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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *KEYSTONE BUILDING*

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
18-20-22 South Third Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
17

STATE
Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF
CODE
42

COUNTY
CODE
Dauphin 043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Walter F. Kuhn, Jr. et al

STREET & NUMBER
4302 Crestview Road

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

VICINITY OF
STATE
Pennsylvania 17112

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Dauphin County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER
Front and Market Streets

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg,

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
2-24-76

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS *Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

77 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Keystone Building is located in the heart of the downtown business and shopping district, it being one half block south of the main street in the area, Market Street. It is basically a 6 story office building plus basement, 7 bays across the front facade and 12 bays deep. It has a granite first floor front, brick exterior walls and a built up roof with cast iron downspouts.

The Keystone Building was erected in 1875, as the State Printing Office, and is styled in the then popular Louis Sullivan Tripartite design. Several years ago it received a coat of green paint which has enhanced the golden concrete scrolled window moldings and lintels. Obvious Italianate influences are visible in the bracketed wood cornice and side coynes as well as the windows. The main floor is unique because it basically retains its original appearance even though used as a store. It is rare to find office structures of this vintage that have not had the street level turned into a plate glass store front.

Although the arched granite facing is probably original, it should be noted that an 1890 advertising sketch shows four pairs of doorways in the front with a window between each pair. Also missing is a gigantic clock tower on the left front corner of the roof. These changes probably took place at the time of remodeling some 60 years ago.

At the time of remodeling in 1917 the insides were torn out and structural steel frame work installed along with 12 inch reinforced floors. The brick walls were found to be 5 courses thick and apparently left in their original form.

James J. ...

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT *Unknown*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Keystone Building was erected as the State Printing Office about 1875. Although their role is not clear the Patriot Publishing Company purchased the site in 1869 and began publishing.

The state contract for public printing, binding and lithography passed on to Lane S. Hart, where Hart Printing and Publishing House took over in 1877, succeeded in turn by Edwin K. Meyers in 1886. During this time, everything was printed here from the Legislative Record to railroad posters. Meyers was the son of the eminent Patriot publisher Benjamin F. Meyers and it was Benjamin who now moved into the building with the Star-Independent on June 5, 1897.

The Star-Independent had battled with the Telegraph and Patriot in the newspaper wars of the 1890's and early 1900's until finally bought out by E. J. Stackpole in February of 1917. Ben Meyers died a year later and the Star-Independent was no longer printed.

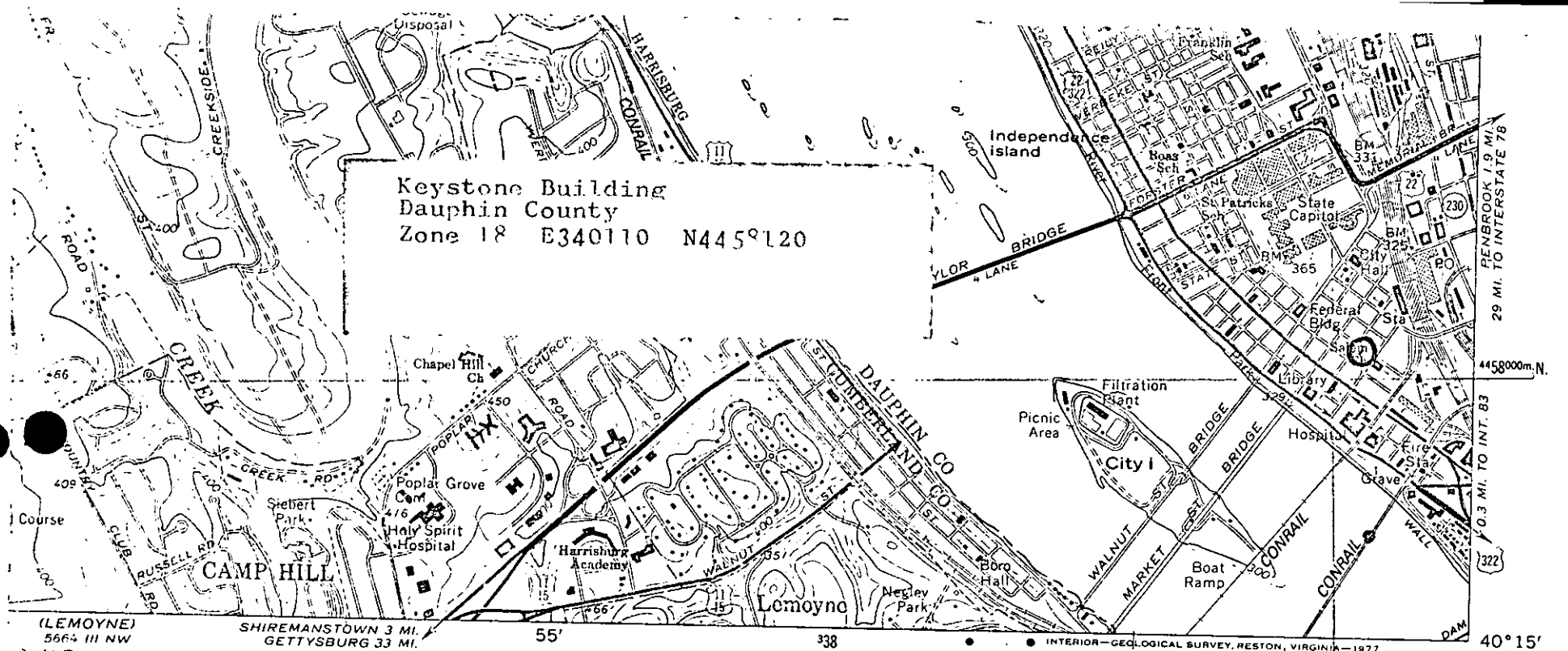
In 1917 the building was remodeled into an office building and around 1926 was renamed the Keystone Building. As an office building, the Keystone accommodated it share of Harrisburg attorneys and insurance companies.

The building has always been owned by the Meyers Family and the John L.L. Kuhn family. Mr. Kuhn was associated with Mr. Meyers in the printing industry. Kuhn, a well known contractor, remodeled the building in 1917. The Meyers family sold their interest to the late Walter F. Kuhn, Sr. and it has since remained in the Kuhn Family.

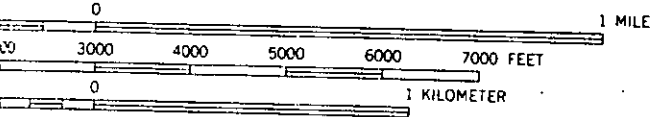
Architecturally, the Keystone building, reinforced the thought that the skyscraper is America's greatest contribution to modern architecture. Erected in 1875 it was in all probability Harrisburg's first highrise, although the USF & G Building (1905) usually gets that distinction. As architects learned to utilize the new building technology of the 19th century, Harrisburg's skyline would change irremediably.

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Keystone Building
 Dauphin County
 Zone 18 E340110 N445°120



(LEMOYNE)
 5664 III NW
 SCALE 1:24 000



CUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 PHOTOCOPY MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface.....	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface.....
Secondary highway, hard surface.....	Unimproved road.....

Interstate Route
 U. S. Route
 State Route

HARRISBURG WEST, PA.
 SW/4 HARRISBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
 N4015—W7652.5/7.5

1969
 PHOTOREVISED 1974
 AMS 5664 IV SW—SERIES V831

PENNSYLVANIA
 29 MI. TO INTERSTATE 78
 458000m. N.
 40° 15'
 76° 52' 30"
 340000m E.
 0.3 MI. TO INT. 83
 (STELTON)
 5664 III NE