

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Orme Wilson and Company Storehouse

and/or common Greer Warehouse

2. Location

street & number Hackberry Street _____ not for publication

city, town Loudon _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Second

state Tennessee code 047 county Loudon code 105

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. Hamill B. Carey, Greer Hardware Corporation

street & number Grove Street

city, town Loudon _____ vicinity of _____ state Tennessee 37774

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Loudon County Courthouse

street & number Court Square

city, town Loudon _____ state Tennessee 37774

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historical and Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date October 1977 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission, 4721 Trousdale Drive

city, town Nashville _____ state Tennessee 37219

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Orme Wilson Storehouse is located approximately one-quarter mile from the Tennessee River (Watts Bar Lake) in Loudon, the county seat of Loudon County. The two-story, birch, trapezoidal commercial building was built on a rectangular lot prior to 1852. It stands on a brick foundation and has a flat roof.

The most distinctive feature of the building is its simply designed facade (northeast elevation). This wall is divided into three clearly defined bays and each bay has round-head openings. Protruding pentagonal-shaped bricks outline the apertures and emphasize the vertical lines of the building. The stories are also clearly defined by the stepped belt courses above and below the second-story windows. A corbeled, brick cornice girds the building. All windows have been covered with corrugated metal sheets or plywood. Two of the original paneled, double-leaf doors remain; the third entrance has been sealed with white bricks. Each entrance had a semi-circular transom. Although the original steps have been removed, the limestone continuous door sill was retained.

The windows in the remaining walls have segmental arch openings. A single-story frame shed building was recently attached to the northwest wall and painted reddish-brown to match the building. Except for some damaged bricks in the facade, the structure appears to be in good condition.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 1850

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

When the commercial district of a small town shifts to a new location, the older buildings begin to deteriorate, few new businesses move into the area, and an air of hopelessness prevails. The interiors of buildings in the old commercial area are changed and the exteriors modernized in the hope that the improvements will stimulate business. Since many commercial buildings were strictly utilitarian in design, the community frequently welcomes the altered appearances of their commercial buildings. Some buildings, however, have retained their original appearances because the design was so pleasing or it exhibited fine craftsmanship. Such a building is the Orme Wilson Storehouse.

Before the Civil War and for many years after, the Tennessee River was one of the main commercial arteries in East Tennessee, and Loudon was a major port on the river. The town built a steamboat wharf in the late 1820s, and during the ensuing years a business district flourished around this entreport. By 1852 Orme Wilson and Company had built a storehouse in the heart of this commercial area. When the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad reached Loudon in 1853, a second business district was built near the railroad, and for a time the town served both steamboat and rail commerce. Orme Wilson and Company later moved their operation to the railroad, but the old building continued to be used.

The storehouse has survived numerous vicissitudes, among which were the permanent shift of the town's commercial center after the Civil War, the result of the decline of river traffic, and the construction of the US 11 highway and bridge near the building. Over the years it has served as a glove factory, apartment house, and church; it is presently used as a warehouse for a hardware store. The storehouse is an important structure to the town of Loudon as a reminder of its early days as an important river port.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mrs. Earl Alexander. Application for Preservation Awards 1977 by East Tennessee Chapter of American Institute of Architects, April 19, 1977.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property .13

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Quadrangle name Loudon, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 16 741020 3958400
Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property nominated is a rectangular lot which measures 100 feet by 58 feet and contains approximately .13 acre. The entire parcel is owned by Greer Hardware Corporation. The Boundary of the tract is described in Loudon County Deed Book No. 60, page 13.

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Earl Alexander

organization

date February 17, 1979

street & number Fowler's Mill Road

telephone

city or town Loudon

state Tennessee 37774

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Herbert L. Hayden

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date

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

Sally G. Oldham
Keeper of the National Register

date 2/12/80

Attest: *William H. Brennan*

date 2.12.80

Chief of Registration