

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) Hotchkiss Bros. Office		(Historic) Same
2. TOWN/CITY Torrington	VILLAGE	COUNTY Litchfield
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 199 Water Street		
4. OWNER(S) Hotchkiss Bros. Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
5. USE (Present) Offices		(Historic) Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN By appointment		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Vernacular Neo-classical		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1906
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hip
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES one	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 41 X 85	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN? (Alterations) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage
<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 Set back from the streetline, the first building on the south of the Hotchkiss Bros. complex which dominates the streetscape of upper Water St.
 (OVER)

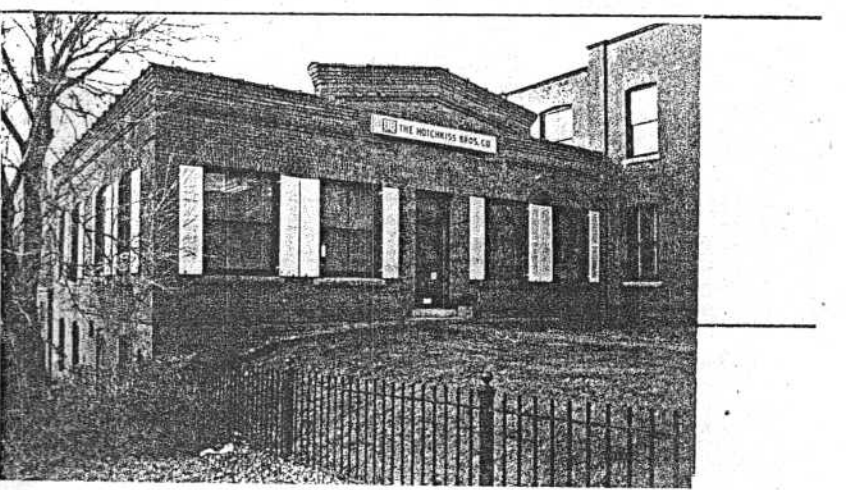
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
 The office of the Hotchkiss Bros. Co. is four bays wide facing Water St. with a central entry. The original door in the entry is wooden, 3/4-glazed and panelled, with a large transom above. It is flanked by two windows with 2 over 2 sash (except for the southernmost window) which have wooden shutters, rusticated granite sills and flat arched lintels of gauged brick. Brick is laid in Running bond. The building's most distinctive feature is its corbelled cornice built up in four layers from an entablature that in its turn is formed by corbelled brick. A pediment rises in the center built up of corbelled brick like the cornice. A raised brick panel carrying the company's sign is in the center of the area below the pediment, its top and bottom even with the lines of the cornice and entablature. The cornice is carried around the south elevation. The north elevation is a party wall with the factory building next to it. The interior of the office is noteworthy for the richness of its trim, as

18. ARCHITECT: -- BUILDER: Torrington Building Co.

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 The Hotchkiss Bros. office was constructed in 1906. See History of Hotchkiss Bros. for general historical significance of complex - Continuation sheet #2.
 A plaque in front of this building identifies it as the site of Amos Wilson's sawmill, the beginning of industry in downtown Torrington. Architecturally, though smaller in scale the office's style complements that of the factory buildings of the complex which were built at different times. Its interior, particularly the president's office, is rich in woodwork trim.

SOURCES: Torrington land and tax records, Survey of Hotchkiss Bros., 1944

PHOTOGRAPHER: Mark McEachern 1/83
 VIEW: NE NEGATIVE
 NAME: William E. Devlin 6/83
 ORGANIZATION:
 ADDRESS:



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
- None known
 - Highways
 - Vandalism
 - Developers
 - Other _____
 - Renewal
 - Private
 - Deterioration
 - Zoning
 - Expropriation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET #2.
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Hotchkiss Brothers Office

Hotchkiss Brothers: A History

The Hotchkiss Brothers at 199 Water Street is a complex of nearly a dozen buildings devoted to woodworking and the manufacture of windows, doors, blinds and shutters. The five principal buildings in the complex, including the company office front on Water St. and are described in depth in the following forms. Buildings in the rear are largely used for storage, or are extensions of the operations in the buildings described.

