

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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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 "x" 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 Wabash Avenue-East Historic District (Boundary Adjustment)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Roughly bounded by Cherry, 7th, Ohio & 8th Sts ☒ N/A not for publication

city or town Terre Haute ☒ N/A vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Vigo code 167 zip code 47807

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.)

Patrick R. Ralston

7-21-92

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State or 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 certifying 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Patricia Andrews

9/16/92

Wabash Ave.-East H.D.
Name of Property

Vigo County, IN
County and State

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	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	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

9

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Business,
Warehouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

WORK IN PROGRESS

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

CHICAGO
Commercial Style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls BRICK
STONE
roof ASPHALT
other METAL
TERRA COTTA

Narrative Description

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

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County and State

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c.1880-1927

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Sherman, J. Merrill

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

National Register Files

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Name of Property

Vigo County, IN
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting			Northing											
2	1	6	4	6	5	1	0	0	4	3	6	8	5	6	0

3	1	6	4	6	4	9	2	0	4	3	6	8	3	2	0
Zone	Easting			Northing											
4	1	6	4	6	4	9	2	0	4	3	6	8	5	6	0

☐ 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 for Ratio Architects date January 6, 1992
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city or town Columbus state IN zip code 47201

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 Hulman Company
street & number 900 Wabash Avenue telephone _____
city or town Terre Haute state IN zip code 47807-3208

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Wabash Avenue East Historic District Boundary Adjustment

The Wabash Avenue East Historic District Boundary Adjustment includes the elimination of five buildings which have been demolished, and the addition of one building which was omitted from the original district. The district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

Four of the demolished buildings were located on the east side of Seventh Street, in the south half of the block north of Ohio Street, at the southeast corner of the district. The boundary adjustment excludes the site, which now contains a drive-in banking facility (right in photo 7). These four demolished buildings were identified in the nomination as follows:

<u>Bldg. No.</u>	<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>
268	N/A	30-32 S. 7th St.	
269	46	26-28 S. 7th St.	
270	47	22-24 S. 7th St.	
271	42	20 S. 7th St.	Worrell Bldg.

The building at 720-722 Wabash Avenue, identified in the nomination as building 148, has also been demolished. The site is vacant (left in photo 2; center in photo 3).

The boundary has been extended at the northeast corner of the district to include the Bement-Rea Warehouse, located at 26-34 Eighth Street, and identified as building 287 (photo 1; right in photo 2). This building was not included in the original district.

The district originally had fourteen contributing buildings. With the adjustments to the boundary and the demolition of building 148, there are ten contributing buildings.

At the time the buildings in the district were constructed, between about 1880 and 1927, Terre Haute was one of the largest and most industrialized cities in Indiana. The Wabash Avenue East Historic District is located in the east side of downtown Terre Haute, an area which was densely developed by the late 19th century. All but one of the ten buildings, were rated outstanding in the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. One building, a Neoclassical style structure built in 1918 and located at 727 Wabash Avenue (building 108, far left

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in photo 5) was rated contributing. All ten buildings are representations of academic styles.

The Italianate style is represented by the building, constructed c. 1880 and located at 9-15 S. Seventh Street (building 254), and the Kaufman Block, built c. 1880 and located at 673-683 Wabash Avenue (building 105, left in photo 4). The Chicago Commercial style can be seen in the Bement-Rea Building, built in 1889 and located at 726-730 Wabash Avenue (building 150, right in photo 3), the Bement-Rea Warehouse, built in 1908 and located at 26-34 N. Eighth Street (building 287, photo 1), and the Tribune Building, built in 1912 and located at 721-725 Wabash Avenue (building 107, center in photo 5).

The Swope Block, built in 1901 and located at 19-31 S. Seventh Street (building 253, right in photo 6 and left in photo 7), and the Terre Haute House, built in 1927 and located at 7-15 Seventh Street (building 272, left in photo 3) are Renaissance Revival in style. The Terre Haute Trust Company Building, built in 1908 and located at 701-703 Wabash Avenue (building 106, right in photo 5), the building, constructed in 1918 and located at 727 Wabash Avenue (building 108, far left in photo 5), and the Ft. Harrison Savings Association Building, built in 1926 and located at 724 Wabash Avenue (building 149, center in photo 3) are Neoclassical in style. The buildings in the district are generally brick, with ornamentation of cast-iron, pressed metal, stone, or terra-cotta detailing. They range in height from two to ten stories. All ten buildings have a fairly high degree of integrity.

