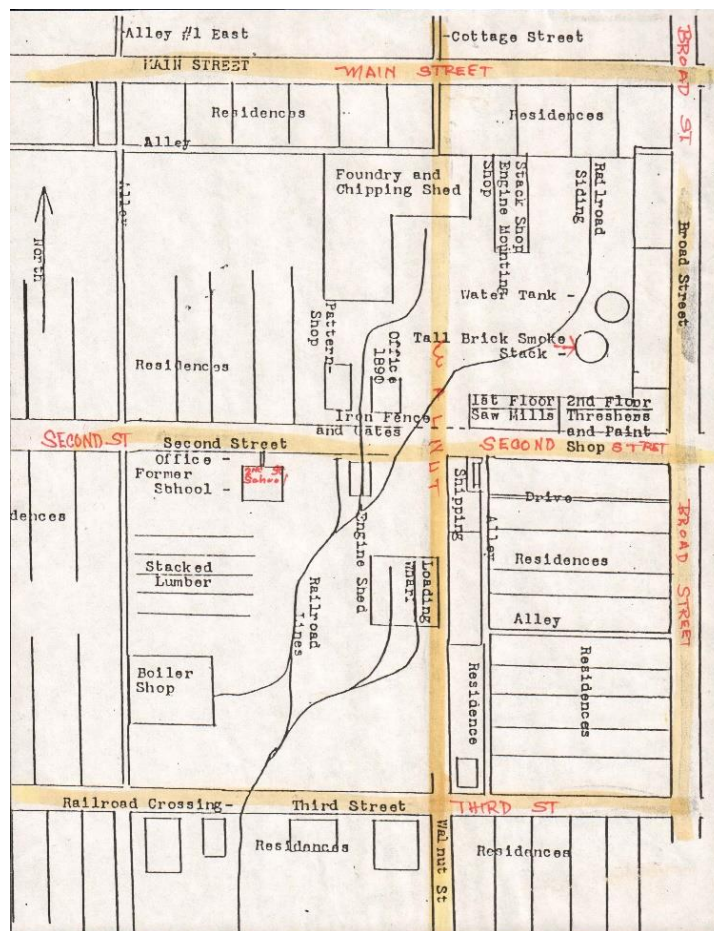


History of 633 Brewing's Bistro Building

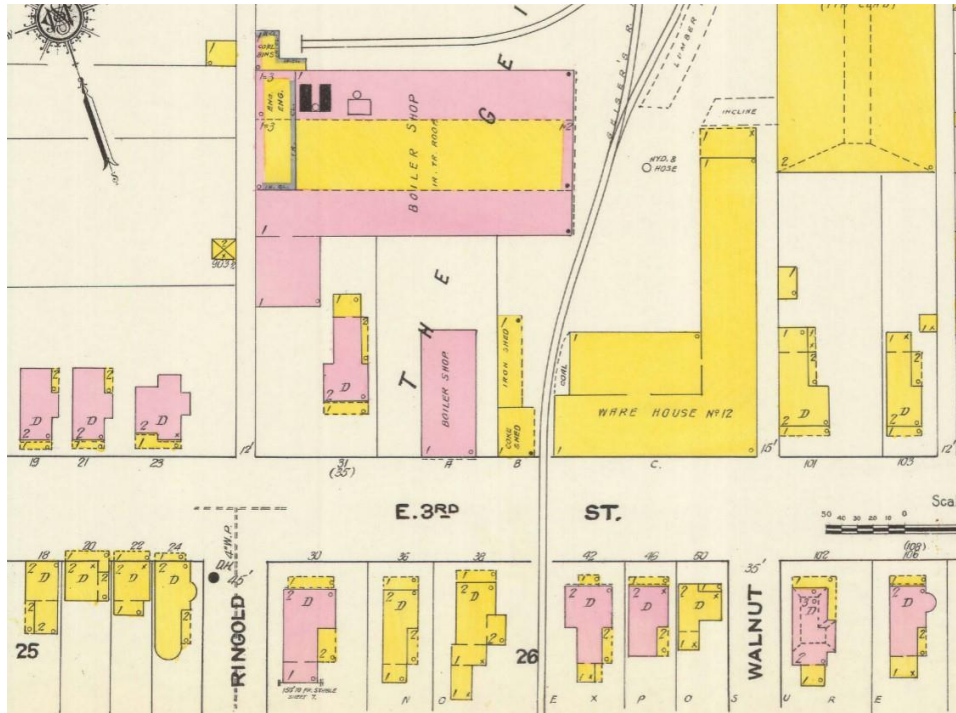
The 633 Brewing occupies a space in the shopping center at 118 Walnut Street in Waynesboro. Part of the Brewing space which is an older part of the building known as the Bistro, fronts Third Street just north of the intersection of Ringgold Street. The following information relates to the origin of the Bistro area of 633 Brewing.

