

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Bradley
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ENTRY DATE JUN 10 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: C. J. Wilson Store <i>use this</i>
AND/OR HISTORIC: W. J. Hughes Business House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3202 Ocoee Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Third	
STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Bradley	CODE 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <small>(Check One)</small>	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE <small>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> <u>Vacant</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

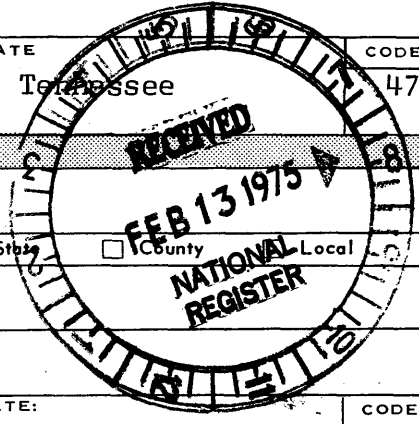
OWNER'S NAME: C. J. Wilson Estate, C. S. Mayfield, Attorney, Trustee		
STREET AND NUMBER: Ocoee Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland	STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bradley County Register's Office		
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse		
CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland	STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11



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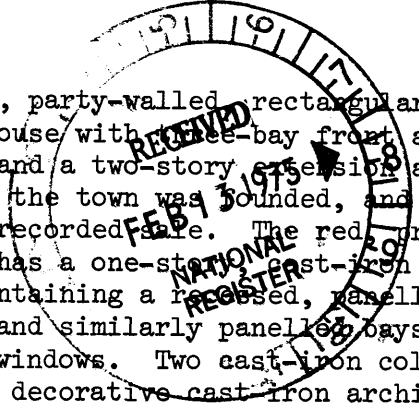
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story brick party wall rectangular store was first built circa 1850. The present unaltered facade was added circa 1880. It is a three bay facade and has red pressed brick foundations of American bond. Its shed roof slopes from front to rear and is covered with standing seam metal and tar. It features a one-story cast iron facade with large plate glass windows and a stamped tin cornice with single end brackets. The open, column free interior has been unaltered.

This two-story, brick, party-walled rectangular (24' x 105' including extension) business house with three-bay front and shed roof (not original) was built, and a two-story extension added to the rear, sometime after 1838, when the town was founded, and before 1850, the date of the building's first recorded sale. The red, pressed-brick, American bond facade (c.1880) has a one-story cast-iron front one step-up from the sidewalk level containing a recessed, panelled, double door with large, single lights and similarly panelled bays on either side with large, plate-glass, display windows. Two cast-iron columns at the inner corners of the bays support a decorative cast-iron architrave. The three, second-story windows are double hung with one-over-one lights, and are framed by rusticated limestone sills and segmental arches. Connecting the sills is a continuous limestone string course. Crowning the facade is a stamped tin cornice with single end brackets. Further decoration is provided in the corbelled brick work below the cornice, in the brick work below each of the second-story windows, and in the iron work covering the vents above them. The name of one of the last proprietors, C. J. Wilson, is painted immediately above these vents. The first floor interior space is unobstructed by supports and the place where the original structure ended is marked by a chimney foundation and a second-story skylight.



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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **circa 1850 and 1880.**

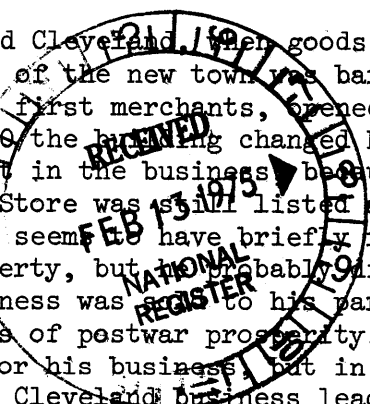
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The C. J. Wilson Store, also known as the W. J. Hughes Business House, is a well-preserved example of a late 19th century commercial facade. Its one story cast iron front and plate glass display windows are common to many commercial structures of this period still to be found in the rural towns of the region. Rusticated stone arches over the second-story windows, corbeled brickwork, and a stamped metal cornice enliven the facade. A column free interior space has facilitated a variety of uses through the years.

In 1840, before the railroad reached Cleveland, Ohio, goods had to be hauled by wagon, and the population of the new town was barely 500, William H. Tibbs, one of the town's first merchants, opened a dry goods store at 2202 Ocoee Street. In 1850, the building changed hands, but Tibbs must have retained an interest in the business, because ten years later Tibbs and Surguine Dry Goods Store was still listed at that address. After the Civil War, in 1867, Tibbs seems to have briefly regained at least partial ownership of the property, but probably sold soon thereafter, because his half of the business was sold to his partner W. J. Hughes. During the next three years of postwar prosperity, Hughes was able to make a leading reputation for his business, but in 1880 he sold it to H. H. Craigmiles, a prominent Cleveland business leader and property owner. This gentleman took an interest in architectural embellishment, and it may have been he who was responsible for the store's new facade. At some point during Craigmiles tenure, the shop was occupied by F. P. Kelly and J. P. Cooper, bartenders and saloon-keepers, and the dry goods store was converted into one of the town's five saloons. (Kelly and Cooper finally purchased the property from Craigmiles in 1891.) Although they were at first respectable gathering places for the local townsmen, the saloons had deteriorated to the point of being public nuisances by the turn of the century, spawning drunkenness and violence in the rapidly growing town. The second floor of Kelly and Cooper's saloon was known as the place where drunks could go to sleep, and several killings are known to have taken place at the establishment, as well as in other saloons in town. When a prohibition law was enacted in 1903, the saloon continued to operate illegally until public outrage finally forced officials to close it down. The property then passed into the hands of a land speculator, and ultimately, in 1909, to C. J. Wilson, whose name now decorates the facade. Wilson



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, 1887.
 Tennessee State Gazetteers for 1860, 1876, 1890. McClung Collection.
 Knoxville.
 "Cleveland Lodge #134 Free and Accepted Masons 1848-1948" Centennial
 Celebration Program, W. B. Parks, Chairman.
 Interview with James S. Hancock, Cleveland, Tennessee. Elder citizen.

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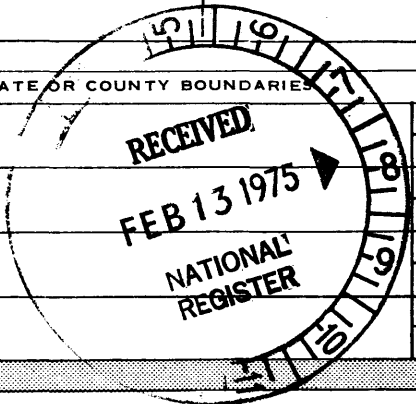
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 . .	0 . .				
SE	0 . .	0 . .				
SW	0 . .	0 . .				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Joseph L. Herndon, Historian and M. Farrell NABS

ORGANIZATION: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE: 9/1/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
 National Park Service

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: II

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lauren G. King

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 2/11/75

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

AK Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/10/75

ATTEST:

W. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date JUN 9 1975

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added shelf fixtures for dried goods, refurbished the store, and returned it to its former respectable appearance. It remained basically unchanged well into the 20th century. Even after C. J. Wilson died in 1945, a great deal of the stock stayed untouched on the shelves. Not until after the recent death of his son was the merchandise sold, and then much of it was bought as antiques. As one of the oldest continuing places of business in Cleveland and Bradley counties, the store represents seventy years of commercial growth and social change. The facade is an excellently preserved example of a commercial storefront of the region and period.