In 1841 Charles Hotchkiss, a native of Naugatuck, moved to Torrington and purchased a mill privilege at Drake's Mill, several miles north of the present site. In 1857 he sold the mill and removed with his sons to Wolcottville. There he purchased the one time Amos Wilson mill privilege, site of the first industry in modern downtown Torrington, from the Connecticut Soapstone Company, and established his own business. The original focus of the company was building , and the firm constructed many of the houses in Wolcottville and the surrounding towns. The company gradually expanded into planing, sawing, turning, and house finishing, and eventually the manufacture of sash, blinds, doors and shutters which they continue today. In 1868, Charles Hotchkiss took his son Henry into the business. His older son Edward C. was already a partner. The company at that point became Charles Hotchkiss and Sons. In 1880 Edward Hotchkiss retired, and the firm became Hotchkiss Brothers. In 1887 Edward H. Hotchkiss was admitted as a partner. He was the son of Edward C. Hotchkiss and eventually led the company until 1922.

In 1895 the company expanded their wood-working operations, constructing the large factory building now known as Building #4. The company was incorporated in 1901. The building operation was separated and the Torrington Building Co. came into existence. During the early 1920s the Hotchkiss Bros. were the busiest plant in Torrington, due perhaps to the surge in building. In 1924 the middle buildings of the present factory complex were constructed, fully modernizing the plant and completing the present complex.

It continues today under the leadership of Joseph Cravanzola, a former employee who is also the president of the Torrington Historical Society.

The contribution of the Hotchkiss Brothers to the built environment of Torrington is vast. In addition to constructing many of the buildings in existence as Hotchkiss Bros. or as Torrington Building Co., the firm supplied the rich interior woodwork that characterized the residential and some commercial architecture of the city.

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17. one might expect from a company that traditionally has dealt in wood products. The front door opens onto a narrow hall with a reception office to the right. The office is richly panelled in quartered oak. Wainscoting in the hallway has been removed or covered with paneling. The corridor turns right ; the offices of the president and vice-president are to the left. The president's office is panelled in mahogany. Doors have shouldered architraves, and a concave crown molding runs around the ceiling. This office is lighted by the two large front windows. After the corridor takes its turn to the right it leads to another office, in the right side of the building #1. The window and door surrounds in this office feature bull's eye corner blocks. A doorway leads from this office into the factory buildings to the rest of the complex. To the rear is a one-story garage.

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IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
	Hotchkiss Bros. Factory #1 Same	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
	Torrington	Litchfield
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	100 Water Street	
	4. OWNER(S)	
	Hotchkiss Bros. Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	Factory and Stores Same	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	IF YES, EXPLAIN: By appointment	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Victorian Commercial	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	1885	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		
two		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
35 X 96		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Second story altered		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
First of the brick buildings in the Hotchkiss Bros. complex that dominates upper Water St.		

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

This combined factory and commercial building is four bays wide and contains two stories. The storefronts were originally used by Hotchkiss Bros. as a retail store for building supplies. An old illustration of the Hotchkiss Bros. plant in the 1890s shows a large, central, round-arched window in the second story. This was replaced by four windows with lintels of rusticated granite and a common sill course of the same material. Above is an entablature formed by corbelled brick with a row of brick set on edge suggesting a dentil effect. The frieze has a central swag of terra cotta and above a corbelled cornice with a parapet above that. Other inset terra cotta panels with egg and dart moldings around the edges flank the central swag in the frieze. The storefront is cast iron, its cornice a large I-beam. The patera-like ends of the metal floor rods ornament it. Above the large plate glass display windows, separated by panelled pilasters, is a row of dentils. The rear first floor

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

Torrington Building Co.

