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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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l. Name of Property
nistoric name: Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company
other name/site number: N/A
Location
street & number: #9 27th Street not for publication: N/A
city/town: Huntington vicinity: N/A
State:WV code:WV county:Cabell code:011 zip code:25703
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide _X locally.  (See continuation sheef for additional comments.)  **Manual Manual Ma
State or Federal agency and bureau Date

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company Cabell County, WV In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_meets \_\_\_\_does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.) Signature of Certifying Official Date State or Federal agency and bureau 4. National Park Service Certification I, hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register other (explain): Signature of the Keeper Date

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# 5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Category of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) (Check only one box)

Х private public-local public-State public-Federal X building(s) district site structure object

### NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITH PROPERTY

Contributing Noncontributing

buildings sites structures objects TOTAL

0

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING: N/A

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATION-AL REGISTER: N/A

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#### 6. Function or Use

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### HISTORIC FUNCTIONS:

Agriculture/subsistence: storage; tobacco warehouse.

Industry/Processing/Extraction: Manufacturing Facility; Tobacco

Produce

### CURRENT FUNCTIONS:

Commerce/trade: warehouse; commercial storage.

# 7. Description

#### ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION:

Late 19th and early 20th century American Movements/Commercial Style.

#### MATERIALS:

Foundation: Concrete Walls: Brick

Roof:

Membrane Rubber Roof

Other:

#### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

# 8. Statement of Significance

### APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

- X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

N/A A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

N/A B removed from its original location.

N/A C a birthplace or grave.

N/A D a cemetery.

N/A E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

N/A F a commemorative property.

N/A G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Agriculture Commerce

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1910-1925.

SIGNIFICANT DATES:

1910. 1917. 1920. 1925.

SIGNIFICANT PERSON:

N/A

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: N/A

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9.Major Bibliographical References

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company Cabell County, WV

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

N/A preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR

67) has been requested.

N/A previously listed in the National Register

N/A previously determined eligible by the National Register

N/A designated a National Historic Landmark

N/A recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #

N/A recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

# Primary Location of Additional Data:

State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other

Name of Repository: Mr. Lake Polan Allied Realty P.O. Box 1700 Huntington, WV 25717

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# 10. Geographical Data

HUNTINGTON, OHIO-WV QUADRANGLE
Acreage of Property: Approximately 7.2 acres.

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
A. 17. 377150. 4254790. C. 17. 376860. 4254620.
B. 17. 377160. 4254640. D. 17. 376840. 4254720.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheets.)

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BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheets.)

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Michael Gioulis, Historic Preservation Consultant

Organization: N/A Date: February 28, 1998

Street & Number: 612 Main Street Telephone: (304) 765-5716

City or Town: Sutton State: WV ZIP:26601

#### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Submit the following items with the completed form:

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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### PROPERTY OWNER

/Complete this item of the property of GVDs are TDs

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Lewpol Company, Lake Polan, III, Partner

Street & Number: P.O. Box 1700 Telephone: (304)523-2131

City or Town: Huntington State: WV ZIP: 25717

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The Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company factory is located in Cabell County, West Virginia. It is located in the north east portion of Huntington, the county seat, on 27th Street and First Avenue. The factory is located in an industrial area which faces the Ohio River and is serviced by the C&O Railroad.

Included in this nomination is the original contributing factory building, with rear addition. Also included is the redrying building located to the rear, west, of the warehouse with its attached boiler house. It is also considered contributing.

#### FACTORY BUILDING:

The original factory is a four-story, red brick, Commercial Style warehouse building, 140' x 80'. It was constructed in 1917. The addition, added in 1920, extends from the rear of the original building and is a two-story, red brick, Commercial Style warehouse building, 210' x 80'. The building is five bays wide and sixteen bays long. The roof is flat and of reinforced concrete. The entire building is reinforced concrete construction.

On the roof, in the south east corner, is a 30,000 gallon water tank which was part of the fire safety program.

The windows are steel multilight openings. However, the majority of the openings have been covered with fiberglass. The windows have concrete lintels. The concrete structure is defined in the facades, and the brick is infill.

The factory has slight brick corbeling at the cornice line of the roof. The first floor front elevation contains an entrance door with flanking narrow windows. There is a shallow projecting concrete canopy/lintel over the door. The addition is also flat roofed with a corbeled brick cornice and cap. The windows on the rear portion of the south elevation have concrete lintels over them and concrete sills. The south elevation contains a projecting elevator bay with a belt course at the building roof line and a projecting cap at the penthouse roof. There is a shed roofed loading dock adjacent to this bay. The roof contains industrial

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brackets similar to trusses, supporting a wood structure with metal roofing. There is another loading dock with shed roof and similar detailing at the center of the original portion of the building on the south elevation. There is one pair of paneled wood doors remaining on this elevation.

