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Crispus Attucks Community Center

407 Howard Avenue

PO Box 894

Lancaster, PA 17608-0894

March 11, 2015

Hon. J. Richard Gray
Mayor, City of Lancaster
120 North Duke Street
P.O. Box 1599
Lancaster, PA 17608

Subject: Demolition of historic buildings, 811 North Prince Street & Site Redevelopment-
Former Site of African American Enclave-Feagleyville; need for site history interpretation

Dear Mayor Gray:

A representative of our Society, Mr. Tim Niesen, attended the meeting of the Lancaster City Heritage Commission on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 and spoke about the proposed demolition of the historic buildings at the subject address, and the desire for an archeological dig, if and when construction would occur there.

Our Society is concerned about the effects this project will have on potential physical remains that might be found below ground of a predominantly African American neighborhood enclave at that location known as Feagleyville. This enclave occupied that site through the first quarter of the 20th century. The origins of this neighborhood date to the years immediately following the Civil War period. This may have been one of the oldest neighborhoods of predominantly African Americans in the City. Please see the attached maps and photos.

Central to our interest is the retention and preservation of any archeological record of the African American church buildings that once existed there at two locations that were proximate to each other. With the attached maps, photos and other research materials, we can assist City staff or representatives of any contracting firms identify the exact locations of those church buildings. However, rather than conducting a phase one or phase two dig at these locations, it might be prudent to discuss the possibility of having an observer on site in the event future excavation unearths artifacts from the Feagleyville period.

More important, however, is our interest in discussing the design and installation of an interpretive display somewhere on the site or in a building that might be constructed there, with representatives of the City and any future development firms. Members of our Society have been researching this community for a number of years and more information is becoming available. It is imperative that this historical information be appropriately shared on site.

Will you please let us know if it is possible to place conditions regarding these matters on any City plan or permit approvals? Please contact me at the above address to begin discussion of this matter. You may also call me on 717-330-8909, or by e-mail at quamony@aol.com.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Darlene Colon
Chairperson, AAHSSCPA

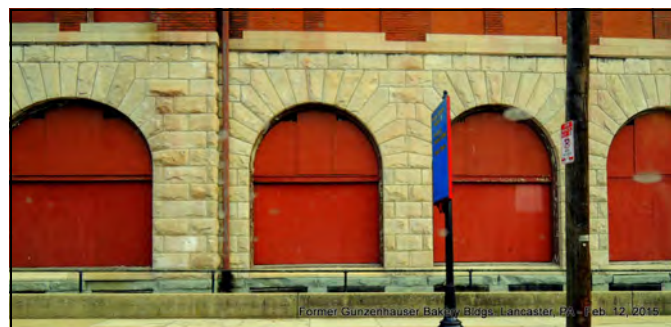
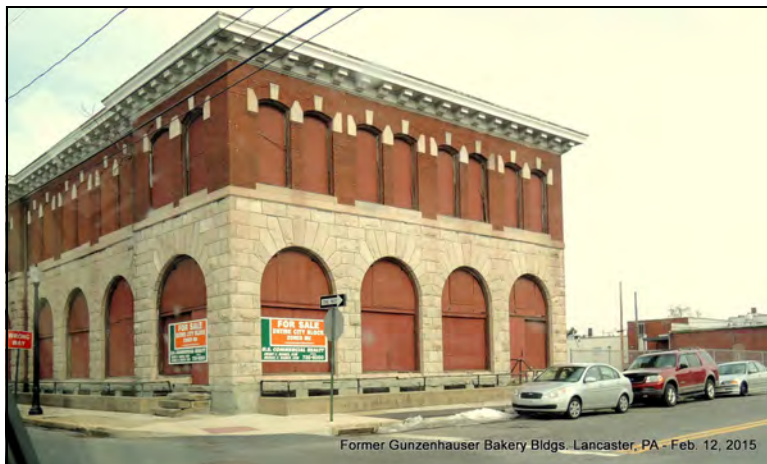
Attachments

