United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property					
historic name:					
other name/site numb	er: MAIN STREET I	HISTORIC DIST	'RICT BO	DUNDARY INC	REASE
2. Location street & number: 3					
city/town: Wi	ndham			publication /: Williman	
state: <u>CT</u> county:	Windham	code:	015	zip code:	06226
3. Classification					
Ownership of Propert					
Category of Property	: <u>district</u>				
Number of Resources	within Property:				
Contributing	Noncontributir	ıg			
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Name of related mult	iple property lis	sting:	N/A		

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8. Statement of S ==================================	ignificance =========	======== e significar	nce of this property in
Applicable Nation	al Register Criteria	: <u>A,C</u>	
Criteria Consider	ations (Exceptions)	•	
Areas of Signific	COMMERCE COMMUNICATION ARCHITECTURE	S	
Period(s) of Sign	ificance: <u>1889</u>		
Significant Dates	: 1889		
Significant Person	n(s): <u>N/A</u>		-
Cultural Affiliat	ion: <u>N/A</u>		
Architect/Builder	: <u>Unknown</u>		
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9. Major Bibliographical References	
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):	
<pre>preliminary determination of individual requested. previously listed in the National Regist previously determined eligible by the Na designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings recorded by Historic American Engineerin</pre>	er tional Register Survey #
Primary Location of Additional Data:	
<pre>_ Federal agency _ Local government</pre>	59 South Prospect Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106
Other Specify Repositor	
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10. Geographical Data Acreage of Property: api 18/15/6 UTM References: Zone East 4/2/15/6 A	-======================================
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Verbal Boundary Description: See cont The nominated property includes all of t 32 North Street, 50 North Street (parkin	he three parcels known as
Boundary Justification: X See continuat	ion sheet.
11. Form Prepared By Reviewed By John Herzan, I	National Register Coordinator
Name/Title: Bruce Clouette and Matthew Rot	
Organization: <u>Historic Resource Consult</u>	ants Date: <u>February 14, 1992</u>
Street & Number: <u>55 Van Dyke Avenue</u>	Telephone: <u>203-547-0268</u>
City or Town: Hartford	State: CT 71P: 06106

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Description

Main Street Historic District (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 shallow-pitched 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

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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 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. 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.

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Photo captions

Main Street Historic District

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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

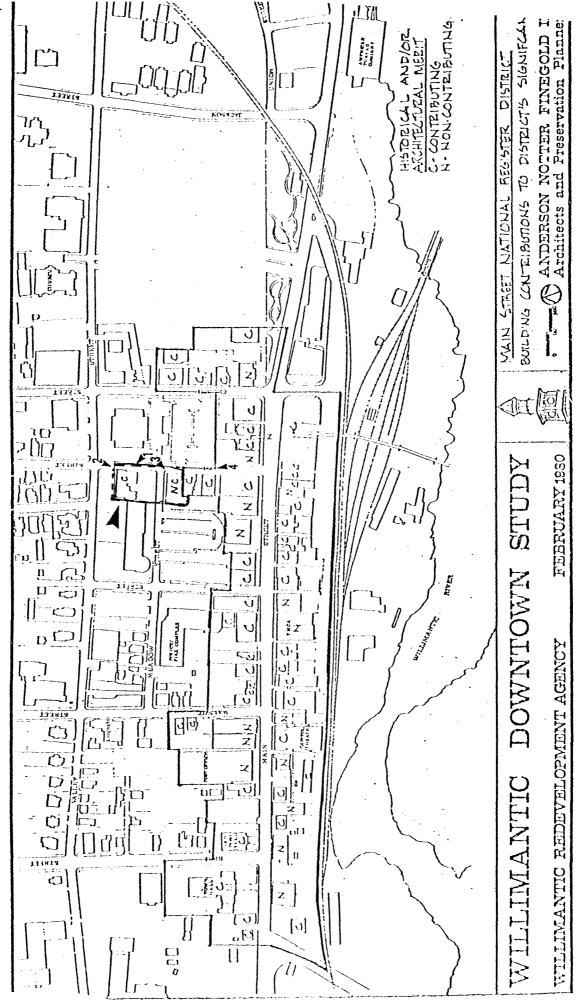
Captions:

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 $\,$



.-- BOUNDARY INCREASE February 1991

Photo Position