

8 North Warren Street
(Commercial Building)
Trenton
Mercer County
New Jersey

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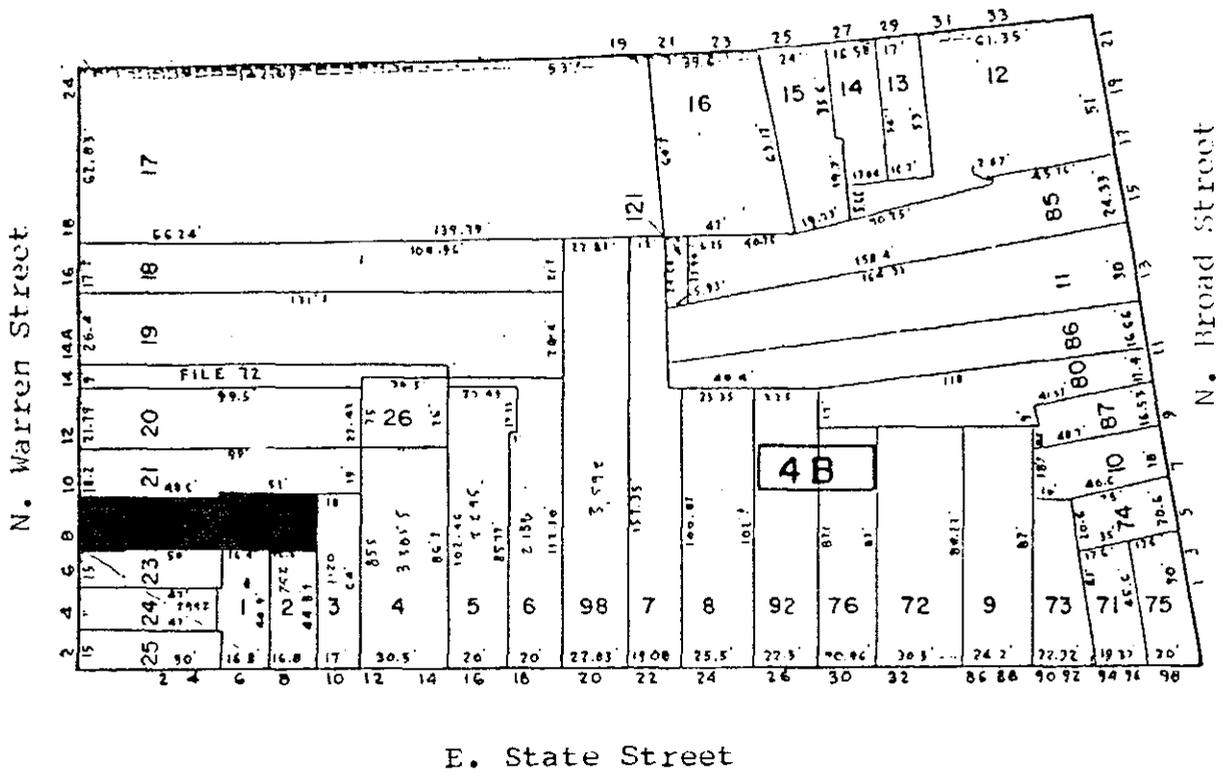
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey		COUNTY Mercer	TOWN OR VICINITY Trenton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 8 North Warren Street (Commercial Building)			HABS NO. NJ-955
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE McPherson Building			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 8 North Warren Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1870 (Mercer County deeds and Trenton directory information).		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Constructed for Joseph McPherson, a harnessmaker who ran a shop here; taken over in 1890 by his grandson Joseph M. Middleton. Middleton continued a harness and leather goods store here until 1924. From about 1886 to 1908, George W. MacPherson (relationship if any with Joseph unknown) had his law office on the upper floor. He was speaker of the New Jersey Assembly in 1897, and holder of several political posts in Trenton.			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stuccoed brick facing on a load-bearing building.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, approximately 18' x 81'.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Center windows on 2nd and 3rd floors infilled. Others appear altered, due to keystone above, ghost of arch and change in proportion of window openings. Sash have been replaced.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Most of the interiors are finished with plywood, sheetrock and asphalt tile. Pressed metal ceiling survives on ground floor. Colonial Revival details include pressed metal stair wainscot, tongue and dart moldings and two slender, fluted columns in third floor apartment.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES New fire escape, new storefront, facade and interior alterations, 1935-46 (Trenton Tax Assessment records). Storefront windows altered ca. 1980 including bricked-in center windows and stucco application.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition. Commercial and apartment use until demolition in September 1987.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building housed a bar on the first floor and residential apartments on the upper floors from 1944 to 1986, when it was condemned by the City of Trenton. It was demolished in 1987 to make way for new commercial construction by DKM Properties Corp.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Directory of Trenton, New Jersey. Trenton, N.J. [title and publisher varies], 1867-1969. Who's Who in Trenton. Trenton, N.J.: Harry B. Salter, 1908. Insurance Map of Trenton, N.J. New York: Sanborn Map Co. 1890 & 1908.			
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Site Plan

E. Hanover Street



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Floor Plan

