

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Henry Krauskop House and Store

and/or common Meiskey's (store)

2. Location

street & number 301-303½ West King Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Lancaster

n/a vicinity of

state Pennsylvania

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	n/a being considered	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name George Opp

street & number 301 West King Street

city, town Lancaster

n/a vicinity of

state Pennsylvania 17603

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lancaster County Courthouse

street & number North Duke Street

city, town Lancaster

state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Architectural Survey of the  
title City of Lancaster

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978-80

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County

city, town Lancaster

state Pennsylvania

# 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date	

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Henry Kraskop House and Store at 301-303 West King Street is a three story brick combined commercial-residential structure with a two story brick rear wing. The facade, which faces West King Street, and the east gable facing North Mulberry Street, are built of pressed bricks laid in common bond. The first floor level of the facade is occupied by a storefront which is substantially the original, and the original entry to the residential quarters is situated at the western part of the facade. On the second and third stories, the facade has a threebay elevation; on these levels there are brick quions. The original two-over-two window sash survive. The gable roof, covered with slate, has two dormer windows which face West King Street. The east gable end has a two bay elevation on the second and thrid stories, with a single Queen Anne Style window (dating c.1890) near the southern corner on the first story. The rear wing has a six bay elevation facing the east, with a long porch extending the entire length of the ground level. Fine elements of original woodwork on the exterior include the bold bracketed cornice; the horizontal crowning molding of the storefront; the paired doors and doorway to the residential quarters; and the carved canopies of the second and thrid floor windows, with pendant pineapples.

The residential areas of the 1874 Henry Krauskop House are almost entirely intact to their original state. Notable parts of this original interior include the first story entry hall; the staircase leading from the first to the thrid stories with continuous handrail, turned balusters, and polygonal newell post, all inwalnut; most original interior doors, door-frames and window frames; and the marbleized slate mantel in the second floor parlor.

Against the west wall of this store/house is a small one story brick addition dating c. 1886-1888. This addition, intended as a commercial rental property, retains its original arched doorway and window, each ornamented with a reticulated lunette. Numbered 303½ West King Street, this small structure retains its original bracketed cornice and a wood gate leading to the rear yard.

Courthouse Registry of Deeds

City & State

City

## 6. Representation in Title

Architectural Survey of Lancaster  
 title City of Lancaster has this property

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depository for survey records Historic Register

City, Town, Lancaster

# 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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 301-03 W.King-1874  
 303 1/2 w.King 1886

Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The 1874 Henry Krauskop House and Store possesses significance in the related fields of regional commercial and economic history, in addition to its architectural relevance. This original house/store is significant in Pennsylvania's commercial and economic history for its role in the manufacture and marketing of tobacco-related products. On this site, Henry Krauskop made cigar boxes at least as early as 1870; from 1874 until his death on November 28, 1876, Krauskop sold his cigar boxes from the first floor of this structure. This fact gains relevance when seen in the context of Lancaster County's role in the tobacco industry. Following the Civil War, Lancaster County emerged as a major center for raising tobacco; by the late 1870's the county was producing about 65% of the state's total crop. As the political and commercial center of the county, Lancaster City became the regional center for the marketing of tobacco-based products, in turn, the concentration of tobacco industries, including the manufacture of crates and the fabrication of cigar boxes. The 1874 Henry Krauskop House and Store is the most intact combined commercial/residential structure in Lancaster City dating c.1860-1880. Factors contributing to its architectural integrity include the perfect preservation of the residential area interior, the substantial preservation of the storefront, and fine woodwork details like the bracketed cornice and the window canopies. Indeed, the design of apples are unique for Lancaster City's victorian architecture. The adjacent small commercial facade, dating c.1886, contributes to the overall architectural character of the Henry Krauskop House and Store. In fact, this very narrow facade, numbered 303 1/2 West King Street, is Lancaster City's smallest Victorian storefront. The 1874 Henry Krauskop House and store is the oldest surviving building in Lancaster City that was erected originally for a tobacco related industry.\*

