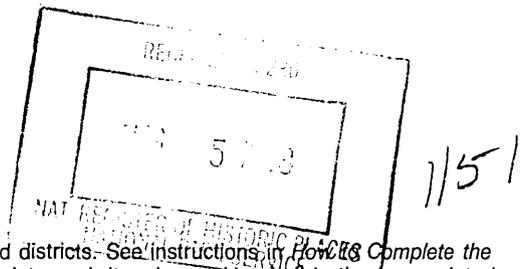


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Jenne, L. P., Block

other names/site number Kidder Block, Parker & Robbins Store

2. Location

street & number VT Route 105 (Main St.) & West Street not for publication

city or town Derby vicinity

state Vermont code VT county Orleans code 019 zip code 05829

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Eisa Delbert National Register Specialist July 31, 1998
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Vermont State Historic Preservation Office
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

9-3-98
Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/department store

Funerary/mortuary

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other wood

Narrative Description

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

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Description:

The L.P. Jenne Block is located on the southwest corner of Main (Vermont Route 105) and West streets in Derby Center in the town of Derby, Vermont. Set amidst several early stores, the Derby Hotel, the former town offices, and the Clyde River, this c.1870 vernacular-Greek Revival style store has been historically at the center of the town's commercial activities. Currently an apartment complex, the property consists of the original rectangular structure, an early two-story addition with a newer one-story section. It retains its integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association.

Main Block:

The original section of the L. P. Jenne Block is a large 2-1/2 story, 6 x 4 bay, gable front, wood-frame, clapboarded building, facing east onto Main Street in Derby Center. The main block measures 42-1/2 by 37-1/2 feet, including the recessed two story front porch. The structure rests on a stone foundation faced with concrete and is roofed in modern asphalt shingle and corrugated metal. The roof has a plain, raking cornice with no returns. Wide frieze and fascia boards ornamented with a single astragal encircle the main block. Pilasters with simple capitals mark each of the original structure's four corners. The southeast pilaster also features a simple capital midway up defining the top of the first story.

The building's most prominent feature is a two-story, recessed porch with five posts at each level. The upper story posts have boxed capitals and bases with square balusters supported by a top and bottom rail in between. First story posts are unadorned with a simple plain valance. The original lower posts were removed in the 1870s when two large bay windows replaced the earlier flat storefront. New posts were installed when the storefront windows were removed in the mid-1900s. An open stairway, added in the mid-1900s, with similar balustrade leads from the porch to the upper level in the first bay.

The front wall has two large doorways--an original entrance in the left bay and in the middle bay another plain wooden door that was remodeled in the 1950s. Flanking the central doorway are two large, tripartite windows with small panes topping larger single lights placed there when the building was converted to apartments in the 1950s. The entrance in the first bay is a large, reverse Christian cross door with sidelights and paneled surrounds. The 3/4 length sidelights feature four lights. The three-part lintel consists of two square corner blocks leading

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leading to two triangularly molded panels with a central raised panel rectangle. All parts of the lintel are surrounded individually by bead molding. A single, reverse Christian cross door is centrally located at the second level.

The majority of the windows in the building consists of double-hung, 2/2 light windows with flat surrounds. The second floor of the front wall has three windows to the left of the door and two windows to the right. The gable front has two windows with a small modern vent near the peak. Although it was common in store buildings to have no fenestration on the eave sides of the building at store level to allow for more shelving, the L. P. Jenne Block does have one original window at the first level on the south side. This indicates the location of an interior entrance hallway through which one reached the store or ascended to the building's upper levels. A large window with three small lights above paired with a narrow 1/1 double hung window has replaced a side entrance to the left of the entryway window.

The rear, or west, gable end of the main block is largely obscured by a two and one-half story, gable-end, corrugated metal-roofed addition. However, a set of centered, coupled, 2/1 windows is visible directly below the roof peak. The left windows has the bottom sash boarded up and is partially obscured by the addition's roof.