The Bistro area was originally a storage building for the Geiser Manufacturing Company. Based on insurance maps of the area created by the Sanborn Map Company, the storage building was likely constructed between 1910 and 1916. Geiser Manufacturing was an industrial giant in Waynesboro. By 1900, the Geiser plant's buildings would encompass a large area south of Main Street, including the town block on the north side of East Second Street, bounded by Main, Broad, East Second and the current Walnut Street; the area bounded north and south between Walnut Street, first alley to the west of Walnut and north and south between Second and Gay streets; and the area north and south between Second and Third streets and the alleys east and west of Walnut Street (Geiser, a Waynesboro Industrial Icon's History and Legacy, 2014)¹. Most of the original buildings no longer stand, but some remnants of the former plant remain.

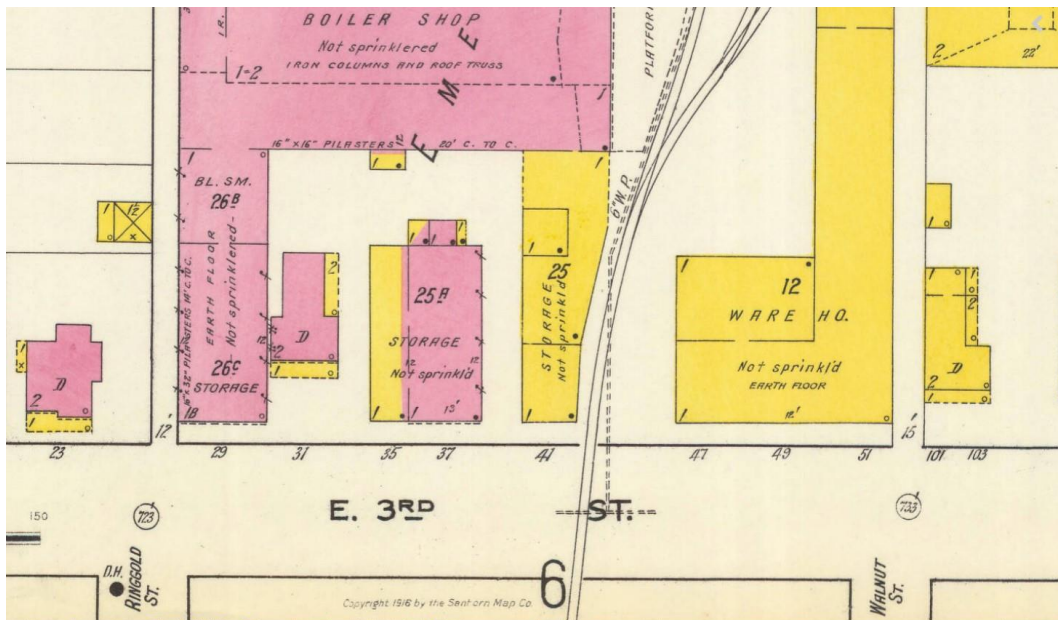


Early map of the Geiser Manufacturing Complex (courtesy of the Waynesboro Historical Society).

¹ Geiser, a Waynesboro Industrial Icon's History and Legacy. Written by Bill Helfrick, Mike Rohrer, and Dave Thompson. Published in 2014 by the Waynesboro Area Industrial Heritage Trust.

