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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This is an imposing and very substantially intact example of an industrial structure built in the first decade of the twentieth century. Varying from three to four full stories in height, the overall structure is U-shaped, with a large courtyard. Generally, the exterior appears to be about 90% intact. Any alterations and intrusions are of a very minor nature.

This factory building stands on a rough limestone foundation, which is partially exposed in some areas. All walls are built of brick laid in common bond with well-preserved joints. The brick has never been painted.

Due to the shape and location of this building, it is best described according to its component elevations:

Elevation on South Poplar Street:

Here the building is of consistent four story height, with substantial brick walls laid in common bond. The elevation is articulated by 21 consistent, repetitive bays. Each bay is defined by pilaster strips of raised brick extending from the top of the first floor level through the fourth story. On each floor, there is one window per bay. There are two courses of brick "dentils" at the top of each bay. Each window opening is fitted with the original 15 over 15 window sash, mounted in wooden frames. There are three irregularly placed doorways on the ground level.

A bold and well executed corbelled brick cornice demarcates the roofline. This cornice actually is a parapet that screens the roof, which slopes gently toward the inner courtyard.

Elevation along Church Alley (connecting Peach Alley and South Poplar Street):

Moving from South Poplar Street to Peach Alley, the height diminishes from four to three stories, due to the change in grade. All bays, window sash, and cornices match those on South Poplar Street, however, unlike the South Poplar Street elevation, there are NO stone keystones crowning the segmental brick arches over all the windows. There is one fire escape.

Four bays from the corner at South Poplar Street and Church Alley, there is a pronounced vertical seam in the brickwork. The remaining 17 bays are built of a different, more highly-fired brick. This tends to indicate that these 17 bays very slightly postdate the completion of the rest of the structure.

Elevation along Peach Alley (Parallel to South Poplar Street):
This is the "open" or courtyard side of the building. The end of the bay at the corner of
Church Alley and Peach Alley is irregular in its fenestration; three window openings are
bricked-in. There is a plain tower at the corner. No stone keystones ornament the
segmental brick arches over the window openings. In the courtyard area, the building is of
consistent three story height. The window sash here generally are of the 15 over 15 design;
a few are inconsistent. From this point, the gentle slope of the roof on the three sides
of the building is evident. The eves surrounding this courtyard have distinct projection.
The end wall at the intersection of Peach Alley and Washington Street is three stories in
height, with a brick cornice and four bays of the type described along South Poplar Street.
Window sash and the segmental brick arches with central stone keystones match those on the
South Poplar Street elevation. There is a partially exposed limestone foundation.
In the central part of this courtyard are two centrally located, one story brick structures.
That at the end is small, with a shed roof. The larger central structure has a low-pitched
agable roof and a tall, prominent chimney.

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Elevation along Washington Street:

For thirteen bays from the corner of Peach Alley and Washington Street, the building is three full stories high, with a rather high limestone-walled basement story. In the basement story are windows, each opening having fifteen lights. The brickwork, bays, cornices, segmental arches with stone keystones, and all window sash match those on the South Poplar Street elevation. For the remaining ten bays extending toward South Poplar Street, there is a full four story height. There is one doorway at the ground level, and evidence of another doorway changed to a window. One fire escape is situated near the middle of this elevation. On the second bay from Peach Alley, at the first floor level, is an interesting doorway fitted with double wooden doors, each having six lights, which is probably original.

Overall, the sheer mass of the building, and the repetition of the bays, give a great sense of solidity and monumentality.

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Kreider Shoe Manufacturing Company stands as a monument to an important industry that was of key importance to Elizabethtown's economy for about half a century. The land on which this building stands was purchased as an unimproved lot for \$1,000.00 by the Kreider Shoe Manufacturing Company from George D. Boggs and his wife Hester A. Boggs. At this time - June 22, 1904 - the adjacent blocks in Elizabethtown also were relatively undeveloped. The present factory building was completed in 1905. No documents are known to survive that identify eith the architect or the builder. However, it is interesting to note that somewhat similar industrial buildings in Lancaster County dating c. 1895-1910 were designed by C. Emlen Urban (1863-1939), Lancaster's leading architect for nearly half a century. It is plausible that part of the building along Church Alley slightly postdates the 1905 completion date for the main part of the structure. According to an agreement of May 12, 1915, the company assumed the name "The A. S. Kreider Co." On September 1, 1954, the A. S. Kreider Co. sold the property for \$125,000.00 to the Elizabethtown Garment Company.

