

DATA SHEET
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 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

BACHMAN AND FERRY TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

125 Bank Alley

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

VICINITY OF

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Lancaster

CODE

071

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE MUSEUM COMMERCIAL PARK EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION MILITARY OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joel Sater / Antiques and Auction News

STREET & NUMBER

225 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Marietta

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 17547

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lancaster County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Duke Street

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

7/7/78

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bachman and Forry Tabacco Warehouse is a three and one-half story, rectangular brick structure with a gable roof. The building measures 54 feet by 85 feet. The stone foundation is set into the back and is thirty inches thick at the base. Radiating brick arches top the windows and many loading doors on this level. A loading dock is located on the west elevation.

The Warehouse is four bays by six bays and are set in recessed panels. Triple thickness radiating brick arches top all the windows, most of which are six over six. All of the windows were shuttered, most of which remain, though some have been damaged and are in need of repairs.

Within the building the wooden floors are of two layers of thick planking resting on 4' x 16' joists which in turn are supported by summers and verticals of solid timbers measuring 16" x 16". This is the entire pattern of interior construction with occasional strengthening by the use of heavy bolted iron plates.

Basement, first and second floors have ceiling heights of 14'. The magnificent third floor is of gable design rising over thirty-five feet from floor to ridgepole.

Bales of tobacco were moved from floor to floor via a hand operated elevator measuring 8' x 8'.

Plans are being prepared to use the building for publication offices, a museum and a collector's reference library.

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
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<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 1893-95

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Geiske, Neimann/Builders

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built between 1893 and 1895, the Bachman & Forry Tobacco Warehouse stands as a unique symbol of the very special cigar leaf tobacco growing industry which played an important part in Lancaster County agricultural history from the post Civil War years into the early twentieth century.

After the Civil War there was a remarkable development in growing a special heavy leaf tobacco which was ideally suited for cigar wrappers. Many area farms quickly developed a family pattern for growing tobacco as a cash crop, the average farmer planting five to ten acres a season which could be planted, cultivated, harvested by the family members and air cured in the hundreds of ventillated tobacco barns still in use today, but now used for a different type of tobacco.

In the second and third quarters of the 20th century the use of tobacco leaves as cigar wrapper was replaced by maching processing. A form of tobacco paper made from a tobacco pulp displaced the need for tobacco leaves which would wrap without breaking around another type of area tobacco known as cigar "filler."

An era which perhaps gained its first impetus from the "stogie" smoking Lancaster County Conestoga Wagon freight drovers seems to have run a 100 year course, petering out sometime after World War II.

The Bachman & Forry Tobacco Warehouse in Columbia, Pa. stands as a monument to this very special segment of Lancaster County's great agricultural history. Unlike the specially designed ventillated farmers tobacco barns, The Bachman & Forry building was built to serve as a commercial storage building where the bales bought from area farmers were stored and sweated into proper condition. After the farmer harvested his crop and carefully hung it in stems for air-curing, a meticulously carried-out process, he then baled it and sold it to the various commercial tobacco companies in the county.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lancaster County Deeds.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .3

QUADRANGLE NAME Columbia West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 37,17,0,0 4431 18,9,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See Continuation Sheet)

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

Joel Sater

ORGANIZATION

Antiques & Auction News & Collectors Reference Library

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

225 West Market Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Marietta

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Ed Weintraub 2-9-79

TITLE

ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles A. Hump

DATE 3-29-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Wm. A. Bester
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE March 29, 1979

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The region, including York County, became a major national source for hand rolled cigars. Thousands of residents of both counties spent their lives in this industry, many still living who remember the period vividly.

Other similar warehouses still stand around the county, through most if not all, mainly in Lancaster City, were of a later vintage or have undergone many structural modifications and additions. Our investigations indicate that The Bachman & Forry Tobacco Warehouse is the purest and handsomest of those which remain.

In the 1930's the warehouse became the property of the David Forry Tobacco Company.