Cc: John Graupera, President, Lancaster City Council
Patricia Collier, Chair, Lancaster Historical Commission



**Site of former Gunzenhauser Bakery 811 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA
& African American Enclave of Feagleyville, on the block bounded by
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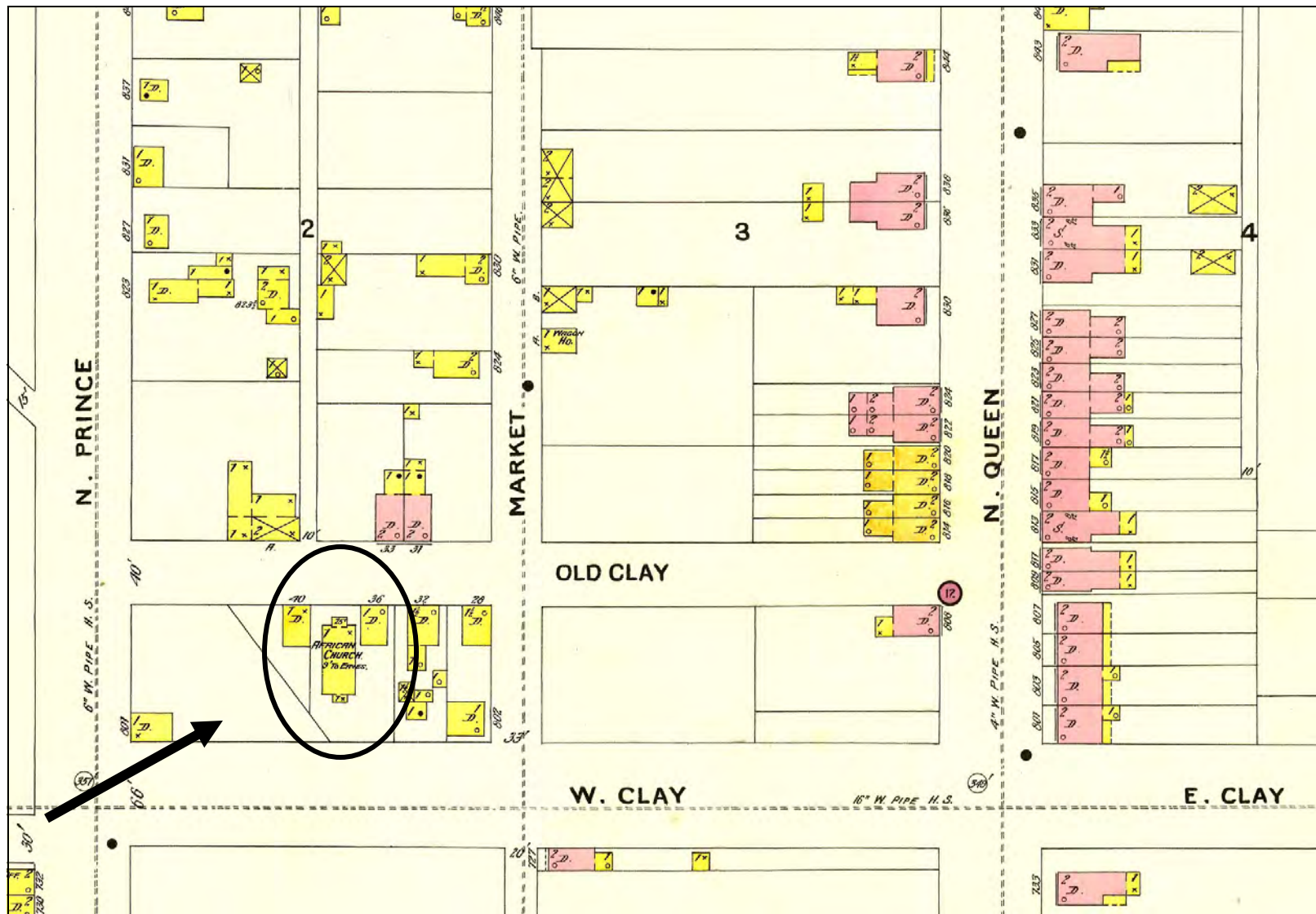
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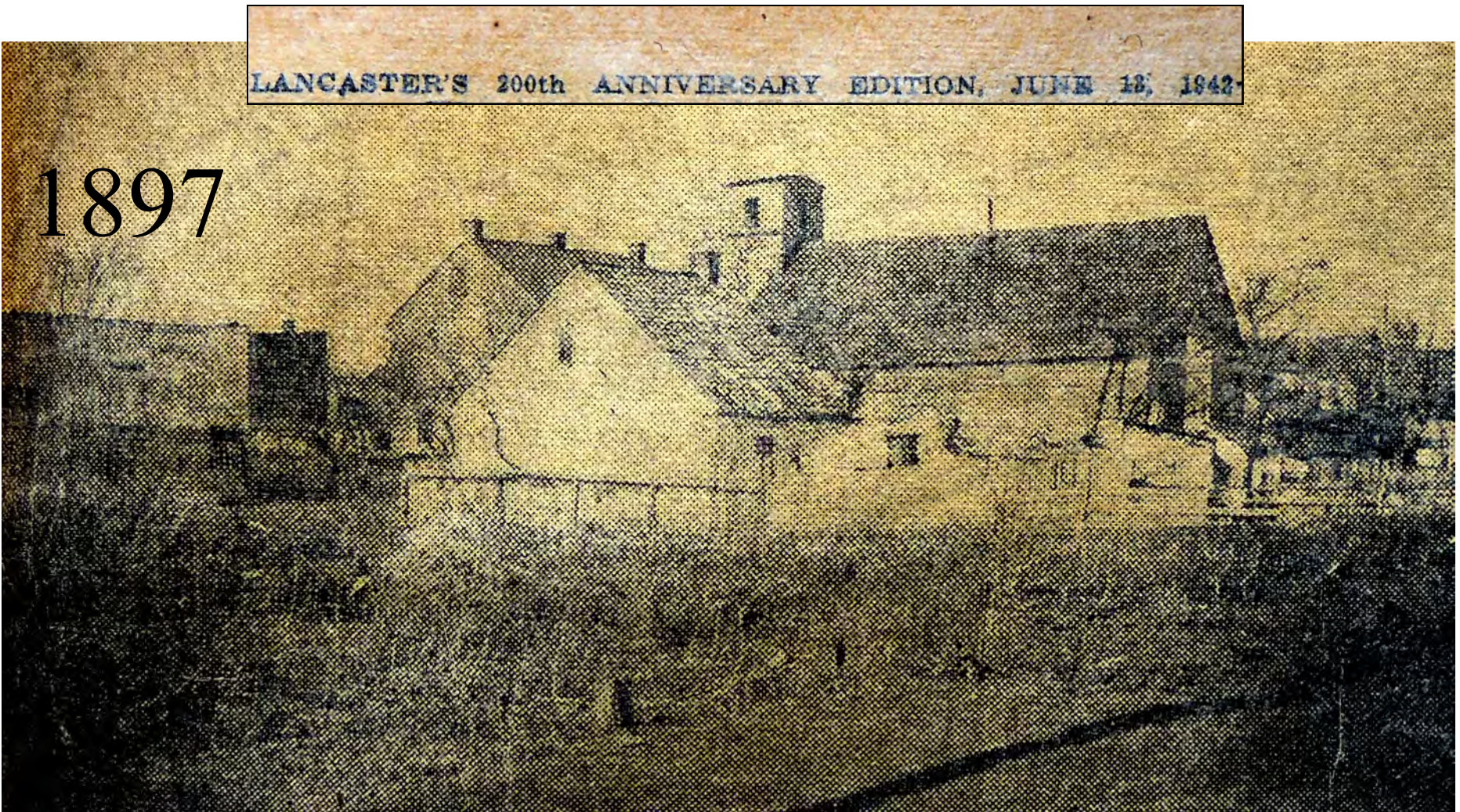
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 Camera Angle for 1897 newspaper photo**

