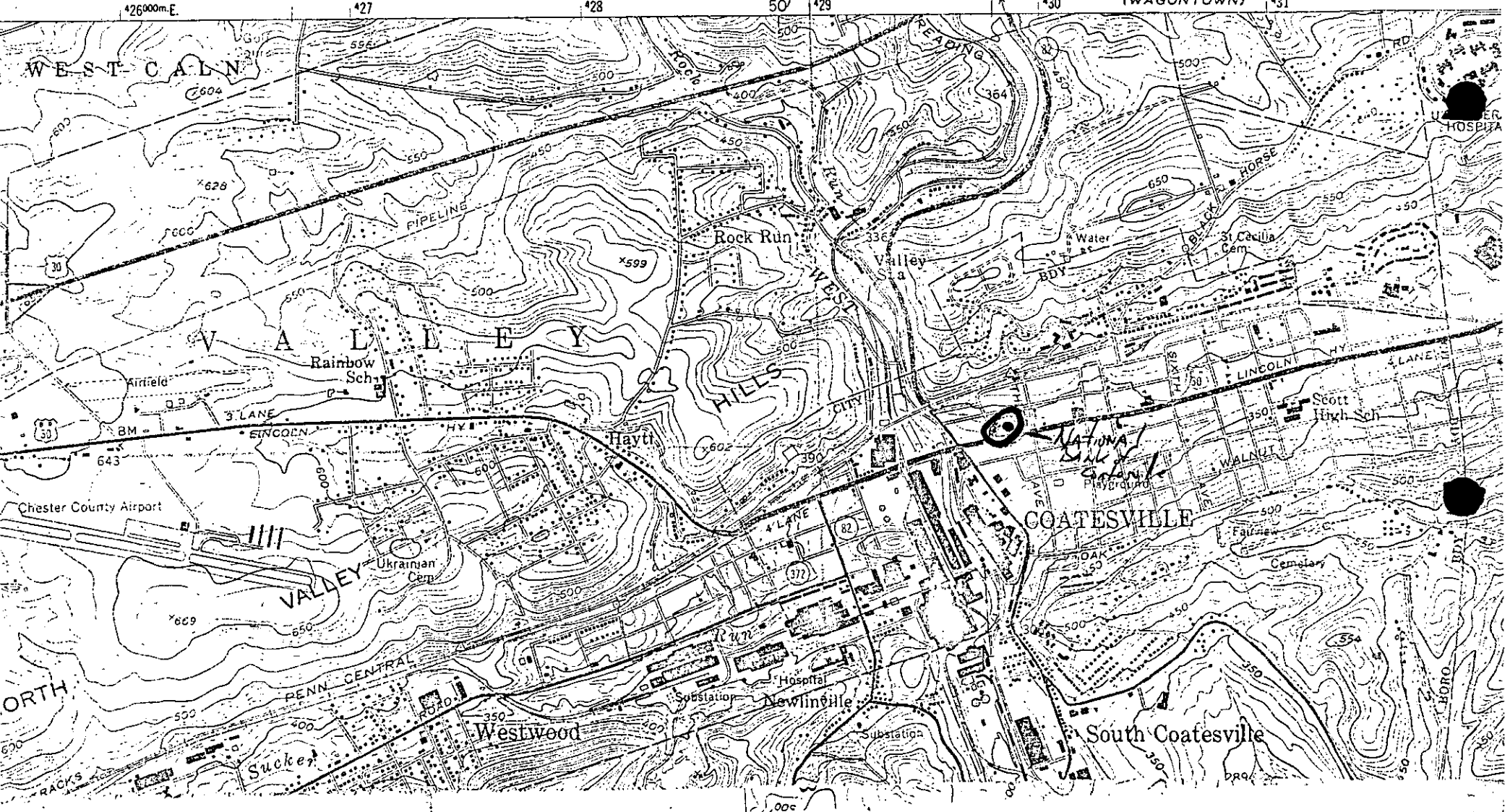


COATESVILLE QUAD

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC NATIONAL BANK OF COATESVILLE BUILDING

AND/OR COMMON

Industrial Valley Bank Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

235 East Lincoln Highway

...NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Coatesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16th

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

42

COUNTY

Chester

CODE

029

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 Mr. Richard Dunham, Executive Secretary
 Central and Western Chester County Industrial Development Authority

STREET & NUMBER

235 East Lincoln Highway

CITY, TOWN

Coatesville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chester County Courthouse, Deeds Office

STREET & NUMBER

High & Market Streets

CITY, TOWN

West Chester

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

November 4, 1976

...FEDERAL STATE ...COUNTY ...LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSPennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
P. O. Box 1026

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The National Bank of Coatesville Building was built between 1906 and 1908 for the dual purpose of providing the bank with more spacious quarters and to provide income for the bank from the rental of offices. To design this structure, the Philadelphia firm of Frank Rushmore Watson and Samuel Huckel, Jr. were commissioned. The partnership of Watson and Huckel began in 1902 and continued until Huckel's death in 1917. During this short partnership the firm attained recognition in the field of eccelastical architecture. They were also commissioned to design a number of private homes and commercial businesses. The four story National Bank of Coatesville is an example of their earlier work.

