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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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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street & number <u>241 Fourth St, 223-225 Henry St, 230 &amp; 31</u> city or town <u>Petersburg</u> state <u>Virginia</u> code <u>780 VA</u> county <u>E</u>	
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
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Petersburg Old Town Historic District (2008 Boundary Increase)

Petersburg, Virginia

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Property Owner		
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)  name _John David McCormack		
street & number 230 E. Bank Street		<del></del> 804) 677-5728
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#### 7. DESCRIPTION

#### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The original district was bounded on the north by the south side of the Appomattox River, on the east and west by the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad tracks and the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Bridge, and the south by the tracks of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad (to the east of N. Davis St) and the rear (southern) property lines of buildings facing the 200 block of High Street and W. Bank Street. These boundaries were determined by historical patterns, the architectural integrity of the site, and the defined edges provided by the river and the railroad tracks. An equal distribution of residential, commercial, and industrial is displayed throughout the district.

The 1980 National Register Nomination goes on to describe the district as it exhibits "a varied collection of late 18<sup>th</sup>- through 20<sup>th</sup>-century architecture, including examples of both commercial and residential architecture in late Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, and Colonial/Georgian Revival styles. In addition, notable groupings of mid-to late 19<sup>th</sup>-century warehouses and factories are found in the north and northeast sections of the district". The existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District is located in the City's earliest section which has served as an important industrial and commercial center since the mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

This boundary expansion of approximately 0.87 acres increases the existing district to approximately 191 acres. The expansion area is composed of a collection of late-19<sup>th</sup> through mid-20<sup>th</sup> century commercial and industrial architecture with several residential buildings. Industrial buildings throughout the existing district, including freight warehouses and factories along with other light industrial resources, are concentrated to the north and northeast along Old Pike and River Streets, as well as on Bank Street, east of Third Street. Buildings in the area of expansion are primarily warehouses and factories with style influences from the mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century and construction dates from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, consistent with the areas and period of significance for the existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District as listed on the National Register. The area of the proposed 2008 boundary expansion consists of four contributing resources, increasing the number of resources in the district to approximately 255 buildings.

The boundaries for the proposed Petersburg Old Town Historic District boundaries are being expanded in two separate and discontiguous areas. The first encompasses 223-225 Henry Street, 241 Fourth Street, and 230 E. Bank Street. The second section contains 316 E. Bank Street only and is designed to include one warehouse that was left out of the original Petersburg Old Town Historic District Nomination. The expansion area maintains the scale, massing, form, and materials of the original district with brick buildings ranging from one-to four-stories in height. The buildings to be included in the expansion area retain sufficient historic integrity to convey their importance as 19<sup>th</sup>- and 20<sup>th</sup>-century commercial and light industrial buildings. The expansion area, like other areas in Petersburg, has suffered from neglect and deterioration and the resulting tear-downs have left vacant lots where there used to be buildings. This is the case along the north side of the 300 block of E. Bank Street and, as a result, these lots are not included in the boundary expansion.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

The proposed 2008 boundary expansion area is located west of the 300 block of N. Madison Street, south of the 200 & 300 blocks of E. Bank Street, east of the 200 block of Fourth Street, and north of the 200 block of Henry Street at the intersection of Henry Street and N. Jefferson Street. The existing district boundary in the area of the expansion follows the location of a former railroad spur bisecting the 300 block of East Bank Street and abuts the adjacent residential Centre Hill Historic District (which is also listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places). The four buildings contained in the boundary expansion are multiple stories in height and functionally and stylistically relate to the commercial and industrial buildings within the existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District. Old Street, the nucleus of the existing district, features high density with buildings two, three, and four stories in height standing against one another and observing virtually no setback from the street. This form is also evident in the proposed boundary expansion area in the 316 E. Bank Street building.

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Petersburg was compactly constructed during the 19<sup>th</sup> century but only a few areas remain which still exhibit these qualities. According to the 1980 Petersburg Old Town Historic District nomination, the "commercial and industrial structures reflect a wide range of 19<sup>th</sup>- and early 20<sup>th</sup>- century architectural styles" and there is "light and heavy industry scattered randomly throughout the district". Early commercial Federal and Italianate buildings are found in the area bound by N. Market, Old, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Bank Streets, adjacent to two of the properties included in the 2008 boundary expansion area, 230 E. Bank Street and 223-225 Henry Street. There are several industrial buildings wedged between Pike and River Streets and the railroad tracks that date to ca. 1855. Other significant buildings within the existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District are the octagonal city market, the Dunlop factory, the Appomattox Iron works building on Old Street, and three warehouses east of Third Street on E. Bank Street. The properties included in this boundary expansion exhibit similar qualities to the buildings mentioned above, and the three warehouses in the 300 block of E. Bank Street are similar, if not identical, to the warehouse on the proposed 316 E. Bank Street property. These warehouses are brick, three to four stories tall, and feature low pitched roofs and segmentally arched window and wall openings.

#### STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY

The buildings in the area of the proposed 2008 Boundary Expansion remain intact as a contiguous section of North Madison, East Bank, Henry, and Fourth Streets. Each building retains its original historic setting and association as well as its form and materials, although some detailing has been removed or covered by modern alterations.

### INVENTORY JUSTIFICATION

In the following inventory, all resources, both primary and secondary, have been considered either contributing or non-contributing based upon the areas of significance as listed under Criteria A and C as: ARCHITECTURE, COMMERCE and INDUSTRY, and based upon the period of significance as 1897-1930.

### **INVENTORY**

Properties in the inventory are organized alphabetically by street name and numerically by address. The heading for each entry lists the historic name (if it has one), the date of construction, and the status of each resource as "contributing" or "non-contributing". The body of each entry describes the architectural features of the building and includes any pertinent historical data. Dates are based on Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, City directories, and a field survey.

223-225 Henry Street ca. 1897 Contributing
Tax ID# 011200007

Three-story masonry building resting on a brick foundation. It is covered by a flat roof with a parapet with terra cotta coping. The façade features two storefront entrances, each with a single leaf door flanked by large windows. These entrances were historically used as retail entrances. The southwest storefront entrance features two bay windows with 12 divided panes each. Two additional front entrances, marked by a pedimented door surround, provide access to the top floor apartments. Each of these entrances features a single wood door with a full light glass pane. The pedimented door surrounds are reminiscent of the Georgian style and were likely added at a date later than the original construction year. The building features one-over-one double-hung wood frame windows with jack arch openings. The windows at the second and third story above the residential entrance at 225 Henry Street feature a pair of double-hung, two-over-two wood frame windows. The western elevation features two one-over-one windows identical to the others contained in the building. The brick on this elevation has been parged. The north facing rear of the building has three additions. Two identical cinderblock shed additions provide rear access to the second and third floor apartments. The cinderblock additions are historic as they appear in the 1915-1956 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. There are no doors to these additions, only open doorways; each addition features a horizontal three-pane window. A third addition at the rear elevation juts out from the rear of 225 Henry Street. Its sides are clad with T-111 wood siding and there were two modern doors visible at the time of survey. The building served as a tobacco factory, peanut and candy factory, and apartments between the years of 1897 and 1956.

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## 241 Fourth Street Powell Manufacturing Co. Post 1915 Contributing Tax ID # 011190800

Two-and-one-half-story masonry building resting on a brick foundation and covered by a side gabled roof with a stepped parapet on the east elevation. The roof covering the main building is clad with asphalt shingles. A shed roof clad with standing seam metal covers a raised platform on the façade. In addition to the raised platform historically used as a loading dock, the façade also features the original "Powell Mfg. Co. Building Materials" lettering. There are a variety of window and door types present. Window types include single and paired double-hung six-over-six wood frame windows, six three-pane fixed horizontal windows, three fixed wood frame windows with six divided lights, and one fixed window with six divided lights. The north façade features two large double doorways, the Fourth Street elevation features a single door with a slightly pointed door surround, and the south facing rear features a large double door opening identical to those on the façade and an additional single door opening. A 1½-story brick addition has been appended to the east elevation of the building. It sits on a brick foundation and is covered by a flat roof. The addition features two metal frame overhead doors with eight divided lights each, a single leaf wood door with full light and transom, and a single metal door which appears to provide access to the roof of the addition. It features two fixed single pane windows and two fixed windows with four divided lights each.

