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 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

Steinman Hardware Store

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

26-28 West King Street

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF  
CODE

42

COUNTY

Lancaster

CODE

071

**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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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

Lancaster Newspapers, Inc.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8 West King Street

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

STATE

Pennsylvania 17604

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lancaster County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

50 North Duke Street

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

12/28/78

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

PA

# 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

Three story commercial building, fronting on West King Street, and extending back to Mifflin Street. The facade is three stories high, with an arched stone and brick balustrade screening the flat roof. Beneath this balustrade is a frieze of pressed tiles.

The facade on the second and third stories is laid in dark pressed brick, set in dark mortar. The three-bay elevation focuses on a prominent tripartite window arrangement in the central bay. The frames of the double hung window sash are believed to be of walnut. The vertical stiles separating the window frames are of cast iron. There are lintels and horizontal courses of light colored cut stone.

The storefront of cut stone, metal, and stained glass is believed to date circa 1744. The stained glass frieze showing a Conestoga Wagon is a well-known local landmark. It may be noted that, contrary to a present inscription, the Steinman Hardware Store was not founded in 1744, it was first located here in 1793.

Important interior features of this Victorian Queen Anne building include a coffered wooden ceiling on the first floor and a very handsome Georgian Revival staircase leading from the first floor to the second floor.

# 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 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

1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

R. Kennedy

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was designed as the Steinman Hardware Store by R. Kennedy of Philadelphia in 1886. It is now the finest example of a Victorian Queen Anne style commercial building surviving in Lancaster. This structure is part of a whole block possessing considerable architectural merit.

The complex architectural evolution of the former Steinman Hardware Store on West King Street, and its adjacent building on the east, illustrates how history and commerce have interacted to produce buildings which should have a role in the city's future. The former store, until recently the Goodwill Industries, is often noted for its stained glass covered wagon with the inscription stating that the business was founded in 1744. However, the stained glass is not original to the building, and the belief that the Steinman hardware business dated to 1744 is incorrect.

Richard Whitson's paintings illustrate the history of this site. The two story building was possibly built as early as the 1740's. In 1767 it was purchased by Johann Christoph Heyne, Lancaster's noted pewterer, who kept his shop and residence there. It was inherited by Heyne's stepson, John Frederick Steinman, who purchased the two story brick house to the west in 1793 and converted it to his hardware shop. Hence, the history of the Steinman store on its present site begins in 1793.

Members of the Steinman family continued to occupy Heyne's old house at least as late as the 1820's. In the second quarter of the nineteenth century they added a third story to the house and converted it to a rental property. Then, in the early 1850's, George Steinman demolished the old store and replaced it with a three story brick structure. This store was replaced by the present structure in 1886. Then heralded as one of the most lavish store fronts in Lancaster, the store boasted a facade of brick, cut stone, and cast iron, designed by R. Kennedy of Philadelphia in the Queen Anne Revival style. Shortly thereafter, an elaborate brick cornice was added to the older building to the east.

These two buildings illustrate the balance of continuity and change in creating a part of the urban environment. Elements of some of the walls of Heyne's house survive, but the prevailing character, and important quality, of the site is Victorian.





Steinman Hardware Store  
 Lancaster County  
 Zone 18: E388600 N4432450

386 20'

387

(CONESTOGA)  
 5763 IV NE

NEW DANVILLE 1.1 MI.  
 PEQUEA II MI.

17 30"

SCALE 1:24000

222 REFTON QUARRY