\*This fact is substantiated as follows: The c.1770 Demuth Tobacco Shop at 114 East King Street in Lancaster was always a tobacco shop, but not a manufactory or marketing place for cigar boxes. Further, no buildings survive today which date from the early careet of George P. Killian, Lancaster City's first manufacturer of cigar boxes, who commenced business in 1863.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Published Sources: W.U.Hensel, Resources and Industries of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster Board of Trade, 1887, pp.44-46; Everts & Stewart, Historical Atlas of Lancaster County, 1875, p.84.

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .097

Quadrangle name Lancaster

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** This property is located on the NW corner of West King and N.Mulberry Sts., fronting 39 feet on W.King St. and extending north 106 ft. along N.Mulberry Street.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title John J. Snyder, Jr.

organization Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County date May 1982

street & number 123 North Prince St. telephone 717-291-5861

city or town Lancaster 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 Larry E. Tise

title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date 8/20/82

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Primary Sources at the Lancaster County Courthouse:

Deeds Z-1-339, F-1-360, Q-6-641, and S-13-213.

Henry Krauskop will C-2-178(1876) and estate inventory in Inventory Book I-1-37.

Primary Sources at the Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster:

Killian and Krauskop Genealogical Files; Hamilton Lot Records; 1868 through 1879 Tax Records for the Fifth Ward, Lancaster City, 1876 Henry Krauskop estate papers.

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This property occupies the eastern part of a lot owned by Jacob Franks about 1740 - 1745. It is plausible that a one-story building appeared on the site of the present three story structure sometime between c. 1798 - 1805. It is believed that this site was sold by the widow Elizabeth Shaller to John Drepperd on April 2, 1816.

John Drepperd Sr., in his will dated October 1, 1864, devised this corner site to his namesake son. John Drepperd Jr. and his wife sold a "one story brick dwelling house ... at the corner of West King and Mulberry Streets" to Henry Krauskop on April 21, 1868 for \$2,000.00, plus the large lot then extending north to Grant Street. From 1868 through 1873, the Tax Appraisals for Lancaster's Fifth Ward remained in the range of \$600. - \$700. for this house. In 1874, the number 301 West King Street was first noted, and the appraisal for that house was given as \$2200. This economic evidence for dating the house 1874 is only confirmed by the 1875 view of the house appearing in the Historical Atlas of Lancaster County.

No original documents pertaining to the construction of Henry Krauskop's combined store and residence are known to survive. The house may not be the work of a professional architect; instead, it may be the product of a skilled builder - contractor, such as J. Adam Burger, whose Lancaster career commenced in 1869. Many of the ornamental details, particularly those of carving on the storefront, window canopies, and cornice, suggest an eclectic and rather late interpretation of Italianate plates in William H. Ranlett's The Architect of 1851. Certainly, most of the interior and exterior woodwork could have been produced in Lancaster.

Henry Krauskop died November 28, 1876. An early death apparently cut short what might have been a prominent career in local manufacturing. As early as 1870, Krauskop was manufacturing cigar boxes on this property; this business was commenced in the very early years of tobacco culture in Lancaster County. Evidently, Krauskop was one of the first persons in Lancaster City to engage in business directly related to tobacco products.

On March 5, 1878 Krauskop's executors sold this property to Abram McKim; McKim sold the "three story brick dwelling and store house" to John Haberbush for \$4,300.00 on April 3, 1883. John Haberbush and his wife Frances sold the same property to Emma M. Groff on March 30, 1891 for \$5,000.00. The building has served numerous commercial and residential functions to this day.

Immediately west of 301-303 West King Street is a small but most unusual storefront that stylistically complements the larger building adjacent to the east. Numbered 303½ West King Street, this building was not mentioned in the street listing in the 1886 City Directory, but appeared two years later. Thus, the building may be dated c. 1886 - 1888.

