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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Wilson Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1621-1623 Main

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dallas

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

Texas

Dallas

113

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (Partially)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME McCrory Corporation

STREET & NUMBER

888 Seventh Avenue

STATE

CITY, TOWN

New York

VICINITY OF

New York

10019

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dallas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Records Building

CITY, TOWN

Dallas, Texas

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

November 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin, Texas

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
		<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wilson Building is an eight story eclectic commercial structure built of reinforced concrete and glazed brick with terra cotta, stone, and marble ornamentation. Although it has some features of a Chicago style building the facade details are basically classically inspired. The building fronts on three streets (Main, Elm, and Ervay), with four bays on the north and south facades and seven bays on the longer east elevation. Overall, the building is rectangular in shape with curved tripartite bays on the northeast and southeast corners. The building is also divided into three pavilions by recessed lightwells on the east elevation. The ornamental detail extends one story deep into the lightwells and beyond that point the facade is covered with a plain white glaze finish brick. The Wilson Building has a reinforced concrete skeleton (designed to be fireproof) that rests on a coal and cinder base.

The brick facade is stretcher bond with carved stone and terra cotta ornament and door surrounds. The eight story facade is divided into four horizontal sections by belt courses above the second and fifth levels and a projecting cornice above the seventh floor. Although the original design for the building showed a five story structure with a dome over one section, the present structure has a flat roof with a projecting cornice.

The first floor is the most significantly altered portion of the exterior. Early photographs of the building show the ground floor facade with a colonnade of Roman Doric and Ionic enamelled terra cotta columns at the entrances, recessed plate glass windows and a cone shaped wrought iron canopy extending to the curb on the Ervay Street (east) facade. The columns were enclosed by plate glass windows sometime during the 1920's. Today most of the ground floor facade is covered with slabs of black marble, but several of the columns can still be seen in the display windows on the Main and Elm Street facades. The original main store entrance on Ervay has been covered, leaving only modern delivery doors. The store entrances at the northeast and southeast corners of the building still remain but in altered condition. The north entrance has been covered with the same black marble as the rest of the ground floor facade but the more ornate south office entrance is still in its original condition. It has a semi-circular pedimented frontispiece with a raking cornice, full entablature, and Ionic pilasters. The tympanum contains an oval inscribed with Wilson's name surrounded by swags and other ornate ornament.

The second floor has Chicago style windows along the flat portion of the facade and single light windows along the curved bay sections. Rusticated pilasters separate the windows which are topped by false radiating lintels. The rusticated effect on the pilasters and lintels is created not by separate blocks of stone but rather by large blocks that have been carved to achieve the rusticated effect. A simple molded belt course runs above the second story. The windows on the Ervay Street facade have been plastered over but the Elm and Main Street windows remain in their original condition.

The third, fourth, and fifth story windows are grouped by large decorated arches creating the seven bays along the Ervay facade and four bays along the Main and Elm facades. Windows on the third and fourth floors are single light, double hung windows grouped by pairs and separated by a small pilaster inside the large pilasters framing each arch. The windows on the fifth floor are Chicago Style windows rounded at the top to fit the curved portion of the arch. At the top of each pilaster is an ornamental motif consisting of a vertical oval with a W inscribed on it flanked by scrolls and topped with a shell. The motif is also present above the two pilasters on each of the north and south bay areas but is made even more ornate by the presence of an eagle

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with spread wings atop the shell. Above the eagles, wrapping around the curved part of the building, are two terra cotta circular medallions with swags draped between and on either side. The curved portion of the arch is formed from light colored stone banded by brick and there is a carved stone volute at the top center. The arches at the northwest and southwest ends of the building are more ornamental than the others in that they are rusticated and the windows are inset bay windows.

The second belt course above the fifth story consists of ashlar finish stone over a course of circular beading supported by closely spaced brackets. The sixth and seventh story windows are also grouped by arches; each arch covers the width of one window, but they are paired by large stepped pilasters. The main cornice line is above the seventh floor of the building. It consists of a projecting crown molding with dentils supported by large scroll brackets that mark the bays.

