

**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 Kunkel Building

and/or common Feller Building

2. Location

street & number 301 Market Street N/A not for publication

city, town Harrisburg N/A vicinity of congressional district 17

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Dauphin code 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 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>n/a</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>n/a</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: non-profits

4. Owner of Property

name Kunkel-Market Street Associates

street & number 3229 North Third Street, P. O. Box 1401

city, town Harrisburg N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania 17105

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Front and Market Streets

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Harrisburg Historic Preservation Project has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date August 1981/March 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Harrisburg City Hall/
Pennsylvania Historical and 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

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Feller Building is currently a nine story, semi-detached, steel frame constructed building the majority of which was completed in 1914 to house a ground floor bank and offices above. It is located on the south-east corner of Third and Market Streets in downtown Harrisburg. The building's exterior is organized in somewhat of a Sullivanesque fashion through the use of the tripartite story pattern. The first two stories, which were originally one, constitutes the building's base; the third through the eighth are the shaft, and the ninth story, the capital. The structure is three bays in width along Market Street, and ten bays along South Third Street. The building was originally six bays deep. In 1925, it was expanded to the present ten bays in a way that blended identically in architectural design.

The exterior facade is surfaced with marble on the first two stories, and white, glazed terra-cotta tiles on the stories above with diamond shaped terracotta designs in the spandrel panels between stories, and between the window groupings on the third and ninth stories. The windows of the fourth through eighth stories are encased in a continuous run of vertical piers which terminate at the center of the eighth story window lintels where terra-cotta keystones are placed. Keystones also cap the windows of the third and ninth stories which are separated from the building's shaft by horizontal courses.

The building is topped with a bracketed cornice which substantially protrudes from the roof line. The Market Street facade of the first two stories, as well as the first bay around the corner, were altered in the 1930's, at the same time as the interior. Originally, the main entrance was flanked with recessed columns with single window treatments, similar in height to the double window treatment on the ground floor along South Third Street. The alterations involved the construction of a new facade with plate glass storefront windows and blue tiling above. Also, new structural framing encased the entranceway. The windows on the first two stories along South Third Street were sealed, even though the exterior fenestration still exists, because the original ground floor had been laterally bisected. Originally, the bank's interior on the ground floor was two stories high, as was the case with prestigious bank interiors of the day. In the 1930's, however, a floor was added thus turning the ground floor into two stories and making the height of the building nine stories rather than the previous eight.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1914, 1924, 1937 **Builder/Architect** Mowbray & Uffinger

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Feller Building was originally known as the Kunkel Building which was constructed in 1914 to house the offices of the Mechanics Trust Company. Charles Kunkel, who was the Chairman of the Board of this bank, was the individual for whom the building was initially named. The bank failed during the Depression after which the building fell into the hands of Feller's Clothing Store, which subsequently operated its business on the first three floors, in the late 1930's. It was Feller's who altered the building to accommodate its new use. The remainder of the building was leased for general office purposes. Feller's continued in operation until late 1970's when it vacated the premises, even though several of the upper floors were still occupied. Currently, The People Place of Greater Harrisburg (a downtown non-profit cultural institution) leases the first three stories.

The Feller Building's significance lies not only in its architectural styling, exterior terra-cotta treatment, and historical associations, but also in that it was an early Harrisburg highrise structure which now helps to define the urban environment at the prominent corner of Third and Market Streets. The Feller Building was the first highrise on Market Street. Prior to 1920, only three "highrise" structures were built in downtown Harrisburg: 1870 - the six-story Keystone Building; 1906 - the eight-story USF&G Building; 1914 - the eight-story Kunkel ("Feller") Building. Of these three, the Keystone Building is on the National Register of Historic Places; the USF&G Building is included in a National Register Historic District. Only the Kunkel Building at 301 Market Street remains unprotected.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Harrisburg Historic Preservation Project Survey, August 1981.
Harrisburg Telegraph: January 7, 1913; July 11, 1913; February 19, 1914
"Architects and Practice: 1840-1900" - Dennis Steadman Francis.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .105

Quadrangle name Harrisburg West, PA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 18 3400610 445821010
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached description