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This part of the complex originally held offices in the part south of the driveway, and sash assembly and storage were carried out north of it, in the factory. Similar operations are carried out in the building at present. This building together with Factory Building #4 are the oldest on the site (1895). This was the original office building. After incorporation (1901) the present main office and entrance were added on (1906); the latter is set back from the street. Architecturally, the storefront in this building is in fine, well-preserved condition, one of the best examples of an older storefront in Torrington. The older part of the building retains much of its interior trim. The brightly-lit lunchroom is a room that would appear to have a good deal of potential.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Torrington land and tax records, Survey of Hotchkiss Bros., 1944

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VIEW

North

NEGATIVE

NAME

William E. Devlin 6/83

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

1. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____
 Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____

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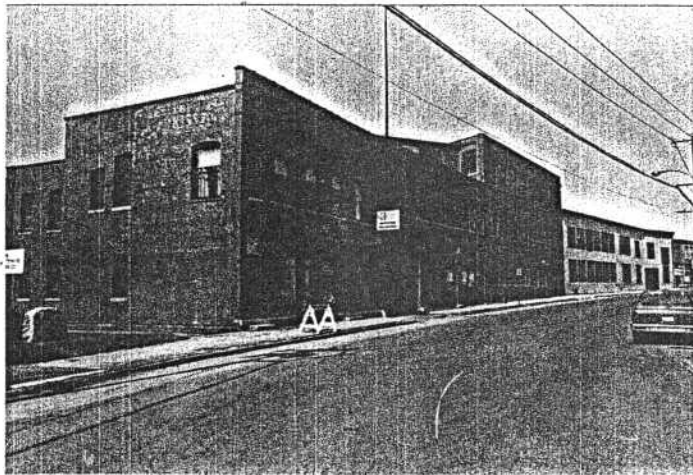
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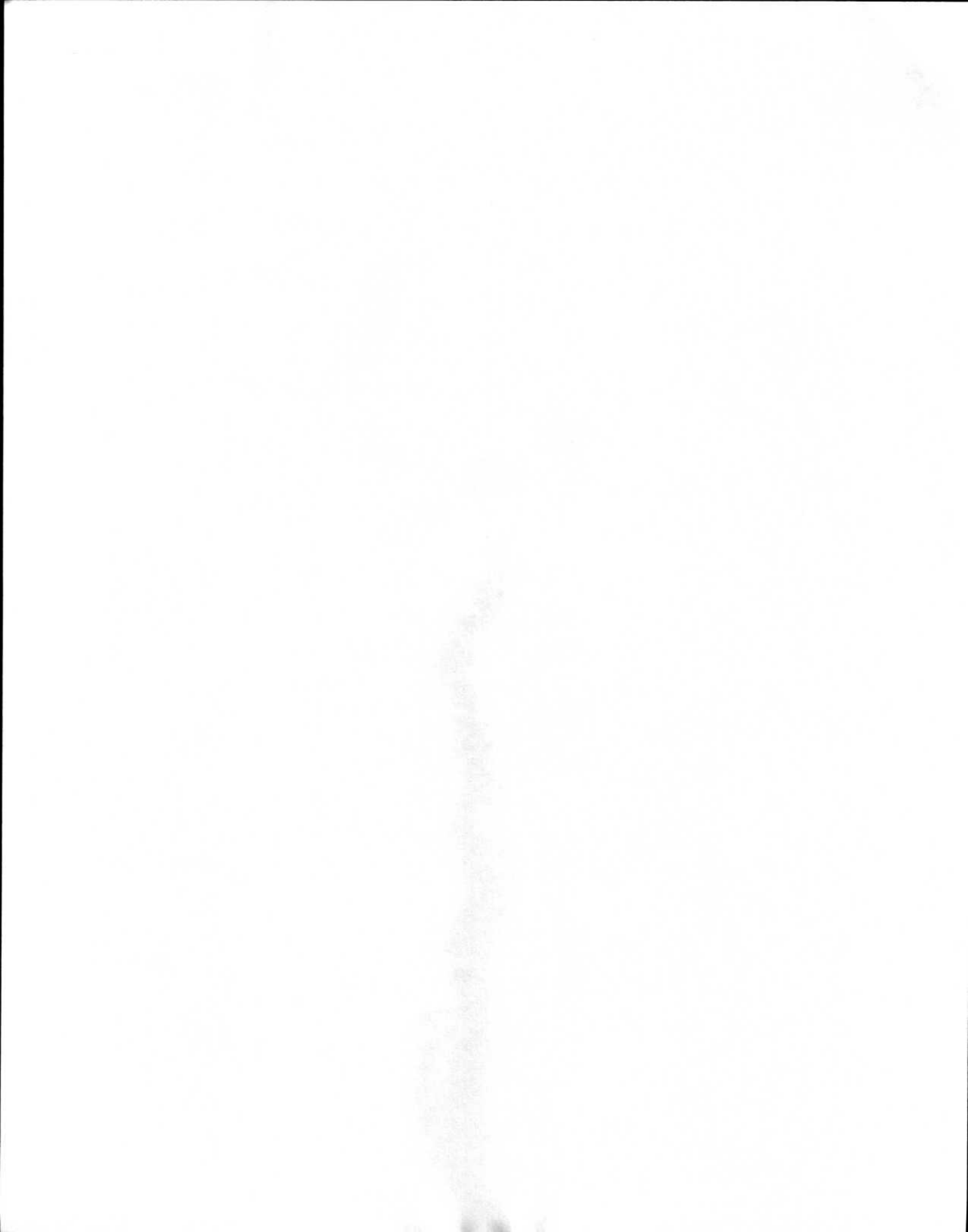
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17. of this building was originally office space and continues to be use as such. Reached from the office by a stairway with tongue-and-groove wainscoting and a chair rail, is a lunchroom on the second floor. The lunchroom, well lighted by large windows facing south, also has tongue-and-groove wainscoting and a chair rail. The floor is maple. In a nearby room is a large iron safe, manufactured by the Warth-Baum Safe Co of Cincinnati. The safe probably dates to the nineteenth or early twentieth century. Doors in this section are panelled. The presence of the safe indicates that this second floor was also used as office space at one time. There is a covered walkway (bridge) which leads from the second floor to Building #2 (1924). This provides access to the factory (west) and lunchroom and offices(east). The storefronts on the street currently house an antique business.

