

107 North George Street (Commercial Building)
York
York County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 107 North George Street, York, York County,
Pennsylvania.

USGS York Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator
Coordinates: 18.352510.4425100.

Present Owner: Dispatch Publishing Company.

Present Occupant: Vacant; to be demolished 1979.

Significance: This nineteenth century commercial and residential
building is an integral part of the historic
streetscape of North George Street.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. History of the Structure:

The first known use of this lot was as a lumber yard. The first structure on the lot was built in ca. 1860 and was used as a residence. In the 1895 deed the structure is described as a "brick dwelling". John Weakley, who bought the property that year, opened a drug store on the first floor. In ca. 1921, the building was converted for use as a store and office on the first floor and apartments above. This arrangement was continued until the structure was vacated in the 1970s.

The following is an incomplete chain of title to the land on which the structure stands, compiled from Legal Records, Deeds, in the York County Court House. Dates following individual names refer to the year of purchase.

Christian Wampler (1749)

George Ernest Meyer (1773)

James Love (1791)

Andrew Cremer (1798) (lumber yard)

William Jones (1841)

John Vandersloot (1856)

Alexander Fry (1865)

Emma Eisenhart (1882)

John Weakley (1895) (brick house)

Abraham Singerman (1921)

Jonas H. Menges (1930)

York Trust Co. (1930)

Clarence Green (1943)

James Notopoulos (1944?)

Paul & Marian Runkle (1949)

Geneco (Gene L. Cohen) (1969)

Ed Sax (1971)

Dispatch Publishing Co. (1977)

B. Bibliography:

Turner, Robert P. (ed) Lewis Miller Sketches and Chronicles.
York, Pennsylvania: York County Historical Society, 1966.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

This two-and-one-half story rectangular brick structure measures 23' x 60'. It has a wooden frame and limestone foundations. There is a mansard roof covered with slate. The two dormers have Eastlakeian decoration and contain a single double-hung sash window each. The second story has three bays, one of which is a projecting wooden bay window. The first floor store front is of anodized metal and glass. The first floor contains a store in front and two rooms in the rear. The second floor has an L-plan with a hall and four rooms. The third floor contains two rooms. On the second floor, there are several original ovalo casings and eight-panel doors.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the city of York, Pennsylvania in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as a mitigative effort in the project to demolish four structures in the York Historic District. John A. Burns, AIA, was the HABS project coordinator. Photographs were taken by John R. Schein, Jr. The records were edited and prepared for transmittal by Emily J. Harris, an architectural historian in the HABS office in October 1979.