

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 Frey, Jacob L., Tobacco Warehouse  
other names/site number N/A

### 2. Location

street & number 210 West Grant Street  not for publication N/A  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>
_____	_____
_____	_____
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

buildings  
sites  
structures  
objects  
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/storage  
Industry/manufacturing facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/trade/business

**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 Jacob L. Frey Tobacco Warehouse has an irregular plan and dates from c. 1870. The building is of brick laid in common bond and has a stone foundation. It is two stories in height over a raised basement, gable-fronted, and is three bays wide by approximately sixty feet deep. The plan is generally rectangular, except for an indentation, now stucco-covered, at the northwest corner of approximately six feet wide by twenty feet deep. This space was the site of a since-demolished adjoining storage area or building (see Item No. 8). The moderately-pitched roof is symmetrical on the south elevation (rear), but is asymmetrical on the north elevation (facade) because the northwest slope of the roof originally extended over the adjoining building. The cornice is accented with a simple corbelling. All fenestration are surmounted by brick segmental arches. Windows are rectangular six-over-six set in wooden sash on the first story. The second story has small six-light windows, except for the north elevation which has a fixed twelve-light window. The building is on sloping ground on the south side of West Grant Street, west of North Water Street, in a commercial area. Originally, the building was in the rear of Frey's lot which fronted on West King Street; West Grant was then an unnamed alley. The entrance at that time may have been at the south elevation. The building has very good integrity.

The north elevation presents a three-bay gable-ended facade to West Grant Street. The raised first story has a center entrance, originally a loading door, with a double door and five-light transom. At the entrance is a c. 1985 raised deck with lattice insets, wooden stairs, and railings. A grade-level basement entrance is to east of the stairs. Above the second story window is a star cast-iron anchor bolt. The three-bay south elevation is similar to the north, except the bays are

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symmetrically arranged and the raised doorway at the center bay is a single door with transom lights. The high basement has a door and two windows.

The east elevation is sixty feet long and has a brick chimney at the center edge of the roof. This wall shows no seams or changes in brickwork, evidence that the building was constructed in one stage. The west elevation wall which is stucco-covered at the northwest indentation, runs for approximately twenty feet to the south, projects to the west for six feet, and then continues to the south forty feet. At the corner where the stucco wall meets the brick west wall, part of a wooden beam is visible; below the beam the corner of the wall is truncated and appears to have been repaired. A modern outdoor fire escape is installed on the stucco-covered wall leading out from a second-story door.

The integrity of the building is very good. Much of the interior is intact with visible post-and-beam construction and brick walls. The original late-nineteenth-century manually-operated wooden freight elevator with original mechanism (large gears and brakes) is also intact and is still in operating condition. Except for the modern deck and outside stairs at the entrance, and interior partition walls and stairs, necessary when the building was rehabilitated as an advertising agency, most of the building's original features such as window and door openings have been retained.

**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. 1870-1916

Significant Dates

1870

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 Jacob L. Frey 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 in the third quarter of the nineteenth century in Lancaster City and is a good example of the earlier buildings associated with this property type.

The building housed the tobacco business of Frey who was a leader in the development of the cigar leaf tobacco business in Lancaster City. The warehouse was constructed c. 1870. According to the Lancaster City Directories, Jacob L. Frey had his cigar manufacturing business and later his tobacco warehouse business in this building from c. 1873 to 1910. The 1886 Sanborn and J. L. Smith maps show that at an indentation at the northwest corner of the tobacco warehouse was an adjoining storage structure of about six feet wide, which connected westward to another building (factory or stable) of twenty-foot wide, both approximately twenty feet deep. These adjoining structures predated the tobacco warehouse which was built abutting the storage area, resulting in the unusual configuration at the northwest corner of the warehouse. By 1897 the larger building was demolished and a carriage house was in its place (later this and the storage structure were demolished).

Jacob L. Frey, born in Lancaster City in 1825, was a dealer in tobacco and cigar manufacturer. According to the History of Lancaster County, 1883, Frey was the first to sell Lancaster-grown tobacco in another market. In 1846 he took four cases to

