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

1. Name

historic Real Estate Building

and or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 2-8 North Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Bangor N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code 042 county Northampton code 095

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status:	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name John DiFrancesca

street & number 940 Tatamy Road

city, town Easton N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Northampton County Courthouse

street & number 7th. and Washington Streets

city, town Easton state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pa. Historic Resources Survey Form has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date September 4, 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records N.A.

city, town N.A. state N.A.

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N.A.

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Real Estate Building was designed as a building of commerce to tap the prosperous business resulting from the growing slate industry of the early 1900's. Fortunately, the building retains its major architectural features on its two important sides which face Main Street and Market Street. To its rear is a one and one-half story brick addition. The date of this addition is unknown. The major positive features of the Real Estate Building include its exterior architectural style; its unique corner location on a downtown site overlooking Martin's Creek and its proximity to and view (from its roof) of an abandoned slate quarry about one block distant.

The Real Estate Building was constructed between 1905-1907. It was carefully designed for its corner lot and created a dramatic architectural statement in Bangor for its time. The tallest of any building in Bangor, the Real Estate Building is a five story brick and stone structure built at the turn of the century in a late Victorian high-rise commercial style.

On the main level, the building at one time featured large glass display windows, with the main store entrance at the corner. This building has a main corner entrance rather than an entrance at the center of one side. A secondary entrance to service the three floors of apartments is located on the north side of the building. As changes have occurred over the years, the main level has lost its original appearance. However, it is believed that the original main level windows are still present and are simply partly covered by a later facade treatment.

On the second through fifth floors, the original exterior appearance remains and possesses an excellent architectural integrity. Each side has two sets of three vertical bay windows which extend out beyond the building. In addition, the corner has a curved bay window which likewise extends beyond the line of the building. All of the bay windows are of steel construction. Quoins have been used at the corners of the building to draw attention to the building, permitting the Real Estate Building to take on a unique position in Bangor in that it is the only building to exhibit this type of construction. All windows have heavy stone lintels above them. The building has a flat roof and projecting cornice wood eaves which are dramatized by shade and shadows. This cornice and eave system is a dramatic framework for the eye lifting, repetitive, vertical bay window elements. Thus the architectural integrity of the upper floors of the Real Estate Building is excellent and well worth preserving, whereas the main floor has been changed but could be restored to its original appearance.

On the interior, changes over the years have drastically altered the original appearance. The interior features of this building do not contribute to its architectural or historic significance.

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
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			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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Specific dates 1905-07 Builder/Architect Unknown

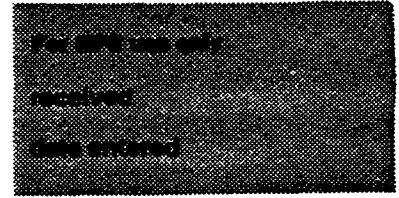
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Real Estate Building was constructed as a prominent town building in the early 1900's by David Huddleson, locally important businessman, Borough Burgess and Northampton County Commissioner. The building which exhibits Italianate and Georgian Revival stylistic influences is locally exceptional due to its size and architecture styling. Finally, the building is significant because of its relationship to the slate industry and culture of that time when Bangor was the center of slate industry.

The Real Estate Building was built during the era of the slate industry which began in 1863 and was in decline around 1936. It was a grand time for this northern part of Northampton County. The Real Estate building was a grand building befitting the period. It was built at the corner of two major streets and it overlooked the picturesque Martin's Creek. It was the tallest building in Bangor. Its masonry architecture, bay windows and corner entrance identified it as an important place in a prosperous region. Little has changed the major architectural features of this building over the years. Parts of the first floor windows have been covered, but they can be restored. In the rear, a one and one-half story addition (date unknown) extends from the building over part of Martin's Creek. In general, the Real Estate building retains the prominent appearance which its first owner intended for it. That appearance helped to attract business activity to this building from the time of its construction. The prosperous slate industry in the region around Bangor provided a good economic base for retail business and apartment housing.

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During the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's, slate became the principal industry in the Bangor/Slate Belt Region. From 1873 onward, this region experienced a sharp increase in population, with a good percentage of the work force coming from Wales and England. In addition, from 1882 onward, the area experienced the influx of a large number of Italians from Roseto, Valfortore, who in turn settled in the neighboring community of Howelltown, now known as the Borough of Roseto, a strong Italian community.

By the turn of the century, Bangor was an extremely prosperous community, and for the first time in its history, experienced strong commercial expansion. In addition, the nature of the housing stock in Bangor changed as high rise apartments were created in the midst of the commercial boom. David S. Huddleson played an important role in the commercial transformation of Bangor, for he became a pioneer in creating a mixed use structure in downtown Bangor, one-half for a large department store and the other half for apartments which became available for immigrant workers who just arrived from Europe to start a new life in the area as they worked in the slate quarries and factories.

