

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-3011**

**Seagram's Distillery**

**7101 Sollers Point Road**

**Dundalk, Baltimore County**

**1933**

**Private**

After the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, the rye distillery complex was constructed on Sollers Point Road in Dundalk. The state-of-the-art rye distillery included a special railroad siding to ship and receive the products and ingredients. In 1942 the complex was sold to Joseph E. Seagram & Sons Inc., who continued to produce whiskey on the site. During WWII Seagram produced alcohol for rubber manufacturing and medicinal purposes. Seagram sold the site in 1991. The purchase by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1916 of 1,000 acres for the construction of worker housing was the initial spark that ignited Dundalk's expansion. The Dundalk Company formed shortly thereafter in an effort to manage the community's growth and establish a model suburb on the east side of Baltimore City. Dundalk's population and building stock grew considerably after the creation of industrial jobs brought on by United States involvement in World War I. At the end of the war, the temporary housing quickly constructed for the war industry often remained empty. A short period of stagnation between 1920 and 1924 ended with the re-involvement of the Dundalk Company in the community. It was at this point that the commercial district was created, forming a central core in the town. Whereas Dundalk's population in 1920 was only 2,000 inhabitants, this number had climbed to 8,000 only ten years later.

The distillery, circa 1933, is located on a level grassy lot bordered by Tyler Road in the north, Sollers Point Road in the east and south and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the west. Four warehouses, three brick buildings, and one brick smokestack were standing on the site. The warehouses are six stories tall and either sixteen or eighteen bays long. The foundations of the warehouses, and all other buildings on site, are not vestibule but the walls are brick laid in a six to one American bond. Each story has evenly spaced wood frame industrial windows with rowlock sills and soldier course lintels. The warehouses have stepped parapets and flat roofs. Stair towers, seven stories in height, are sited at one end of each of the buildings. One warehouse, sited at the eastern corner of the lot has brick pilasters marking every six bays and supporting a corbeled string course. Behind the eastern warehouse is a brick building which repeats the style and materials used in the warehouses. The building is two stories in height and only five bays are visible from public right-of-way.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3011

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Seagram's Distillery

other

### 2. Location

street and number 7101 Sollers Point Road not for publication

city, town Dundalk vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brewery Station, Inc.

street and number 6608 Holabird Avenue, Suite 1 telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21224

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 103, 283

city, town Towson liber 10839 folio 504

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	7	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	7	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:		
		Undergoing demolition		0
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered          |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The distillery, circa 1933, is located on a level grassy lot bordered by Tyler Road in the north, Sollers Point Road in the east and south and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the west. Demolition had begun at the time of the survey. Four warehouses, three brick buildings, and one brick smokestack were standing on the site. The warehouses are six stories tall and either sixteen or eighteen bays long. The foundations of the warehouses, and all other buildings on site, are not visible but the walls are brick laid in a six to one American bond. Each story has evenly spaced wood frame industrial windows with rowlock sills and soldier course lintels. The warehouses have stepped parapets and flat roofs. Stair towers, seven stories in height, are sited at one end of each of the buildings. One warehouse, sited at the eastern corner of the lot has brick pilasters marking every six bays and supporting a corbeled string course. Behind the eastern warehouse is a brick building which repeats the style and materials used in the warehouses. The building is two stories in height and only five bays are visible from public right-of-way.

In the center of the property is a small one-story, nine-bay brick office building. The projecting central bay contains a central entry with a one-leaf door flanked by brick pilasters supporting a wood broken pediment with an urn. The wood frame double hung sash windows have 4/4 lights, rowlock sills, and soldier course lintels. The building has a stepped parapet and a flat roof.

Directly behind the office building is a brick building with a corbeled pediment within the wall surface and a parapet roof. Behind this structure is a four-story, five-bay brick building featuring industrial windows, rowlock sills, and a metal clad cornice. The building has a gable and flat roof.

There is one large brick smokestack but it is unclear which building it belongs to.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1933	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1933		

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Dundalk initially developed as a station along the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad and was named for the home of Henry McShane, who operated a foundry in the community. The community's early 20th century landscape was traversed by farmland owned by only a few families. Dundalk's growth occurred over two distinct phases. The purchase by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1916 of 1,000 acres for the construction of worker housing was the initial spark that ignited the community's expansion. The Dundalk Company formed shortly thereafter in an effort to manage the community's growth and establish a model suburb on the east side of Baltimore City. Within one year, the town featured sixty-two dwellings, two stores, and one post office. Dundalk's population and building stock grew considerably after the creation of industrial jobs brought on by United States involvement in World War I. This expansion had a negative effect on prior efforts at managed growth in the community. At the end of the war, the temporary housing quickly constructed for the war industry often remained empty. A short period of stagnation between 1920 and 1924 ended with the re-involvement of the Dundalk Company in the community. It was at this point that the commercial district was created, forming a central core in the town. Whereas Dundalk's population in 1920 was only 2,000 inhabitants, this number had climbed to 8,000 only ten years later.