The building is eclectic in style. It is seventy feet by one-hundred forty-four feet and is constructed with a steel frame and a reinforced concrete first floor. The walls are done in a combination of buff-colored brick and Indiana limestone. The trim is done in a combination of terra-cotta and Indiana limestone.

These materials give the exterior of the building a "lightness" which is not spoiled by excessive ornamentation. What ornamentation there is is used to emphasize the horizontal and vertical aspects of the building. A row of carved lion's heads, fruit, and foliage separates the bank section, done totally in limestone with Pallidan windows and doorway, from the second story done in buff-colored brick with square, four paned windows. Carved limestone blocks the width of the windows are placed under each window on the third floor giving the second and third floors the effect of being one unit. This is further enhanced by a moulding which joins both windows. This section is visually separated from the fourth floor by a strip of carved limestone decoration. This decoration is complemented by a larger carved decoration used to define the flat roof and ends the building. Complete horizontalness of the building is eliminated by the corner supports done in raised limestone blocks. It is also done by the limestone blocks placed on the west side of the building's front for the purpose of visually separating the clock tower and arcade entrance from the bank's portion of the building. The clock tower continues and complements the vertical sweep of this side of the building coming to an end with a rounded dome framing and illuminated town clock face.

Inside, the building is divided into many separate offices. The first floor is occupied by the bank and the United States Post Office, located at the rear of the building. Access to the post office and the higher floors is provided by an arcade entrance fourteen feet wide located on the west side of the building. Along the arcade are both an elevator and a stairway to reach the higher floors with each floor containing twelve offices.

The appearance of the building is basically the same today as when

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Watson & Huckel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The National Bank of Coatesville is a classical example of the architectural skills of the firm of Watson and Huckel. Numerous aspects of this building are found in many of the firm's other commercial works. One of these examples is the New Union Station built in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Some of the architectural similarities include the use of limestone block and buff-colored brick; the use of the lion's head for decoration; the emphasis on horizontality; and the use of towers with rounded domes. This firm deserves to be recognized for their great architectural achievements. Some of the works of this firm are listed below.

WATSON & HUCKEL

Catholic Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Frankfort, Pennsylvania.
Christ Church, Norfolk, Virginia.
Cumberland County Courthouse, Brighton, New Jersey.
New Union Station, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Other Works of Watson

Muhlenberg College Chapel, Allentown, Pennsylvania.
Parish House of St. Boniface, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Other Works of Huckel

Odd Fellow's Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Residence of Daniel Bough
Foederer House
Remodeled Grand Central Station, New York, New York.
American Express Building,
Church of the Messiah Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Manufacturers Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Executive Mansion, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The National Bank of Coatesville is an excellent example of one of the earlier works of Watson & Huckel and is a valuable link in the study of their design development and works.

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it was built. Listed below are the changes which have been made in the building.

In 1933, the Post Office moved to a new location. This space was rented to various businesses until 1953 when the bank took it over for their office space.

In 1941, the bank room was re-arranged. At this time the two large windows situated between the post office corridor and the banking room were closed.

By 1953, more room was needed in the building and a two story addition was created by raising the rear portion of the building, formerly only one story high, to the third story level. Interior remodeling and renovations were also done at this time. A fire escape and fire tower were added to the east side of the building. The exterior was redecorated to give the building a uniformity of appearance.

In 1954, a drive-in window was constructed in the rear of the building along Diamond Street for bank customer convenience.

By 1962, the National Bank of Coatesville merged with the Industrial Valley Bank & Trust Company and moved to a new location in 1975. The building is still used by a variety of companies who have offices in the building.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Maureen L. Carlson/Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

Coatesville Hist. Comm./Pa. Hist. & Mus. Comm.

DATE

1-20-77

STREET & NUMBER

53 S. First Avenue/P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Coatesville/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

William J. Wewer

TITLE

William J. Wewer, Executive Director
 Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

2-15-77

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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