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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Fillauer Brothers Building  
other names/site number N/A

**2. Location**

street & number Corner of Broad and First Streets  
city, town Cleveland

state Tennessee code TN county Bradley code 011 zip code 37311

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total
0	

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register N/A**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 80.  
 In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*Robert T. Sawyer*  
Signature of certifying official Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Tennessee Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

State or Federal agency and bureau

5/11/89  
Date**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this 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): \_\_\_\_\_

*Amy Schlaefel*

6/28/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store

RECREATION AND CULTURE: theater

COMMERCE/TRADE: business

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Commercial Style/Italianate influence

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other METAL

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Fillauer Brothers building, located in Cleveland, Tennessee (pop. 26,924), the county seat of Bradley County, is located across the street from the courthouse square. The three-story, yellow brick structure with a full basement was constructed in 1911. The structure is located at the northwest corner of Broad and First Streets.

The original Fillauer Brothers building was designed to accommodate a silent movie theater on west side and a hardware store on the east side of the first floor. The second floor contained offices and the third floor provided apartment units. The First Street elevation of the building, the main elevation, originally consisted of glass and wood store front on the main level, with the two upper levels consisting of masonry exterior with cast stone window sills and decorative window heads with keystones. The three story commercial building is divided into three bays on the upper stories by the use of brick pilasters. Horizontal definition of the building was obtained by use of cast stone continuous sill courses below the windows on the two upper floors. The building is capped with a corbeled brick and projecting metal cornice with classical molding, including dentils and modillions. Corner brackets are surmounted by a decorative finial. In the center of the pressed metal cornice is a round arched sign with dentils and a finial identifying the building with "Fillauer Bros., 1911".

On the first story of the north facade, the building is divided into two sections with a brick column topped with a flat stone capital located at the center of the building. This brick column provided the division for the two original storefronts. At the northwest corner of the building stands a cast-iron column. Originally, as now, the column was free-standing and identified a corner entrance into the Moneta Theater.

The west elevation of the Fillauer Brothers building is divided into seven bays by simple brick pilasters. The center five bays on the first story have unique small windows with the sill at eight foot above the finished floor level. These windows originally had solid shutters which were closed during movie viewing. The upper story bays each consist of two l/1 double hung round arched windows with stone sills and the same decorative window lintels with keystone as on the main facade. The corbeled and pressed metal cornice continue along the west wall.

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The east facade of the building is constructed with red brick and consists of a party wall with an adjacent two-story building. The third floor on the east side of the Fillauer Brothers building consists of one over one double hung windows with simple masonry arches and cast stone sills and a stepped down parapet roofline.

Originally, the rear, or south side of the building had balconies and exit stairs leading from the third floor to the ground. At some point, possibly circa 1961, the stairs and balconies were removed and the rear of the building was painted. Windows in the rear of the building were blocked up with masonry. The rear windows trim is similar to the window treatment on the east facade, simple arched headers and cast stone sills. A three story elevator and elevator lobby addition was added to the southwest corner of the building during the 1987 renovation.

The original building underwent alteration in 1961. At that time, the wood fascia and glass panels above the door level on the first floor were removed and replaced with corrugated metal. An eight foot wide metal canopy was erected on the front of the building. The main entrance was relocated to the approximate center of the building and framed in aluminum and glass, with the original wood window sill and the freestanding cast-iron column was incorporated into the new storefront. Central heating and air conditioning units were installed to accommodate the first floor area only. The second story was retained as offices and only minor alterations in the window frames were made to accommodate unit air conditioning packages. The wood frame windows on the third floor were blocked up with plywood. For the most part, the window frames and glass behind the plywood remained intact.

Interior features on the first floor consist of a high metal patterned ceiling with chandelier medallions and elaborate cornice molding. At some point in time, a stairway was added to exit from the third floor hallway to the stairs on the second floor. This was done at the time the rear stairs and balconies were removed. Ceiling and wall treatment in these areas is paint over plaster. Doors, door frames, and wood trim on the second and third floors are virtually intact.

