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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

DICKSON WORKS

AND/OR COMMON

Stacor Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

225 Vine Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Scranton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10

STATE

Pennsylvania

__VICINITY OF

CODE
42

COUNTY

Lackawanna

CODE

069

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

__DISTRICT

 BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

 PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

 COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

 INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jerome Fink

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 511

CITY, TOWN

Scranton

__VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lackawanna County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

200 North Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Scranton

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

7/28/78

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 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

This building is the only remaining structure of a large complex which was the original Dickson Works. The building is a long, three story structure measuring about 100 feet by 300 feet with the short side fronting Vine Street and the long side fronting Penn Avenue. At the corner of Vine and Penn there is a tower of about 100 feet tall.

The Vine Street facade is divided into 10 single-window bays and on the Penn Avenue front, there are 13 double-window bays accentuated by pilasters.

The exterior load bearing walls are made of red brick. All the window openings have shallow segmental arches except for the eight top windows of the tower. These are doubleheight and double tiered Roman arches with the classical two-and-a half circle openings. Below these Roman arches there is a cornice of brick corbelling done in intricate geometric patterns. The tallest part of the highly ornate wooden steeple crowning the tower had been destroyed by fire. Only the base of the original steeple is left with a flat roof.

The main roof of the building is double pitched with a 12 to 12 slope. Clerestory lights exist on both sides of the roof and run almost the entire length of the building.

Roof trusses which are exposed in the interior, are made of wood and elegantly designed wrought-iron tie members.

The all wood interior floors are not of original construction. However, the lower floors of the tower which are supported by brick barrell vaults are the original floors.

In general, this building is a typical early 19th Century industrial building which is not unlike the Ghirardelli Square, The Cannery, and many other similar structures that were designed in another era for activities that had long been made obsolete by the changing times; but because of the sturdiness of these structures and the functional elegance of their designs they are ready for a revitalization which is long overdue .

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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For more than 50 years the Dickson Works ranked not only among the leading industries of Scranton but held high place in the state and country. Organized in 1856 as Dickson and Company, a family owned concern, it took the more imposing title Dickson Manufacturing Company in 1862. Ever expanding it later acquired the Cliff Works in Wilkes-Barre as its base of operations when it acquired the Laning and Marshall plant. Other interests brought out these two branches at a later date.

The expanding coal industry in the Lackawanna Valley prompted the founders of the Dickson works to establish here. Thomas Dickson, later president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, saw the advantage and need for a shop in Scranton to repair and manufacture mine machinery and boilers as well as other machinery. That was in February 1856 and by May the first shop of the concern was ready for operation. Thirty men were the nucleus of the first work force.

The business weathered the panic of 1857 and from then on steadily expanded its territory. Various related businesses connected with its operation were acquired over the years until by 1880 the company was employing 600 men. In 1882, H. M. Boies, a son-in-law of Thomas Dickson, one of the original officers, was elected president of the corporation. Again the plant was enlarged and equipped with the latest type of machinery and was able to compete with the biggest and best plants in the country. Its products found a market all over the globe. The Company's exhibit at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876 was awarded a diploma of highest merit and medal.

The original Dickson Works was the parent company of many of Scranton's industries from engines and boilers, rolling mills, and locomotives to the Stacor Equipment Company. The latter company moved into the Dickson building in 1963 which was vacant from 1942 to 1962. Stacor is still a tenant and manufactures library tables and furniture. Therefore for a period of over a hundred and twenty years, the Dickson-Stacor building has taken its place in Scranton's industrial growth.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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History of Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties, Pa. 1880
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Scrantonian

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Scranton, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 444610 4484620
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peter Cupple, M.D.

ORGANIZATION

Architectural Heritage Association

DATE

717-342-1504

STREET & NUMBER

1656 Sanderson Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Scranton

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



17TH RC 158
 158
 10LYPHANT 5866 1 NE
 4587
 4586
 ELMHURST 63 M.
 1 MSCROW 0.5 MI.
 25'
 4584

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Scranton
Pennsylvania