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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 FARMERS MARKET

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

380 West Market Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

York

— VICINITY OF

19th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

York

CODE

133

## 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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Farmers Market Company c/o Dominion Investors

STREET & NUMBER

27 East Ferdinand Street

CITY, TOWN

Manheim

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 17545

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

York County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

20 East Market Street

CITY, TOWN

York

STATE

Pennsylvania

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

York: Historic Buildings and Preservation Plan

DATE

June 30, 1976

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of City Planning

CITY, TOWN

York

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

The 1876 Farmer's Market was originally a rather simple gable roof brick building, 60' wide and 80' long. C. 1890 the building was enlarged by constructing a 40' wide rectangular section adjacent to the existing building. These two sections were joined under a single roof, and a five bay, false front facade was attached as a unifying element. This entrance facade is five bays wide with brick pilasters separating each bay. The central three bays are three stories high. Large circular windows flank a smaller central window of this level. The second story has five sets of paired arched windows topped by brick molding. On the ground floor there are five arched doorways with double doors topped by rectangular transoms and sunburst fanlights. The three center doors open into the market proper while the two end doors open into corner shops. The west side of the building (1876 section) repeats the brick pilaster and doorway treatment with 8 light transoms over the doorways and six over six light rectangular windows. The east side (1890 wall) has no doorways although the window and pilaster treatment is repeated. The moderately pitched gable roof is presently covered with asbestor shingles.

In addition to the main building there are three attached buildings of late 19th-early 20th century vintage. On the eastern side there is a single elongated frame stall section. A smaller but similar stall arrangement is attached to the rear west end of the market. A Queen Anne style stable is also attached to the rear of the market house.

The building is in a good state of repair and continues to be used as a farmers' market.

# 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"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<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 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 1876, c.1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

York has had a tradition of farmers' markets since its settlement in the mid 1700's. In the 1750's there were already two markets operating. By a state charter of October 18, 1755, Robert Morris, Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, granted the right to the citizens of York to establish public markets. In 1842 and 1844, two market sheds were constructed in center square where they remained until the 1880's when they were razed.

The Farmers' Market carries on the tradition of these previous markets. It was the first fully enclosed market house constructed in York. The Farmers' Market was authorized by an Act of the State Legislature in January, 1866. As the Borough of York grew rapidly west of the Codorus Creek during the 1860's and 1870's, the need for a permanent market house to serve the residents in the west part of town was recognized by a group of York businessmen. The Farmers' Market was constructed in 1876, owned by a corporation with a capital stock of \$30,000.

Four other farmers' markets were eventually constructed in other sections of the City during the next three decades. Two of these markets have basically the same design as this Farmers' Market. Of the five market houses, two of them are still in operation, the Farmers' Market and the remarkable Central Market. One of the market houses was demolished.

Since its founding York County has been a prime agricultural area. The market houses are used by county farmers who operate stands and sell their produce and meats to county residents. This 200 year tradition continues today. In 1975 the concessionaires at the Farmers' Market incorporated and bought the market house to prevent its being closed. For its size, York probably has more of its original market houses remaining than any other place in the country. The Farmers' Market is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of American social history. It continues to be an active reminder of a commercial and agricultural relationship that is 200 years old.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Prowell, George R. History of York County. Chicago, J. H. Beers & Company, 1907.  
Reisinger, Landon C. Through Historic York. York, the Historical Society of York County, 1955, 1959.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .56 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

C 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

D 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of City Planning/Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm.