The eighth floor also has single light, double hung sash windows grouped in pairs and separated by a pilaster. The top cornice line consists of a molded course with dentils below it. The cornice projects where it crosses the pilasters and there is an ornamental motif of circular medallions in the center of each pilaster at the dentil line and a scroll flaring down and to either side of a cluster of ballshaped forms on each pilaster. Brickwork projects slightly above this cornice line. There is a final course of ashlar blocks at the tope of the building topped by scroll-like projections that curve inward against a rectangular block above each pilaster.

The first and second floors of the Wilson Building served as retail display space and were finished in mahogany. This portion of the building has been significantly altered from its original condition by store remodelings. The office entrance lobbies on Main and Elm originally had marble wainscoting, pilasters, and complex plaster work, but most of it has also been covered.

Over 150 business offices were housed on the third through eighth floors, which share a common floor plan. There were 30 suites and 2 single offices on each floor. The floors were once marble (now covered) and all the woodwork was mahogany. Door hardware, light switches, and other fixtures bore Wilson's initials. Unoccupied for several years, the office portion of the building is basically structurally unchanged, but its condition has rapidly deteriorated.

Facing Elm Street and attached to the original building is a 12 story addition commonly called the Annex. Built in 1911, it follows the Chicago style division into base, shaft, and cornice. Considerable alterations have marred the first 2 floors. Unlike its predecessor, the Annex displays little ornamentation on the shaft. Fenestration on the main facade is divided into 3 bays of paired one over one sash windows accented by simple terra cotta lozenges and artificial lintels. The top 2 floors, however, are heavily encrusted with decoration that echoes the motifs used in the older building: arches, cartouches, articulated keystones, and spandrel carving. Topping the Annex is a cornice supported by dentils resembling triglyphs. The other facades are undistinguished, decorated only by a simple brick cornice. Titche-Gottinger also occupied the Annex.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1903-04

BUILDER/ARCHITECT A. Watson/Sanguinet and Staats

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wilson Building is an important example of early twentieth century commercial architecture in Texas. Designed by the regionally prominent Fort Worth firm of Sanguinet and Staats, the Wilson Building was the first 8 story building in the state. It was built in 1903 by the Dallas rancher and investor J. B. Wilson to house Titche-Gottinger and provide office space for the medical profession. It was the first "large scale, sumptuous quarters for a major retail store in Dallas". (Acheson, Dallas Yesterday.)

Architecturally, the building is an eclectic structure with elaborate and finely wrought classical detail. Descriptions published at the time it was built called the Wilson Building a "modern adaptation of French Renaissance". Its general ornamentation has been compared to that of the Paris Opera House and the arrangement of windows is similar to the patterns found in H. H. Richardson's Marshall Field Wholesale Store and Adler and Sullivan's Chicago Auditorium Building. Although altered on the lower floors, the upper portion of the facade is in its original condition, and the structure remains as one of the most solidly built in Dallas. Today the buildings' offices are vacant, but the lower floors house H. L. Green Department Stores, as they have done since Titche-Gottinger moved to new quarters in the late 1920's.

The Wilson Building was first designed as a five story structure but the office space was rented so rapidly that an additional three floors were added to the design. Members of the medical profession occupied most of the offices at first, but in later years the range of tenants' professions became much broader. A 1911 directory lists Sanguinet and Staats' Dallas office as tenants of the building.

Although the Wilson Building was a fairly early product of the partnership of Sanguinet and Staats, it has remained one of their best known works. The firm eventually had major offices in Fort Worth, Houston, Wichita Falls, and San Antonio, and handled many major commercial and public commissions. Carl Staats studied in the San Antonio office of J. Reily Gordon in 1891 and in 1898 moved to Fort Worth to enter partnership with the already established Marshall R. Sanguinet. The firm went on to design many structures already on the National Register, such as the Flatiron Building, Thistle Hill, and the Knights of Pythias Hall, all in Fort Worth.

J. B. Wilson, treasurer of Titche-Gottinger, was the owner and major figure in the development of the Wilson Building. Born in Dixie, Ontario in 1847, Wilson spent 48 years as a business and financial leader in Dallas. He made his first fortune in the lumber business in New Orleans, but then moved to Dallas in 1872 to become involved with the cattle industry. He owned the 7D Ranch near San Angelo and became extremely wealthy dealing in the cattle export business. He was a major financial force in Dallas, sitting on the boards of several financial institutions.

