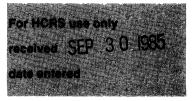
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

East Liverpool, Ohio is a city of 25,000 located on the north bank of the Ohio River, 40 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The topography of the city is severe. The Central Business District is located on a rise above the river level with residential areas on the surrounding hillsides. The area was rich in natural deposits of clay suitable for the ceramics industry, which formed the economic base for this city from the mid-19th century through the Depression. The earliest development occurred at the river's edge on a narrow flood plain. By the late 19th century, the riverfront was dominated by potteries and the central business district moved up to the river terrace several blocks away. The city experienced tremendous growth due to the success of the ceramics industry. Between 1880 and 1910 the population increased from 5,500 to over 22,000. As a result, a number of buildings were constructed during this period. Most of the properties included in this nomination were constructed between the late 1870's and the 1920's.

The Central Business District is a densely developed area which measures approximately 7 square blocks. The majority of the buildings are of masonry construction and measure 2-5 stories in height. Along Market, Fifth and Sixth Streets, the buildings share party walls, while those properties on Fourth Street tend to be free-standing (YMCA, Mary Patterson Memorial) and some have landscaped lots (Library). Immediately west of the central business district and on the same river terrace is a 1880-1920's once-fashionable residential neighborhood. To the north and east of the central business district are steep hillsides, where densley developed working class neighborhoods were built during the 1880-1920's period.

This nomination contains <u>11</u> individual structures qualified for listing in the National Register; and (two historic districts: 1) The Diamond, consisting of 8 buildings, and 2) Fifth Street, consisting of 16 buildings. The nomination covers a total of 35 buildings in the downtown commercial core of East Liverpool. The historic districts are entirely commercial in character. Combined they contain 24 buildings that range from 2-5 stories in height. A number of these structures date from the early 20th century and clearly demonstrate the move to more simpler, more functional design such as large window to wall ratios, decorative brickwork around the windows and corbel brickwork rather than the ornate cornices and hoodmoulds of the late 19th century.

The architectural styles represented by buildings in this nomination illustrate the evolution of an area over a period of time. Included are: Queen Anne (photos 4,15); Beaux Arts (photos 2,6); Colonial Revival (photos 3,8,10); Neo-Classical Revival

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Representation in Existing Surveys:

National Register of Historic Places East Liverpool Post Office -- 11/21/76 Carnegie Library -- 3/11/80

Properties included in the East Liverpool Central Business District MRA:

1. Potters Savings & Loan

- 2. East Liverpool Pottery Museum/Old Post Office
- 3. Masonic Temple
- 4. Fraternal Order of Eagles
- 5. Potters National Bank
- 6. Carnegie Library 🤛
- 7. Mary A. Patterson Memorial
- 8. YMCA
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- 10. Elks Lodge
- 11. City Hall
- 12. Odd Fellows Lodge
- 13. Diamond Historic District
- 14. East Fifth St. Historic District

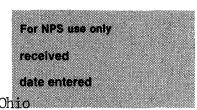
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(photos 1,33,36,37); Art Deco (photo 12); early 20th century commercial (13,14,18,19). Also included are a number of buildings with interesting architectural details such as terra-cotta, and decorative brickwork (photos 24,25,31,35) that contribute to the over-all character of the area but do not fit in any particular stylistic category.

The buildings included in this nomination represent a variety of building types found in downtown areas - commercial, public (library, City Hall), fraternal lodges (Elks, Odd Fellows), and social/cultural institutions (YMCA, Mary Patterson Memorial). Two buildings, which originally had residential uses, are also included but they have both housed fraternal organizations since early in the 20th century.

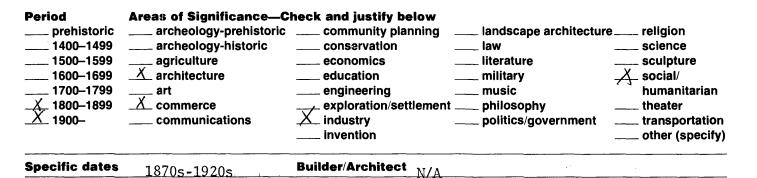
A comprehensive survey of the central business district and adjacent neighborhoods (roughly bounded by Bank Street on the north, the Ohio River and Rt. 11 on the south, east and west) was conducted between January and July of 1984. The project was undertaken by the City of East Liverpool and the East Liverpool Chamber of Commerce with partial funding from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. The survey was conducted by preservation The buildings were identified for inclusion in this consultants. nomination as a result of a thorough survey, extensive research and the input received at public meetings in East Liverpool. The Multiple Resource Area nomination is appropriate for East Liverpool for the following reasons: l) it covers a definable geographic area; 2) it is a result of a comprehensive survey of the area; 3) there is a significant number of insensitive alterations to older structures, as well as some notable gaps left by fires and demolitions and does not qualify as a historic district. The multiple resource approach also demonstrates the linkages between these buildings, both visually and historically, which will enable the citizens of East Liverpool to better appreciate these properties in the context of their community's history.



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8. Significance



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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The historic resources included in this nomination are the most significant surviving resources of downtown East Liverpool, They are significant both historically and Ohio. architecturally. Historically, they represent the themes that have had the greatest impact on the growth and development of East Liverpool (Manufacturing/Industry, Commercial, Politics/Reform/Welfare, and Social/Cultural). These are the major themes one would expect to find in the downtown area of a city, and East Liverpool has strong examples in each theme. Other themes are represented in the city but outside of the central business district. The central business district of East Liverpool has been the commercial, governmental and social center of the community from the early 19th century to the present. Architecturally, these resources represent a varied and well preserved collection of architectural styles found in East Liverpool.