Rear Addition:

The rear addition is two stories high but is not as tall or wide as the main block. The south side wall is flush with the south wall of the main block. Attached to the north side was a shed-roofed, one story addition whose north wall was flush with the north wall of the main block. This one story section was demolished in 1995 due to its poor condition.

The south eave side has irregular fenestration and an attached open riser stairway with overhanging shed roof which begins on the main block. An enclosed, windowed breezeway at the southwest corner provides access to the rear of the first story. At the top of the stairway, along the eave wall, is a single fixed six light window and a modern metal doorway. A shed dormer with eight modern, 1/1 sash windows tops the second story. The dormer fenestration is arranged with three pairs of windows flanked by a single window on each side. These alterations appear to have been made when the building was converted to apartments.

The west end of the addition is unevenly fenestrated, featuring a large, fixed 20-pane window in the first and a 6/6 window in the second bays at ground level; a single 6/6 double hung

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window in the second bay of the second story; and a centered paneled wood door directly below the gable. A wooden combination ladder/fire escape leads from the ground level along the barn to a landing at this door.

The north eave side of the addition is similar to the south, but all windows were replaced with modern metal single-light, double-hung sash. The north eave side of the main block contains only one window at the first level in the fourth bay and a window in the first, second, and third bays of the second story.

Barn Section:

A gambrel-roofed, one and one-half story barn attaches to the northwest corner of the addition. Converted for storage with four garage bays on each side, this barn was badly deteriorated and was razed in 1995. A one-story flat-roofed section attached to the north side of the rear addition was also removed at that time.

Interior:

Inside the Jenne Block retains the walls that defined the large first floor open space (now subdivided) that once housed the storefront area. More notably it also retains the sidehall stairway to the second floor accessed by the left-front entryway. The stairway retains its original vernacular turned newel posts with ball finials, rail and square balusters, as well as a characteristic Greek Revival style convex curved wall on the second floor landing. Vernacular flat stock with flat cornerblock window surrounds remain in second floor rooms in the rear wing.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- 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.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Architecture

Period of Significance

c.1870 - 1945

Significant Dates

c.1870

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

4

Zone			Easting					Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization LTR Associates date 12/30/94; revised 7/1998

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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)

Property Owner

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

name Gilman Housing Trust, Inc.

street & number PO Box 305 telephone (802) 334-1541

city or town Newport state VT zip code 05855-0405

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The southwest corner of Main (Vermont Route 105) and West streets in Derby Center in the town of Derby, Vermont, has served as a commercial focal point since the town was first settled in the late 1790s. The c.1870 L. P. Jenne Block, set on this corner amidst several early stores, the Derby Hotel, the former town offices, and the Clyde River, is a good example of a rural commercial complex. The building is significant under criterion A, being representative of the historic context "Commercial Development in Rural Areas, 1790-1940," as identified in the Vermont State Historic Preservation Plan. The L.P. Jenne Block has historically housed a variety of commercial operations, including a general store, a meat cutter, and an undertaker. The block is also significant under criterion C as a good example of a late 1800s commercial building found in the rural areas of Vermont.

The L.P. Jenne Block has carried on the historic tradition of commerce at this location, and has been at the center of the town's commercial activities since its construction. The town of Derby was chartered in 1779, but like many Vermont towns, it was not inhabited until nearly 20 years later. When people did finally settle in Derby, the first buildings constructed were the mills along the Clyde River--a saw mill and a grist mill being the earliest. Following the construction of a wooden bridge to span the river in the early 1800s, the mill area blossomed on both shores. By 1840 eight sawmills, two gristmills, and a shingle mill were in operation. By 1859 a tannery, a blacksmith shop, a millwright's shop, a harness shop and a tin shop also had been opened. A starch factory, built by John Kelley, was operating on the south side of the river. The 1859 Wallings Map shows that Kelley also operated a store at the southwest corner of Main and West streets.¹ However, by 1871 that building had been replaced by a new structure, constructed in 1871 by Parker and Robbins.² This building, a two and one-half story vernacular Greek Revival structure, is commonly known as the L. P. Jenne Block after Lucien P. Jenne, the store's operator and owner from 1882 through 1913.