There are three vacant areas in the district: a parking lot on the south side of Wabash Avenue between Seventh and Eighth Streets (center in photo 5); the site of the building which was located at 720-722 Wabash Avenue (center in photo 3); and a vacant lot on the west side of Eighth Street, between the Bement-Rea Building and the Bement-Rea Warehouse (left in photo 1).

Despite the fact that Terre Haute, historically, had a large downtown commercial district, few contiguous areas of pre-World War II buildings remain. A large number of historic buildings have been demolished. Many others have been extensively altered. The area roughly bounded by

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Cherry Street, Ninth Street, Poplar Street, and Third Street, the core of the historic downtown, was designated a Multiple Resource Area in 1983. Three small historic districts, including the Wabash Avenue East Historic District, and 20 individual buildings within this area, have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Generally, the area surrounding the Wabash Avenue East Historic District consists of vacant areas, parking lots, extensively altered historic buildings, and recently constructed buildings.

The five buildings which have been demolished since the district was listed on the National Register were generally of a less ornate character than the remaining buildings. The Worrell Building, a Victorian Gothic structure built c. 1870 and located at 20 S. Seventh Street, was the only one of the five which received a rating of outstanding in the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. The three buildings to the south were all commercial buildings with no clearly defined style, built c. 1880. The building at 720-722 Wabash Avenue was a Neoclassical style structure, built c. 1895. It was in the process of being demolished at the time the survey was being conducted for the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory in 1983, and was given a rating of reference.

The Bement-Rea Warehouse, the one building added to the district by the adjustments in the boundary, is located on the southwest corner of Eighth and Cherry Streets (photo 1). It faces Eighth Street. It is a five story, Chicago Commercial style building with a flat roof and a four-bay main facade. The first two stories are of steel frame construction. The three upper stories are of heavy timber construction. Walls are pressed brick. The storefront consists of large, transomed display windows with bronze piers between each bay. The original bronze panels under the windows have been replaced with Vitrolite. The transoms have been covered. The entrance is in the second bay from the south. Here, the original wood and glass, double doors are in place. At each end of the storefront is a brick pier with a stone capital. On the plain brick frieze between the first and second stories is painted in large, block letters, "HULMAN & CO."

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Each bay of each of the upper stories has a group of three windows. Windows are wood, double hung with one light in each sash. The windows have sandstone sills and lintels. The sill extends continuously across the facade between the second and third stories. At the top of the building is a corbeled brick cornice with a continuous stone band below. The Cherry Street facade is twelve bays wide. Windows are wood, double hung, with two lights in each sash. Lintels and sills are limestone. Detailing on this facade is similar to that on the main facade. There were originally battlements at the top of the building. These have been removed. The building is in good condition, and has a fairly high degree of integrity.

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The Wabash Avenue East Historic District Boundary Adjustment includes the elimination of five demolished buildings from the district, and the addition of one building which was omitted from the original district boundaries.

Four of the demolished buildings were located on the east side of Seventh Street, in the south half of the block north of Ohio Street (right in photo 7). The other demolished building was located at 720-722 Wabash Avenue (center in photo 3).

The building being added to the district is the Bement-Rea Warehouse, a Chicago Commercial style building constructed in 1908 and located at 26-34 Eighth Street (photo 1). A survey for the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory, conducted in Vigo County in 1983 after the Wabash Avenue East Historic District was listed on the National Register, identified the Bement-Rea Warehouse as an outstanding historic structure in downtown Terre Haute. The building, adjacent to the original boundaries of the district, was built within the district's period of significance, c. 1880-1927. It has a fairly high degree of integrity and is compatible in character with the original part of the district.

