

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
 OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026  
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization  
 Armstrong County Department of  
 Economic and Community Development

8. property owners name and address

David E. Retter  
 170 Grant Avenue  
 Vandergrift, PA 15690

9. tax parcel number / other number  
 8F-180  
 2 MI-445/002-00519

10. U.T.M. zone  easting   
 northing

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

usgs sheet:

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building (X) in N.R. district yes ( ) no (X)

13. date(s) (how determined)

14. period  
 1880-1899

15. style, design or folk type  
 Vernacular  
 Commercial

19. original use  
 Commercial

20. present use  
 Commercial

16. architect or engineer

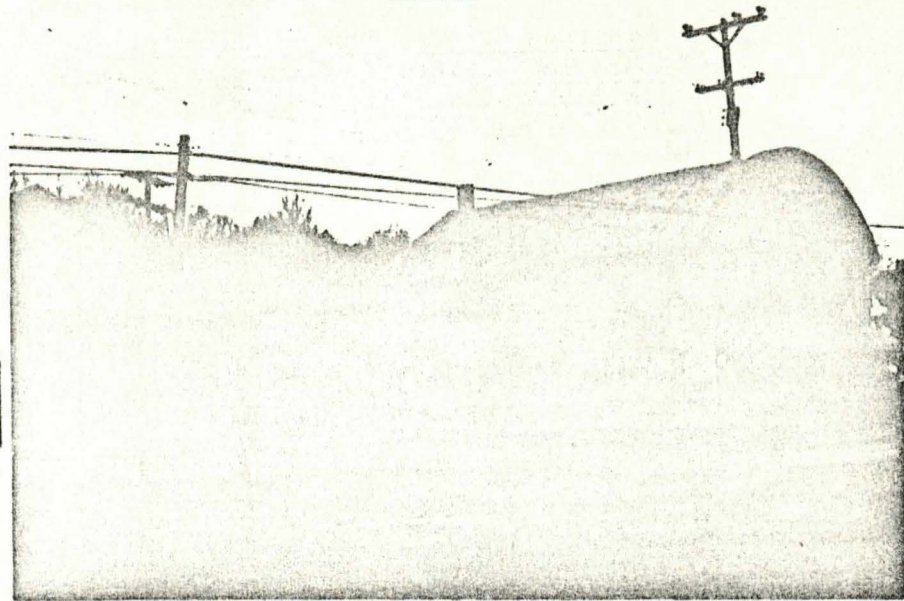
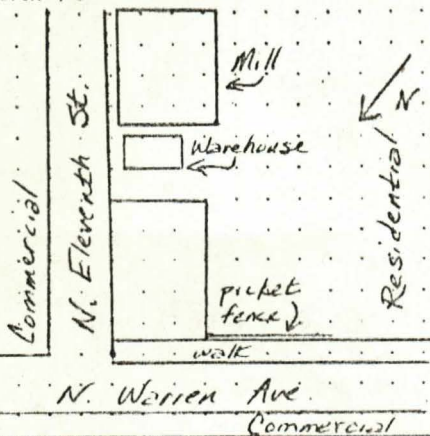
17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construction  
 Wood

21. condition  
 Average

22. integrity  
 Average

23. site plan with north arrow



24. photo notation

Wallace Lumber Co. Apollo, PA  
 L. Allen 12/5/80  
 PIMCOHP SSE View  
 Roll 5 Frame 8A

25. file/location

402 E. Market St., Kitt. PA

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)

The Wallace Lumber Co. store is a two-story Vernacular Commercial building. Weather board covers the wood frame construction of this rectangular shaped structure. The gabled roof has a semi-circular false front with small modillions under the projecting eaves. The 5-bay facade has 1/1 sash windows and 2 entranceways. One door is centrally located on the second story and the store entrance is recessed between the first-story windows. Wood panels and bulls-eye blocks decorate the display window supports. A majority of the side windows are original 1/1 sash windows. A striped metal awning over the storefront was later added, a second floor balcony may have been removed.

Several wood frame buildings located behind the store are vacant or used for warehouse space, These associated buildings are currently in a dilapidated condition and are threatened by demolition. The property is in an I-1, Light Industrial Area surrounded by commercial and residential uses.

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27. history, significance and/or background The Wallace Lumber Co. property contains several historically significant structures. The building facing N. Warren Avenue is presently the lumber company's retail store. A specific construction date was unavailable although the building appears on Fowler's panoramic map of Apollo published in 1896. According to Beers History, published in 1914, the Wallace Lumber Co. planing mills were "of greater capacity than any other in this part of the County and do a business of considerable extent in this and Westmoreland Counties." (over)

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28. sources of information

Armstrong County Tax and Assessment Offices  
 Preliminary Research Report for the Armstrong County, PA  
 Historic Sites Survey 1980-81, ACDECD (over)

29. prepared by:

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30. date  
 8/26/80

revision(s)  
 12/10/80

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1. County  
 Armstrong  
 5. present name  
 Wallace Lumber Company

2. municipality  
 Apollo Borough  
 6. other name (historic name if any)

3. street address or site location  
 1007 North Warren Avenue

4. survey code  
 005-02-016



28. Sources of Information (Cont.)

Interview with local citizens.

Borough of Apollo, PA, Zoning Ordinance, 1963.

Henry, T. J. 1816-1916 History of Apollo, Pennsylvania. Apollo, PA:  
The News-Record Publishing Co., 1966.

Fowler, T. M. Map of Apollo, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania 1896. Morrisville, PA:  
T. M. Fowler and James B. Moyer, 1896.

Beers, J. H. Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, Her People, Past, and Present,  
Embracing a History of the County and a Genealogical and  
Biographical Record of Representative Families. 2 Vols.  
Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1914.

27. History, Significance and/or background (Cont.)

This Vernacular Commercial structure could be restored. The large frame building located behind the store was originally the Superior Rolling Mills. It was built by W. H. Carnahan from Cochran's Mills, Burrell Township. This building also appears on Fowler's panoramic map published in 1896.

The Henry history, compiled in 1916, reports that the mill equipment has been removed from this structure and ownership had been transferred to the Wallace Planing Mill Company. Several other wood structures located at the rear of the lot also appear on the Fowler map. The map notation indicates these served as a planing mill and lumber yard owned by Cochrane and McMullen. All of these associated buildings are in a state of decay and threatened by demolition and development.

EVALUATION

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