

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 HOTEL FAUCHERE AND ANNEX

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 401, 403 Broad Street not for publication

city, town Milford vicinity of congressional district 10

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Pike code 103

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" 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: <u>Vacant</u>

4. Owner of Property

name Lewis E. Miller

street & number RR#1, Box 192

city, town Milford vicinity of state Pennsylvania 18337

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pike County Courthouse

street & number 412 Broad Street

city, town Milford state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pa. Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 4:15:80 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pa. 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 _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Hotel Fauchere is a three story Italianate style frame structure with a flat roof and was built in 1880. Horizontal clapboard helps to give the building a broad, massive feeling. Its wide cornice is decorated with heavy brackets. Two small rectangular ventilators pierce the cornice on each elevation. The structure is basically square in shape and is six bays wide and eight bays long, the windows being set closer together on the side elevations. Windows in the structure are two over two with plain wooden frames, sills and slightly projecting shelf or entablature. All the windows on the front facade are set in pairs. The six bays on the rear elevation are set in three pairs.

Flat roof, one story porches line the front and rear elevations. Supported by pairs of turned pillars the porches have pair banisters. Three stairways lead to the front elevation porch and two to the rear porch. Four interior brick chimneys extend upward from the roof at each side; they originally served individual stoves in the guest rooms.

The hotel annex is a well-built house in the Queen Anne style and stands to the left of the hotel on Broad Street. The annex was originally the home of Dr. E. Emerson and was constructed in 1905. As the Hotel Fauchere's popularity and business grew they found they needed additional space and bought the house in 1907 as an annex to the hotel.

The annex is basically rectangular in shape but its numerous bay windows and porches give the two and one half story structure an irregular shape. The frame structure has horizontal clapboard and a wide freeze decorated with delicate dentils. Porch and bay window trim is the same. This delicate trim is almost over-powered by the massive hipped roofs of the main structure and its bay windows. The roof is covered with diamond shaped tiles. A narrow dormer with unusual multi-pane round arch window sits between the massive double bay windows on the front facade. A gable-roof dormer, with a pair of one over one rectangular windows just from the roof of the rear elevation.

Windows throughout the structure vary in size, location and grouping, though all are basically rectangular, one over one, double hung sash.

A full length, one story porch lines the front elevation, with a smaller porch on the left elevation. Several, interesting and ornate fireplaces still remain on the interior.

Located to the rear of the annex is a small structure which was used as the laundry for the hotel during its operation.

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 checked="" 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 1880-Hotel 1905-annex **Builder/Architect** Hotel-Louis Fauchere

Annex-Dr. E. Emerson

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Louis Fauchere came from Switzerland, worked at Delmonico's and other high-class places as chef, and settled in Milford in 1867. He purchased a small hotel and saloon property known as the Van Gorden and LaBar Place. He built up the business so that in 1880 he was able to build his hotel on the same spot. It contained 24 sleeping rooms and other apartments, including a beautiful dining room at the rear of the house enclosed with glass. Descendants of Louis Fauchere ran the hotel right up until it closed in 1977. The family dates the beginning of the business venture from 1852, because the people from whom Fauchere bought the original hotel were relatives of his wife. The hotel was renowned till the end for its excellent food. All during the turn of the century and afterwards the rich and famous from New York and elsewhere came to stay or at least to dine at Fauchere. Its registers are kept in the Pike County Historical Society.

Milford's only "industry" was tourism, and the Fauchere was the sort of place that attracted people to the area.

The fashionable hotels of Milford had their hayday in the late 1800's and early 1900's. There were many hotels in the town itself, aside from those farther out from town. In town there were: the enormous Bluff House, with more than 200 rooms (burned down); Center Square Hotel, now the Tom Quick Inn (still in business); the Crissman House (burned down); the Homestead (burned down); the Arlington (still in business); the Laurel Villa (still in business); the Winsor (now turned into apartments, but a magnificent example of Stick Style); the Hillcrest (razed); Poor Richard's, formerly the Crissman House (still in business); and the Milford Inn (now apartments). The Fauchere was the most widely known of any of these. It persisted as a first class hotel and restaurant very long after the heyday of the others had passed. The hotels which are still in business are not in the great tradition which the Fauchere carried on for so long.

Architecturally, the Fauchere is not ornate. The long windows to the floor, the square shape and flat roof, the lantern on top, and the roof brackets are the chief Italianate features. The exterior proportions are good, and the interiors were spacious and welcoming. When Louis Fauchere built his hotel in 1880, he traveled over Europe buying furnishings for it, so a great deal of its charm derived from the furnishings, which by the time the hotel closed in 1977 were valuable antiques. The most outstanding building in that style still standing is the "Victorian House" on East Harford Street. It appears in books on architecture. The Milford Inn was once a very beautiful building in the Italianate Style, but it has been added on to and allowed to deteriorate until it is no

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longer attractive.

However, the Fauchere remains very much as it appears in very old pictures of the town. It is still a noble structure. It holds down an important corner on the main street, just a block away from the Courthouse, and helps to create the ambience of this essentially Victorian town.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Newton, N.J., Herald for April 9, 1952 (Article and pictures when Fauchere held open house for its 100th birthday) Matthews, Alfred, History of Wayne, Pike & Monroe Counties, 1886 Beers, J.H. and Co., Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Louis Fauchere biography and portrait p. 732-3), Chicago 1900

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .7

Quadrangle name Milford, PA-NJ

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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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 Bethel M. Steiner (Mrs. Albert C.)

organization Milford Preservation Association

date March 10, 1980

street & number Box 401

telephone 717-296-7226

city or town Milford

state Pennsylvania 18337

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Ed Weintraub, Director

title Office of Historic Preservation

date 10/24/80

For HCERS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
date

Keeper of the National Register
date

Attest:
Chief of Registration
date

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The following is the legal description of the three lots in Milford, Pennsylvania on which the Hotel Fauchere and its Annex stand. It is known as Parcel No. 1 and was taken from Deed Book No. 673, p. 347 at the Pike County Courthouse.

Beginning at a point for a corner at the easterly intersection of Broad Street with Catherine Street, the said point of beginning being the westerly corner of Lot No. 343 on the general plan or map of the Village of Milford as laid out by Judge John Biddis; thence along the southerly line of Broad Street, North 54 degrees 15 minutes East 120 feet to a point for a corner; thence along Lot No. 346, South 35 degrees 45 minutes East 180.00 feet to an iron pipe located in the northwesterly line of Catherine Street; thence along same, North 35 degrees 45 minutes West 180 feet to the point and place of beginning. Comprising within the said bounds all of Lot No. 343, Lot No. 344 and Lot No. 345. As surveyed by Victor E. Orben, R. S., September 10, 1977.

