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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See Instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic ASHLEY AND BAILEY SILK MILL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East Walnut and Pine Streets not for publication

city, town Marietta vicinity of congressional district

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Lancaster code 071

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Sylvania Shoe Manufacturing Company

street & number

city, town McSherrystown vicinity of state Pennsylvania 17344

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lancaster County Courthouse

street & number 50 North Duke Street

city, town Lancaster state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date December 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical & 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

This is a fine and largely intact example of a late 19th century industrial structure, 3 stories high, built of brick. The exterior appears to be about 85% intact, with only minor alterations and intrusions.

The entire building is built on a rough limestone foundation, which is partially exposed. All walls are built of brick, laid in common bond. The low-pitched gable roof has considerable overhang on the sides, with the beams being exposed beneath the eaves.

The long side of the structure (facing away from the Susquehanna River and toward Rt. 441) is articulated by 13 repetitive bays. Each bay is defined by a pilaster-like strip of brick extending up 3 stories; these brick strips inset slightly at the 3rd story level. Within each defined bay are 2 windows per floor, giving a total of 6 windows per bay. All window openings are finished with segmental brick arches. The original 15/15 light wooden window sash remain intact in most of the window openings.

The treatment of the gable end has 2 bays corresponding in form, component elements, and details to the bays just described.

The other long side of the building (facing the town of Marietta and the Susquehanna River) has bays matching those just defined.

There is a projecting one story brick wing, with wide doorways, which is part of the original structure. At the extremity of this wing is a water tower, approx. 4 stories in height. At the corner of this long wall, near North Pine Street, is a fine brick tower, slightly taller than the building. This tower terminates in the low-pitched pediment with a brick cornice. The entire tower, although constructed with a seam in the brickwork at the juncture with the wall of the main block of the building, is a part of the original structure. It should be noted that on this side of the building are several later additions of no architectural significance, including a small brick addition at the corner, and a concrete block addition.

The gable end facing North Pine Street has 2 bays of the form seen throughout the structure. At the southern corner, adjacent to the tower, is an irregular bay, with only one window per floor. In this bay, the windows have 12/12 sash.

It should be noted that the high elevation of this structure commands a view of the town of Marietta, with a distant prospect of the Susquehanna River.

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1897

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill is a fine and intact example of late 19th century industrial architecture. Its forthright design bespeaks the functional requirements of industry in America in the second half of the 19th century. In the perspective of Lancaster County architecture, the Ashley and Bailey Company Silk Mill belongs to a long line of functionally and stylistically related buildings, the earliest of which is the 1848 Conestoga Cotton Mill in Lancaster City. In particular, this building illustrates the strong tenacity of a favored building form into the last decade of this century of architectural eclecticism. Although the building's basic design was strongly traditional for its 1897 construction date, the use of small-paned window sash and the boldly overhanging eaves may indicate some influence from styles in domestic architecture of the period c. 1890-1910.

The Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill is an important representative example of regional industrial architecture. Further, it is one of the most intact period pieces of industrial architecture in the greater Marietta-Columbia area of Lancaster County.

The Ashley and Bailey Company Silk Mill Building stands at the intersection of North Pine Street and East Walnut Street (formerly called New Third) in Marietta, Lancaster County, Pa. The land on which this 3 story brick structure stands was purchased as 8 unimproved lots by H. M. Alexander, James Duffy, and John Thumma, Trustees for the Establishment of a Silk Mill, from Henry Rich and his wife Annie M. Rich, on March 15, 1897. Evidently construction commenced immediately after the purchase of the land, for the Lancaster Semi-Weekly NEW ERA for May 15, 1897 noted that "work on the silk mill . . . is progressing very rapidly." The Semi-Weekly NEW ERA for Saturday, October 16, 1897 stated that "the new silk mill of Ashley & Bailey Company, at Marietta, was started on Tuesday with a force of over 200 hands, which will be greatly increased in the near future." In 1899, the Atlas of Lancaster County showed the structure in its present form (save for noted later additions) as the "Ashley & Bailey Co. Silk Mill." Evidently the founding Trustees rented the silk mill to Ashley and Bailey Company of Patterson, New Jersey until March 12, 1908, when the building was sold to said company. The Ashley and Bailey Company sold the business and premises to D. George Dery on 11-11-1913. About 1924, the Dery Company was re-organized. Following the bankruptcy of the Amalgamated Silk Corporation, the building and contents were sold to the Duplan Silk Corporation of Delaware on 6-11-1931. On 6-22-1936, the Duplan Silk Corporation sold the premises for \$10,000.00 to Morris Levy and Sons of New York. For the following 40 years, the building served a number of industrial functions.

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From 1897 at least to 1936, the Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill was a very important part of the silk industry in the society and economy of Lancaster County. The history of sericulture in the Lancaster area stretches to the mid 1700's, when the noted Susanna Wright (1697-1784) received a prize from George III for her success in raising silkworms. Other experiments in sericulture took place in Lancaster City in the late 1830's.

As a successful industry, silk mills became important in the local economy only in the 1890's. The Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill was among the first established in Lancaster County. For about 40 years, it was one of the leading employers in the Marietta area. By the 1920's, Lancaster County's silk mills enjoyed a truly world-wide prominence, with the Stehli Silk Mill in Lancaster City being the second largest in the world.

Due to destruction and/or alteration of most other silk mill structures in Lancaster County, the relatively intact structure of the Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill stands as a very important monument to a now-vanished part of local economic and industrial history.

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Deed P-15-35, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, Pa.

Lancaster Semi-Weekly NEW ERA, May 15, 1897 and October 16, 1897;
available at the Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.
It should be noted that NO Marietta newspapers for 1897 are known
to survive in any libraries in Lancaster County.

Atlas of Lancaster County, 1899, pp. 56-57.

Deed B-19-74, Lancaster County Courthouse

Deed N-21-481, Lancaster County Courthouse

Deed O-31-531, Lancaster County Courthouse. Also, Deed Q-32-318 (1936).
Subsequent deeds include K-38-482 (1946), Q-54-188 (1965), and G-57-
963 (1967).

For Conestoga Cotton Mill #2 see Lancaster's Architecture: The Past's
Gift to the City's Future, published by the Junior League of Lancaster,
1976.

A. K. Hostetter, "The Early Silk Industry of Lancaster County, "Papers
of the Lancaster County Historical Society, vol. XXIII, No. 2,
(1919), pp. 27-37.

H. M. J. Klein,, Lancaster County, Pa. A History, 1924, vol. II,
pp. 671-673

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 1.14

Quadrangle name Columbia West, Pa.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Enclosed Copy of Deed

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 John J. Snyder / David H. Lynch

organization Historic Preservation Trust date

street & number 12 N Duke Street / 500 Golf Rd telephone 717-299-5861/717-397-7406

city or town Lancaster state Pennsylvania 17602

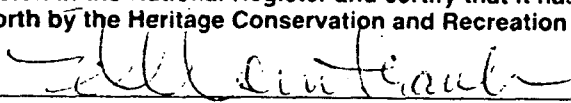
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 3/10/80

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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

Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill
Lancaster County
Zone 18 E368020 N4435270

