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National Register of Historic Places  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Reilly Brothers and Raub Building

and or common Reilly Brothers and Raub Building

2. Location

street & number 44-46 North Queen Street and 45 North Market Street N/A not for publication

city, town Lancaster N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code 042 county Lancaster code 071

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. Mort Neiremburg - c/o The Nimble Thimble

street & number 45 North Market Street

city, town Lancaster vicinity of N/A state Pennsylvania

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds, Lancaster County Courthouse

street & number 50 North Duke Street

city, town Lancaster state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Architectural Survey of the City of Lancaster has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978-1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County & PA Historical and Museum Commission

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" 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 <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on the west side of Lancaster's North Queen Street, one-half block north from Penn Square, the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building is a large commercial structure of brick and stone. Extending through this block from North Queen Street to North Market Street, the building is four stories high on its facade, and five stories high on the rear (west) elevation. The form of the entire structure is that of a broad "L".

The elegant facade of the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building is built of Deer Island pink granite, Indiana limestone, and copper; there are extensive areas of plate glass windows. The storefront has canted display windows flanking the central entry; above this level is a large tripartite transom, with segmental form head. Above this transom on the Indiana limestone frieze is the original metal signage reading "Reilly Bros. & Raub." From the second floor to the cornice, the facade is enframed by monumental Tuscan Order pilasters of Indiana limestone. Between the fourth floor and the cornice is a frieze in the form of an elongated flat arch with central keystone. The copper cornice, oxidized to a dark green color, features modillions, a crenellated parapet, and pendant console brackets at each end. A secondary parapet of Indiana limestone surmounts this copper parapet; it is a continuation of the plane of the facade wall. On the second, third, and fourth floors, the fenestration for each level consists of four paired, tall windows with paired transoms. The second, third, and fourth floors are separated by copper friezes with triglyphs, metopes, and raised panels.

The rear of the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building, facing North Market Street, is built of red brick laid in common bond. On the ground level is the area which originally was a loading dock. From the second through the fifth floors, there is an eight bay elevation. On these floors, the window openings are spanned by segmental brick arches; there are four over four window sash. The gently sloping roof projects slightly over this North Market Street elevation. The north and south side walls of the building, partially hidden by adjacent structures, are built of red brick laid in common bond. There are some irregularly spaced windows on the third and fourth floors; these have segmental arched heads and two over two sash. On the side wall facing south the painted signage "Reilly Bros. & Raub" remains visible.

As would be expected for its original functions, the interior of this building was designed with large, unadorned spaces. There are no parts of the interior which possess distinct architectural importance. The integrity of all exterior parts of the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building is excellent; the facade survives in the exact state of its original design.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
X 1900-1933	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1910-1911 **Builder/Architect** Herman Wohlsen/C. Emlen Urban

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Lancaster's Reilly Brothers and Raub Building is significant for regional architectural and commercial history. Built in 1910-1911 by the Lancaster contractor Herman Wohlsen from designs by Lancaster's C. Emlen Urban, the building served both marketing and warehouse functions. This facade is an excellent example of the Beaux Arts Style adapted to a commercial structure. Today, this is the only commercial facade in center city Lancaster utilizing granite, Indiana limestone, and copper as the primary materials.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, the exterior of this building is totally intact to the original design; thus, it is the most perfectly preserved of all 1900-1933 period commercial buildings by C. Emlen Urban in Lancaster's Central Business District.<sup>2</sup> The structural technology of the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building marks an important transition; wood joists were used in the rear (brick) portion, while structural steel was employed in the front section. This building also is a monument to a hardware business which was important in Lancaster for almost a century after its establishment in 1888. During the first third of this century, Reilly Brothers and Raub was one of the city's two most important hardware stores.<sup>3</sup> By 1909, the wholesale business of this firm was important through southeastern Pennsylvania, northern Maryland, and Delaware. In 1924, the noted Lancaster historian H.M.J. Klein rated Reilly Brothers and Raub as "one of the finest hardware stores in the United States."

1. This statement may merit some explanation. It is the combination of granite, Indiana limestone, and copper which is unique for Lancaster City. The more common materials used for the facades of commercial buildings dating from the first third of the twentieth century are brick, terra cotta, and tile.

2. The pristine condition of the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building is accentuated by the fact that it is the best documented commercial building by C. Emlen Urban surviving in Lancaster. Extant documents for this building include contemporary newspaper accounts, the contractor's records, and the architect's drawings.

3. At this time, the other important hardware store in Lancaster was the Steinman Hardware Store on West King Street.

For additional documentation pertaining to areas of significance, see the appended sheet.

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Lancaster's hardware firm of Reilly Brothers and Raub was established on September 1, 1888. It was formed when Henry Lyman Raub (1860-1911) contracted a partnership with the brothers Richard M. Reilly and William H. Reilly. Soon after the founding of the business, the firm purchased the site of the present building at 44-46 North Market Street. As early as 1825, this site had been used for a hardware business by Col. George Mayer. The building which served this firm for twenty-two years after 1888 was a four story brick structure with bracketed cornice and elaborate storefront. This store was entirely destroyed in the fire which gutted the central part of this first block of North Queen Street in February, 1910.

Shortly after this disastrous fire, the Raub family expanded its property holdings on North Queen Street. About the same time, the noted Lancaster architect C. Emlen Urban (1863-1939) was commissioned to design the new building. Urban was then firmly established as Lancaster County's leading architect; he numbered among his creations the Hager Department Store, the Kirk Johnson Building, and the Stevens High School. The builder of the Reilly Brothers and Raub Building was Herman Wohlsen (1861-1941), then Lancaster's leading contractor. The building permit for the present building was issued on July 2, 1910. The facade of granite, Indiana limestone, and copper, with an extensive use of plate glass, was designed in that variant of the Beaux Arts style which contemporaries often designated the "French Renaissance Style." When the building was completed, the Lancaster NEW ERA for July 8, 1911 termed it as "one of the handsomest business structures in the city." The formal dedication of the new building, which combined the functions of store and warehouse, took place on July 10, 1911.

