



ADDRESS 123-25 Heath St. COR. between Lawn and Bickford  
 NAME Hampton Automotive Mfg. Co. Eblana Brewery/ Alley  
present original Brewery

MAP No. 19N/9E SUB AREA \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 1886 Building Plaque and Building Inspection  
 source Report

ARCHITECT Otto Wolf Building Inspection  
 source Report

BUILDER David Connery & Co. Bldg. Ins. Rep.  
 source \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER John R. Alley  
original present

PHOTOGRAPHS PH 1-3/1\*, 3/2\* (DETAIL) 4/5, 4/6 (#117 HEATH)-84  
PH 2-6/4\*, 6/5\*-84

TYPE (residential) single double row 2-fam. 3-deck ten apt.  
 (non-residential) Brewery;

NO. OF STORIES (1st to cornice) 4 plus attic

ROOF hipped cupola --- single metal sheathed and ornamented pedimented gable dormers at left, front, right.

MATERIALS (Frame) clapboards shingles stucco asphalt asbestos alum/vinyl  
 (Other) brick stone GRANITE TRIM concrete iron/steel/alum.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION Queen Anne brewery complex with 1 plan main building exhibiting 7-bay symmetrical Heath Street facade displaying 3-story hipped roof brick oriel supported by rough-faced granite braces set over granite trimmed segmentally arched portal enframed at sides with alternating smooth and rough granite blocks. Fourth floor reveals trios of brick trimmed arched windows which are executed on oriel bay as metal arcade with Ionic and cubiform columns. Building is capped by brick corbelling set under metal cornice enhanced by fan-ornamented semi-circular metal hoods placed above brick pilasters separating bays on front and sides. Cast-iron

EXTERIOR ALTERATION minor moderate drastic picket gates have been retained.  
windows bricked up

CONDITION good fair poor LOT AREA 74,278+ #117: 17,182 sq. feet

NOTEWORTHY SITE CHARACTERISTICS Adjacent at right (#117) is red brick two-story plus basement, 3-bay, vine-covered, flat roofed building with metal cornice and metal gable set over central section of facade--formerly Bottling Plant of complex. Brewery now faces the Bromley-Heath housing development and backs up to the wooded slopes of Parker Hill

SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd on reverse)

Architecturally significant brewery complex which, despite the blocking-up of windows, retains much of its original coloristic detailing and distinctive robust design. Built in 1885/6 as the Eblana Brewery, #123-5 Heath Street remains one of several monumental late 19th century breweries constructed in the Stony Brook Valley of Roxbury and

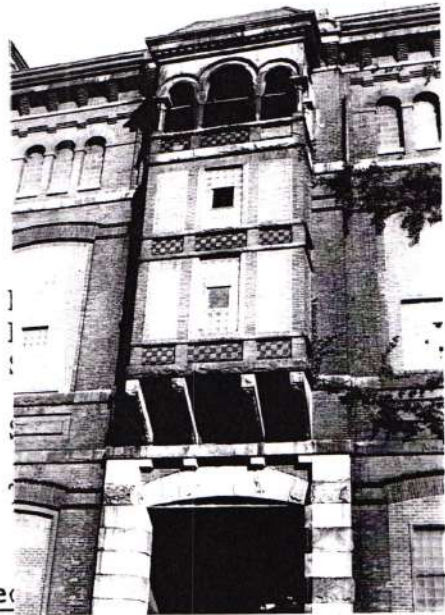
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Themes (check as many as applicable)

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Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	_____	Military	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____
Community/ development	_____		



Significance (include explanation of themes checked)

Jamaica Plain which, most importantly, have survived relatively intact (see forms for 31Heath; 31, 55 New Heath, 249A Heath, and Jamaica Plain Survey).

Eblana was established in 1885 by John R. Alley (1822-June 21, 1898) who almost 20 years earlier with Henry H. Rueter set up the Highland Spring Brewery located nearby at Heath and Terrace Streets. Born into a Dublin brewing family, John R. Alley came to the U.S. in the late 1850's and worked first in New York and then Providence. By 1867, Alley was in Boston and founded, that year, as a principal partner with Henry H. Rueter, Roxbury's Highland Spring Brewery. After withdrawing from the firm in 1885, Alley established his own ale and porter brewery just down Heath Street on a site formerly the location of the Moses Day estate (see form for 12 Bickford Ave.) Designed by Philadelphia brewery architect Otto Wolf, Alley's brewery included by March 1886, the presently existing storehouse, brewery, and boilerhouse. By 1892, at the rear, a frame building which housed the wash room and cooper shop had been added. The 2-story brick bottling plant adjacent at #117 Heath was erected around the turn-of-the-century and housed a 35-ton refrigeration unit. In 1900, the Alley brewery was one of 10 Boston area breweries bought-out by the Massachusetts Breweries Co. (13-17 Otis Street and 94-98 Arch)

Preservation Consideration (accessibility, re-use possibilities, capacity for public use and enjoyment, protection, utilities, context) continued p. 2.