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

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date March 1982

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city or town Harrisburg

state Pennsylvania 17105

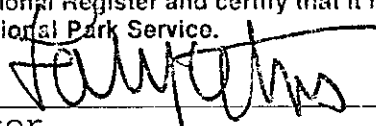
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



LARRY E. TISE, Executive Director

title Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

date 9/20/02

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

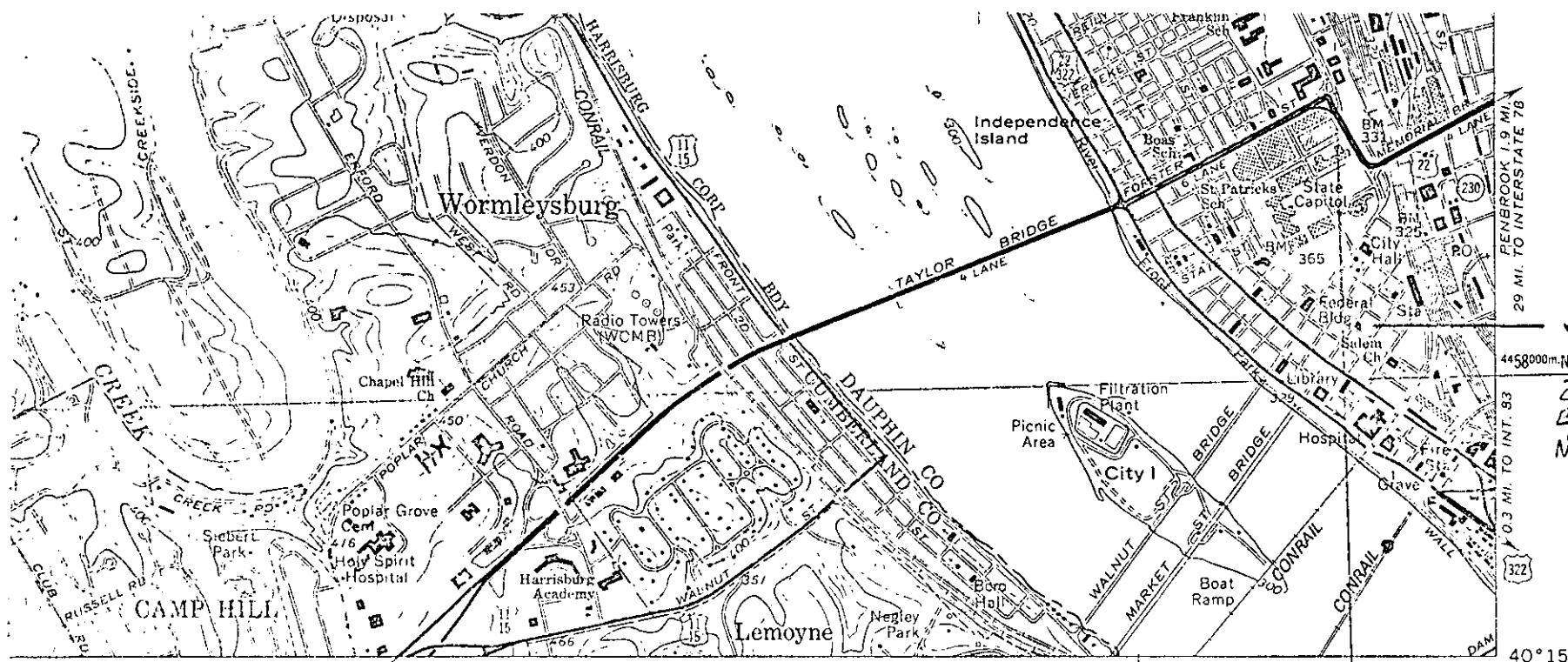
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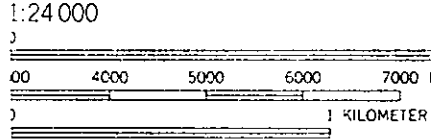
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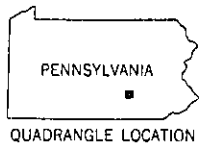
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SHIREMANSTOWN 3 MI.
GETTYSBURG 33 MI.



VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



FINAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
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

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AMS 5664 IV SW—SERIES V831

(STEELTON)
5664 III NE
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Dauphin County
Zone 18 E3160 N4458200