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LANCASTER'S 200th ANNIVERSARY EDITION, JUNE 13, 1942

1897



“MANUFACTURING DISTRICT-Yes, that's what it is today. Some of the City's largest Industries are concentrated in the area of N. Prince St. where this photo was taken in 1897. But in those days it was known as "Feagleyville." Behind the old log house in foreground is Negro church. (Entered by John Sachs, 228 N.James St.)”

CAPTION FROM JUNE 13, 1942 EDITION OF THE LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER-JOURNAL

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CHURCHES.

African Methodist Episcopal—Corner East Strawberry and East Andrew streets. Rev. William W. Grimes, pastor.

Antioch Mission Chapel—West Clay street, near North Prince.

Baptist—East Chestnut street, near Lime; stated service every Sunday, morning and evening. Pulpit vacant.

Ferris Bros. Lancaster Directory 1884-Page 38

CHURCHES. Williams 1890 Directory-Page 26

African Methodist Episcopal—Corner of East Strawberry and Andrew streets. Rev. S. D. W. Smith, pastor.

Antioch Mission Chapel—West Clay street, near North Prince. Rev. Fenton Harris, pastor.

Baptist Brethren—North Mulberry street, corner West Grant; regular service every Sunday evening.

Chizak Amuno Synagogue—Locust Alley, near Rockland. S. Fogel, reader.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran—West King street, between Mulberry and Charlotte; service every Sunday, morning and evening.

CHURCHES. Polk's Directory 1903-Pg.25

AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church—38-40 W Clay. Rev. Joseph Baker, Pastor. Services, Sunday, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7 P. M.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church—E Strawberry s w cor Andrew. Rev. Preston F. Gaines, Pastor. Services, Sunday, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, 2:00 P. M. Class meeting, Thursday, 8:00 P. M.

St. John's Union American M. E. Church—38-40 W Clay. Rev. Wm. Jordan, Pastor. Services, Sunday, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

BAPTIST

CHURCHES. Polk's Directory 1913

AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church—E Strawberry s w cor Andrew. Rev Rudolph H Shirley, Pastor. Services, Sunday, 10.30 A M and 7.30 P M. Sunday school, 2.00 P M. Class meeting, Thursday, 8 P M. Mrs Isaiah Waters, Organist, 514 S Christian.

St Paul's U A M E Church—37 W Clay (old). Rev George C Collins, Pastor. Services, Sunday, Class, 10.00 A M; Preaching, 11.00 A M and 7 P M; Sunday school, 2 P M; Christian Endeavor, 6 P M; Prayer, Wednesday, 8 P M.

BAPTIST.

Lancaster Directory 1923-24 - Page 26

CHURCHES

African Methodist Episcopal

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church—E Strawberry s w cor Andrew, Rev B B Fisher pastor. Services, Sunday 10:45 a m and 7:45 p m; Sunday School 2 p m; Class meeting Thursday 8 p m; Mrs Elizabeth Gray organist, 535 N Christian

St Paul's United A M E Church—Rev John H Price pastor, 37 Old Clay

Baptist

Ebenezer—420 Locust, Rev Mark Thompson pastor. Preaching Sunday 11 a m and 8 p m

African American churches -
Lancaster City Directories:
1884, 1890, 1903, 1913, 1923-24