In 1987 restoration of the Fillauer Brothers building was completed according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards by the Bank of Cleveland for a Tax Act project. Restoration work encompassed cleaning the brick, moving the main entrance back to its original location and replacing the original wood and glass doors, reworking the storefront and windows to their original condition, major reroofing and adding an elevator addition.

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Although the wooden storefront had to be replaced due to excessive rot, the original panels were used as guidelines and exact reproduction of the storefront was accomplished.

The interior of the Fillauer Brothers building originally consisted of a silent movie theater on the northwest side of the building and a hardware store on the northeast side of the first floor. The original patterned metal ceiling with chandelier medallions and cornice molding still remain. A solid masonry wall down the center of the building on an north-south axis originally divided the two commercial enterprises from each other. This wall has had several opening cut into it during the renovation to facilitate movement between the building halves for the bank.

The second floor of the Fillauer building was used to house offices and the third floor contained apartments. The second floor retains its corridor doors with frosted glass on the upper half and three panels on the lower half. Inter-office doors and third floor doors are six panel doors. The window and door trim is simple classical molding. All corridor doors and most interconnecting doors on both floors have operable glass transoms, many with the original hardware.

Renovation of the interior consisted of cleaning and repainting the ceiling tile on the first floor, constructing interior partitions as required for the bank, changing the existing, circa 1961, stairway to exit into the lobby instead of outside, adding a fire stairway, and minor renovations, including some new ceilings on the upper floors and retaining the original woodwork. The Bank of Cleveland will be the sole occupant of the building. The upper floors will be partially renovated, with additional renovation work planned as the bank needs dictate. Renovations of those areas are planned to be consistent with the requirements of Secretary of Interior's Standards and with original building design and construction.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1911-1929

Significant Dates

1911

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Fillauer, William H. & Fillauer, John B.

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Fillauer Brothers is significant under Criteria B and C for its association with two individuals of the Fillauer family and as an excellent example of turn of the century multi-purpose commercial building with Italianate influence. Under Criterion B, the property is significant from 1912 to 1929, the period during which it operated as a movie theater and hardware store under the ownership of William H. and John B. Fillauer and served as the residence of William H. Fillauer. The building is an outstanding and well-preserved example of commercial architecture in Cleveland.

The building was originally constructed as a multi-use structure and is the only extant historic multi-use building on the courthouse square. One half of the first floor was built as a silent picture theater, the Moneta Theater. The other half of the first floor was occupied by Fillauer Brothers Hardware store. The second floor contained rental office space and the third floor apartment units. The William H. Fillauer family occupied an apartment on the third floor of the building from the time of construction until 1925. Although the building has had a number of different commercial enterprises located in it in later years, the character of the original building has survived basically intact.

William H. and John B. Fillauer have contributed significantly to the commercial and banking developments of Cleveland. John B. Fillauer followed in his father's footsteps in both the tannery business and as president of Merchants Bank. John B. and William H. were partners in Fillauer Brothers Hardware store, one of the first businesses in the Fillauer Brothers building. William H. Fillauer was active in real estate in the Cleveland area. In addition to their activities in local business, both men were active in community affairs and were charter members of the Cleveland Rotary Club. The Fillauer family, one of the more prosperous Cleveland families, has been an integral part of Cleveland's development in commerce and banking since John Baptist Fillauer's (the father of John B. and William H.) arrival in 1877.

## **9. Major Bibliographical References**

Fillauer, John B. Resume of the Early History of Bradley County.  
Cleveland Herald, April 9 & 16, 1926.

Snell, William R. Cleveland, The Beautiful. Nashville, TN:  
Williams Printing Company, 1986.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:

## **10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A	1	6	6	9	3	4	4	0	3	8	9	2	6	4	0
Zone	Easting	Northing													
C															

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D	Zone	Easting	Northing

South Cleveland, TN 120 NW

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

## **11. Form Prepared By**

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date May 1989

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The Moneta Theater, in conjunction with the opera house, Craigmiles Hall (N.R. 11/25/80), located on the opposite side of the courthouse square, contributed significantly to the entertainment of the people of Cleveland and Bradley County. The Moneta Theater operated from 1912 until 1929 when the theater operation was sold to another theater which opened in 1929. The theater was designed to accommodate stage plays and vaudeville acts, as well as movies. This resulted in the unique first floor fenestration pattern on the west side of the building in which the windows could be closed to eliminate all light. The Moneta operated during the "heyday" of the silent films and the start of sound films. The original silent movie projectors, player piano and piano rolls, and stage backdrops were still stored in the building prior to the start of renovation work. Craigmiles Hall was no longer used as an entertainment center after 1909.

