

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Rufus Barrett Stone House

JUN 18 1981

and/or common Flatiron Building

2. Location

street & number 11 Boylston Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Bradford

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

10

state Pa.

code

42

county

McKean

code

015

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Catherine B. Daggett

street & number 11 Boylston Street

city, town Bradford

N/A vicinity of

state

Pa.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, McKean County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Smethport

state

Pa.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town

N/A

state

N/A

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This 3-story, flat-roofed, detached structure was built as a law office (1st floor) and lawyer's residence (2nd and 3rd floors.) Carefully laid dry-pressed brick with ~~Common~~ bond form the walls, while foundations and architectural decorations were cut from native limestone and Genesee Valley (N.Y.) bluestone. Of particular interest are the brick and stone arched heads set into the N/S and E/S parapets. With the exception of the metal cornice, the building is in perfect condition and in its original, unaltered state.

The flat-iron shaped building fitting a triangular lot is unique in this geographical area, and capably executed. Its three sides are bounded by the Tununguant Creek, East Washington Street and Boylston Street, forming an apex that faces the open space of Boylston Street overlooking Bradford's Old City Hall (a National Register property.) Although small in size, the building commands its surroundings.

Designed as both office and residence, the interior has been little changed. Though small in scale, careful design and generous fenestration (including baywindows on each floor of the N/S) produce an airy and roomy interior.

The front entrance is located at the point of the triangle (E/S), consisting of a solid door with horizontal panels, framed by a one-story portico supported by a Doric column on either side.

8. Significant

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1903 **Builder/Architect** Built by Rufus Barrett Stone and occupied by him till his death 1929

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The subject property is an imaginatively designed flatiron building and an example of the turn-of-the century's brickmason's skill. It was built and lived in by Rufus Barrett Stone, one of the most prominent business, professional and political leaders in Western Pennsylvania. The building survives today in almost its original state, both exterior and interior, and continues to be used for its original purpose for which built -- a "town house" with an office for the occupant on ground floor, and living quarters connected with the upper two stories and remains as a prominent landmark in the local community.

With the discovery of oil in this area of Pennsylvania and the first oil well drilled by Edwin L. Drake in 1859 in nearby Venango County the oil industry became the major industry in the northwestern part of the state. The first well drilled in McKean County was in 1875. Two years later the first oil exchange was established in Bradford. The county was one of the leaders in the oil industry and is still one of the major producers of Pennsylvania crude oil.

Rufus Barrett Stone (1847-1929), a lawyer by profession, was a leading figure in the early commercial, oil discovery and industrial development of McKean County, Pennsylvania. For the last quarter century of his life his activities were centered in the subject building. He was president of Bradford Manufacturing Co., chairman of Knapps' Creek Oil Co., an organizer of what was to become the BB&K R.R., a principal in the Equitable Petroleum Co., Ltd., president of Central Oil Co., president of Muncie Mining Co., VP of McKean County Lumber Co., and treasurer of Bradford Glass Works. Active in community and charitable affairs, he was an organizer of Bradford Hospital and Bradford Board of Trade. He was also president of the Carnegie Public Library, and trustee of the State Hospital at Warren, Pa. Stone founded the BRADFORD EVENING STAR, one of the earliest daily papers of the oil field. It later merged into the BRADFORD ERA which continues publishing to this day.

Although never a candidate for public office, Mr. Stone was active in politics and government throughout his lifetime. During the Reconstruction Period he served as U.S. Marshall in Mississippi, and later Chancellor of the 17th District of that state. After moving to Bradford, he was president of the first Republican County Committee, and a member of the State Republican Committee. He was alternate Delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1881.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Jordan, John W. "Genealogical & Personal History of N. Pa." Vol III, Lewis Historical Pub. Co., New York City 1913, pp1290-3; Heffner, S. D. "Souvior Program-Old Home Week" City of Bradford, Pa., 1909, unnumbered plate titled "Hon. R. B. Stone's Law Chambers and Town Residence." Hatch, Vernelle "Illustrated History of Bradford." Burk Bros., Bradford, Pa. 1901, p 74.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .02

Quadrangle name Bradford, PA-NY

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	7
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 Zone

6	9	4
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 Easting

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 Northing

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B

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 Zone

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 Easting

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 Northing

C

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 Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property is situated at the triangular apex of E. Washington and Boylston Streets, Bradford, Pa., and known as 11 Boylston Street on the city map. The lot is or irregular shape, comprising about 900 square feet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marian G. Bromeley, Director

organization Bradford Landmark Society

date June 9, 1982

street & number Box 14

telephone 814-362-5502

city or town Bradford

state Pennsylvania 16701

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 LARRY E. TISE, Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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 McKean County
 Zone 17 E694740 N4647420

LIMESTONE N. Y. 3 MI.
 4651
 4650
 660 000 FEET (PA.)
 DERRICK CITY 3 MI.
 REW 6 MI.
 57'30"
 4647
 4646
 (DERRICK CITY) 5267 1 NE
 4645