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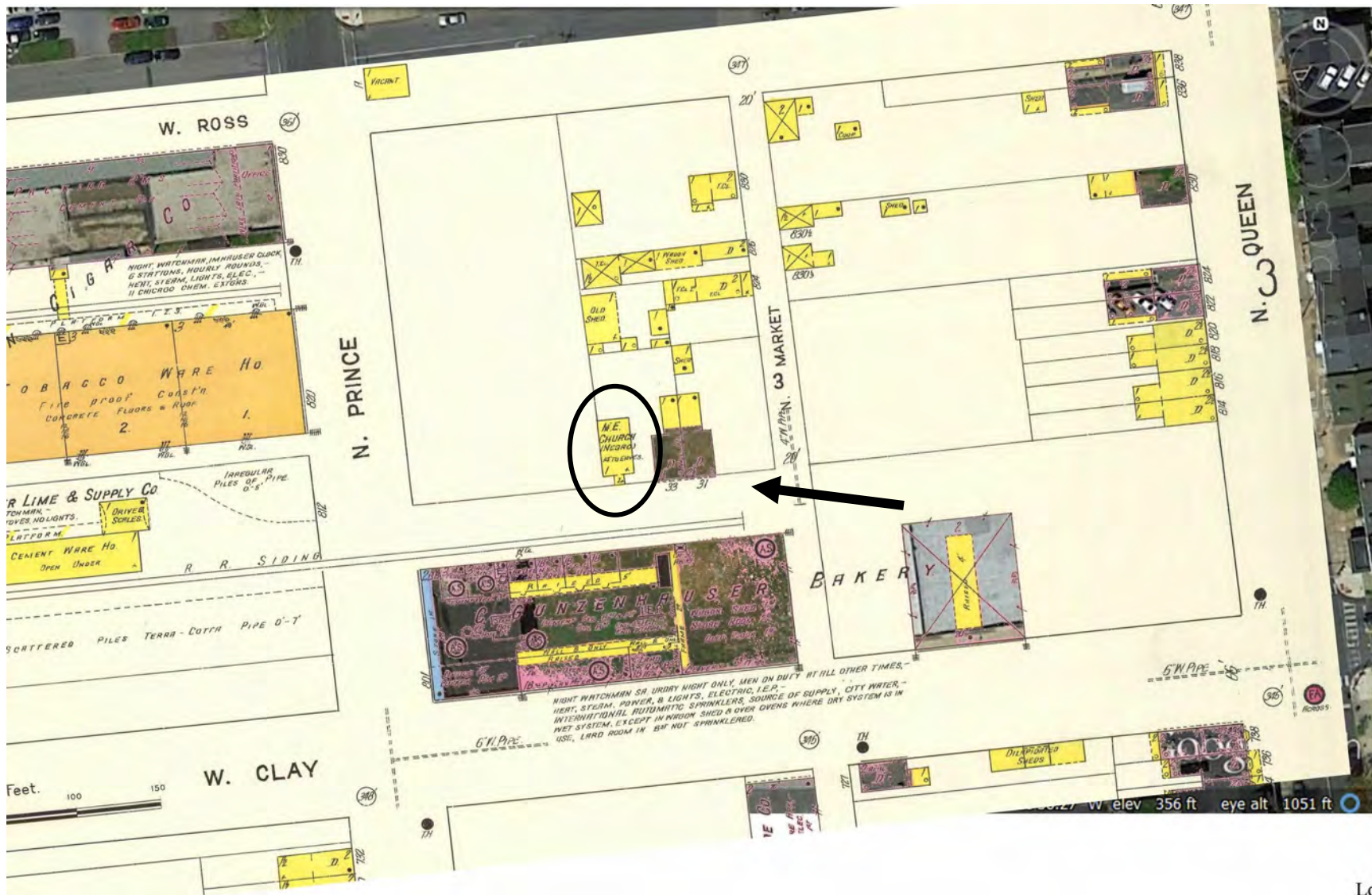
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Street Scene at Faegleyville [sic] Church, from "Lancaster Lyrics" by David Bachman Landis, Lancaster, PA, Pluck Art Printery, 1914

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Feagleyville in not mentioned in the site inventories, community history narratives or bakery Building description reproduced here from 2009, 1995 and 1980, despite a reference and photo of the old wooden church in Jack Loose's book from 19798.