The Fillauer Brothers building enhanced and complimented other commercial buildings on the courthouse square. Other commercial buildings on the south side of the courthouse square consisted of several two-story buildings containing a Sterchi's Furniture Store, a 5-10-25 Cent Department Store, and, at the end of the block, a three-story building occupied by a private hospital. With the exception of the two story building adjacent to the Fillauer building, the other buildings have all been demolished. There are no other three-story historic structures remaining on the courthouse square. The east and north sides of the courthouse square were occupied primarily by two-story shops and stores. The two and one half story Craigmiles Hall, constructed in 1902, is located on the west side of the courthouse square with other two story commercial buildings.

The Fillauer Brothers building is a good example of the vernacular Commercial Style with Italianate influences. It is one of only a few historic buildings remaining on the courthouse square and is the only extant three-story, multi-use building. Three other Cleveland commercial buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Post Office building (N.R. 6/30/83), Craigmiles Hall (N.R. 11/25/80) and the W. J. Hughes Business House (N.R. 6/10/75). The Post Office building is a Classical Revival and is located off of the courthouse square and Craigmiles Hall, the opera house with its heavy decorative moldings and a deep mansard roof, is an excellent example of the Second Empire style. The W. J. Hughes Business House, built circa 1880, is a small two story commercial building with cast iron columns and a metal cornice of a much earlier period than the Fillauer Brothers.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Fillauer Brothers building is defined by First Street on the north, Broad Street on the West, and Inman Street on the south. The fourth property line is located 55.3 feet east of the First Broad Street corner. The East property line runs parallel to Broad Street. The property is a rectangle 55.3 feet by 210.7 feet and is bisected by an alley 16.0 feet wide. See accompanying map.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Fillauer Brothers building includes the historic boundary for the property. It provides sufficient property to protect the historic integrity of the building.

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Corner of Broad and First Streets  
Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee  
Photo by: Smith Design Group, Cleveland, Tennessee  
Date: November 17, 1988  
Neg: Tennessee Historical Commission  
Nashville, Tennessee  
North and east facade, view towards southeast.  
#1 of 12

North facade, view towards south.  
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West Facade, view towards east.  
#3 of 12

South and east facade, view towards northwest.  
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Detail of main entrance, northwest corner.  
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Detail of fascia and eaves, northwest corner.  
#6 of 12

Interior detail, east side of first floor.  
#7 of 12

Interior detail, view towards south, west side of first floor.  
#8 of 12

Interior detail, view towards north, west side of first floor.  
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Third floor office, west side.  
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Third floor conference room.  
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Second floor hallway.  
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Tax Map 1"=200'



Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee  
Historic View  
ca. 1975



Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee  
Historic View  
ca. 1920

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fillauer Brothers Building

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Bradley

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/31/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/16/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000507

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: Y PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 6/28/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

2 brothers active - case weak, but  
OK - small community's prominent  
business-men. Bldg good example of  
early 20th c. commercial architecture

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept b.c.  
REVIEWER Achley  
DISCIPLINE Arch Hist  
DATE 6/28/89

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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## **CLASSIFICATION**

count resource type

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**STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

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## FUNCTION

historic	current
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**DESCRIPTION**

- architectural classification
- materials
- descriptive text

## SIGNIFICANCE

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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— acreage                    — verbal boundary description  
— UTM's                    — boundary justification

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**ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION**

**sketch maps      USGS maps      photographs      presentation**

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**OTHER COMMENTS**

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

## Phone

Signed

Date

#1



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Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, TN

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Cleveland, Bradley County, TN