It is historically associated with the Bement-Rea Building, included in the original district as building 150, and located at 726-730 Wabash Avenue (right in photo 3). The Bement-Rea Building was constructed in 1889 as the offices and warehouse of an important Terre Haute wholesale grocery company, which had been established by George W. Bement in 1854. The Bement-Rea Warehouse, north of the Bement-Rea Building, in the same block (photo 2) was constructed in 1908 to supplement the company's storage space. The architect was J. Merrill Sherman of Terre Haute. The company was sold to the Amos-James Grocery Company of St. Louis in 1920, after the death of owner William S. Rea. The building remained open, and continued to be identified as the Bement-Rea Warehouse, until about 1925, and then was vacant for several years. It served as the post office and federal building while the new post office, completed in 1933, was being constructed. It was acquired by Hulman and Company in the mid-1930s.

The Bement-Rea Warehouse contributes to the Wabash Avenue

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East Historic District. The district was developed during a period, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, of rapid growth and high commercial activity. With its large and ornate buildings, it represents the wealth of the city during this period. The Bement-Rea Building and the Bement-Rea Warehouse, as representations of an old and important Terre Haute company, are significant contributions to the district.

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Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. Vigo County Interim Report. Indianapolis: Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, 1984.

National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form, "Historic Resources of Downtown Terre Haute, Indiana (Partial inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties)," March 1983.

Polk, R.L. and Company. Terre Haute City Directory. Indianapolis: R.L. Polk and Company, 1925-1942.

Polk, R.L. and Company. Terre Haute City Directory. Terre Haute: Moore-Langen Printing Company, 1901-1910.

Sanborn Map Company. Insurance Maps of Terre Haute. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1911.

Terre Haute Tribune, "Bement-Rea Control Sold by Rea Estate," March 6, 1920.

Terre Haute Tribune, "Some Pioneer Business Names Associated with Early Terre Haute," February 8, 1948.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the northwest corner of the property located at 7-15 S. Seventh Street (272); thence east along the northern boundary of said property to the west boundary of the property located at 26-34 N. Eighth Street (287); thence north to the south curblin of Cherry Street; thence east along the south curblin of said street to the west curblin of Eighth Street; thence south along the west curblin of Eighth Street to the north side of the east-west alley south of Wabash Avenue; thence west along the north side of said alley, across Seventh Street; to the west curblin of Seventh Street; thence south along the west curblin of Ohio Street; thence west along the north curblin of said street to the west boundary of the property located at 19-31 S. Seventh Street (253); thence north along the west boundary of said property to the north side of the east-west alley south of Wabash Avenue; thence west along the north side of said alley to the west boundary of the property at 673-683 Wabash Avenue (105); thence north along the west boundary of said property to the south curblin of Wabash Avenue; thence south along the south curblin of Wabash Avenue, across Seventh Street, to the east curblin of Seventh Street; thence north along the east curblin of Seventh Street, across Wabash Avenue, to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundary adjustment reflects demolitions, and information about the Bement-Rea Warehouse possibly not available at the time the original nomination was prepared. The character of the original district is not significantly altered by these changes. It continues to be chiefly defined by a group of outstanding buildings along Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute's main street, and includes buildings along the side streets of Seventh and Eighth.

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Wabash Avenue East Historic District Boundary Adjustment

The following is the same for all photographs:

1. Wabash Avenue East Historic District Boundary Adjustment
2. Terre Haute, Indiana
3. Laura Thayer
4. December 13, 1991
5. 3905 N. 500 W.
Columbus, Indiana 47201

Other information for individual photographs:

