

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

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

HISTORIC THE ANTHRACITE BANK BUILDING

AND/OR COMMON

The Beard Building

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER
 133 West Broad Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

 CITY, TOWN
 Tamaqua

 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 6th

— VICINITY OF

 STATE
 Pennsylvania

 CODE
 42

 COUNTY
 Schuylkill

 CODE
 107
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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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
 Mrs. Samuel (Ruth) Beard

 STREET & NUMBER
 133 West Broad Street

 CITY, TOWN
 Tamaqua

— VICINITY OF

 STATE
 Pennsylvania 18252
5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Schuylkill County Courthouse

 STREET & NUMBER
 2nd Street and Laurel Boulevard

 CITY, TOWN
 Pottsville

 STATE
 Pennsylvania
6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE
 Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

 DATE
 7-29-77

 — FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

 DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

 CITY, TOWN
 Harrisburg

 STATE
 Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Anthracite Bank Building, erected in 1850 as a commercial edifice which housed Tamaqua's first financial institution until 1865, is a three story, three bay wide brick building. The first story facade is stucco, painted white. The original door complete with its original lock and hardware is complemented by a deep exterior reveal and decorative entablature and brackets. Each of the windows on the second and third floors have identical entablatures. These heavy entablatures and narrow, tall windows convey a feeling of the Italianate style of architecture. These shelves are complemented by heavy sills on the first and second floors, but the third story sills are underscored by short, plain brackets. In addition to the heavy sills employed in the window treatment of the building's second floor, a thick continuous sill, supported by a series of small, unadorned, blocks parallels the smaller sills above. A wide, overhanging cornice is supported by four massive and carved brackets underscored by a decorated frieze. Marble steps lead, on the first floor, to the door and entrance on the eastern end of the facade.

The interior of the former bank building retains some of its original features. The 15' high ceilings in the two office rooms on the first floor are dominated by the tall windows which face West Broad Street. These rooms are also dominated by great white carrara marble mantles and the front office room (facing west Broad Street) retains its intricately molded plaster ceiling decorations. Both offices are still hung with the original shutters. A great archway serves as a division for the two offices. The wide, three story staircase, located on the building's eastern side, leads to the upstairs private residence. Tall vestibule doors inset with frosted glass panels separate the immediate entranceway from the staircase landing on the ground floor. Some of the original woodwork still remains in excellent condition and preserved in good repair by the present owner. The second and third floor rooms also have high ceilings and are dominated by the use of the very tall and narrow window openings. Where alterations have been executed in this edifice, they have been done with care and caution; hence, the building retains much of its original mid-19th century character.

APPROVED FOR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
 BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Anthracite Bank Building of Tamaqua was erected in 1850, to house the exchange rooms and offices of this Schuylkill County borough's first banking institution. For 15 years, until 1865 until the officers of the Anthracite Bank surrendered its state charter and officially incorporated this "wildcat bank," the bank was located in this three story building. Upon its reorganization and incorporation in 1865, the name of the Anthracite Bank was changed to the First National Bank of Tamaqua, and the offices were moved to a newly erected building at 114-116 West Broad Street. It is currently a branch of the Moners National Bank of Pottsville and occupies a large stone edifice erected at the turn of the 20th century (which replaced the second building at the same address). The Anthracite Bank of Tamaqua was founded by William Donaldson, a highly successful anthracite coal operator and early borough leader with a capital of \$100,000.

In addition to serving as the headquarters of Tamaqua's first financial institution, the building -- commonly called the Beard Building today -- housed a number of prominent early businesses, including the Tamaqua Building & Loan Company, and a succession of important local law firms and insurance brokerage companies. The second and third stories of this building served, for a time, as the residence of General Henry L. Cake, noted Civil War veteran, Schuylkill County newspaper editor, wealthy anthracite coal colliery owner, and prosperous financier. Presently, the upper floors are maintained as a private residence and the first floor offices are occupied by the Tamaqua Paper, Inc., a local weekly newspaper publishing company. A small apartment is located in the same building behind the offices of the newspaper company.

The exterior of this edifice has been little altered during the past 125 years. Although minor alterations have been executed in the interior, two great white carrara marble mantles remain in the two large rooms now serving as offices on the first floor. These two rooms are separated by a large archway. In the front room, facing West Broad Street, the 15' high ceiling still retains its intricate rectangular plaster decoration. Some original woodwork - including the wide, three story staircase, remains as do the original shutters and doors. The building stands in excellent condition and remains one of the very few pre-Civil War commercial buildings in Tamaqua that have escaped alteration and/or removal

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

ANTHRACITE BANK^o BUILDING - Schuylkill County

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8&9 PAGE 1

#8 Significance (continued)

of the significant original details. While most of its contemporaries have been "Modernized" by the addition of Victorian Era storefronts and later alterations, the Anthracite Bank Building still possesses its mid-19th century character.

#9 Bibliographical References:

Detterline, Jr., Milton E. Tamaqua Tales. Kutztown, Pa.: Kutztown Publishing Company, 1968.

No Author. History of Schuylkill County, Pa. N.Y.: W. W. Munsell & Company, 1881

Schlack, Adolf W. & Henning, D. C. History of Schuylkill County. Volume 1, Harrisburg: State Historical Association, 1907.

Wiley, Samuel T. (revised & edited by Henry W. Ruoff) Biographical & Portrait Cyclopedia of Schuylkill County, Pa. Philadelphia: Rush, West & Company, 1893.

O'Malley, Michael J. "National Bank Holiday Declared..." The Valley Gazette. 8th Issue (February, 1973)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .2

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	17920	4516490
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael J. O'Malley, Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

July 21, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

William Penn Memorial Museum, P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

WILLIAM J. WEWER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Anthracite
BANK Bldg.
Schuylkill Co.

Zone 18

N 4516 490
E 417 920

TAMAQUA QUAD

530 000 FEET
(SOUTH)