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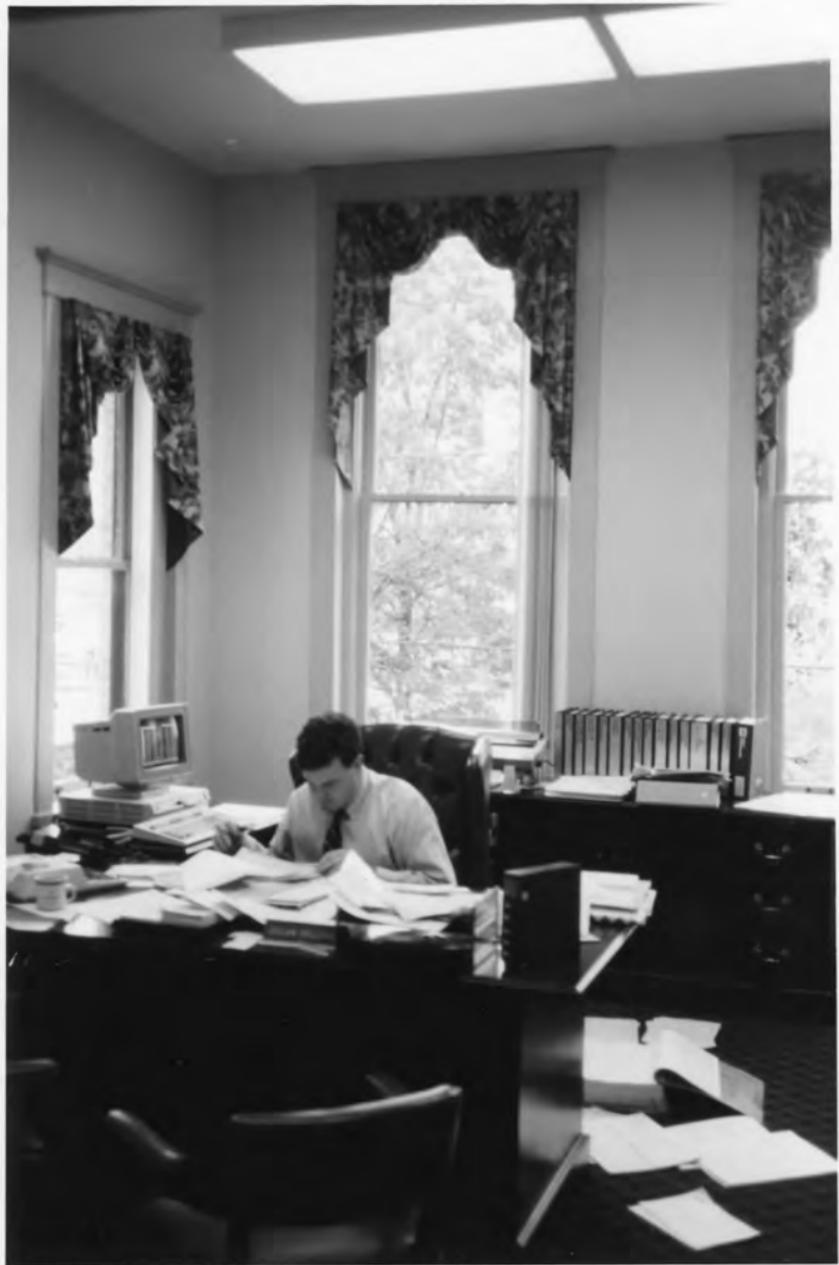


Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, TN

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Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, TN



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Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, TN



Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, TN

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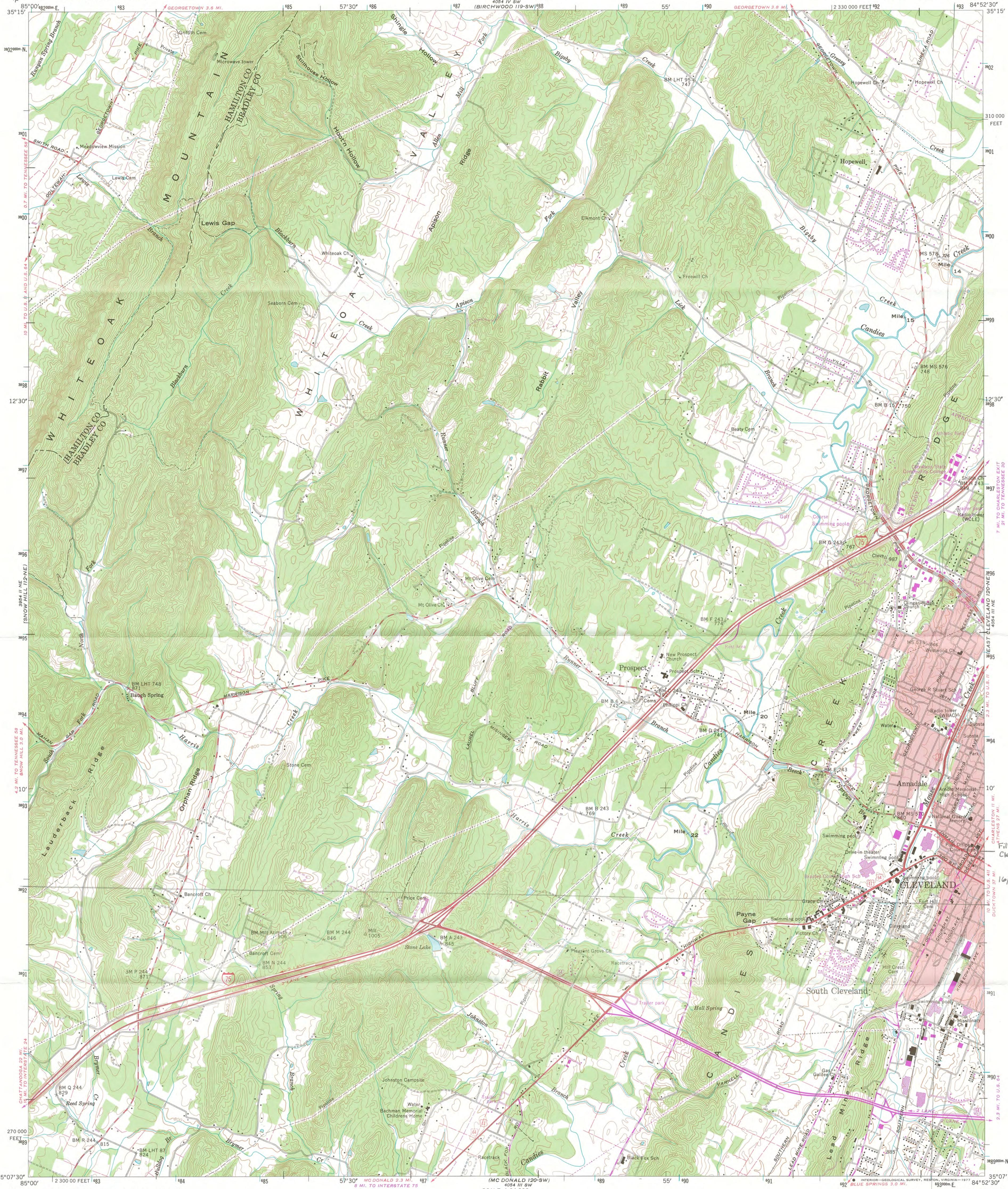
Fillauer Brothers Building  
Cleveland, Bradley County, TN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UNITED STATES  
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
MAPPING SERVICES BRANCH

SOUTH CLEVELAND QUADRANGLE  
TENNESSEE  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC) 120-NW

(CHARLESSTON 1/8-SE)



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Revised by TVA in 1964 by photogrammetric methods using  
aerial photographs taken 1961 and by reference to TVA-USGS  
quadrangle dated 1943. Map field checked by TVA, 1965

Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Tennessee rectangular  
coordinate system

1000 metre Universal Transverse Mercator Grid ticks  
Zone 16, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines  
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SOUTH CLEVELAND, TENN.  
N3507.5-W8452.5/7.5

1965

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May 11, 1989

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National Park Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

MAY 15 1989

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Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the forms necessary to nominate the Fillauer Brothers to the National Register of Historic Places.

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Herbert L. Harper*

Herbert L. Harper  
Executive Director and  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

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Enclosure