Photo 1

1. Bement-Rea Warehouse, 26-34 N. Eighth Street
6. camera facing southwest
7. 1 of 8

Photo 2

1. Bement-Rea Building, northwest corner of Wabash Avenue and Eighth Street
6. camera facing northwest
7. 2 of 8

Photo 3

1. North side of Wabash Avenue between Seventh and Eighth Streets
6. camera facing northwest
7. 3 of 8

Photo 4

1. Kaufman Block, 673-683 Wabash Avenue
6. camera facing southwest
7. 4 of 8

Photo 5

1. South side of Wabash Avenue between Seventh and Eighth Streets
6. camera facing southeast
7. 5 of 8

Photo 6

1. North Side of Ohio Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets
6. camera facing northwest
7. 6 of 8

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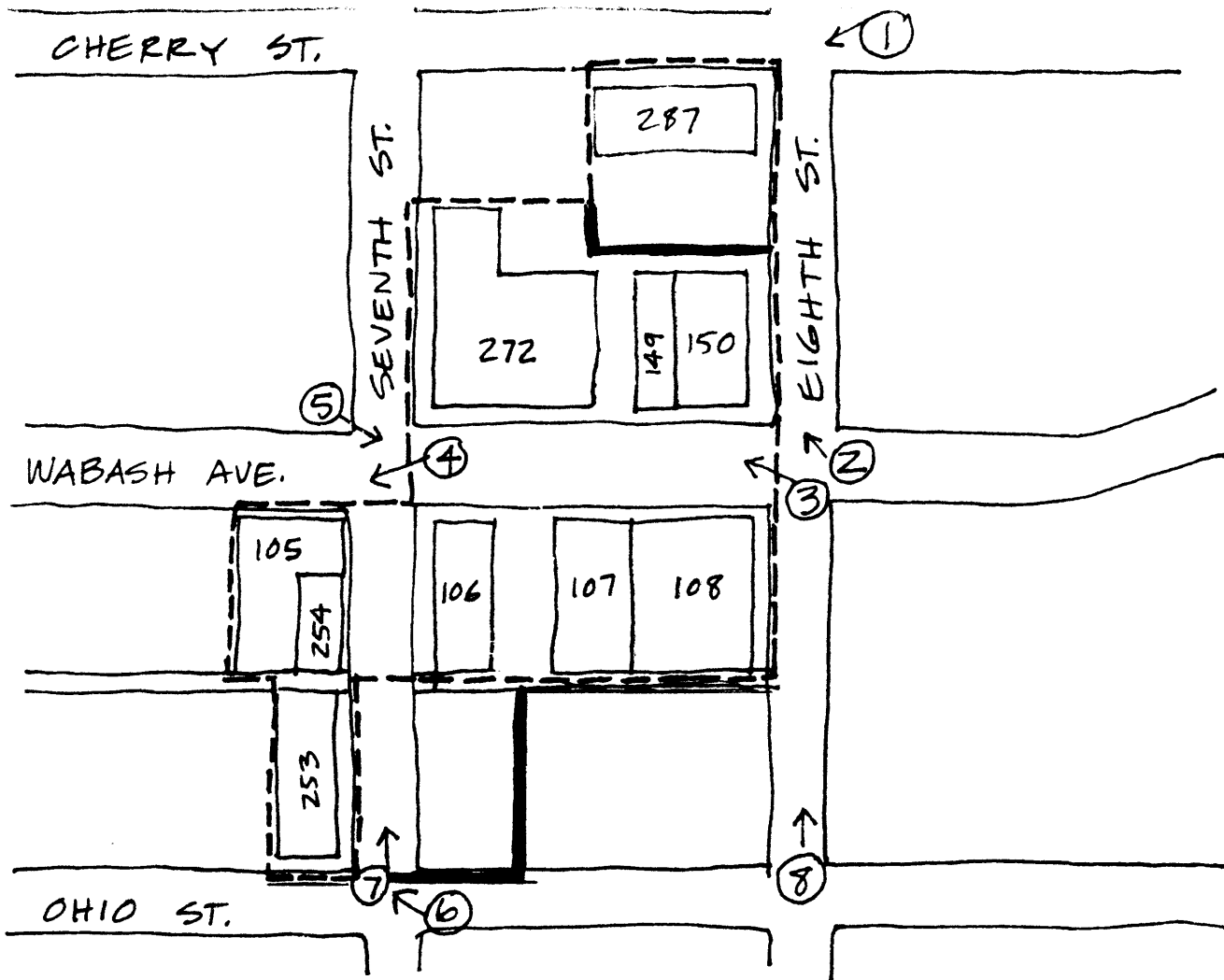
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Photo 7

1. Seventh Street north of Ohio Street
6. camera facing north
7. 7 of 8

Photo 8

1. Eighth Street north of Ohio Street
6. camera facing north
7. 8 of 8



WABASH AVENUE EAST HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

① → photo view

--- boundary

105 building number

— previous boundary

(others not marked
are identical to previous)

ALL BUILDINGS ARE CONTRIBUTING

↑ north
no scale