His interest in the Wilson Building was the fulfillment of lifelong ambitions and was, in many ways, a monument to Wilson's determination and success. He personally negotiated with subcontractors for much of the work done and made sure that all materials were of the highest quality. The building was highly personalized, bearing his name

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Dallas Downtown News, February 27, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1½

QUADRANGLE NAME Dallas, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 4	7 0 6 3 2 0	3 6 1 2 9 1 0 0 0
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C			
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B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies lots 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10 of city block 76 1/2.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carol Roark

ORGANIZATION

DATE

January 1, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

2516 Rogers Ave.

TELEPHONE

817-926-4212

CITY OR TOWN

Fort Worth

STATE

Texas 76109

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL x

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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE April 25, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

acting Chairwoman
ATTEST: *Carol Roark*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 7/24/79

DATE 7/24/79

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on much of the interior and exterior decoration. Although he died in 1920, Wilson's memory is still closely associated with the building.

The facade of the Wilson Building is still one of the most exquisite historic structures in downtown Dallas. Although the lower floors have undergone alterations, the building still retains its impressive appearance. A 1966 survey showed that the building's location at Main and Elm had the largest volume of pedestrian traffic in the downtown area. Thus it remains an important focal point of downtown Dallas business potential, as well as an important structure in the history of Dallas' commercial activity.

The building remained in the Wilson estate for many years. It was sold in 1971 to the National Bank of Commerce which eventually planned to expand their bank operations to that location. The bank's plans never developed and the building was purchased in October of 1973 by Wilson Ltd., a real estate investment firm headed by Vincent A. Carrozza. Carrozza's company commissioned a restoration plan prepared by Arthur Z. Bronner of the Rhode Island School of Design. This plan included removal of the modern marble facing and called for interior restoration involving continued use of the structure as a store and office complex. The upper floors were vacated at that time in anticipation of restoration, but in a recent article the owners indicated that no definite plans had yet been made for the building's restoration.

Property Wilson Building

79002931

State Tx. (Dallas)

Working Number

5.1.79.935

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos H8

Maps 1

OK 5.2.79 pl

Significant in commercial history for its strong associations with J.B. Wilson, a leading business/financial figure in Dallas for half a century, this turn-of-the-century bldg. was a personal monument to his success. As one of the first skyscrapers in state and largest commercial facility in Dallas when built, this bldg is also significant historically for its associations with Dallas' prominence in the period. Owner has not raised any substantive objection, and procedural objection has been satisfied by additional comment period.

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

Joe Turner

7-20-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

Nomination includes the Annex (See Telephone Report).

OTHER

Three Duplicate Photographs are to be returned to SHPO.

Gale Brooke
Sent: 7/19/79

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

This building was designed by a prominent Texas architectural firm and appears to have more than local significance. Eclectic in character, it symbolizes the marriage of classical architectural vocabulary with the Chicago School approach to commercial architecture. The annex, built in 1911, also has Chicago School characteristics but less classical detail. Both buildings have been altered unsympathetically on the lower floors, but otherwise the two buildings retain the majority of their exterior character and integrity. The owner objects to listing on the National Register, but the Wilson Building and its Annex could serve as a good local model of TRA incentives for restoring historic buildings.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Gale Brooke
7/19/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back _____

Entered 11 24 1979

Federal Register Entry

9-4-79

Re-submit _____



Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

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Northeast oblique, c. 1920's.

Photo #1 of 8

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Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

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Southeast oblique, c. 1920's.

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Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical Commission,
Nov., 1977.

Northeast oblique

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical Commission,
Nov., 1977.

Northwest oblique

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D&E
JUL 24 1979



Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical Commission,
Nov., 1977

Southeast oblique

MAY 1 1979

Photo #5 88

DOE
JUL 24 1979



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical Commission,
Nov., 1977

South entrance

MAY 1 1979

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Wilson Building
1621-1623 Main
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

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Interior detail, c. 1920's.

