

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Pennsylvania</b>	
COUNTY: <b>York</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**113-115 West Chestnut Street**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**George Nace (Neas) Home**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**113-115 W. Chestnut Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Hanover**

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **York** CODE: **133**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Storage of building materials</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
~~Miss Helen Krug~~ **HANOVER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY** ~~Miss Catherine Fleagle~~

STREET AND NUMBER:  
~~297 York Street~~ **22 CARLISLE ST** ~~125 York Street~~

CITY OR TOWN: **Hanover** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**York County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**28 East Market Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **York** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

DATE OF SURVEY: **August, 1970**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 2½ story house was built of hand made brick laid in Flemish bond. The foundation is a rubble wall of field stone surmounted by a brick raintable. The floor plan is symmetrical with four rooms down (originally) and four rooms upstairs, divided by a center hall and open staircase to the attic.

The structure was probably built ca. 1795. Certain surviving details indicate early Federal influence. The main cornice has been modified in the mid-nineteenth century but the fine dentiled bed mold was not disturbed. The scale and detail of the cornice are early Federal. Other features of the same period are the molded keystones of the stone flat arches over windows and the main doorway, and the use of only two spindles to each tread in the stairway.

The double (joined) chimneys project to their full height outside the gable walls. Generally, double-chimneys are associated with the Greek Revival period (1800-1850) and in Pennsylvania are usually contained within the house walls. Careful examination verified that these chimneys are original and unaltered. The double chimney and the steep roof (formerly with three dormers) indicate a strong Maryland influence. George Nace travelled regularly to Baltimore in connection with his tannery business.

This house retains many earlier construction practices, such as; the molded panels on doors, and the use of long strap hinges on interior doors. Hand wrought nails were used primarily except for the lath nails which are machine cut, thus indicating a post-1790 date for the house.

The house has retained its original woodwork upstairs and the stairway remains intact, but the ground floor has been greatly modified. The five front first floor windows have been replaced by two store front windows. Also, the downstairs floor plan has been altered and two other front doors, directly to the right and left of the main entrance, have been added. The structure served as a store in the late nineteenth century, and is presently used as a warehouse for the storage of building materials.

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**3 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The first owner of the structure, George Nace, was one of the leading members of the Hanover community when it was incorporated as a town in 1815. Perhaps his greatest distinction was serving as Hanover's first mayor. Besides having a talent for business, Nace had a fine English education, was an excellent writer of both prose and poetry, and an intelligent speechmaker. He served for years as Justice of the Peace and from 1807-1810 was a member of the state Legislature, elected on the Federalist ticket. Prior to becoming Hanover's first mayor, he was appointed Postmaster by President John Adams in 1799 and reappointed by Thomas Jefferson in 1802; serving continuously until 1813.

His father, Mathias Neas, was a tanner, and his son, George, continued to operate the tannery. He obtained his hides from South America through the port of Baltimore and also shipped the finished goods out of Baltimore, which was much closer than Philadelphia. The business was a very lucrative venture, and Nace was a man of considerable wealth by the time he was 35.

The George Nace house is one of the best houses in Southern York County of its period, architecturally and historically. It was one of the first large houses built in the area. Its construction incorporates many regional, personal, and national architectural influences. Much of the house indicates an early Federal influence, and is perhaps one of the earliest instances where the double chimney was used in Pennsylvania. Southern Pennsylvania houses of this type are quite similar to Maryland architecture of the Baltimore and Annapolis areas. Nace travelled frequently to Baltimore in connection with his business. Strap hinges on the interior doors depict regional or local practices, and the stair spindles show German rather than English influence. All these various styles were blended together to create a house with good lines, sound construction, and an outstanding example of early Republic architecture.

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SERIALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ FILED \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical source -official program of Hanover's Centennial of Incorporation

Architectural and historical source- G. Edwin Brumbaugh, F.A.I.A. and Albert F. Ruthrauff, A.I.A. inspection of Nace home and resulting letter to Dr. C. Robert Martin, President of the Hanover Area Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "	N	39° 48' 1" W	76° 59' 13"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **July 7, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name S. K. [Signature]  
State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Date December 9, 1971

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

[Signature]  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Longitude: 76° 59' 12"