The L. P. Jenne Block is similar to other mid to late 19th century store buildings in rural Vermont. Frequently, such stores were two stories and featured a gable front with retail space on the first level and living space above or behind. Many were Greek Revival in style and especially in the northeastern part of Vermont had two-story, recessed porches. In the more rural areas of Vermont, the Greek Revival style persisted until the 1880s, several years after the Jenne Block was built. The Kimball store, located just north of the Jenne Block on the west side of Main Street, is similar in design. This storefront, which has contained such operations as a drug store, post office, and the town clerk's office, is also Greek Revival in style, and has a gable-front and two-story porch. Several other stores in Orleans County, such as the c. 1880 J. S. Sweeney Store in Charleston (entered on the National Register on August

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18, 1992) and the c.1880 Brownington Center Store (Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey #1003-32), also possess the same design characteristics as the Jenne Block.

The main floor retains traces of its original floor plan. A central entryway placed between two large, modern windows mimics the original storefront, but the store area was altered when the building was converted to apartments in the 1940s. The more elaborate, original entrance found in the first bay still leads to a foyer and stairs to both the basement and second floor. During much of the building's history, the second floor housed a meat-cutting operation. A south elevation window placed within a larger frame is all that remains of the secondary entrance used to bring the meat upstairs without being observed by customers.

Following the retirement of L. P. Jenne in the early 1910s, the store had a number of owners and occupants. In the 1930s a grocery store occupied the southeast section of the first floor, and a restaurant was housed in the northeast. The meat-cutting operation still persisted, and Derby residents remember a meat cart that did business door to door. In 1941, the declining economy, a lack of visitors, and the closure of several nearby businesses led to the building being taken over by the Orleans Trust Company. In 1945 Earl E. Hackett, reputed to be the largest dairy farmer in Vermont,³ purchased the building and converted it to apartments. At that time much of the interior layout was disrupted, and several Arts and Crafts-style details were added to the interior. The building currently houses ten apartments but is in the process of being renovated to hold six. As part of this renovation, the rear barn -- which once housed Jenne's undertaking business and then was used for storage -- and a one-story, shed-roofed addition on the north elevation were razed because of their poor physical condition.

Endnotes

¹ H. F. Walling, *Map of Orleans County*, (New York: Loomis and Way, 1859).

² A note on the east basement wall of the L.P. Jenne Block reads "Parker & Robbins, Proprietors, 1871." However, research was unable to verify this as no deeds exist for the property prior to 1874. A deed dated December 8, 1874, and recorded in Book 14, pp. 378-9 of the Derby Land Records, registers the sale of the property by William L. Robbins and Meyron A. Adams to Edward B. Holt and Nehemiah Colby.

³ Cecile B. Hay and Mildred B. Hay, *History of Derby, Vermont*, (Littleton, NH: Courier Press, 1967), pp. 130-32.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Starting at a point that is 10 feet west of the southwest corner of the intersection of Main (Vermont Route 105) and West streets, proceed along the southerly right of way of Main Street South $34^{\circ} 10'$ West 78 feet. Then turn and proceed in a westerly direction North $56^{\circ} 39'$ West 155 feet; then turn north and proceed North $31^{\circ} 42'$ East. Turn in an easterly direction and proceed along West Street South $52^{\circ} 12'$ East to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire lot that has historically been occupied by the L.P. Jenne Block and as is currently described in the deed dated August 31, 1994, of Douglas B. and Vivian Spates to Gilman Housing Trust in Book 139, pages 460-462 of the Derby Land Records. It is sufficient to convey the historic significance of the property.