Photograph:



Northeast view showing Factory Building #1, its two-story rear section and the relationship to the rest of the complex



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IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i>		Hotchkiss Bros. Factory Building #2		Same	
2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
Torrington				Litchfield	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)					
199 1/2 Water Street					
4. OWNER(S)					
Hotchkiss Bros. Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private					
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i>					
Factory Same					
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
				By appointment	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Commercial				1924	
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)					
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<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM					
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)					
10. ROOF (Type)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
(Material)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
two		77 X 129			
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? <i>(Alterations)</i> IF YES, EXPLAIN					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)		
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15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT					
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 Building relates to factory Building #1 (original office) in the Hotchkiss Bros. complex in scale and style though it is later in period. The two buildings share a common building height and common materials. (OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

This factory building houses the Hotchkiss Bros.' Shipping and Receiving Department in the rear. Its facade is eight bays wide on the second story. The southernmost bays on the ground floor are a driveway leading to the complex's rear side. The windows have a sill course of rustic granite, and the cornice, entablature, frieze and parapet are a continuation of Building #1 to its south. There are two storefronts, with plate-glass windows and large transoms with glass blocks, surmounted by an I-beam. Piers separate the storefronts, accented at the base and cornice by cast stone bands. The building is long and deep with a monitor roof, and reaches three stories in the rear. It is sixteen bays deep and has 15 over 15 windows separated by brick piers. This building is brick and mill construction with all posts and beams chamfered. The members are 8 X 12 and 8X8 held together by angle iron. Windows are original 15 over 15 sash. Doors are panelled with transoms. The floors

18. ARCHITECT: -- BUILDER: Torrington Building Co.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This building was largely used for assembly of sash and blinds (1st and 2nd floors). The lower floor is a basement on the street side but fully exposed in the rear. This was used for shipping, receiving, and lumber storage. The construction of this large building in 1924 indicates a healthy building industry and a significant expansion for Hotchkiss Bros. See also Building #1