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Wilson Building

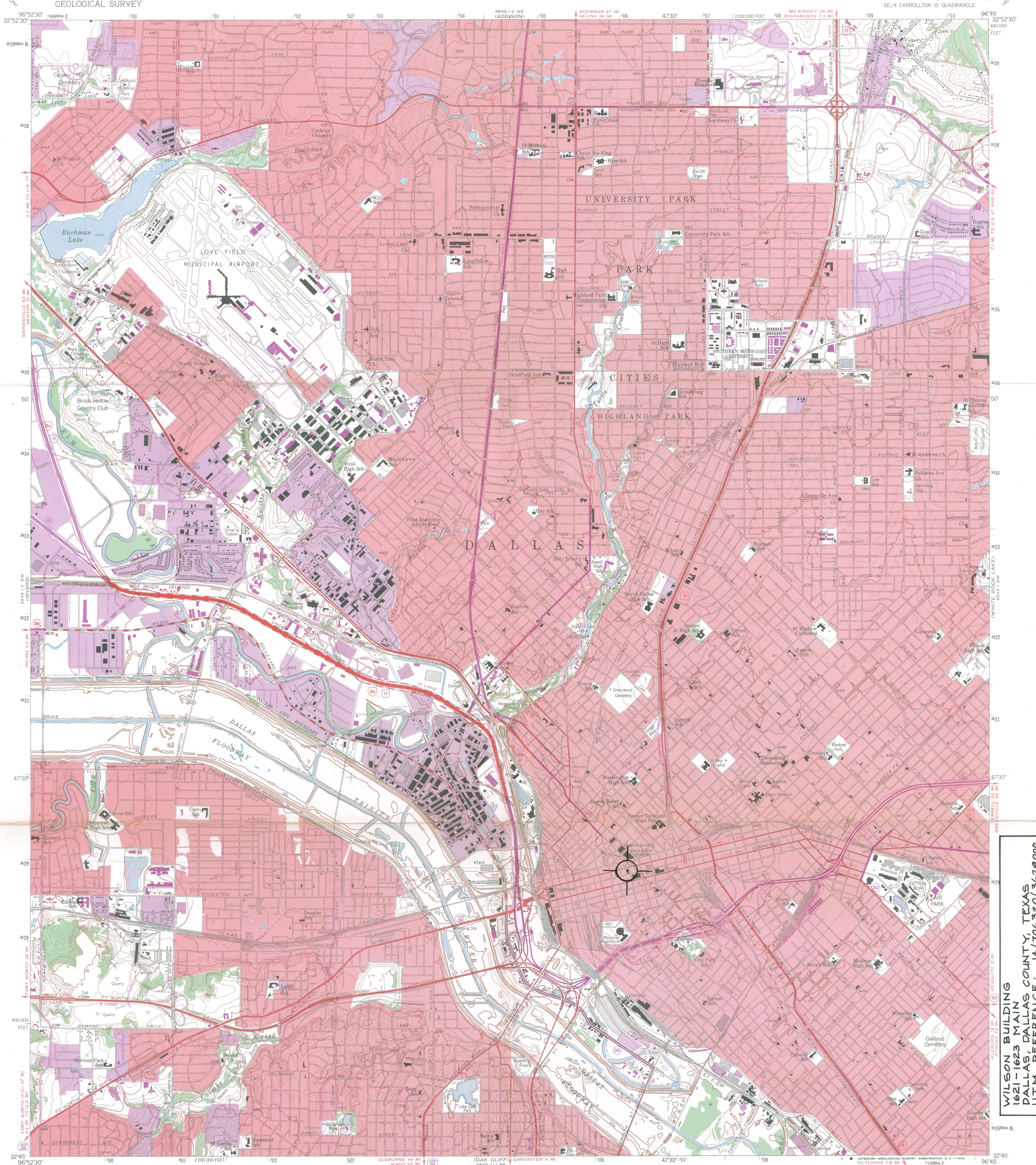
Dallas County

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JUL 24 1979

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

DALLAS QUADRANGLE
TEXAS-DALLAS CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 CARROLLTON 15' QUADRANGLE



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Control by USGS and USC&GS

Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1952 and 1956. Topography from city of Dallas surveys 1954 and by planetable surveys 1958

