



INITIAL BACKGROUND FORM

Site Name: LUCESCO OIL REFINERY
Other Name (if applicable): LUCESCO HOLLOW REFINERY
Site Address: LUCESCO HOLLOW
This is a(n): Historical Site Scenic Viewshed

Owner: _____
Owner Address: _____
Owner Phone Number: _____

Documents available from owner (attach any copies)*:

Year(s) built (if applicable)*: 1858
This date is based on*: INTERNET

Additions/Alterations Dates (if applicable)*: _____ ; _____
These dates are based on*: _____

This site has been used for*: VACANT NOW

This information is based on*: _____

*Does not apply to scenic viewsheds.



Give a physical description of the site:

Four horizontal lines for providing a physical description of the site.

What else have you learned about the site? (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

_____ *Cannel Oil:* Oil refined from bituminous coal which burns brightly like a candle--thus, cannel coal and cannel oil. _____

_____ *Western Pennsylvania Railroad Junction:* Also known as Kiskiminetas Junction, it is located where the Kiskiminetas River flows into the Allegheny. The refinery is about one quarter mile south of the confluence, opposite Freeport, Pennsylvania. _____

_____ The Lucesco oil refinery was an oil-manufacturing establishment making cannel coal oil, and was started in 1858 by Dr. Alter and others of Freeport. It employed a hundred and fifty men, and built thirty houses near its works, a few hundred yards south of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Junction. It was operated a few years, when the discovery of petroleum oil at Oil City by Dr. Drake caused its abandonment, as it could not compete with the newly-discovered petroleum. _____

Would you be willing to do further research on this site? (For instance, look for a deed at the County Courthouse, search for maps showing the site, etc.?)

_____ Yes _____ No

~~_____~~ 1-17-01
Name and Date (printed)

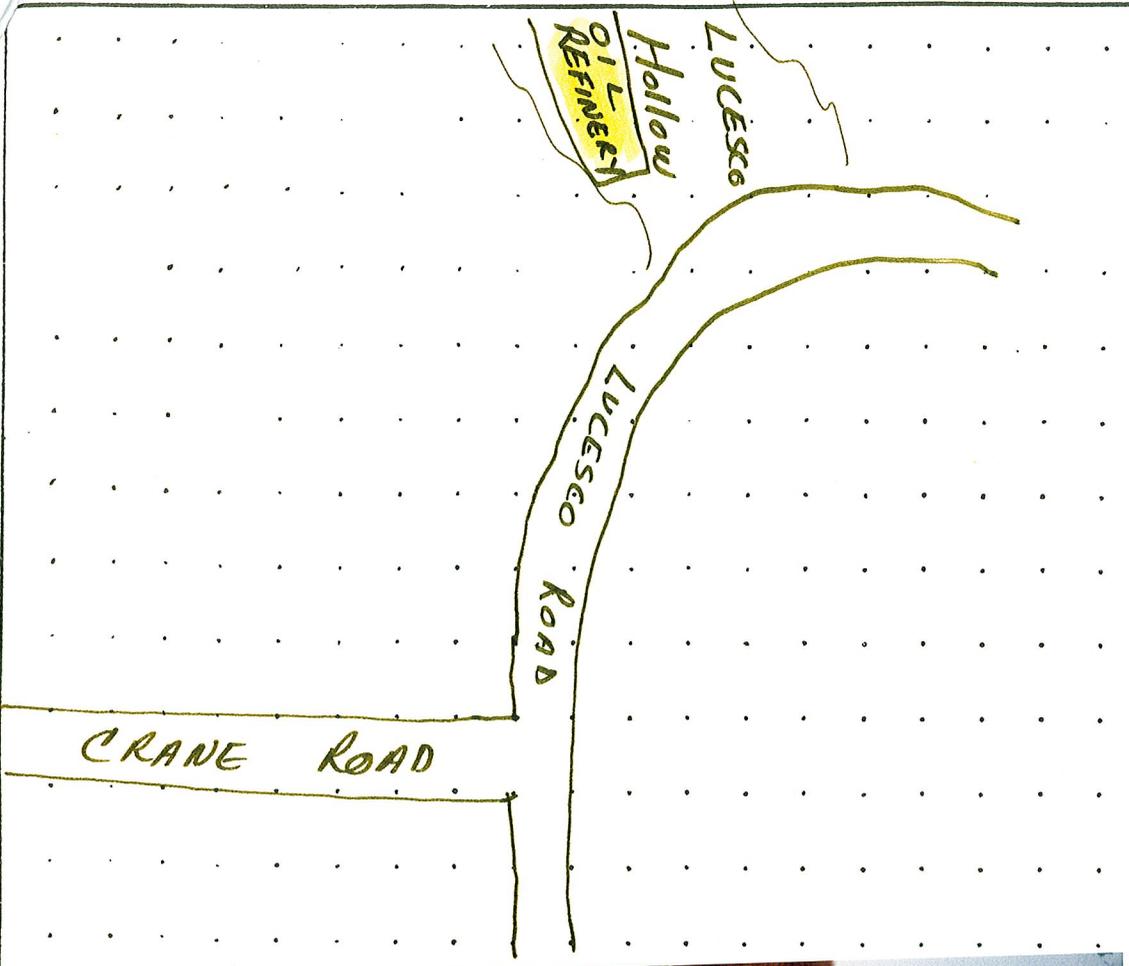
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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
 Bureau of Historic Preservation
 Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other No.: _____
 Municipality: ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP Address: Lucesco Hollow County: Westmoreland
 Historic Name/Other Name: Lucesco Oil Refinery
 SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION



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Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera

Photographer Name: INTERNET Date: 1-17-01
 Negative Location: _____