The firm of Reilly Brothers and Raub played an important role in the community's economy. Early in this century, the merchandise carried by this store included hardware, stoves, oils, paints, house furnishings, and many metal goods. According to the Lancaster Board of Trade in 1908, the wholesale business of this house was important through southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and northern Maryland; retail business seems to have been concentrated in the greater Lancaster area. As a partial spin-off from this business, the Raub family also was associated with the Lancaster Sheet Metal Company. In 1919, the Raub Supply Company was incorporated; in many respects, it was the offspring of Reilly Brothers and Raub. The building at 44-46 North Queen Street continued to serve its original functions into the early 1970's.

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Refer to attached list.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.29 acre

Quadrangle name Lancaster Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The Reilly Brothers and Raub Building, numbered 44-46 North Queen Street and 45 North Market Street, fronts on its east for 32' 4-1/2" along North Queen Street, extends on the north by properties of the former Zook Store and the present Place Marie for 245', thence on its west by North Market Street for 96' 7-1/2"; thence on the south by the L-shaped line formed by properties of Owen Kugel (former Lancaster Trust Co.) and the TMB Store for 245' to point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A --- code N/A county N/A --- code N/A ---

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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

Dr. Larry E. Tise,

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 9/19/83

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

date

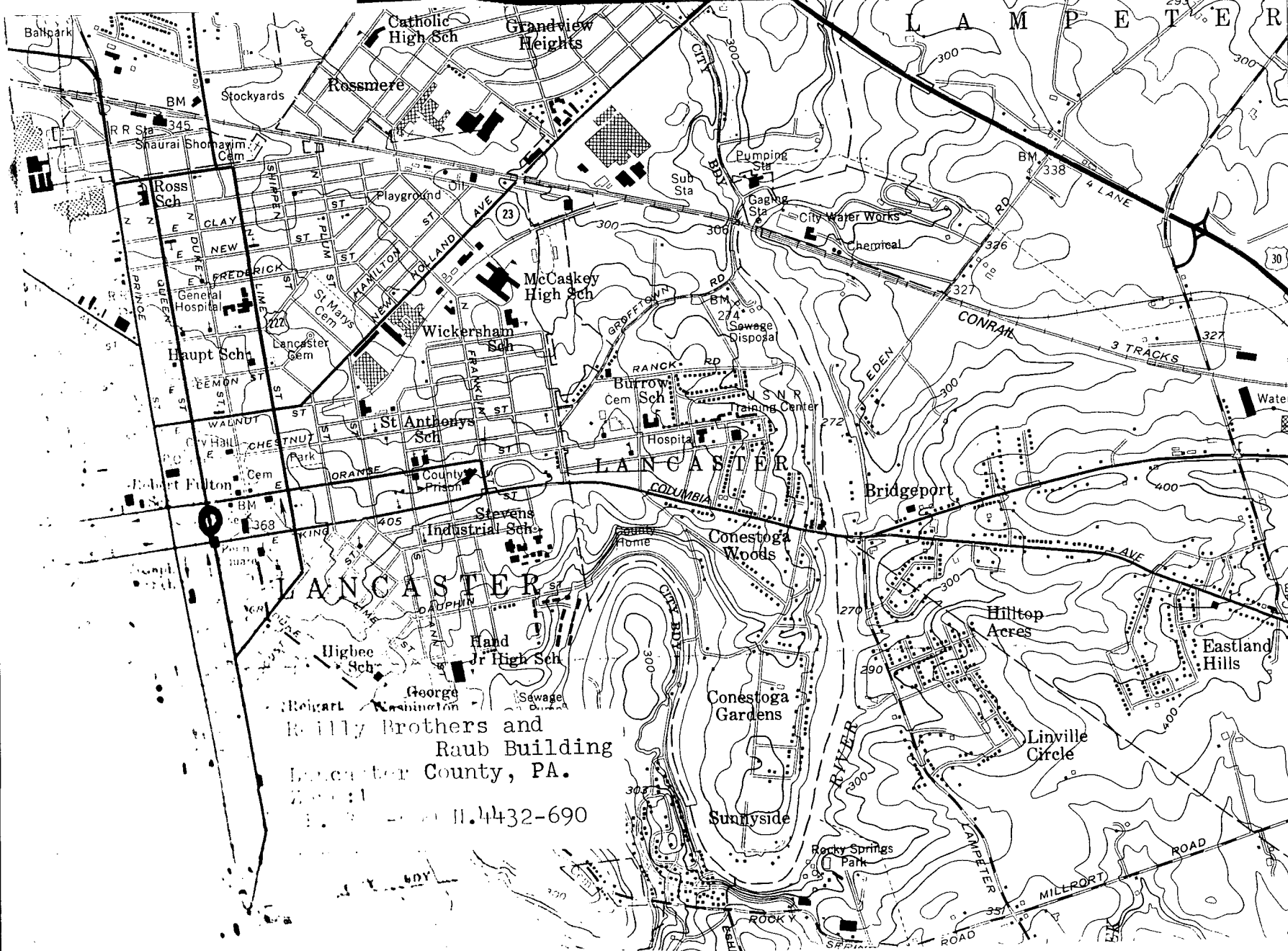
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

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Chief of Registration





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 Raub Building  
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PHILADELPHIA (CIVIC CENTER) 61 MI.

SMOKETOWN 2.5 MI.  
INTERCOURSE 7.6 MI.

SOLDERSBURG 5.2 MI.  
COATESVILLE 23 MI.

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