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system
north central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks
zone 14, shown in blue

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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

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Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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SE/4 CARROLLTON 15' QUADRANGLE
N3245-W9645/7.5
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WILSON BUILDING
1621-1623 MAIN
DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
U.T.M. REFERENCE: 14/706320/3629000
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TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Wilson Building, Dallas

To/From: Susan Rock

DATE: June 12, 1979

ADDRESS: Washington

PHONE: 342-3726

STAFF MEMBER: Bill Brabham/Gale Brooks

DIVISION: NR

REPORT:

Bill took a call from a representative of the owner of this building. The owner opposes the listing, and they claim they have not been notified.

Gale called the Texas SHPO and talked to David Moore. Told him the situation, and they will discuss it. One of them will get back to us to let us know whether or not we should send another notification letter to the owner and extend the period for comment.

* * *

Lissa Anderson called to report that Mark Story, an attorney for the McCrory Corporation in Dallas, testified in favor of the nomination at the State Review Board Meeting. She thought that some one in Ms. Rock's firm should talk to him. Mark Story is with Dalton, Moore, Forde, Joiner and Stollenwerck - 2500 1st International Building

Dallas, TX 75270 Tel: (214) 744-1500

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Gale called Susan Rock to discuss sending another notification letter and the above. She said she would call back with the name of the person to send the letter to, if that was appropriate, because she was not at her desk. (The conversation was very brief!)

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Lissa called again to report that she had discussed the situation with Truett Latimer, and he agreed to our sending another notification letter if that seemed appropriate. The building is not in any immediate jeopardy because the McCrory Corp. is using it for commercial retail purposes, so the additional notification/comment period should not be a problem.

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Wilson Building, Dallas

To/From: Susan Rock

DATE: 6/13/79

ADDRESS: Washington

PHONE: 342-3726

STAFF MEMBER: Gale Brooks

DIVISION: NR

REPORT:

address & tel. no.,

Called Susan Rock to give her Mark Story's name/and to suggest that some one in her firm talk to him about his testimony in favor of listing the Wilson Building. Also told her that if we are going to send another notification letter we would like the name of an appropriate person to send it to.

She said they were not sure they were going to oppose the listing, and she would get back to me one way or another with the name of the person the letter should be sent to.

* * *

Ms. Rock called back to say they would like another notification letter sent to:

McCrory Corporation
c/o Raymond E. Harris, Esq.
Lerner Stores Corporation
460 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001

She also said she would be sending me a letter to confirm our conversation.

* * *

with two brochures

Sent another notification letter/to the owner at the above address on June 14, 1979. Also sent a copy of the letter and a copy of this Telephone Report to Lissa Anderson.

NAME OF PROPERTY Wilson Building, Dallas STATE Texas

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer: June 14, 1979

Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer: July 14, 1979
(30 Days from Date Requested)

Information Requested From: Owner's Representative

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

Owner's Representative claims the owner never received a notification letter. We agreed to send another letter to the Owner at another address. (See 6/12 & 6/13 Telephone Reports.)

Gale Brooks
Reviewer

NP

Wilson Building
5115 179



McCRORY CORPORATION
888 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

RAYMOND S. HARRIS
GENERAL COUNSEL

(212) 889-8500

June 22, 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Pension Building
440 G Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attention: Nom

RE: Wilson Building
Dallas, Texas

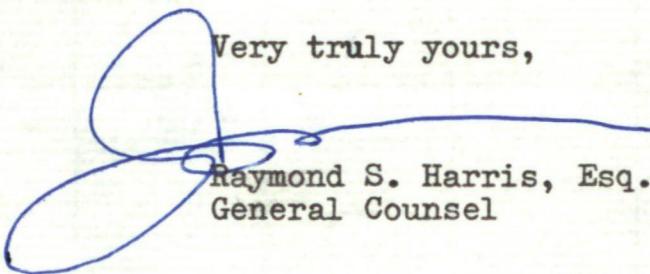
Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 1979 and the enclosed pamphlets dealing with The National Register of Historic Places and Tax Incentives for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings.