The north elevation of the addition contains a loading dock running the full length of the addition. This also contains a shed roof and iron brackets. The floor is concrete. Windows on the north elevation of the addition, in the rear half, are six over six wood sash centered in the bays. The front half of the addition, north elevation, contains industrial, metal, multipane windows filling the bays.

The interior of the building is an industrial storage facility with no decorative elements or features. The finishes are original with few changes. The plan is a basic rectangle with the elevator in the center of the north side in the original building. The southeast corner contains a stair tower, and toilet and storage rooms on each floor. The addition contains an elevator shaft in the center of the south elevation with a stair tower and toilets on that wall as well.

The stairs are concrete with iron rail balustrades.

The ceiling heights are approximately 14 feet. The floors in the original section are tongue and groove wood and in the addition, concrete. The walls are concrete and brick.

There are three small monitors on the roof of the addition.

There is a modern, ca. 1980, metal warehouse addition attached to the north elevation of the front section of the original building. This runs perpendicular to the building to the north.

#### REDRYING BUILDING:

The redrying building, located to the rear of the warehouse, was constructed in 1910, and actually contains two sections. The front, or east portion, is the boiler house and the rear portion

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is the redrying plant. The boiler house is a tall one story building with a gable roof and stepped parapet on the gable ends. The roof is supported by exposed trusses on the interior. The walls are jumbo size brick. The top five courses corbel to form a cornice at the roofline. The parapet is capped with clay tile caps. The windows have been filled with brick and block, but the original openings have shallow brick soldier course arches.

The redrying plant building is a long, one story, gable, industrial building. There is a raked parapet at each end with a corbeled brick cornice. Above the cornice is a short brick parapet with a terra cotta cap. Walls are brick in a five row common bond.

On the north elevation, there is a loading dock along the length of the building. It is covered with a shed roof supported on pipe posts for approximately one half of the distance. The dock is concrete on concrete block. There is a window opening centered in each bay of the long sides and five on the gable end. They have shallow arched heads with brick arches.

There is a monitor running the length of the building on the roof.

The interior consists of a post and beam structure with wood shouldered posts supporting a large timber beam. This in turn supports the roof rafters. The floor surface is concrete. The walls are painted brick. The ceiling heights are approximately 15 feet tall. The plan is an open storage facility.

The contributing buildings consist of the original factory building with rear addition, constructed in 1917, and the redrying building, constructed in 1910. Both buildings are in fair to good condition.

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The Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company is significant under Criterion A for its association with the growth and development of the tobacco industry in the state and region.

Prior to the Civil War, the southwest portion of West Virginia, along with the states of Ohio and Kentucky, were major contributors to the tobacco industry. The tobacco markets were located in Kentucky and West Virginia's products were shipped there by river boat. After the Civil War, the market went into a decline due to labor shortages and soil depletion.

By the early 1870's the tobacco industry had begun to grow again. In 1873, there were tobacco warehouses located to the south of Huntington. The West Virginia legislature passed an act in 1875 allowing for the inspection of tobacco and established warehouses in Huntington and Parkersburg. The act also created state superintendents of tobacco warehouses and an inspector for each warehouse. Dr. P.H. McCullough was the superintendent, and Charles Summerson of Guyandotte, was the inspector for the Huntington operation.

The first warehouse in Huntington was a brick building located at Third Avenue and Seventh Street. Due to low production, the warehouse was abandoned after only a year. Around 1900, the American Tobacco Company placed field buyers in several counties, including Cabell. By 1910, local sellers organized the Warehouse Land Company and bought land between 26th and 27th Street and First Avenue. This fronted the Ohio River and a stove foundry was converted to auction warehouses. The warehouses were leased to M.L. Kirkpatrick and H.E. Spilman who in turn leased them to the Huntington Tobacco Warehouse Company. Thus the only tobacco market in the state was established and continues to this day.

Prior to the establishment of the market in Huntington the closest market was located in Kentucky. Night rider troubles in Kentucky forced the buyers to scout new locations in which to operate. The present site was chosen for its access to the Ohio River and the C&O Railroad. This allowed for greater shipping possibilities and a central location for the region's tobacco

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growing states: West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

The tobacco most grown in West Virginia is "white burley". Burley is the most common tobacco grown nation wide and makes up about 35% of the typical U.S. cigarette blend. It is also used in chewing tobaccos. Production in West Virginia peaked in the early 1900's at 14 million pounds with West Virginia being the 12th largest tobacco-growing state.

Tobacco brings in the largest income for a legal cash crop. Cabell County alone produces about 800,000 pounds of burley tobacco annually with an average of 800-900 pounds per allotment. There are about 12,000 allotments in the Huntington tri-state area in tobacco production. Production is on a small scale with each farmer devoting about an acre to tobacco growing. As a cash crop it supplements the farmer's income.

