

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Federal Fibre Mills Building

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 1101 South Peters Street N/A not for publication

city, town New Orleans N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 county Orleans Parish code 071

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

street & number

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of Conveyance, City Hall

street & number 1300 Perdido

city, town New Orleans state LA 70112

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Federal Fibre Mills Building (c.1904) is a mammoth, five story, brick and frame factory building located near the south end of the New Orleans warehouse district.\* The structure has been altered very little over the years and consequently it retains its architectural integrity.

The Federal Fibre Mills Building has an "L" shaped plan, which together with a pair of support structures, occupies most of a city block. The "L" is an impressive twenty-eight bays on its long side and an almost as impressive nineteen bays on its short side. The exterior is articulated with an almost classical simplicity. Five story brick pilasters run between the bays and each opening has a segmentally arched top. Each public facade of the building is surmounted by a molded cornice and a central parapet which contains the building's name.

The interiors are large and open with beam ceilings, wooden posts, iron bolts, and tie bars. All the original flooring remains. The ground level of the building contains an enclosed railroad spur. The two present elevators, which date from 1917, replaced earlier ones. The main stair, which is set in the northeast corner, ascends one story to the managerial offices. These are largely plain except for the manager's office which has an unusual corner fireplace with a mantel and an overmantel formed of rounded brick. There are two more staircases, set in the wings of the "L", which ascend from the cellar all the way to the roof. All three staircases are steel and have decorated balustrades which are designed to resemble wrought iron. Virtually all of the original windows remain.

In the rear of the building is a covered loading dock which looks across a courtyard at a pair of support structures, both of which are original to the building. One is a pumphouse which supplied the building's original sprinkler system. (This was independent of the city water supply.) The other is a small garage.

These two support structures were part of the industrial operation which centered around the Federal Fibre Mills Building. They are therefore included in the nominated area as contributing elements.

\*The building is not within the present certified district.

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4. Owners

The Mills, A Louisiana Partnership in Commendam

General Partners: Edward B. Boettner  
Century Graphics  
4422 Toulouse Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
Business: 504-486-5981  
Home: 504-283-1502

Pres Kabacoff  
1404 International Trade Mart Bldg.  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
Business: 504-581-1942  
Home: 504-283-6016

Partners in Commendam: Charles H. Callaway  
Callaway and Company  
1615 17th Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Business: 303-296-1232  
Home: 303-825-3111

Dana Crawford  
1463 Larimer Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Business: 303-534-2367  
Home: 303-832-1831

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** c.1904      **Builder/Architect** Builder; National Enameling and Stamping Co. Architect: unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criterion C

The Federal Fibre Mills Building is locally significant in the area of architecture within the context of the New Orleans warehouse district. Its pilasters and ornamental cornice make it an above average example of a turn-of-the-century commercial vernacular building, but its main significance rests upon its enormous size and impressive length which establish it as a landmark in the New Orleans warehouse district.

The New Orleans Historic Warehouse District Study documents a total of 297 structures in the warehouse district. Among this group the Federal Fibre Mills Building is conspicuous because of its monumental presence in the area. It is thought to be the district's largest structure as well as the only one with a five story facade which runs for the entire long side of a block. Moreover, in an area dominated by one and two story buildings, the Federal Fibre Mills Building is one of only a handful of five story structures.

Given the above, it is well within the mark to say that the Federal Fibre Mills Building stands as an architectural landmark within the warehouse district.

The two other large warehouses in the district are both smaller than Federal Fibre Mills, but because they have towers with steeples, they are architectural oddities in the area. By contrast, the Federal Fibre Mills Building is more in line with the normal architectural character of the warehouse district. Thus, given its imposing presence, it is the most outstanding example of the type of building which establishes the district's architectural identity.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

New Orleans Historic Warehouse District Study. September 1982, Prepared for the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans. Prepared by Charles Caplinger Planners and Michael Jackson Associates. Funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Historic New Orleans Collection.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 2¼ acres.

Quadrangle name New Orleans East, La.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A	<u>15</u> Zone	<u>78321010</u> Easting	<u>3311561210</u> Northing	B	<u>  </u> Zone	<u>  </u> Easting	<u>  </u> Northing
C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
E	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	F	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
G	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	H	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See sketch map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNERS (ITEM 4)  
Division of Historic Preservation  
organization State of Louisiana date January 1983  
street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone 504-342-6682  
city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Robert B. DeBlieux*

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 14, 1983

### For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*for Selous Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 3/24/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

BOUNDARY LINES EITHER FOLLOW CURBS OR PARALLEL BUILDING FACADES

FEDERAL  
FIBRE  
MILLS

New Orleans, LA

④

CURB

-15'-

CURB

CALLIOPE ST.

PUMP HOUSE

3'

GARAGE

MGR.  
(2<sup>ND</sup> STORY)

③

CURB

S. PETERS ST.

CURB

BOUNDARY

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