I believe our position can best be explained by enclosing, herewith, a copy of my letter dated April 27, 1979 to Ms. Mary Jo Lee, Chairperson; Historic Landmark Preservation Committee; Dallas, Texas.

For all of the reasons therein set forth, we oppose the nomination of our building for listing in The National Register of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,


Raymond S. Harris, Esq.
General Counsel

RSH:lr
Enclosure

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D JUN 25 1979

KNOW D. L. SPONSE (ATTACHED)

INF _____

TELEGRAM CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS

SL/LS

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED # 566109

MCCRORY CORPORATION
888 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

RAYMOND S. HARRIS
GENERAL COUNSEL

889-8500

April 27, 1979.

Ms. Mary Jo Lee, Chairperson
Historic Landmark Preservation Committee
Department of Planning & Urban Development
City Hall
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: The Wilson Building
1623 Main Street
Dallas, Texas (M1004)

Dear Ms. Lee:

McCrory Corporation, on February 28, 1979, purchased the above building in which it has for many years conducted its variety store business. Subsequently, we have been advised that our building is under consideration for possible recommendation to your committee for designation as a historic landmark of the City of Dallas.

This is our formal notice to your committee, and all others, similarly concerned, that McCrory Corporation is strenuously opposed to such designation. We have carefully reviewed the controlling Ordinance, and find no advantages or benefits which would inure to us as the owner of a designated historic landmark sufficient to offset the stringent restrictions resultant from such a designation.

Accordingly, unless the controlling statutory provisions of the City of Dallas are drastically changed, McCrory is unalterably opposed to an historical landmark designation of our building.

Very truly yours,

Raymond S. Harris
General Counsel

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Ms. Susan Rock
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Dear Ms. Rock:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 1979 regarding the nomination of the Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas to the National Register. On May 8, 1979, the National Register notified the McCrory Corporation, 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019 that the nomination was pending. A second notification, at your request, was sent on June 14, 1979 to the McCrory Corporation, c/o Raymond E. Harris, Esq., Lerner Stores Corporation, 460 West 33rd Street, New York, New York 10001.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

Charles A. Herrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register

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Service
U. S. Department of Interior
440 G Street, N. W. (661)
Washington, D. C. 20243

Re: Wilson Building
1623 Main Street
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This will confirm our telephone conversation in which you informed me that the National Register will issue to the McCrory Corporation new notification of the National Register's nomination of the Wilson Building. As you know, the original letter you sent on May 8, 1979 was never received by the McCrory Corporation. I also understand that the McCrory Corporation will have 30 days after the date of your letter to submit written comments to the National Register.

Please address your letter as follows:

McCrory Corporation
c/o Raymond E. Harris, Esquire
Lerner Stores Corporation
460 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001

I appreciate your sending me a copy of your letter.
Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Rock

Susan Rock
Legal Assistant

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TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Wilson Building, Dallas

To/FROM: Lissa Anderson

DATE: July 19, 1979

ADDRESS: Texas Historical Commission

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER: Gale Brooks

DIVISION: NR

REPORT:

Talked to Lissa to confirm that the 1911 Annex is included in the nomination. She said yes, and that the VBD includes this building.

I told her there were three duplicate photos with the nomination, and that I would send them back for their file. Lissa apologized for their error and said she would appreciate their return.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Location

Wilson Building

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Dallas County

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Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen

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State Historic Preservation Officer
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For further information, please call the National Register at (202) 343-6401.

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McCRORY CORPORATION
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October 2, 1979

Mr. Charles A. Herrington
Acting Keeper of -
The National Register
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Svcs.
Washington, D.C. 20240.

Re: The Wilson Building
Dallas, Texas
Your Ref: 663 NP

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of July 13, 1979. We regret the delay in responding to you but we are sure you will understand that vacations reek havoc on scheduling.

We would appreciate your advising us as to whether or not we would receive notice when, and if, the property is accepted for listing in the National Register.

You had stated in your letter aforesaid, that upon such a listing it would be placed in the "Federal Register" and we would therefore, be concerned about knowing how to determine such an occurrence.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RAYMOND S. HARRIS
General Counsel

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