

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Brimmer, John, Tobacco Warehouse
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 226 North Prince Street not for publication N/A
city, town Lancaster vicinity N/A
state Pennsylvania code PA county Lancaster code 071 zip code 17603

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Tobacco Buildings in Lancaster City Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 7/31/90

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture/storage
Industry/manufacturing facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/trade/business

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: tobacco warehouse

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Brick
roof Not visible
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The John Brimmer Tobacco Warehouse is rectangular in plan and dates from c. 1900. The building is of brick laid in common bond, except on the east elevation (facade) which is running bond. It is three stories in height over a stone foundation. It measures four bays wide by approximately 148 feet deep, spanning in the depth a short city block between North Prince and North Water Streets. The roof is flat, and the roof line is embellished on the cornices of the east and west elevations only. Window openings are rectangular with original six-over-six or replacement one-over-one windows set in wooden sash; all have wooden sills. The building is set on a slope so that the west elevation has a high basement. The area is mixed commercial and rowhouse residential. The building has good integrity.

The east elevation (North Prince Street) is the more formal of the two elevations which face the streets. It is four bays wide and has wooden lintels over the fenestrations. There is a basement window at the second bay and a cellar entrance at the third bay. The first floor has a single-door entrance at the first bay and an aluminum shop entrance at the fourth bay which has double glass doors, c. 1975. The cornice appears to be of pressed metal and has modillions and Eastlake-type end brackets. As there are adjoining buildings on the north and south elevations, little is visible of these elevations except a window at the third story northwest corner. The west elevation (North Water Street), facing the railroad tracks (since removed), was the loading area for the building. The high basement has a limestone wall with two large garage entrances at grade level; the southerly entrance is closed in around a single door. The first bay of the raised first story has a closed loading dock. Windows have brick segmental arches on this elevation and on the visible north elevation window. The cornice is accented only by simple bands of brick corbelling. The building's utilitarian character is evident on this elevation.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Industry
Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1900-1940

Significant Dates

1901

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The John Brimmer Tobacco Warehouse is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the tobacco processing and manufacturing property type under the multiple property nomination: Tobacco Buildings in Lancaster City. It is significant as an integral part of one of Lancaster City's most important late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century industries, the processing and storage of cigar leaf tobacco. The building is representative of a large body of industrial buildings of the early twentieth century in Lancaster City. It is a good example of the four-story-with-flat-roof variation of the property type which became increasingly popular in the first quarter of the twentieth century, in contrast to earlier lower buildings with pitched roofs. The pressed metal cornice is unusual, given that brick corbelled cornices were almost ubiquitous for buildings in the property type (for another example of a pressed metal cornice on a tobacco warehouse, see N. Shippen/Tobacco Avenue Historic District, Brubaker, R. H., Tobacco Warehouse, west elevation, submitted 1990).

John Brimmer had his leaf tobacco warehouse in this building beginning in 1901, according to the Additional Index of that year to the 1897 Sanborn map. Brimmer also occupied a tobacco warehouse at that time at 432 North Prince Street (see National Register nomination, B. B. Martin Tobacco Warehouse, submitted 1990). The Sanborn 1912 map shows the building in its present configuration, spanning the city block between North Prince and North Water Streets. The firm of John F. Brimmer & Son had an office on West Orange Street in 1916.

In 1931 the John Brimmer Tobacco Warehouse was occupied by the American Cigar Co., cigar manufacturer. The building was shown as still being used as a tobacco warehouse on the 1947 update to the 1912 Sanborn map (owner's name not shown). The building presently houses a photography business.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Insurance Maps of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Sanborn-Ferris Map Co., 1897 (updated to 1904), Additional Index of October 1901 attached; 1912: 24; 1912 (updated to 1947): 24. An original Sanborn for 1897 is at the Historical Society of Lancaster County, Lancaster, PA; those for 1886, 1912, and 1912 updated are on microfilm, Reel No. 282, at the same repository.

Lancaster City Directories, 1919-1920; 1931.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

See Lancaster County Tax Assessment Book, District No. 33, Ward No. 1, Map No. 13J4B, Block No. 4, Lot No. 7, at the Lancaster County Tax Assessor's Office, Lancaster County Court House, Lancaster, PA.

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Boundary Justification

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Eisenlohr, Bayuk
Tobacco
Historic District
Lancaster Co.
Lancaster Quad
Zone 18
E 38100
N 43400

Brimmer, John
Tobacco Warehouse
Lancaster Co.
Lancaster Quad
Zone 18
E 38750
N 443290

Schnader, Walter
Tobacco Warehouse
Lancaster Co.
Lancaster Quad
Zone 18
E 387900
N 4432600



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437
436
435
2'30"
433
432
431

Area III, SW (COLUMBIA EAST)
TROY 19 MI. (MOUNTAINVILLE MI)
COLUMBIA 7 MI.
MOUNTAINVILLE 3 & MI.