

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 Milleysack, J. B., Cigar Factory  
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 820 Columbia Avenue, rear  not for publication N/A  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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
	<u>0</u> sites
	<u>0</u> structures
	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<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/storageIndustry/manufacturing facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Not in use**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: tobacco warehouse

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Brickroof Not visible

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The J. B. Milleysack Cigar Factory is rectangular in plan and dates from c. 1898. Although it is legally situated at the rear of 820 Columbia Avenue, its address is also shown on maps as 821 Lake Street. The building is three stories in height and is of brick laid in running bond on the south elevation (facade) and common bond on the other elevations. The building is three bays wide by four bays deep. It has a shed-type roof which slopes downward to the north, and a slightly-raised parapet and corbelled cornice on the south elevation. An inside brick chimney is at the east elevation of the roof between the second and third bays. Window openings are single-course brick segmental arches with rectangular two-over-two windows set in wooden sash with wooden sills. The west elevation is a brick wall with evidence of a demolished adjoining one-and-one-half story building. The north elevation had a two-story rear ell or adjoining structure on the easterly side which was demolished c. 1950. The area is generally residential; a school is across the street. On 9 January 1990 a fire, starting in the basement, reportedly did \$22,000 damage to the building, mostly on the interior. Exterior damage includes fire-charring on parts of the doors; damage to window frames, mostly sills; loss of window glass. Despite this exterior damage and smoke and other damage to the interior, a comparison of the building's exterior before and after the fire indicates that the J. B. Milleysack Cigar Factory has generally retained its good integrity. A restoration is planned by the owners.

The south elevation presents a three-bay facade to Lake Street. A recessed double door is at the first bay, first floor, with three-light transom and wooden lintel. Above the second story on this elevation is painted lettering, "...Syrup Co."

Until the fire, the building was used by the owner and tenants in recent years as a photography shop and two woodworking firms.

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**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)

Architecture

Industry

Period of Significance

c. 1898-1922

Significant Dates

1898

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 J. B. Milleysack Cigar Factory 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 in the first quarter of the twentieth century in Lancaster City and is a good example of the relatively small sparsely-ornamented industrial buildings with parapeted roofs associated with this property type in the early twentieth century. It is a rare example of a building of this size in Lancaster City which was built or primarily used as a cigar factory without being combined with a dwelling.

This three-story brick building was J. B. Milleysack's Cigar Factory at 821 Lake Street (address is by deed 820 Columbia Avenue; see No. 7). Milleysack is listed as early as 1898 in the city directory as being a cigar manufacturer whose place of business was 615 Lake Street. At that time, George W. and Andrew W. Milleysack were also listed as cigar makers.

In 1897 Milleysack and his wife bought this lot from John Hager. The Milleysacks lived in the brick dwelling which fronted on Columbia Avenue and built the three-story factory building in the rear fronting on 821 Lake Street. It is shown on the 1912 Sanborn map with the notation "J. B. Milleysack, Cigar Factory #41." Presumably, this building was one of a number of small Milleysack cigar factories. J. B. Milleysack's Cigar Factory continued at 821 Lake Street until 1922 when he sold the property. By the time of the 1947 update of the 1912 Sanborn map, the building was used for toy manufacturing.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Insurance Maps of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Sanborn-Ferris Map Co., 1912: 64; 1912 (updated to 1947): 64. 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 County Deed Books S15: 523 (1897); O93: 182 (1922); Lancaster County Court House Archives, Lancaster, PA.

Lancaster City Directories, 1898, 1913, 1919-20.

Lancaster New Era, 9 Jan. 1990.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 0.1 of an acre.

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning a point, the corner of the south property line of 820 Columbia Avenue and the north right-of-way of W. Lake Street, said point being approximately 102 feet west of the northwest corner of W. Lake and Pearl Streets; thence extending in a westerly direction a distance of 36.5 feet along the south property line of 820 Columbia Avenue to a point; thence in a northerly direction a distance of 60 feet along the west property line of 820 Columbia Avenue to a point; thence in an easterly direction a distance of 36.5 feet to a point, the east property line of 820 Columbia Avenue; thence south a distance of 60 feet along the east property line of 820 Columbia Avenue to the place of beginning. Being approximately 0.1 of an acre.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the rear of city lot 820 Columbia Avenue which has historically been associated with the cultural resource, as shown on Lancaster County Tax Assessment Book No. 33, Ward No. 8, Map No. 12J3C, Block No. 4, Lot No. 11, at the Lancaster County Tax Assessor's Office, Lancaster County Court House, Lancaster, PA.



HARRISBURG AVE.  
TOBACCO HISTORIC  
DISTRICT  
LANCASTER CO.  
LANCASTER QUAD.  
ZONE 18  
E 388030  
N 443550

MILLEYSACK, J.B.  
CIGAR FACTORY  
LANCASTER CO.  
LANCASTER QUAD.  
ZONE 18  
E 387150  
N 4412560

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COLUMBIA SW QUARTER 3 W  
COLUMBIA EAST QUARTER 3 W  
2764 31 SW  
1807 15 SW  
MOUNTAIN VIEW