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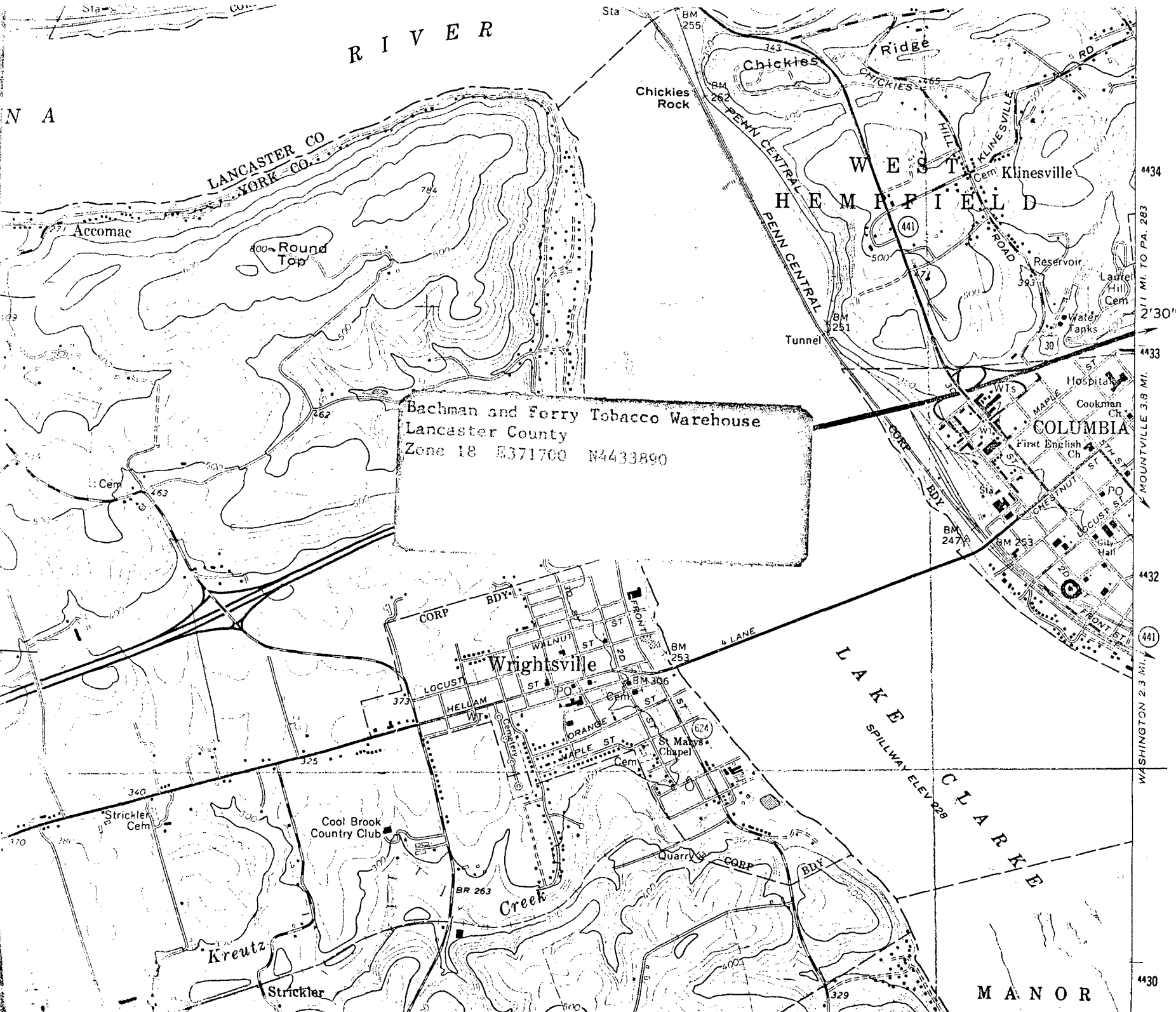
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As described on Deed No 760.79972, dated July 29, 1977 and registered August 19, 1977 in the Recorder's Office of Lancaster County, in Record Book U Vol. 71 Page 382. Signed under seal of Samuel O. Swartz, Jr., Recorder.

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract of land situated in the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, and known as 125 Bank Street, Columbia, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the eastern corner of Alley J and Bank Alley and extending thence in a southwest direction along the northeast line of Bank Alley 204.9'; thence extending northwestwardly, along property now or formerly Frank Disanti and his wife, and the terminus of a private alley, 63'; thence extending northwestwardly, along said private alley, 177.5 feet to the southeast line of Alley J; thence extending southwestwardly, along said southeast line of Alley J, 74' to the place of the beginning.



Bachman and Ferry Tobacco Warehouse
Lancaster County
Zone 18 E371700 N4433890

4434
2.1 MI. TO PA. 283
2'30"
4433
3.8 MI. TO MOUNTVILLE
4432
2.3 MI. TO WASHINGTON
4430

MANOR