*Recommended as part of National Register district*



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Significance continued:

--a syndicate which included the American (249A Heath Street), Continental, Franklin (see Jamaica Plain survey), Robinson (see Jamaica Plain survey), Pfaff, and Elmwood plants. By this time, the Alley branch of Massachusetts Breweries had an annual productive capacity of 80,000 barrels.

From the early 1880's to his death, Alley lived in Jamaica Plain on Sumner Hill at 3 Revere Street. Alley's sons remained active in the brewery business after their father's death, and Frederick J. became the treasurer of Massachusetts Breweries, Arthur H., a purchasing agent for the company, and George R. was superintendent of its Alley branch.

During Prohibition (1920-1933), the Alley brewery buildings were used for wool warehousing and by the Randall-Faichney Co. --manufacturers of surgical, veterinary, and medical equipment. In the late '30's and '40's, 123-5 Heath Street was owned by Canada Dry Ginger Ale and housed the mixed uses of --- production and bottling of carbonated beverages, manufacture of medical instruments, storage, and offices. In January 1960, Hampden Automotive Mfg. Co., the new owner of the building, was granted permission to block-up most of the windows, and the former brewery became used and continues to function as a manufactory for the repair, construction, and assembling of automobile parts.

Otto Wolf, the architect of the Eblana Brewery has been credited as the designer of other local Roxbury plants including the 1894 Union Brewery on Terrace Street--only remaining buildings are its altered boiler house and stable, and the 1896 Star Brewery on Shirley Street. Wolf, a member of the American Institute of Architects since 1901, died in Philadelphia in 1916.

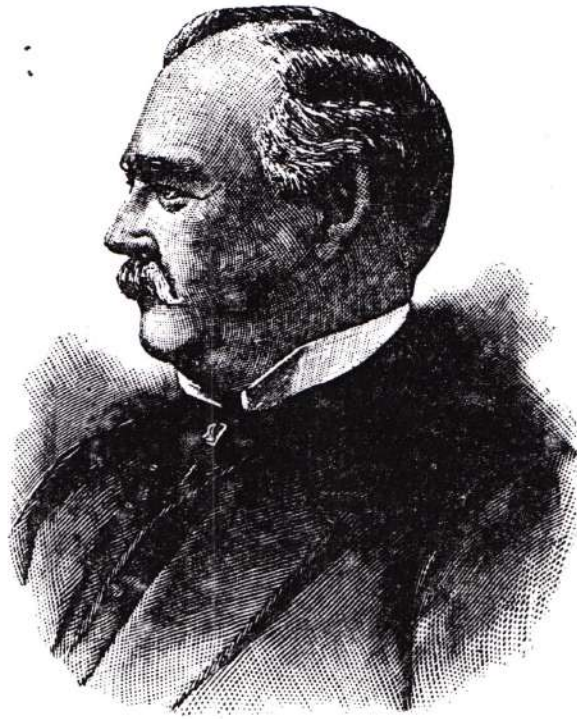
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JOHN R. ALLEY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1. Roxbury Brewing Company. 31 Heath Street, (form #704), 1896.  
Frederick N. Footman, architect. (Map 19N/9E)

Qualifies as an intact late 19th century brewery complex with architecturally significant red brick Renaissance Revival main building retaining much of its original appearance. Built for the Roxbury Brewing Company, 31 Heath Street survives as a distinguished example of Boston brewery architecture. By the early years of the 20th century, 31 Heath was sold to Rueter and Company which owned and operated the Highland Spring Brewery located nearby at New Heath and Terrace Streets.

The Roxbury Brewing Company also is included in the proposed Stony Brook Breweries National Register District.

2. Eblana/Alley Brewery. 117 and 123-5 Heath Street, (form #705).  
1886. Otto Wolf, architect. (Map 19N/9E)

Considered eligible as an architecturally significant Queen Anne style red brick with granite trim brewery complex retaining much of its distinctive robust form and detail. The brewery also qualifies as a landmark of the late 19th century industrial development of the Stony Brook Valley as an important brewery district of the New England region. In addition, 123-5 Heath Street is included in the proposed Stony Brook Breweries National Register Thematic Designation.

3. American Brewing Company. 249A Heath Street, (form #706), 1891/2.  
Frederick N. Footman, architect. (Map 19N/8E; 20N/8E)

Red brick with granite trim intact late 19th century brewery complex of city, state, and regional historical significance and considered eligible, in addition, as an architecturally distinguished Queen Anne style industrial building that has retained much of its colorful and individualistic ornament and form. One of several important breweries remaining in the Heath Street