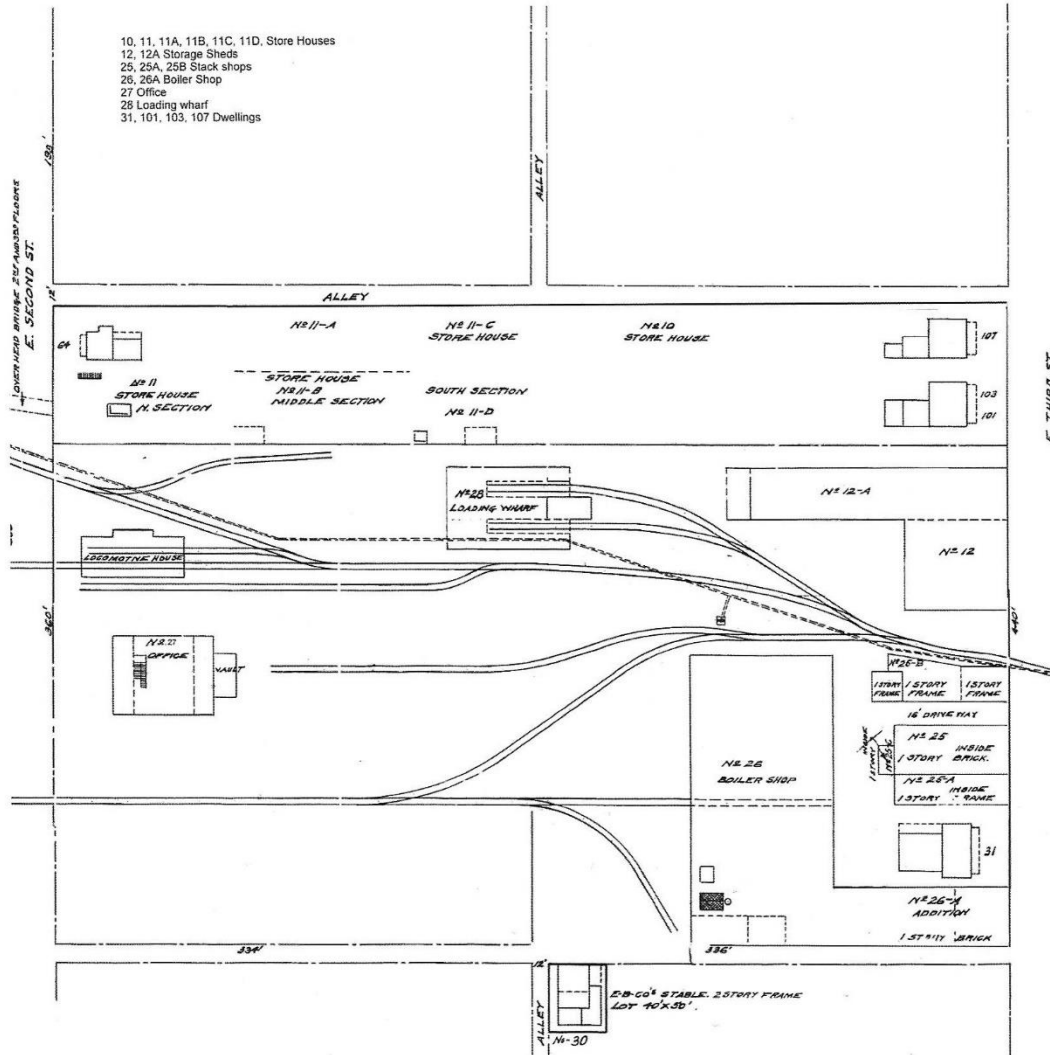


Sanborn Map Company's insurance map from January 1910 showing no building or structure on the north side of East Third Street to the east of the intersection with Ringgold Street. The surrounding buildings were occupied by the Geiser Manufacturing Company (as seen in diagonal letters running to the top of this cropped map).



Sanborn Map Company's insurance map from July 1916 showing a storage building on the north side of East Third Street to the east of the intersection with Ringgold Street. The "EME" seen running diagonally at the top center of this cropped image is referring to the Emerson-Brantingham Company – Geiser Works.

Emerson-Brantingham purchased Geiser Manufacturing in 1912 and the plant was called “Emerson-Brantingham Company Geiser Works.” The E-B Company continued in Waynesboro in the early 1920s, but ultimately sold the Waynesboro plant to local investors in 1925 who tried to make a viable business manufacturing some Geiser items as well as other items. Ultimately that endeavor failed, and the company went bankrupt in 1936 and sold the assets in 1938 (Geiser, a Waynesboro Industrial Icon’s History and Legacy, 2014).