The Kreider Shoe Manufacturing Company of 1905 is an excellent example of industrial architecture of the period c. 1890-1920. In both forms and materials, it illustrates he great tenacity of late Victorian tastes and practices as developed for factory and warehouse type buildings. Undoubtedly, this is the finest early twentieth century industrial building now extant in Elizabethtown. It compares very favorably with other industrial buildings in Lancaster County.

The Kreider Shoe Manufacturing Company remains as a visible link with a very important aspect of the society and economy of Lancaster County from c. 1905 through c. 1954.

This was one of the two most important companies in the Elizabethtown area in the first half of this century. In the 1920's, the A. S. Kreider Company was one of the two leading shoe manufacturers in Lancaster County. Thus, for the socio-economic continuum of regional history, this structure holds great importance.

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Made the 27th

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Nincteen hundred and seventy-four (1974),

The trace to ELIZABETHTOWN GARMENT COMPANY, a Pennsylvania corporation, with its principal office in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania,

(hereinafter called the Grantor), of the one part, and

WILLIAM M. HESS, of R. D. #3, Manheim, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania,

(hereinafter called the Grantee), of the other part:

One Hundred Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$105,000.00) Dollars----lawful money of the United States of America, unto it well and truly paid by the said Grantee at and before the seating and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said Grantee, his heirs

and Assigns,

ALL THAT CERTAIN messuage, tenement, factory building and lot or piece of ground situated in the Borough of Elizabethtown, in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a corner of Poplar Street and Church Alley; thence along said Church Alley north seventy (70) degrees and twenty-five (25) minutes east one hundred ninety-six and eight-tenths (196.8) feet to Peach Alley; thence along Peach Alley south twenty (20) degrees ten (10) minutes east one hundred ninety-two (192) feet to Washington Alley; thence by said Washington Alley south seventy (70) degrees twenty-five (25) minutes west one hundred ninety-seven and five-tenths (197.5) feet to Poplar Street; and thence along said Poplar Street north twenty (20) degrees west one hundred ninety-two (192) feet to the place of BEGINNING.

CONTAINING one hundred thirty-two and eighty-six hundredths (132.86) perches neat measure.

ALL THOSE TWO contiguous tracts or lots of ground, situated on the east side of South Poplar Street, in Elizabethtown Borough, Lancaster County and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit;

PURPART NO. 1. BEGINNING at a post; thence along Peach Alley south twenty (20) degrees east one hundred fifteen and eight tenths (115.8) feet to a point; thence by lands of the now or late Farmers' Creamery Company south seventy (70) degrees west one hundred ninety-eight (198) feet to Poplar Street; thence along same north twenty (20) degrees west one hundred eighteen (118) feet, thence by Purpart No. 2, north seventy one hundred ninety seven and seven

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PURPART NO. 2. BEGINNING at a corner on the south side of Washington Street and Peach Alley; thence along the south side of said Washington Street, westwardly, one hundred ninety seven and five-tenths (197.5) feet to the east side of South Poplar Street; thence by or along the cast side of said South Poplar Street, southwardly thirty-seven (37) feet to a corner; thence by or along Purpart No. 1, eastwardly, one hundred ninety-seven and five-tenths (197.5) feet to a corner on the west side of Peach Alley; thence along the west side of Peach Alley thirty-eight (38) feet to the place of BEGINNING.

BEING the same premises which the A. S. Kreider Shoe Manufacturing Co., a Pennsylvania corporation, by deed dated September 1, 1959, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book E, Volume 48, Page 401, granted and conveyed to Elizabethtown Garment Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, its successors and assigns.

HAVING erected thereon a building known as and numbered 155 South Poplar Street, Borough of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

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To have and to hold the said improvements,

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and premises hereby granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, his heirs and Assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantee, his heirs and Assigns forever.

And the said Grantor, for itself and its successors does by these presents covenant, grant and agree, to and with the said Grantee, his heirs

and Assigns, that the said Grantor, and its Successors, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein described and granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, his heirs

and Assigns, against it the said Grantor and its Successors, and against all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof,

Shall and Will

WARRANT and forever DEFEND.

And the said Grantor

hereby constitutes and appoint's Ira L. Risser, President,

to be its Attorney, for it and in its name, and as and for its corporate act and deed to acknowledge this Indenture before any person having authority by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take such acknowledgment, to the intent that the same may be duly recorded.

In Mitness Allherent,

the said Grantor, has caused this Indenture to be executed by its

President, attested by its

Secretary, and its corporate seal to be affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Pelivered In the Presence of ELIZABETHTOWN GARMENT COMPANY

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