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### ENDNOTES

1. J.K. O'Neill, "What's up with the distillery warehouses?" [www.dundalkeagle.com/features/extras/column/wuwtdistillery.cfm](http://www.dundalkeagle.com/features/extras/column/wuwtdistillery.cfm) 2002

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 12.09 acresAcreage of historical setting 12.09 acresQuadrangle name Baltimore EastQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The rye distillery is located at 7101 Sollers Point Road in the town of Dundalk in the Twelfth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 103, parcel 283.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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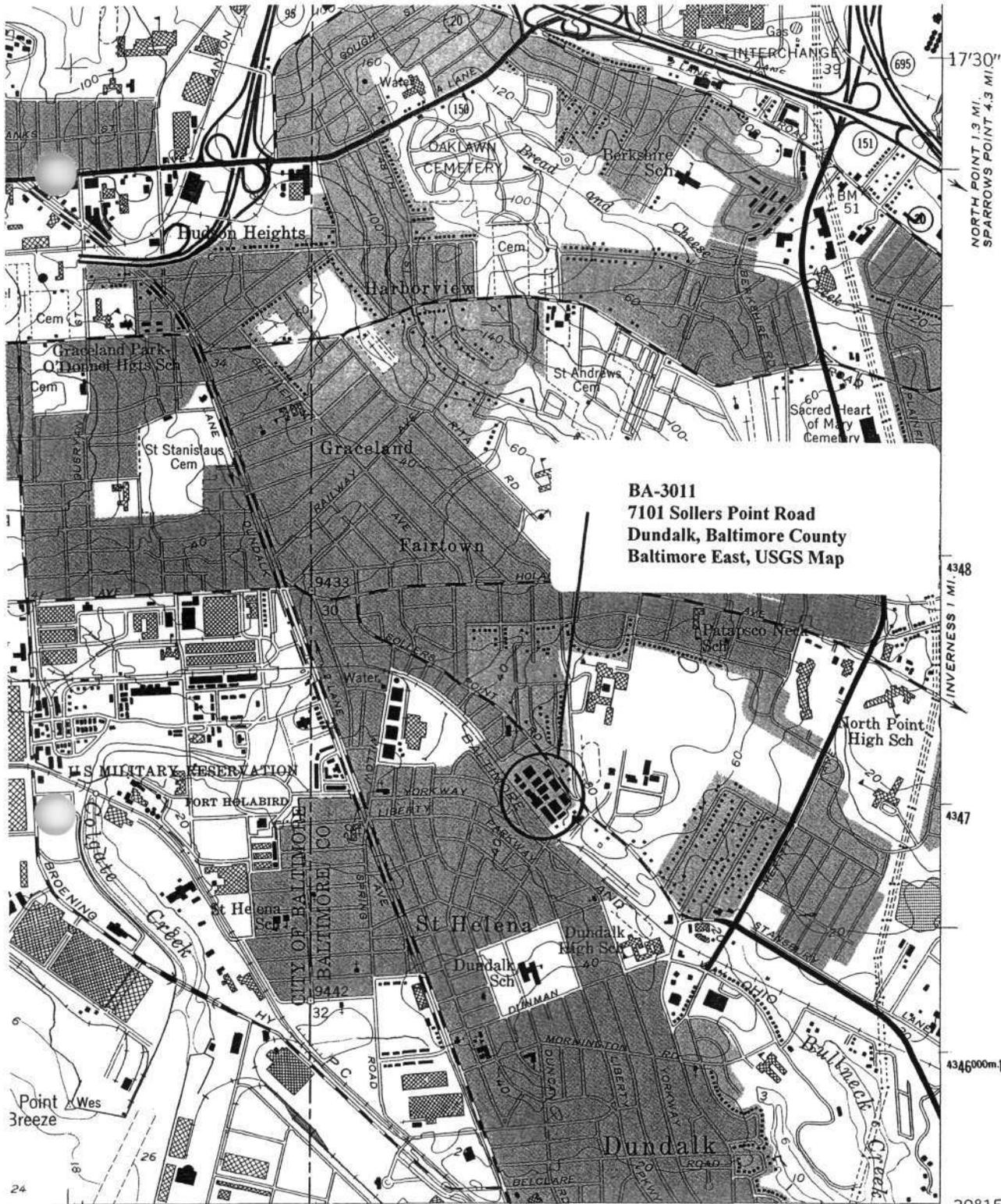
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**7101 Sollers Point Road**  
**Dundalk, Baltimore County**  
**Baltimore East, USGS Map**

17°30'  
 NORTH POINT 1.3 MI.  
 SPARROWS POINT 4.3 MI.

4348  
 INVERNESS 1 MI.

4347

4346000m N.

39°15'  
 76°30'

(SPARROWS POINT  
 5762 III NW)

1 MILE



INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1976  
 SPARROWS POINT 3.4 MI.

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

- Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty ————
- Medium-duty ———— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- ⊖ Interstate Route ⊖ U. S. Route ⊖ State Route

**BALTIMORE EAST, MD.**  
 SE/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3915—W7630/7.5  
 1953  
 PHOTOREVISED 1966 AND 1974  
 AMS 5662 I SE—SERIES V833



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VIEW LOOKING WEST

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