

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 18). 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 McGovern, Edward, Tobacco Warehouse
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 302-304 North Plum Street not for publication N/A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	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 _____ Date _____

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)

Commerce/trade/warehouse**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: tobacco warehouse

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Brickroof Slate

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Edward McGovern Tobacco Warehouse is rectangular in plan and dates from c. 1880. The six bay by three bay, two-and-one-half story brick building is set on sloping ground at the northwest corner of North Plum and East Walnut Streets. The moderately-pitched, side-gabled roof is covered with slate; the roof line is accented by brick corbelled cornices. The south elevation (facade) has four gabled dormers with side walls and six-over-six windows. The walls of the building, above a high basement, have recessed bays on the first and second stories; the bays are separated by pilasters-like strips of brickwork. Window openings are brick segmental arches with rectangular six-over-six windows set in wooden sash with wooden sills. A one-story brick heater room and smokestack were added to the northeast corner of the building, c. 1910. A one-story brick addition was made to the west elevation, c. 1939, containing tobacco dryers; this addition extends perpendicular to the building in a northerly direction. The area is comprised of light industry and rowhouses. The building has very good integrity.

The south elevation faces East Walnut Street and has six bays separated by pilasters; the basement level has board-covered windows and a cellar hatch at the fifth bay. The first story has a paneled door at the first bay, round-arch board-covered loading doors at the third and fourth bays, and an office entrance door at the sixth bay with an aluminum storm door and hood; the entrance is approached by a cast-iron stairway set parallel to the building. The east elevation, now stucco-covered, has three bays facing North Plum Street having grade-level windows in each bay on the high basement and on the first story only. The north elevation is two stories in height and has six bays, similarly separated by pilasters as the south elevation. The first story of the north elevation has enlarged openings at the second and

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fourth bays which are used as loading docks; the sixth bay is partially obscured by the tobacco dryer addition.

The south elevation of the warehouse is extended to the west for approximately twenty-four feet by a brick sloping wall twenty-feet high, the rear wall of the brick tobacco dryers addition, c. 1939. The western elevation of the addition descends along a common unnamed alley with the slope of the ground, in a northerly direction for an estimated eighty feet, thus extending approximately fifty feet beyond the north elevation of the building to the lot line. The western face of this addition is covered with sheet metal, except at the extreme north end where the brick underneath and part of a stone foundation are visible. The north elevation of the addition is partly obstructed where it meets a stone wall at the lot line. The interior is comprised of a row of rooms, each with a vaulted brick ceiling and heating and humidity controls. Along the western elevation is an interior passage.

At the northeast corner of the building there is a c. 1910 one-story one-bay-wide brick boiler room/heater structure with a smokestack. Its eastern elevation is stucco-covered.

The integrity of the building is very good, with the exception of the stucco covering of the east elevation. The building has retained most of its original openings, sash, roof, wall construction. Changes generally are in the rear with the enlarged loading dock openings.

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

1880

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 Edward McGovern 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 and is a good example of the side-gabled late-nineteenth-century version of this property type.

In 1886 this brick building at the northwest corner of North Plum and East Walnut Streets was the tobacco warehouse of Edward McGovern, according to the Sanborn map of that year. It was two stories in height. In 1888-90 it was likely the tobacco warehouse of L. Lachenbruch & Bro., listed in the city directories at this intersection (no street number is given; McGovern was not then listed as a leaf tobacco dealer).

On the 1897 Sanborn map (updated to 1904) this was the Arenot & Fricant Leaf Tobacco Warehouse, then two-and-one-half stories in height (presumably the dormers had been added); the building was closed. In 1912 it was Charles S. Brenneman's Leaf Tobacco Warehouse. The small one-story heater structure had been added at the northeast corner. Brenneman continued to occupy the building at least to 1920. In the 1930s the building was used for general storage until 1939 when it was first occupied as the leaf tobacco warehouse of Ben E. Mann (Domestic Tobacco Co). The tobacco dryers addition, which did not appear on the 1912 Sanborn map, was probably made at that time.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Insurance Maps of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Sanborn-Ferris Map Co., 1886: 8; 1897 (updated to 1904): 50; 1912: 37; 1912 (updated to 1947): 37. 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, 1888-90, 1916, 1920, 1933-40 (the address is sometimes shown as 347-349 E. Walnut St).

Telephone conversation, Mr. Helmar Gueldner and Gloria O. Becker, Jan. 18, 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

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A

1	8	3	8	9	2	1	0	4	4	3	3	1	1	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing							

C

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B

Zone				Easting				Northing							

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

See Lancaster City Tax Assessment Book No. 33, Ward No. 6, Map No. 12K13C, Block No. 4, Lot No. 39, 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.

