

BARLEY AND MALT LAB



Fig. 1. The Barley and Malt Laboratory from Walnut Street, c. 1960. [series 9/3, Barley and Malt Lab, ns-569]

The federal Research and Marketing Act of 1946 provides for research on utilization and development of "present, new and extended uses of agricultural commodities and products." This act led in the spring of 1948 to an agreement between the federal government, in the form of the Agricultural Research Administration, and the regents of the University. They agreed that the government would establish at the University the national Barley and Malt Laboratory. Under the agreements, the University would supply land, security, maintenance, and utility connections to the lab. The government would construct and equip the building, and staff the lab.

The regents sold to the government a .72 acre parcel of land on the east side of Walnut Street for \$6000 in May 1948. The building was erected in the summer and fall of 1949. Its cost to the government was about \$200,000. It was staffed by six researchers and six laboratory technicians. The cost to the University was about \$9000 (of state funds) for utility hookups.

The building remains the property of the federal government and as such is not technically a part of the University physical plant.