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

York/Harrisburg

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

TITLE WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

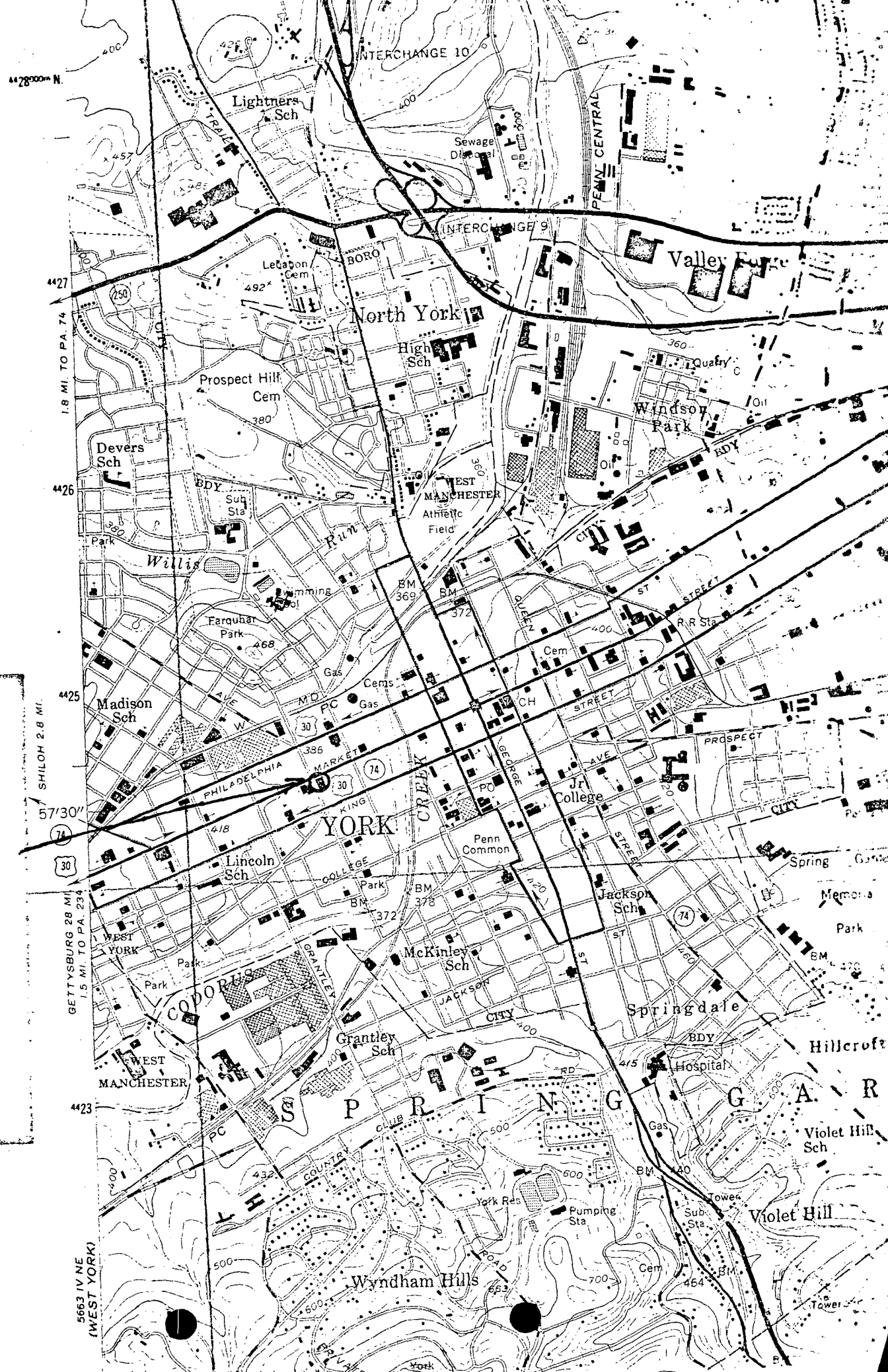
ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

FARMERS' MARKET - York County

ZONE 18 351 640 4424 470



4428000' N

4427  
1.8 MI. TO PA. 74

4426

4425

57'30"

GETTYSBURG 28 MI.  
1.5 MI. TO PA. 234

4423

5663 IV NE  
(WEST YORK)

SHILOH 2.8 MI.