Hughes, Ellis and Boyd Tobacco Warehouse Company purchased three acres on the west side of 26th Street and built warehouses in 1911. In 1912 additions were added to these warehouses. At the same time the Warehouse Land Company sold land to Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company. Liggett & Myers built a cigarette factory and storage sheds, and also established a railroad siding. The current factory building was constructed in 1917 with an addition added in 1920 to serve the expanding market.

A 1916 Chamber of Commerce booklet for Huntington lists the tobacco warehouses as having 100 employees and also lists two cigar factories. Liggett & Myers, in addition to its cigarette factory, manufactured cigars. Liggett & Myers produced "Old White" cigars. The other two cigar factories produced "Cryofine" cigars and "Cinco Cigars". "Cinco Cigars" were billed as the "Best 5 cent Cigars On Earth."

Other companies continued to grow until the market peaked around 1920 to 1925. Liggett & Myers and Hughes, Ellis and Boyd Company closed in 1920. Grayson D. Thornton operated until 1925 at which time they sold out to the Huntington Tobacco Warehouse Company owned by L. Jack Knight. In 1980 his son, Jack Knight, Jr. leased

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the market to Allied Realty Company, the current owner since 1990.

The poundage sold through the Huntington markets reflect this trend. In 1910 eight million pounds were sold; the peak year was 1918 in which nine million five hundred and fifty-seven pounds were sold at 35.47 cents per pound; in 1934, three million five hundred and fourty-seven pounds were sold at 15.6 cents per pound. Tobacco sales continued in Huntington through the 1997 market season.

The statewide market reflected this also. In 1870 twenty counties produced two million pounds of tobacco. The central part of the state which included Upshur, Lewis, Gilmer Counties, etc. stopped growing tobacco. Altogether ten counties discontinued tobacco growing mainly due to low yields. In 1906 fifteen counties produced three million pounds of tobacco. After 1906 the tobacco growing counties were centered in the southwestern portion of the state due to soil, weather, and transportation factors. These counties included Cabell, Lincoln, Mason, Putnam and Wayne, and accounted for 94% of the state's production.

Again, the production statistics illuminate this trend. For Lincoln County in 1909 there were no farms in production; in 1910 the county had 3,024 acres planted in tobacco which produced 3,000,000 pounds of tobacco. For Cabell County in 1909 there were 2,500 acres in production with a yield of 2,500,000 pounds; in 1910 there were 2,738 acres in production with a yield of 1,946,226 pounds. Putnam County had 2,000 acres in 1909 in production with a yield of two million pounds and in 1910 had 2,600 acres planted with a yield of 2,243,342 pounds. Concentrating planting in the appropriate soils and locations and agricultural innovations, such as better fertilizers, boosted production and yield in southwestern West Virginia, the market served by Huntington's facilities.

In summary, the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of the tobacco industry in Huntington and the surrounding tri-state

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundary of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company National Register nomination is shown as the dotted line on the accompanying map titled "Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, 27th Street, Huntington, West Virginia" dated November, 1997.

# BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The boundary encompasses the building and lot of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company which dates from the period of significance of the property.

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Address: #9 27th Street
City: Huntington, WV
County: Cabell County

Photographer: Michael Gioulis

Date: August 1997

Negatives: Michael Gioulis

Photo 1 of 14: Front and side elevation of original L&M

building in foreground. Camera looking northwest.

Photo 2 of 14: Front elevation of original L&M building.

Camera looking west.

Photo 3 of 14: South elevation showing original L&M building

and two story addition. Camera looking north.

Photo 4 of 14: South elevation showing original L&M building

and two story addition. Camera looking northeast.

Photo 5 of 14: North elevation.

Camera looking south.

Photo 6 of 14: Loading dock on north elevation of addition.

Camera looking south.

Photo 7 of 14: North side of complex showing redrying

building on right, boiler house in center,

and original L&M building on left.

Camera looking southeast.

Photo 8 of 14: West end of redrying building.

Camera looking southeast.

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Address:

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company

City: County:

Name:

#9 27th Street Huntington, WV Cabell County

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Michael Gioulis

Date:

August 1997

Negatives:

Michael Gioulis

Photo 9 of 14:

Photographer:

South elevation of redrying building.

Camera looking northwest.

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Interior of second floor of original

L&M building.

Camera looking west.

Photo 11 of 14:

Interior of fourth floor of original

L&M building.

Camera looking west.

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Interior of second floor of L&M

addition.

Camera looking west.

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Interior of second floor of L&M

addition.

Camera looking east.

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Interior of redrying building.

Camera looking west.













