#5421	1920
<u>MANN'S TERRACE</u>					
801	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4902	1919
803	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4903	1919
805	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4904	1919
815	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4906	1919
817	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4907	1919
819	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4908	1919
<u>SPERRY TERRACE</u>					
864	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4910	1919
866	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4911	1919
870	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4912	1919
872	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4913	1919
874	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4914	1919
878	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4915	1919
882	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4916	1919
884	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4917	1919
886	Minter Homes Corporation	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	Kelly Springfield Tire	#4918	1919

KELLY SPRINGFIELD TIRE PLANT

FACILITY	BUILDER	SUPPLIER OF PLANS	SOURCE	DATE
Machine shop	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4925	1919
Pump house	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4926	1919
Boiler & Power house	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4928	1919
Intake house	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4929	1919
Main building	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4929	1919
Garage	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4930	1919
Laboratory	Hunkin-Conkey Constr. Co.	S. Duacher & Sons	#4831	1919
Sheet steel building	Kelly Springfield Tire	Kelly Springfield Tire	#7606	1925

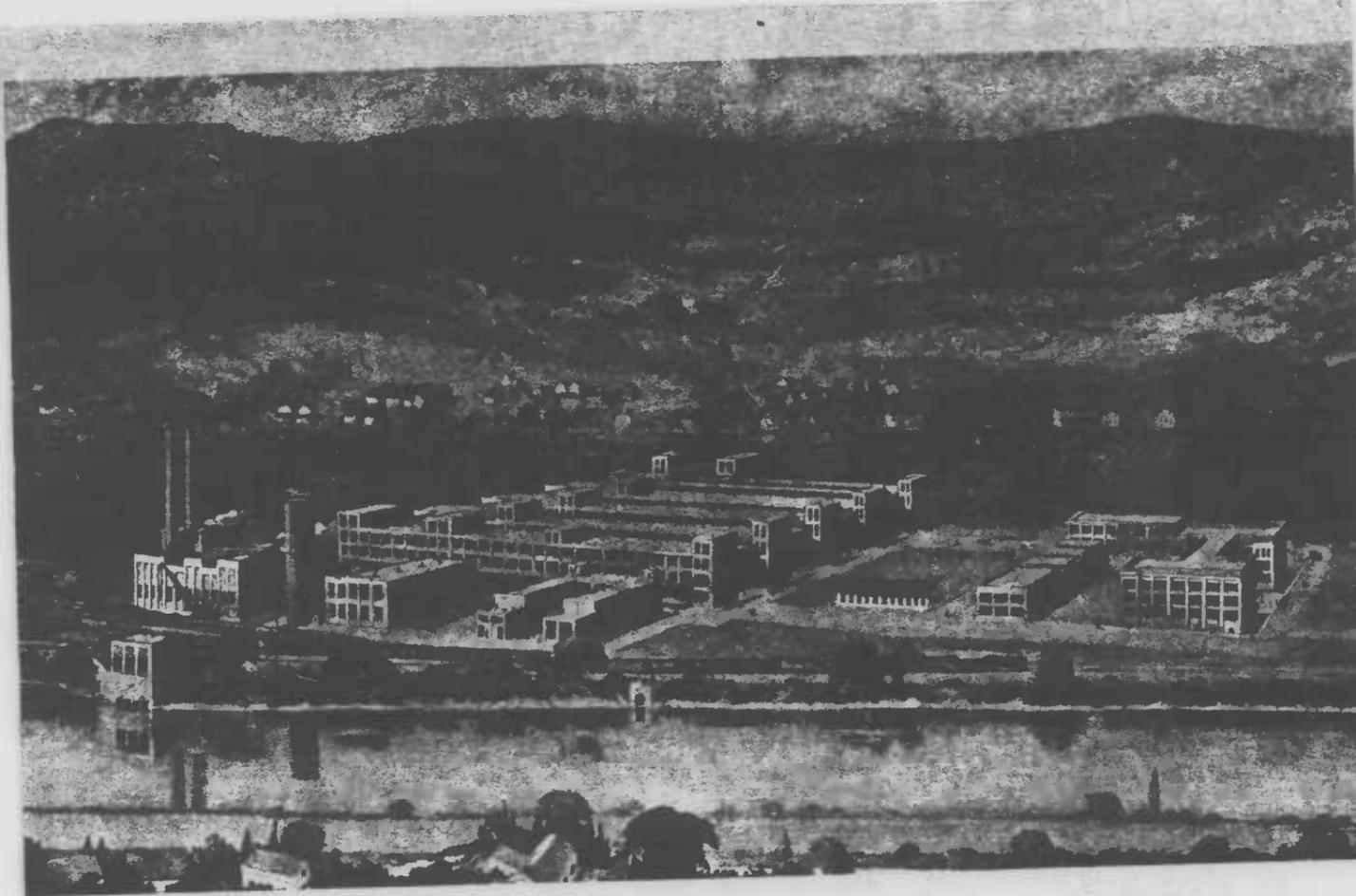
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The Kelly Springfield district includes the following streets with inclusive street numbers: 725-Kelly Springfield Tire Company Plant on Kelly Road and Kelly Springfield Boulevard, 801-879 Mann's Terrace, and 850-890 Sperry Terrace.

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DISTRICT I--KELLY SPRINGFIELD
LIST OF 35 MM. COLOR SLIDES
AND 5" X 7" BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS

- I-1 Original plant, Kelly Springfield Tire Plant
- I-2 Kelly Springfield Tire Plant, 1976
- I-3 725 Kelly Springfield Boulevard
- I-4 Sperry Terrace
- I-5 862 Sperry Terrace



KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE COMPANY PLANT, CUMBERLAND, MD.

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ORIGINAL PLANT
KELLY SPRINGFIELD
XEROX COPY FROM
THOMAS & WILLIAMS, HISTORY
OF ALLEGANY COUNTY

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KELLY-SPRINGFIELD

I-2

KELLY SPRINGFIELD TIRE
PLANT

NORTHWEST ELEV.

J.T. KELLER
SPRING, 1976

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725 KELLY SPRINGFIELD BLVD.
EAST ELEV.

J.T. KELLER
SPRING, 1976

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890-878 SPERRY TERRACE
WEST ELEV.

J.T. KELLER

SPRING, 1976 AL-IV-A-146



I-5

862 SPERRY TERRACE
WEST ELEV.

J.T. KELLER

SPRING, 1976

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