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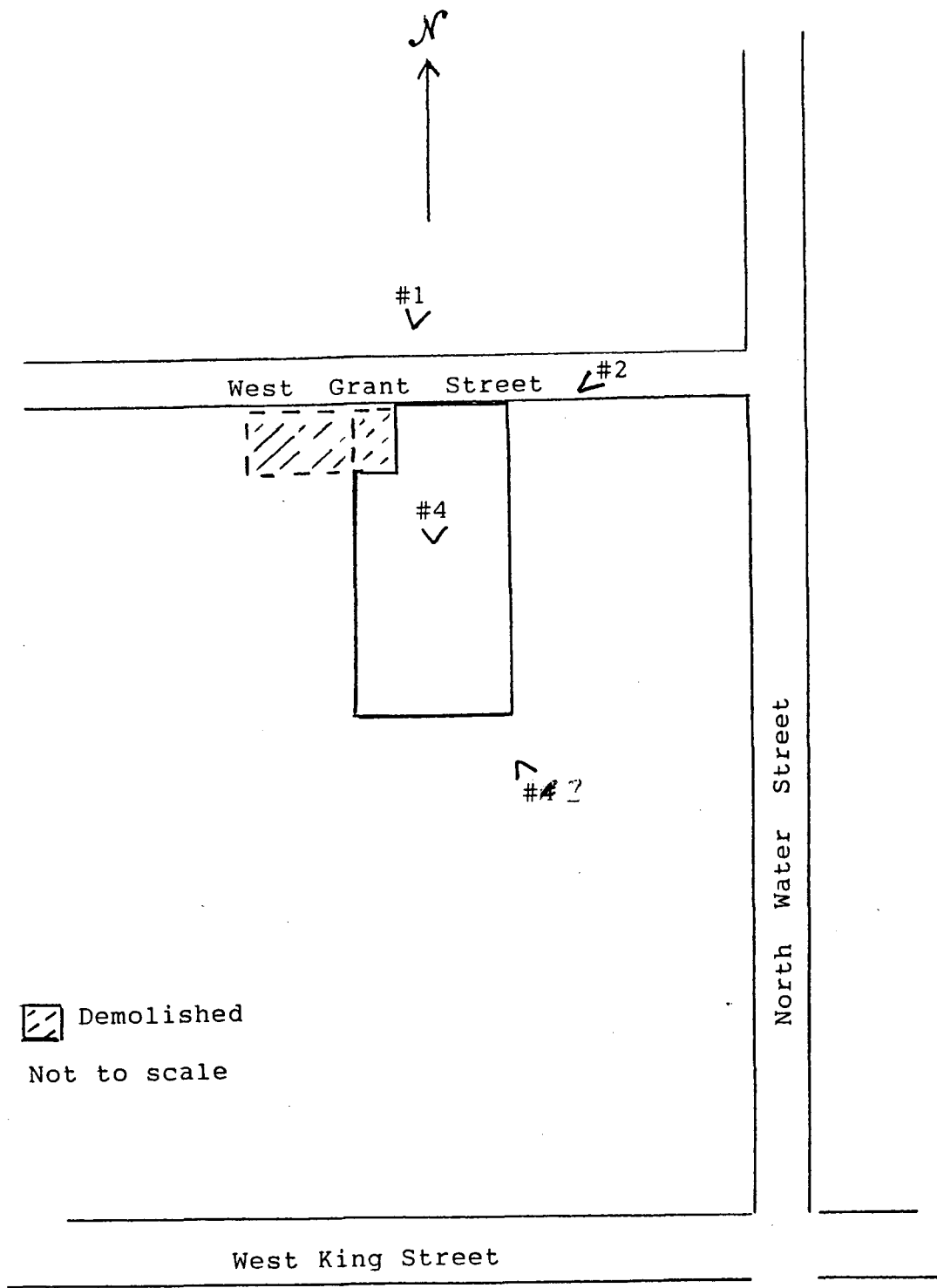
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New York for sale. During the 1840s he worked in New York in another type of business, but spent much time there selling Lancaster-grown tobacco.

Frey returned to Lancaster in 1855 and began to manufacture cigars. Frey's business, which also included dealing in leaf tobacco, was then at 56 West King Street. The business eventually prospered, and in 1874 his son-in-law, John L. Weidner (or Weidler), became his partner. The company moved the tobacco works to 210 West Grant Street, directly behind Frey's home and office at 213-215 West King. The 1877-8 city directory lists Frey & Weidler, leaf tobacco dealers, at 213 West King Street rear. In 1890 only Frey's name and the office address was listed.

Frey & Weidler, leaf tobacco dealers, were in business until c. 1910. In 1912 the building was the leaf tobacco warehouse of M. Levy; in 1916 it was occupied by the leaf tobacco firm of John W. Dorsheimer. Later, it was used for furniture storage and other businesses. Presently, the building houses an advertising agency.





 Demolished

Not to scale

Frey, Jacob L., Tobacco Warehouse  
210 West Grant Street  
Lancaster County

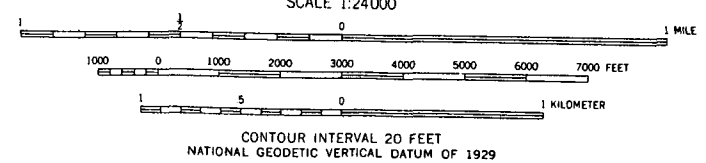
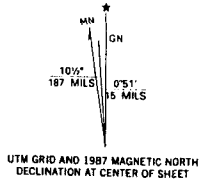


Frey Jacob L.  
Tobacco Warehouse  
Lancaster Co.  
Lancaster Quad.  
Zone 18  
E 387260 N 4432590

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