Huddleson was himself an immigrant from Belfast, Ireland, who after migrating throughout the United States for a number of years, settled in the Bangor area in 1879. From 1879 until 1888, Huddleson worked as a miller for the Flory Milling Company. In 1888, he purchased a small grocery store which by 1905 placed him in a position to buy a large tract of land in Bangor on which he constructed the Real Estate Building from 1905 until 1907. In this building, Huddleson used the basement,

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main floor and second floor for his department store, while the remaining three top floors were apartment units. Huddleson's building immediately became the largest and most prominent building in the Slate Belt Region with only Easton and Bethlehem possessing larger structures.

Huddleson also became prominent locally as a Borough and County elected official. From 1893 until 1894 he was the 19th Chief Burgess of Bangor, during which time trolley service was brought to Bangor from Pen Argyl and Delaware Water Gap, new sidewalks were initiated throughout the Bangor area and the first Board of Health was formed. From 1909 until 1911, he was County Commissioner in Northampton County. In addition, he was a school director in Bangor and active as a Board member of the Merchants National Bank and Director of the Bangor Cooperative Building and Loan Association. Huddleson died in 1935 and his store ceased to operate in 1938.

The Real Estate Building brought new life and activity to downtown Bangor. Also, of importance was the Bower Department Store Building and the Bangor Trust Company Building. While these buildings all played an important role in the commercial transformation of Bangor, the Real Estate Building was the largest and architecturally the most prominent building in Bangor.

In addition, the Real Estate Building and the Bangor Trust Company Building were the only two to be designed for mixed use, business and residential, while Bower's Department Store was only for commercial use. The Real Estate Building remains architecturally significant and unusual in its design for its corner site. It is also significant for its role in the commercial development of the Bangor and Slate Belt areas and it is a link with an important Borough and County elected official.

The Real Estate Building best reflects Mr. Huddleson's prominence as a Bangor Businessman. This claim is made because this is the only commercial structure remaining which relates to Mr. Huddleson's business prominence. The building was a dramatic effort for its time. It remains as a tribute to Mr. Huddleson's business success as well as a tribute to his later political importance in the Borough and County.

9. Major Bibliographic References

The Centennial Book, Bangor, Pa., 1975, p. 57-59
 Easton Express, July 5, 1935, Easton, Pa., p. 1-10
 Bangor Borough Council Minute Book, 1893 - 1894, p. 178-301

Interview-August 4, 1984
 William H. Hough
 Funeral Director
 Bangor, Pa.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .34
 Quadrangle name Bangor, Pa. Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet.

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

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Victor M. J. Rodite, Associate Director
 organization Michael Cabot Associates date March 1, 1985, Revised June 26, 1985
 street & number 20 N. 5th St., P.O. Box A telephone 717-421-7930
 city or town Stroudsburg 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 Dr. Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation date _____
Officer