East Liverpool, Ohio is a city of 25,000 located on the north bank of the Ohio River, 40 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Settlement efforts at the site of what would become East Liverpool began in the late 1700s, but it was not until the 1830s, after construction of a road to Cleveland and the development of river trade, that the village became firmly established and adopted its present name.

East Liverpool and the ceramics industry were synonymous for over a century and the resources in this nomination are representative of the city's most prosperous years. The abundance of natural deposits of clays suitable for yellow-ware manufacture brought the city's first potter, James Bennett, to the area in 1839, and in 1840 his first kiln began operation. Over succeeding decades the ceramics industry grew steadily, reaching a total of several dozen firms and close to 300 of the once-familar bottle kilns by the 1920s. The industry produced not only tableware, but also electrical ceramics, refractories, paving brick, door knobs, firebrick and novelty items. The combined effects of the Depression and postwar foreign

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competition, among other factors, caused a significant decline in the ceramics industry. While some major producers have survived and continue to operate in suburban East Liverpool and in West Virginia, pottery production in the heart of the city has ceased except for one or two small-scale plants.

The pottery industry had its beginnings along the bank of the Ohio River, on the narrow flood plain. It was here that the city first began to grow. As the 19th century progressed, however, growth moved up to the first river terrace, in part to escape repeated flooding. The potteries, too, moved up from the flood plain and soon became integrated into the downtown area. The decline of the pottery industry and changes in land use during the 20th century have caused the complete elimination of all traces of pottery production facilities from the downtown area. One exception is the Goodwin-Baggot Pottery (already listed in the National Register). The survival of the Goodwin and Laughlin residences(photos 3,4), homes built by important pottery manufacturers, serve as a reminder of the industrial base of this community and its former dominance of the downtown area.

As the pottery industry achieved national importance, the city grew rapidly. It expanded from a population of 5,500 in 1880 to over 22,000 in 1905. This growth and prosperity led to the expansion and new construction in the business district. Banks were established - East Liverpool Banking Co. (now First National Bank) in 1873; Potters National Bank (now Potters Bank and Trust) in 1881; and Potters Building and Savings Co. (now Potters Savings and Loan) in 1889. Four banking buildings (photos 1,5,33,36), three still serving in their original capacity, are included in this nomination. Major commercial blocks, which housed a variety of business uses, were built on the Diamond and along Fifth Street. Several disastrous fires occurred both on the Diamond and elsewhere. A 1905 fire destroyed more than 25% of the "best brick business houses in the city". East Liverpool rebuilt quickly, and the Diamond and East include fine examples of both the late Fifth Street districts 19th (photos 15,16) and the early 20th century (photos 14,18, on the Diamond and photos 25,31,37 on E. Fifth St.)

Fraternal Lodges organized in East Liverpool during the late 19th century - the Masons in 1860; the Odd Fellows in the early 1860's; the Elks in 1893; the Eagles in 1903. In some cases, these organizations located in existing buildings. The Masonic Lodge was established in the Goodwin residence (photo 3) on

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Broadway in 1910 and the Eagles moved into the Laughlin house (photo 4) next door in 1916. The Elks and Odd Fellows built their own lodge buildings, the Elks on W. Fifth in 1916 (photo 10) and the Odd Fellows on W. Sixth in 1907 (photo 13). All of these buildings are included in the nomination.

Other aspects of the social/cultural theme are represented in this nomination by the 1902 Carnegie Library (photos 6,7); the 1913 YMCA (photo 9); the 1926 Mary A. Patterson Memorial, a home for single working women (photo 8).

Finally, the commercial district has also served as governmental center of East Liverpool. Both the 1909 U.S. Post Office (photo 2) and the 1934 City Hall (photo 12) are included in this nomination.

These resources represent an outstanding collection of buildings in a rich variety of architectural styles including: Victorian Italianate commercial (old Potters National Bank photo 5); Queen Anne (Homer Laughlin residence, Thompson Building and SE corner of Market and Fifth - photos 4,15); Colonial Revival (Goodwin residence, Elks Lodge - photos 3,10); Beaux Arts (Post Office and Library -photos 2,6,7); early 20th century skyscraper with classical detailing (Potters Savings & Loan, Odd Fellows Lodge and Little Building, YMCA, Patterson Memorial and - photos 1,13,14,9,): Art Deco (City Hall photo 12). Also included are smaller scale commercial buildings that exhibit handsome decorative details such as: decorative brickwork; terra cotta facades; classical detailing; and iron balconies (photos 16,18,19,24,25,29,31,35).

The city grew with the ceramics industry, but when that industry fell into decline, the city showed more resistance. Its economy had diversified beyond just the ceramics industry and was able to withstand the loss of pottery jobs. This nomination covers the qualified history/architecture resources of the downtown commercial district of East Liverpool, which were identified in a comprehensive downtown survey conducted between January and July of 1984. Because of a significant number of insensitive alterations to older structures, as well as some notable gaps left by fires and demolitions, it was decided to use the multiple resource approach rather than attempting to define one or more historic districts. This nomination is part of an overall effort to revitalize the central business district.

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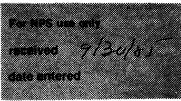
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