

Raze permits -

Safeway, 415 14th Street, SE

Square 1042, lot 109

Raze request approved: 2018

#: unknown

Construction date: 1963

per DC Assessment Directory (2011)

Original use: store

The Capitol Hill Safeway was a full-service grocery with pharmacy, florist, and liquor store. In 2018, Safeway and Foulger-Pratt demolished the 1963 building, and plan a mixed-use project, "Beckert's Park," to include a larger Safeway and 329 apartments, opening in 2020.

The eastern half of square 1042 (13th/14th/D/E streets SE) was the location for a brewery from 1850, begun in 1850 by German immigrants George and Teresa Beckert as "Beckert's Park.". After Beckert died in 1859, his sons-in-law, Herman Richter and Henry Schoenborn, operated the brewery until Richter died in 1874. Alexander Adt and Francis Adt owned the brewery until 1882, when John Guethler purchased it, operating under the names Navy Yard Brewery/Guethler's Park. In 1886, Henry Rabe renamed it the Washington Brewery, and increased production. Albert Cary and Robert Portner bought the brewery in 1890, renaming it the National Capital Brewing Co., and made a substantial investment and built a five-story brick brewhouse. Beer brewing ended in 1917 with Prohibition, replaced by Carry's Ice Cream and Meadowgold Dairy. Garrett Peck, *Capital Beer* (Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2014, 44-46).

For more on the brewery see

- Robert Pohl, "Brewing Beer on Capitol Hill," *Hill Rag*, January 2011, 75-77.
- "Cheers to DC's Brewing History," *CHRS News* (Oct. 2014).
- "Square 1075 Alley Dwellings," with photograph of Diamond Brewery in square 1042.

<http://chrs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/WTsquare1075alleyDwellings2010eap.pdf>