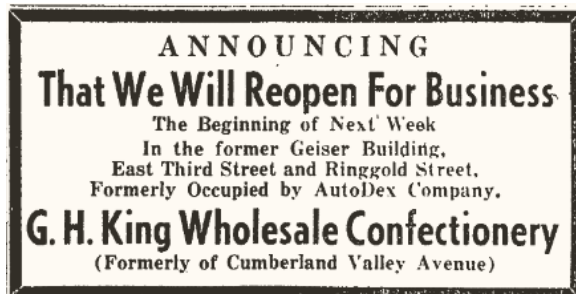
According to blueprints that were on file at the Borough of Waynesboro, the Bistro building is a 1-story brick addition to the Boiler Shop (as seen in Geiser: a Waynesboro Industrial Icon’s History and Legacy, 2014).

After the purchase of the Geiser complex by local interests in 1925, some of the buildings were occupied, presumably leased out to other companies. Autodex occupied two different Geiser buildings on East Third Street at one time. Autodex manufactured a mechanical card index file that allowed you to retrieve a card or set of cards based on pressing keys on the machine. Autodex operated out of the Geiser storage building at 33 East Third Street from 1924 to 1928 and then moved to the boiler shop addition at 29 East Third Street (the location of the Bistro) starting in 1928 (Record Herald, Reminiscing

October 12, 1994). Autodex was in operation at the 29 East Third Street location through at least until 1933, but no later than 1936 (Waynesboro City Directories).

In early 1937, the Blue Ridge Tabernacle was set to open at 29 East Third Street under the management of Evangelist H.A. James (Record Herald December 31, 1936). The Tabernacle must not have been active long in this building as the building was listed as vacant from 1938-1939 according to Waynesboro City Directories.

G.H. King acquired the building in 1940 to open his wholesale confectionery that was displaced after a fire of his office and warehouse on C-V Avenue (Record Herald January 20, 1940). The confectionery was located on the upper floor of the building at 29 East Third Street (Geiser: a Waynesboro Industrial Icon's History and Legacy, 2014).



Record Herald advertisement from January 19, 1940.

Many of the buildings of the original Emerson-Brantingham Geiser Works were destroyed by fire August 24, 1940 (Record Herald August 24, 1940). The shops of the Works were not in use at the time and several were in the process of demolition when the fire occurred. Although the Geiser Works originally covered several city blocks, the fire was focused on the Second and Broad Street portions of the complex. The storage areas and boiler shop (seen as buildings 25a, 26b and 26c in the 1916 Sanborn Map) survived the fire, including the location of the G.H. King Wholesale Confectionery.



Aftermath of Geiser Fire on August 24, 1940 where much of the Geiser Works were destroyed (courtesy of the Waynesboro Historical Society).



Partial view of G.H. King Wholesale Confectionary on the far left of the photo located at 29 East Third Street (northeast corner of East Third Street and the intersection of Ringgold Street) in 1948. Note the house in the center of this photo was a privately owned boarding house. The building on the far right of the photo was previously a Geiser storage building and was occupied in 1948 by the Vulcan Machine Company (courtesy of the Waynesboro Industrial Museum).

G.H. King operated his wholesale confectionary out of the 29 East Third Street building from 1940 until his passing in 1952 (Record Herald November 10, 1952). However the Waynesboro City Directories had the address assigned to the confectionary through 1960. The building was ultimately offered for public sale in April 1960 by the family of George King (Record Herald March 24, 1960).

In a Record Herald article from 1952 describing the expansion of the Vulcan Machine Company further demonstrates that the Bistro building was part of the original Geiser Works complex. In 1952, Vulcan leased the former 20,000 square foot Geiser boiler shop from A. Carl Warner to expand from its current location at 33 East Third Street (previously a Geiser storage building). The article goes on to explain that the boiler shop, the Vulcan building on 33 East Third Street (Geiser storage building), and the Confectionary building at 29 East Third Street along with the Stouffer Apartments on Second Street were the only remaining buildings from the original Geiser complex (Record Herald, August 9, 1952).

According to a summary of a Waynesboro School Board meeting in April of 1960, the King Wholesale building, with about 5,000 square feet, was for sale for \$7,500. The building was being considered as a temporary location for administrative offices the district at that time (Record Herald April 20, 1960).

There have been a number of occupants of the building since 1960 as found in advertisements in the Record Herald. Dorsett Shoes starting in May 1966 through at least 1967, Kraft Korner from August 1981 through at least 1989, and Get the Look Family Hair Care in 1996 and 1997. The building also served as a private residence for a time before 633 Brewing opened for business at the location in 2021.