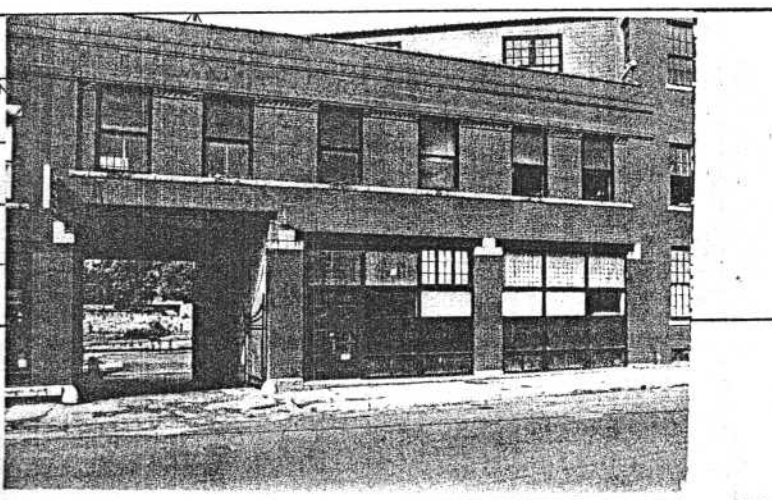
SOURCES

See Building #1

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COMPILED BY: NAME: William E. Devlin 5/83 ORGANIZATION: _____ ADDRESS: _____



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____

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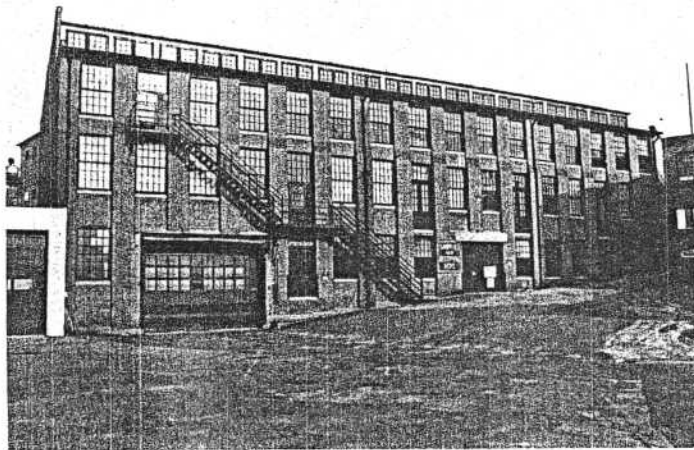
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Hotchkiss Bros. Factory Building #2

17. are hardwood. The monitor top is set back from the street so that the facade matches that of Building #1. The monitor top connects with the third floor of Building #3 which was built shortly thereafter in 1924. Both top floors in Buildings #2 and #3 were used for door woodwork

Photograph:



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1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
 Hotchkiss Bros. Co. Factory Building #3 Same

2. TOWN/CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
 Torrington Litchfield

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)
 199c Water St.

4. OWNER(S)
 Hotchkiss Bros. Co. Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
 Factory Same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes No EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN
By appointment

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
 Commercial 1924

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

10. ROOF (Type)

<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
 three 48 X 152

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved Yes No Windows blocked first floor

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 The tallest brick building of the Hotchkiss Bros. plant which dominates upper Water St.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

This tall brick building is eight bays wide, the last two bays on the north being later additions. There are two doors, side by side in the two northern bays. Windows are 10 over 10, with rusticated granite sills and flat arched lintels. There is a corbelled cornice with parapet above. The interior is of mill construction. Wood beams are 9 X 15 supported by Lally columns, with steel cross beams. Walls are brick, floors are maple. In this building are the sash room and blind room. Window sash are metal.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER
Torrington Building Co.

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Built in 1924 along with Building #2. See Hotchkiss Bros. History for general significance.

