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Northampton (48) BETHLEHEM

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TANNERY (PA-1143)

STRUCTURE

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On E bank of Monocacy Creek, SW of Ohio Rd., in Eighteenth Century Moravian Industrial Area. Museum. Coursed rubble, 66'-5" (five-day front) x 36'-4", three-and-a-half stories, gable roof with kick at eave line, brick segmental arches over openings. Built 1761 to replace 1743 frame tannery; most openings altered (restored); N elevation and part of

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E elevation stuccoed (removed); roof tiles replaced with asphalt shingles (tiles replaced); clapboards added on S gable end (removed); interior altered with only third floor remaining largely original (restored): restored 1968-71. Tanning was one of the first and largest industries in colonial Bethlehem; 1870s tanning operations ceased and building used as tenement then laundry until vacated in 1962. 16 sheets (1968, before restoration but original elements are noted, including site plans, plans, elevations, sections, framing details); 7 ext. photos (1969

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before restoration), 18 int. photos (1969, before restoration). See Eighteenth Century Moravian Industrial Area (PA- 1143). NR (also located in Bethlehem Historic District).

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