

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 Basch & Fisher Tobacco Warehouse
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 348 New Holland Avenue not for publication N/A
city, town Lancaster vicinity N/A
state Pennsylvania code PA county Lancaster code 071 zip code 17602

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>1</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</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)

Work in progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: tobacco warehouse

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Basch & Fisher Tobacco Warehouse has a rectangular plan and dates from c. 1880. The one-and-one-half story, front-gabled building is of brick laid in common bond. It has a stone foundation, now stucco covered, except on the north elevation where it is covered with brick. The building is built on a north-south axis on sloping ground on the south side of New Holland Avenue, west of North Plum Street. The front-gabled north elevation (main facade) faces New Holland Avenue which runs at a northeast-to-southwest angle. The area is generally residential, except for a cemetery to the north. The building is approximately forty feet wide on the gable ends by five bays deep. The asphalt-covered roof is moderately pitched and has brick chimneys at the gable ends; the roof line is accented by a band of brick corbelling with a double row of brick dentils. All fenestrations are surmounted by brick segmental arches. Original windows, except at the basement level, are rectangular six-over-six with wooden sills; others are rectangular paired one-over-one replacement, some of which are boarded up. An interior north-south brick wall divides the building into two portions. The building has good integrity.

The north elevation is one-and-one-half stories in height over a high basement and has pilaster-like brickwork at either end. The brick-covered high basement wall has eight bays: at the fourth and fifth bays almost at grade level are two single-entrance doors; the first and eighth bays have garage entrances; paired replacement windows are at the other bays. A horizontal band of metal flashing separates the top of the high basement from the raised first story. The first story has only two fenestrations, originally loading docks; the easterly dock opening is partially enclosed and has been converted to a window. The top floor has four six-over-six windows. The south elevation is similar to the north but, due to the sloping ground, the floor levels are not as elevated. The first story has two openings: each has a shop entrance door. The upper floor has four six-

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over-six windows. The east and west elevations are similar: one-story high over a raised basement, with five bays having windows which are graduated in size at the basement level; six-over-six on the first story.

A one-story shed-like brick heater room with brick smoke-stack was added at the southeast corner of the building, c. 1935. To the south of the shed is a one-story garage, c. 1950.

The building's integrity is good. There have been some changes, mainly to the window openings on the north elevation, and to the brickwork. The stone raised basement wall has been covered and the brickwork has been sandblasted. The building is presently undergoing renovations to convert it to apartments and an office.

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.1880-1940

Significant Dates

1886

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 Basch & Fisher 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 period in Lancaster City. It is an example of a front-gabled building in this property type which has a rectangular plan bisected by a longitudinal brick wall.

In 1886 this was the Basch & Fisher Tobacco Warehouse, according to the Sanborn map of that year. It is delineated as one-and-one-half stories and basement; and, although not shown, was probably built with the brick wall bisecting the interior space. The Sanborn map of 1897 (updated to 1904) shows that the building was divided in two; it also had small one-story sheds or additions on the south end (later demolished). John Himmen, who was in the tobacco "sweating" (curing) business, occupied the building at that time.

In 1912 Andrew H. Hershey had his leaf tobacco warehouse in the easterly portion; no name is shown on the westerly portion. Hershey was still occupying the building in 1919-20, according to the city directory. In 1931 Jacob Bowman, tobacco leaf broker and importer, was the occupant; Bowman earlier had his business in a tobacco warehouse on East Grant Street (see National Register nomination, Bowman, Jacob, Tobacco Warehouse, submitted 1990). The building was still being used as a tobacco warehouse into the 1940s and beyond, most recently by Owens Tobacco Co.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Insurance Maps of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Sanborn-Ferris Map Co., 1886: 7; 1897: 50; 1912: 37; 1912 (updated to 1947): 37, microfilm, Reel No. 282, at the Historical Society of Lancaster County, Lancaster, PA.

Lancaster City Directories for 1919-1920, 1930-1931.