SOURCES

See Building #1

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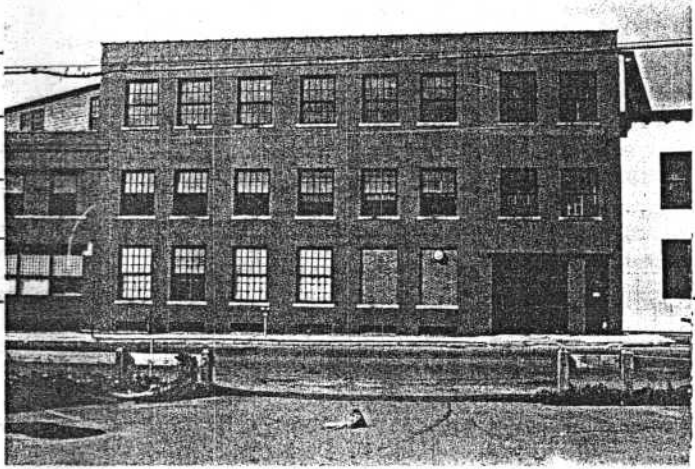
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____
- Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
	Hotchkiss Bros. Co. Factory #4 Same	
	2. TOWN/CITY	COUNTY
	Torrington	Litchfield
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	199 Water St.	
	4. OWNER(S)	
	Hotchkiss Bros. Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	Factory Same	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	By appointment	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Vernacular Italianate influence	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	1895	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Corrugated metal</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		
two		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
121 X 225		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Sided with corrugated metal		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
This wide building bridges the Hotchkiss Bros. factory complex on the south and the commercial area on the corner of Water, Church and Migeon Aves. It is a dominant element in the upper Water St. streetscape.		

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This factory building is angled to conform to the curve of Water St. It is ten bays wide facing the street. Windows are paired, 12 over 12, with a single bank of four windows in the second story near the center of the facade. The soffit is carried by wooden modillions and corner brackets. There is an overhead door near the north end and a loading door in the second story in the northernmost bay. Corrugated metal siding covers the building to protect it from vandalism. In the rear, the factory extends to Building #5 of the factory complex. Built in 1912, it is pitch-roofed with a three story frame, and measures 57' X 76". The interior of Building #4 is of mill construction. 12 X 12 posts and beams are supported by clustered braces of wood. They are further braced by steel I-beams. The building has a gable roof, running to Water St. On the top floor is a small office. The building appears to have been extended, as the original framing ends and an old pine clapboard exterior

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

Hotchkiss Bros.

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

See Hotchkiss Bros. introduction for general historical significance.

This building was constructed in 1895. There was originally a Corliss engine in the basement. The first floor was used for door manufacture, the second for sash and blinds and a carpenter shop. The office was used as a drafting room. Sawing was carried out in the basement. The building was apparently extended approximately 18' on each side. This probably occurred in 1924 when the adjoining factory, Building #3, was built, and, after the 1955 floods which threatened to engulf the complex at one point, the exterior wall on Water St. was covered with sheet metal. Underneath the sheet metal are asbestos shingles and under these are the original wood clapboards.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

See Building #1, also Torrington Register articles; July 12, 1895, and Feb. 14, 1896.

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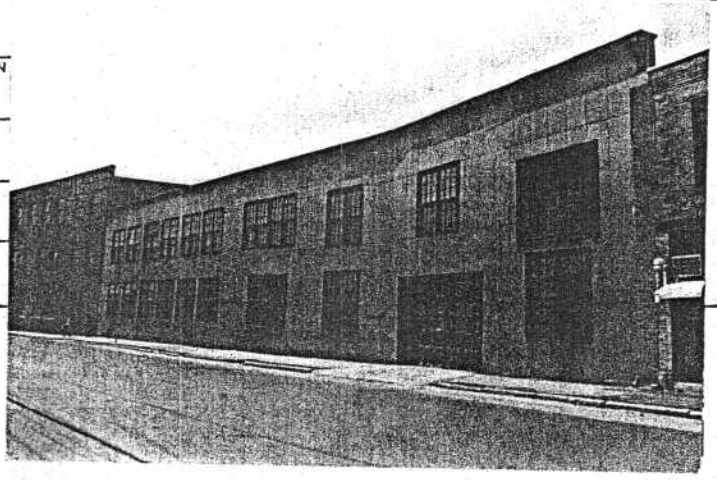
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other _____
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanaton _____

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DISTRICT: S NR: ACTUAL
POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: _____ Date: _____

17. wall is within the present building. Floor of the building is mapl
The foundation is cut granite ashlar.

There is a large three story addition on the rear of this building.
This dates to 1912-see photo #2 for a view of this addition with its
paired 12 over 12 sash. Like the original building, it has clapboard
siding covered with asbestos shingle and then a layer of corrugated
metal. A prominent brick fire wall cuts through the addition. It may
have been constructed because the paint shop was in the rear top floor.

Photograph: Rear Addition

