

820 Twelfth Street (Commercial Building)
Altoona
Blair County
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Location: 820 Twelfth Street, Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania
USGS Quad: Altoona, Pennsylvania (1:24000)
UTM: 17 E.720320 N.4487810

Date of Construction: ca. 1892

Builder: unknown

Present Owner: Scott Lovell

Present Use: Printing office and apartments

Significance: Adjacent to the Pennsylvania Railroad Altoona Works, the largest railroad-owned construction shops in the country, this building provided many services for the railroad builders and engineers who lived and worked in the area. Uses in the past include a school for wayward girls, meeting hall, club room, sleeping rooms, stores and a mission.

Project Information: This project was undertaken by HABS/HAER in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project as part of an architectural survey covering a nine-county region in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Randall Cooley, Director. See HAER No. PA-108, Pennsylvania Railroad, Altoona Works, Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania for further project information and documentation.

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