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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 **Lukens Main Office Building**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **50 South First Avenue**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN **Coatesville**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

VICINITY OF

STATE **Pa.**

CODE **42**

COUNTY **Chester**

CODE **029**

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 **Lukens Steel Company**

STREET & NUMBER **50 South First Avenue**

CITY, TOWN **Coatesville**

VICINITY OF

STATE **Pa.**

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Chester County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER **High Street**

CITY, TOWN **West Chester**

STATE **Pa.**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **Coatesville Historical Commission**

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original section of the Lukens Main Office Building was erected in 1902. The building was built in the mode of a seven bay, $2\frac{1}{2}$ story, T-shaped, hipped roof Georgian mansion with flanking 2-story, 3 bay wings. The 129' by 44' building is constructed of bricks laid in Flemish bond.

There is a center entrance - two leaf doors topped by a faalight. The doorway is sheltered by a flat-roofed Doric portico. The windows of the mansion are 12-over-12 sash with keystone lintels. Modillions punctuate the cornice. On the front facade of the hip roof are three gabled dormers with return cornices and round-headed windows. Two chimneys on each side of the roofline of the main section sets this section from the "wings." At the end of each of the "wings" is a chimney through the hip of the roof.

A 25' by 45' entrance lobby with a wide open-string monumental stair leading to the second floor is the center of the interior. The straight run of stairs stops at a large landing from which left and right steps lead to the second floor. Unpainted oak is used in the lobby as well as most of the major rooms.

In the original section of the building, the seven major office rooms had working fireplaces which added to their "parlor personality." In 1916, an addition of the same size and similar style was added to the rear of the building, making it H-shaped. The construction of the office rooms of the 1916 addition were handled commercially. On the major doors are features such as pulvinated friezes and broken pediments. Mantels have details such as egg and dart, bead and reel, triglyphs, and metopes.

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 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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 1902-1916

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lukens Main Office Building is significant to American architectural history.

The Cope and Stewardson architectural firm designed the Main Office Building and the successor firm of Page and Stewardson designed the 1916 addition of the building. The front section of Lukens Building is of importance as an example of the commercial out-put of a firm famous for stone structures in the "Collegiate Gothic" idiom.

At the turn of the 20th century, the Georgian Revival was important architecturally to a new, more highly developed industrial economy. The Lukens Office Building uses "tried" design elements in new ways. The building yields to new ideas at the same time it stimulates a Georgian Mansion -- its use of steel girders and concrete floors with the use of the structure totally for business purposes.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 81,064 sq.ft.

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>18</u>	<u>429670</u>	<u>44251850</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Coatesville Historical Commission
Pa. Historical Museum Commission

DATE October 1, 1974

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CITY OR TOWN Coatesville
Harrisburg

STATE Pa.

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



TITLE Executive Director
Pa. Historical Museum Commission

DATE 3/15/76

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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