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

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 18 389160 4433230
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

See Lancaster City Tax Assessment Book, District No. 33, Ward No. 6, Map No. 12K13C, Block No. 4, Lot No. 19, 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

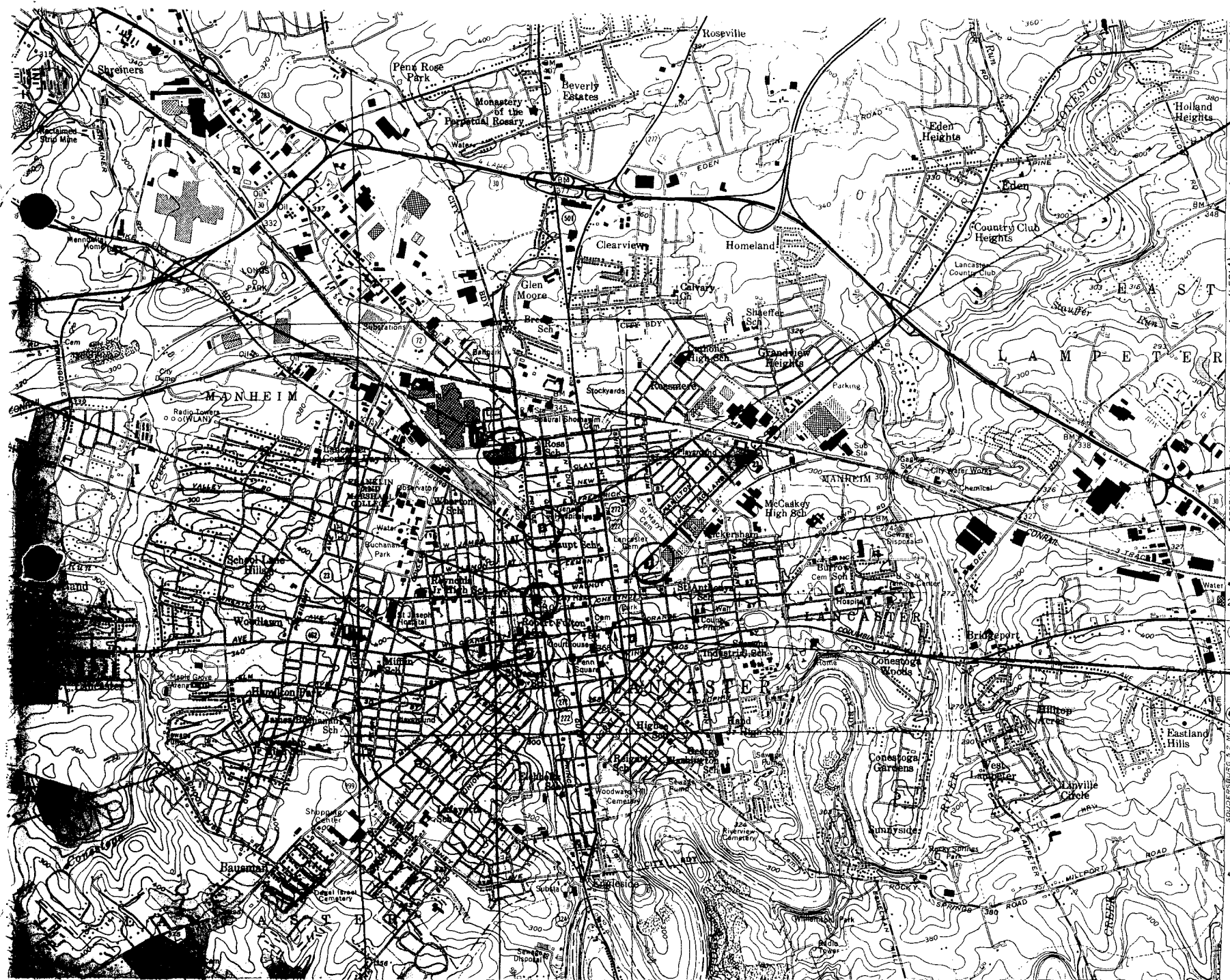
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 Tobacco Warehouse
 Lancaster Co.
 Lancaster Quad
 Zone 18
 E 389350
 N 4433500

Basch & Fisher
 Tobacco Warehouse
 Lancaster Co.
 Lancaster Quad
 Zone 18
 E 389400
 N 4433230

Bowman, Jacob
 Tobacco Warehouse
 Lancaster Co.
 Lancaster Quad
 Zone 18
 E 389030
 N 4432790

NEW HOLLAND BRIDGE
 566-17-5W
 (LEOLA)
 566-17-5W
 GREENLAND
 4 MI
 PHILADELPHIA (CIVIC CENTER) 61 MI
 SMOKE TOWN 2.5 MI
 INTERCOURSE 7.6 MI
 2130'
 40
 433
 436
 431