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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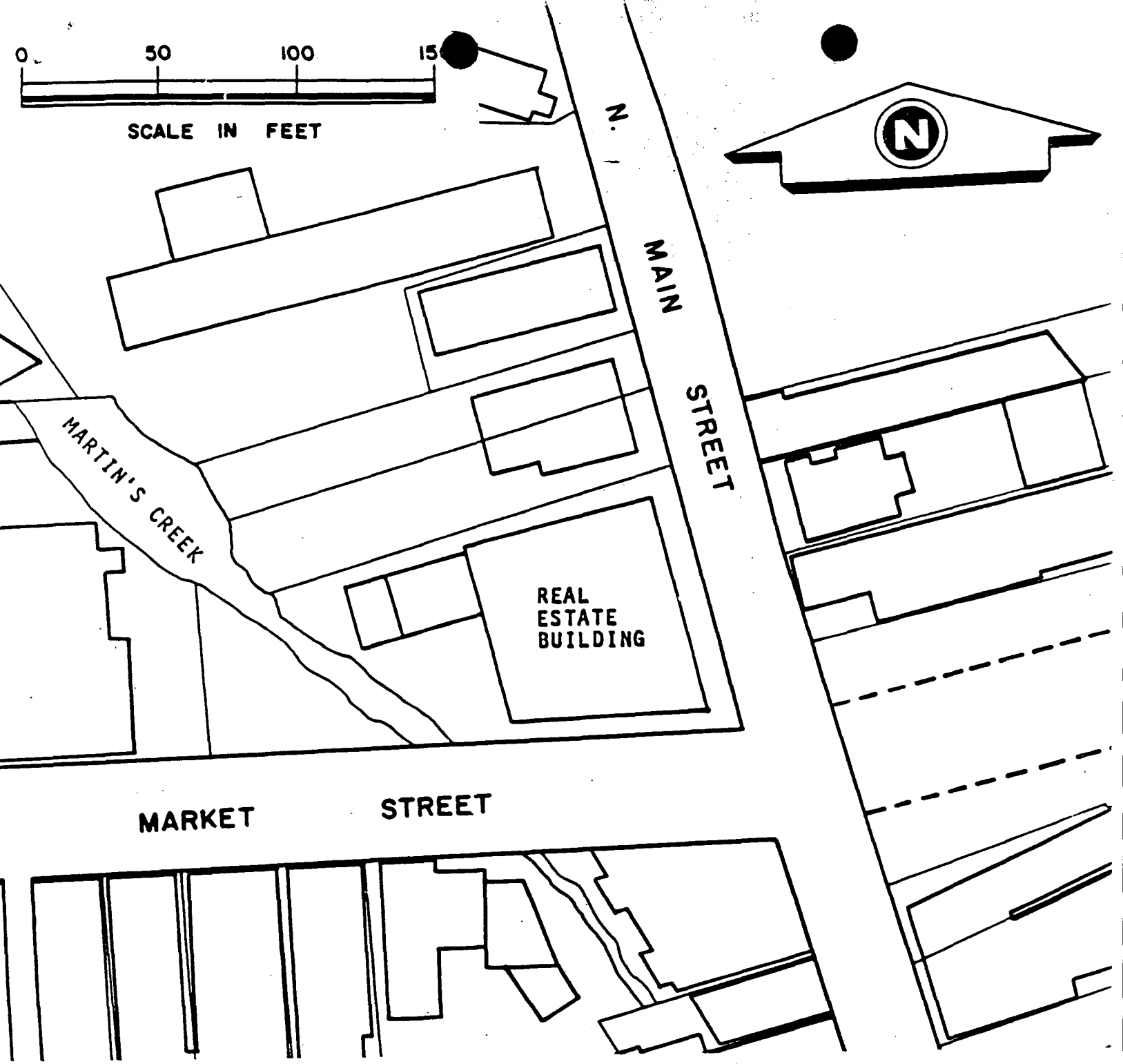
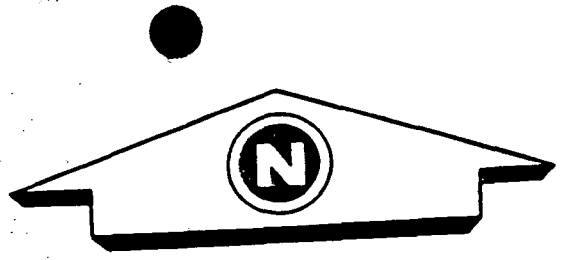
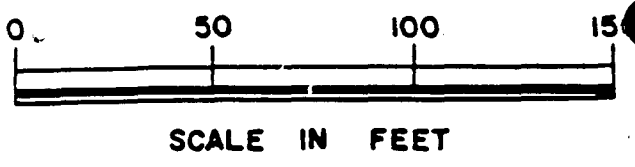
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Verbal Boundary Description

This property is located at the corner of North Main Street and Market Street. According to the deed, it is composed of two tracts described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: BEGINNING at an iron pin in the middle of Main Street; thence through said street North four (4) degrees West sixty-nine (69) feet to an iron pin in said street; thence by land late of Henry J. Nagle and now of Amelius J. Nagle, South eighty-five and a half (85½) degrees West one hundred seventy (170) feet to a corner in Martins Creek; thence down said Creek South forty-one (41) degrees East eighty-four and a half (84½) feet to a corner in said creek; thence by land late of Henry Beck and now of Peter G. Ott, North eighty-six (86) degrees East one hundred and twenty (120) feet to the place of Beginning.

TRACT NO. 2: BEGINNING at a corner in the public road, formerly known as the Martins Creek Road, now North Main Street; thence through said road or street, North four (4) degrees West forty-four (44) feet to a corner in said road or street; thence along the line of land formerly of Philip Hauck, late of Solomon Flory and now of said Bangor Real Estate Company, South eighty-six (86) degrees West one hundred and twenty (120) feet to a corner in the Martins Creek; thence in said creek South twenty-one and a half (21½) degrees East forty-five (45) feet to a corner in said creek; thence along line of land formerly of Philip J. Albert, now property of Bowers, North eighty-six (86) degrees East one hundred and two (102) feet to the place of Beginning.



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340,000 FEET (IN. U.S.) 1:80,000 M. E. '81 STROUDSBURG (JUNC. U.S. 209) 9.2 MI. TO U.S. 511 12'30" '83 3 MI. TO U.S. 511 FIVE POINTS 2'30" 12'30"

