NPS Form 10-900 (Rev. 8-86)			OMB	No.	1024-0	018
United States Departme National Park Service	nt of the Interior					
NATIONAL REGISTER REGISTRATION FORM		CES				
1. Name of Property historic name:						
other name/site number	: MAIN STREET HISTO	RIC DISTRICT	BOUNI	DARY	INCRE#	<u>ISE</u>
2. Location street & number: <u>32</u> ,			=====	====:		===
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state: <u>CT</u> county: <u>W</u>	indham	code: <u>015</u>	zi	ip co	ode: <u>06</u>	226
3. Classification Ownership of Property:						
Category of Property:	district					
Number of Resources wi	thin Property:					
Contributing	Noncontributing					
	<u>1</u> buildings sites structures <u>0</u> objects <u>1</u> Total					
Number of contributing Register: <u>0</u>	resources previous	ly listed in	the N	latio	onal	
Name of related multip	le property listing	N/A			4	_

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State or I	Federal agency and bureau			
	nion, the property meets criteria See continuat			National
Signature	of commenting or other offic	cial	Date	
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7. Descript	ion				
Architectur	al Classifi	cation:			
<u>No Style</u>					
Other Descr	iption: <u>N/</u>	Α			
Materials:	foundation walls	STONE BRICK	roof other	ASPHALT	
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8. Statemen	t of Signif	icance			
		s considered the erties: <u>local</u>			is property in
Applicable	National Re	gister Criteria:	A,C		
Criteria Co	nsideration	s (Exceptions) :			
Areas of Si	gnificance:	COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS ARCHITECTURE			
Period(s) o	f Significa	nce: <u>1889</u>			
Significant	Dates: _	1889			
Significant	Person(s):	N/A			
Cultural Af	filiation:	N/A			
Architect/B	uilder: <u>Un</u>	known			

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References				
X See continuation sheet.				
Previous documentation on file (NPS):				
<pre>_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested. _ previously listed in the National Register _ previously determined eligible by the National Register _ designated a National Historic Landmark _ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #</pre>				
Primary Location of Additional Data:				
<pre>X State historic preservation office _ Other state agency _ Federal agency _ Local government _ University _ Other Specify Repositor </pre>				
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<u>X</u> See continuation sheet.				
Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet. The nominated property includes all of the three parcels known as 32 North Street, 50 North Street (parking lot), and 54 North Street.				
Boundary Justification: X See continuation sheet.				
11. Form Prepared By Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator				
Name/Title: Bruce Clouette and Matthew Roth				
Organization: <u>Historic Resource Consultants</u> Date: <u>February 14, 1992</u>				
Street & Number: <u>55 Van Dyke Avenue</u> Telephone: <u>203-547-0268</u>				
City or Town: <u>Hartford</u> State: <u>CT</u> ZIP: <u>06106</u>				

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Description Main Street Historic District 7-1 (Boundary Increase) Windham (Willimantic), Windham County, CT

Additional Description:

This boundary increase adds three properties--a contributing building, a vacant lot, and an intervening noncontributing building--at the north end of North Street to the existing Willimantic Main Street Historic District National Register listing. The contributing building is an 1889 former printing plant and newspaper office that played a central role in the commercial development of Willimantic. Architecturally, it continues the multi-story brick architecture of the commercial buildings that dominate the Main Street district, and visually it appears as a continuation of the North Street commercial streetscape.

The Hall & Bill Building at 54 North Street (Photographs 1 and 2) is a two-story painted brick building with its three-bay facade fronting directly on the sidewalk. The entrance is on the left within an arched opening, above which is carved the building's date of construction, 1889. The building's shallowpitched roof is concealed by a stepped parapet ornamented with simple brick corbelling and a semi-elliptical window. Window openings are wide and segmental-arched in shape. At the rear of the building, on the south side, is a two-story ell built c.1920. The building is now occupied as government and professional offices. Modern alterations include small-pane "Colonial" sash on the first floor and a one-story wing with a balustrade along its flat roof, added c.1960 to the south side. Despite these changes, the building's overall appearance is little changed from that shown in an 1894 view.

Separating the Hall & Bill Building from Meadow Street is a small vacant lot, used for parking, numbered as 50 North Street. On the southwest corner of North and Meadow streets, directly abutting the existing district, is 32 North Street, a brick restaurant building (now vacant) built c.1980.

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Significance Main Street Historic District 8-1 (Boundary Increase) Windham (Willimantic), Windham County, CT

The proposed boundary increase adds to the significance of the Main Street Historic District because of the historical associations of the Hall & Bill Building with the commercial development of Willimantic, one of the principal themes of the original district. Hall & Bill was the leading printing firm in Willimantic in the late 19th century. In addition to publishing one of the city's daily newspapers, the Willimantic Journal, the firm carried on a brisk business in job printing, employing 20 men and running a dozen steam-powered presses. Among Hall & Bill's larger customers was the Willimantic Linen Company, which hired the firm to print labels for its famous sewing-machine thread. The firm began both the newspaper and job-printing businesses in 1877 and erected the present building as an office and printing plant in 1889. Around 1920 the company expanded by adding a rear ell, to which cutting operations were moved. The plant continued in its original use, though under the ownership of a different paper, the Willimantic Chronicle, until around 1970, when the Chronicle built its present plant.

Architecturally, the building relates well to others already in the district. Its size, scale, and brick material are similar to the majority of the district's commercial architecture, and the parapet corbelling and window surrounds are similar to those on several Main Street buildings in the original district.

Historically, the block on which the Hall & Bill Building is situated was an integral part of the Main Street commercial area, while Valley Street to the north marked the beginning of the hillside residential neighborhood. According to insurance maps of Willimantic, the Hall & Bill Building in the 1890s had as its neighbor to the north the Washburn Building, a 4-story business block with a hall on the upper floor. Other commercial uses on this block included a millinery shop, blacksmith shop, a building with a meat market and social hall, the Park Central Hotel around the corner on Valley Street, and, on the interior of the block, a lumber business. All of these buildings have disappeared, replaced by vacant lots or modern construction. Today, only the Hall & Bill Building remains to indicate the original extent of the downtown commercial core. NPS Form 10-900-a (8-86)

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Additional Bibliography:

Sanborn Map and Publishing Company. Insurance maps of Willimantic, 1892-1948.

Historical and Architectural Survey, Willimantic Central Business District, Connecticut Historical Commission, 1980.

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Photo captions Main Street Historic District Photos-1 (Boundary Increase) Windham (Willimantic), Windham County, CT

All photographs:

1. Main Street Historic District Boundary Increase

2. Windham (Willimantic), Windham County, CT

3. Photo Credit: HRC, Hartford, CT

- 4. September, 1991
- 5. Negative filed with Connecticut Historical Commission Hartford, CT

Captions:

East (facade) elevation, camera facing northwest Photograph 1 of 4

East and north elevation, camera facing south-southeast toward Main Street Photograph 2 of 4

Noncontributing building at 32 North Street, camera facing southwest Photograph 3 of 4

View along North Street from within district, looking toward buildings in boundary amendment, camera facing north Photograph 4 of 4



Photo Position