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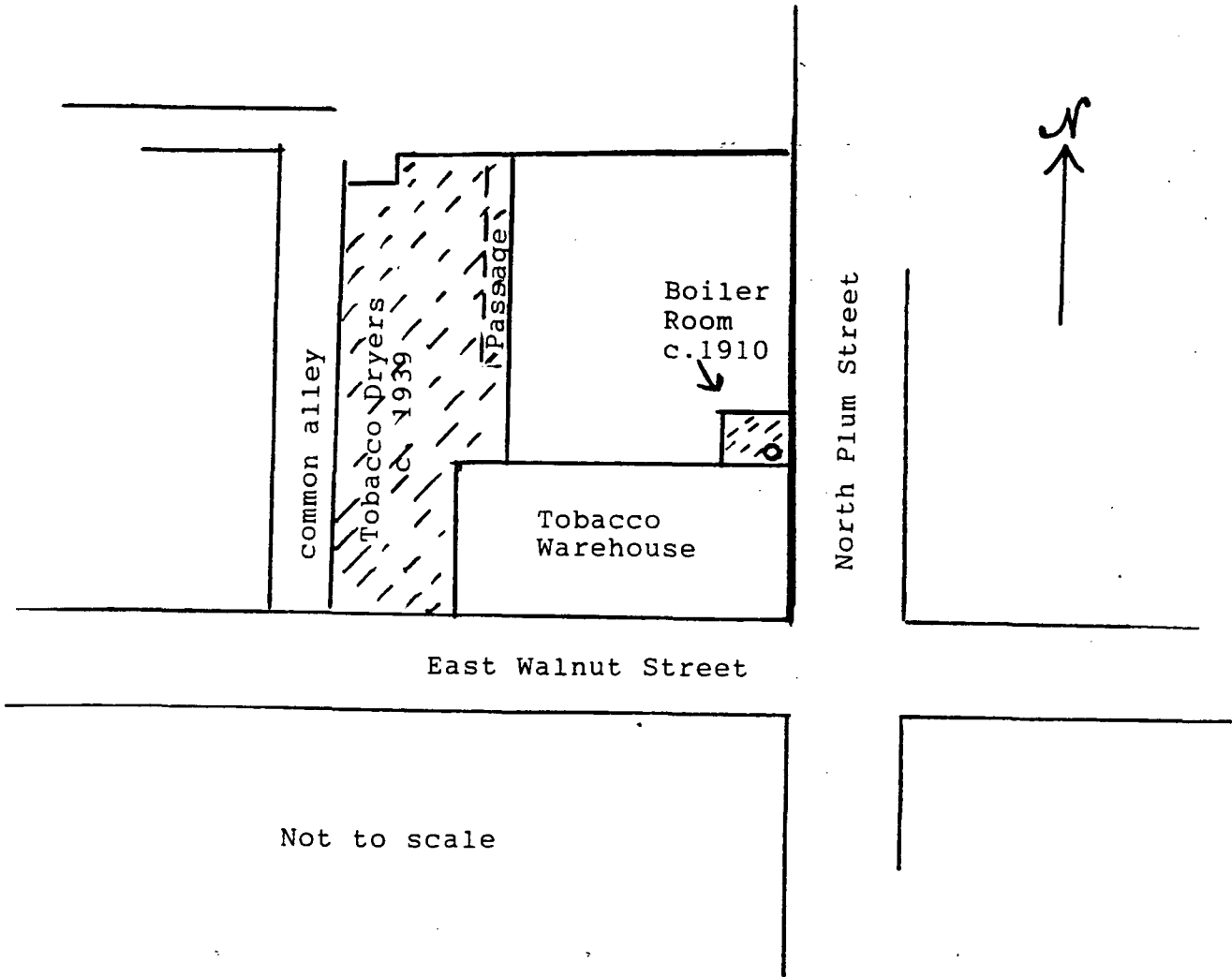
11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Lancaster state PA zip code 17603



Not to scale

McGovern, Edward, Tobacco Warehouse
302-304 North Plum Street
Lancaster County



Sherman, L.G.,
 Tobacco Warehouse
 Lancaster Co.
 Lancaster Quad
 Zone 18
 E 389650
 N 4432930

McGovern, Edward,
 Tobacco Warehouse
 Lancaster Co.
 Lancaster Quad
 Zone 18
 E 389210
 N 4433180

GREENLAND 1.6 MI
 PHILADELPHIA (CIVIC CENTER) 61 MI
 (LEOLA)
 5746 17 SW
 4436
 4435
 4433
 2730'
 SMOKE TOWN 2.4 MI
 INTERCOURSE 7.1 MI
 SAULTS 2.8 MI
 COATESVILLE 21 MI
 4431
 4430