GUNZENHAUSER BAKERY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

811 NORTH PRINCE STREET • (1912)

The main building for this bakery complex, located at 801 North Prince Street at the corner of West Clay Street, is characterized by massive cut-stone arches at the ground, with a brick upper story. Built in 1911 for Christian Gunzenhauser, a successful baker who owned and operated two other bakeries in Lancaster, the bakery building was designed by Philadelphia architect Charles Balderston, a former partner of Samuel Sloan.

Urban designed the two-story brick building at 811 North Prince, built after the main bakery building to serve as the administrative office. (Surviving drawings by Urban date from December 1910.) It was connected to the main bakery via a second-floor walkway. Urban also linked this building stylistically to the main structure through the use of dark pressed brick walls, a flat roof and a galvanized metal cornice with modillions. Brick pilasters divide the four-bay façade, and cut stones accent the corners of the rectangular door and window openings.



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Above page is from this 2009 book, which was researched and written by Suzanne Stallings, Historic Preservation Specialist, on staff of the City of Lancaster's Department of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization

TO BUILD STRONG AND SUBSTANTIAL:

The Career of Architect C. Emlen Urban



The City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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Final page of a list of hundreds of properties within the City of Lancaster that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Page below excerpted from:

The Historic City of Lancaster.. Lancaster, PA:

By David B. Schneider, ed., for The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County & City of Lancaster

Department of Housing and Urban Development. 1995.



28	0682.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0566
28	0683.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0500 block, SE cor. Frederick St.
28	0684.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0613
28	0685.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0620
28	0686.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0625 - 0627
28	0687.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0717
28	0688.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0723
28	0689.00	Gunzenhauser Bakery	Prince St., N 0801
28	0690.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0811
28	0691.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0830
28	0692.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0846 - 0854
28	0693.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0855 - 0857
28	0694.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0859 - 0861
28	0695.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0864 - 0866
28	0696.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0863 - 0871
28	0697.00	Residence, Not Named	Prince St., N 0873 - 0879
28	0842.00	Residence, Not Named	Ross St., N side, W of Prince St.
28	1147.00	Alsam Shoe Company	Charlotte St., N 0520
28	1149.00	John DeHaven Tobacco Warehouse	

"No heritage could be finer than for a city to undertake, as Lancaster is now doing, the preparation of a Master Plan. This plan should have as one of its purposes the preservation of as much as possible that is memorable from earlier days, and the carrying forward of new developments adapted to modern needs, but with the same high standards and ideals that prevailed in earlier days. This is the spirit of Lancaster."

A Comprehensive City Plan, Lancaster City, John Nolen, City Planner, 1929

Page excerpted from

Final Report.

COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY
OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER

Compiled and written by John J. Snyder, Jr.,
Consulting Architectural Historian-Historical Researcher,
The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County.

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Several areas of defined significance merit explanation. The many blocks of North Prince Street from West James Street to Liberty Street are designated as having secondary architectural importance, for on all these blocks are only two buildings – the present Lorillard Warehouse at North Prince Street and West James Street and the former Gunzenhauser Bakery at 812 North Prince Street – which possess great historical and architectural importance.

From
The Heritage of Lancaster
by John W.W. Loose,
(Windsor Publications,
Woodland Hills, Calif.,1978)

This wooden chapel served the black families that lived in Feagleyville, a hamlet located at West Clay and North Prince streets. The former Gunzenhauser bakery now occupies much of this site. Old Clay Street was located about 150 yards north of the present Clay Street. The Manheim Pike crossed Old Clay Street on a northwest-southeast diagonal behind the chapel, ending at the Queen-New streets intersection.