230 E. Bank Street c. 1897 Contributing
Tax ID#011200005

Auto repair facility historically used as a tobacco factory, trunk factory, and a peanut/candy manufacturing facility. The one story masonry structure covers more than half of the 200 block of Fourth Street and the corner lot of East Bank and Fourth Street. The original block of the building features seven course American bond brickwork with parapet with terra cotta coping. It is covered by a barrel roof clad in flat seam metal. There is one exterior chimney with terra cotta flue. The building features steel frame windows and a single leaf door on the Fourth Street elevation with wood frame and full light glass and transom. There is one garage bay opening with plywood inserts and a rear garage door opening with plywood and brick enclosure. The first addition to the building is covered by a corrugated metal roof, features a side gabled roof and seven course American bond brickwork. It has two remaining sliding doors and one concrete block enclosure, two modern overhead doors, three single leaf metal doors, and window openings which have been boarded over or filled with Plexiglas. The second addition appended to the building was a concrete block garage covered by a barrel roof with terra cotta coping on the parapet and steel frame windows. The third addition (non-historic) is a modern brick veneer five bay garage with four overhead doors and one aluminum frame commercial glass storefront with single leaf door and an aluminum awning.

## 316 East Bank Street (SW corner of E. Bank and Madison) ca. 1900 Contributing Tax ID#011190011

The building located at 316 E. Bank Street has evolved. The original portion of the building stands four stories high; a one-story connector joins the main portion of the building to the addition standing two stories tall. This one-story portion was built after the four and two-story buildings to connect the two. The buildings first appear on the Sanborn maps in 1903 but were likely built around the turn of the century. The brick structure sits atop a brick foundation and is covered by a flat roof. The original three-bay, four-story section of the building features a large number of boarded up windows with jack arch surrounds. The Madison Street elevation features three door openings in the main block and two more in the additions appended to the south elevation of the original factory. The windows have been bricked in and boarded up on the additions. A double metal door standing 1 ½ stories tall located at the southern most end of the building covers a large opening that was likely used as a loading area.

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#### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Petersburg Old Town Historic District parallels the Appomattox River at its fall line and is situated in the city's earliest section. The proposed 2008 Boundary Expansion expands the boundaries of the district to encompass four former manufacturing facilities at East Bank, Fourth, Henry, and North Madison Streets that were constructed between the years 1897-1930, within the period of significance of the existing district. The properties are geographically connected to the southeast corner of the existing district. The buildings are constructed of either brick or concrete block with brick veneer and are typical in style and detailing of commercial and industrial buildings in the downtown area constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The historic uses of these buildings – which include a candy factory, peanut factories, a trunk factory, a building material manufacturer, an auto repair shop, and apartments – relate to the commercial and manufacturing business of the downtown area as well as the shipping and industrial activities of the railroad and its related industries. These buildings in the area of the boundary expansion are eligible for listing as contributing to the Petersburg Old Town Historic District under Criteria A and C for their relation to the commercial and industrial development and architecture of Petersburg from the late-19<sup>th</sup> century to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### JUSTIFICATION OF CRITERIA

The Petersburg Old Town Historic District Boundary Expansion (2008) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the changing commercial and industrial history of Petersburg. It is also eligible under Criterion C because it features a collection of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early-20<sup>th</sup> century commercial and industrial buildings which were constructed in the same styles and during the same period as other commercial and industrial buildings throughout the Petersburg Old Town Historic District. The Petersburg Old Town Historic District Boundary Expansion area retains the integrity of its historic location, association, setting, feeling, design, materials, and workmanship.

## HISTORIC BACKGROUND

The rich history of Petersburg was well documented by the authors of the original National Register Nomination written in 1980. It was historically one of Virginia's largest commercial transporting and processing centers for tobacco, cotton, and metal. In 1730, inspection was authorized for a tobacco warehouse on the land of Colonel Robert Bolling at Bolling's Point. Two years later, this permit was extended to include John Bolling's warehouse across the river, thus beginning a long line of warehouses in this locality. By the 1760s, Petersburg flourished as a center of tobacco and milling industries. However, disaster struck in 1781 when British ships sailed up the Appomattox with the intent on destroying tobacco and seizing public stores. The damage from this attack was extensive, but it did not damper the morale of Petersburg and her people. Three years after the attack, the neighboring communities of Pocahontas and Blandford merged with Petersburg to become a large area under one name. At this time, tobacco warehouses, flour mills, retail stores, and small manufacturing businesses dominated the industry. Bank Street was created in 1800 to connect High and Back (now E. Bank Street) Streets.

In 1815, fire consumed nearly two-thirds of Petersburg and virtually all of the property on Market Square, Bollingbrook, Old, Bank and Back Streets were destroyed. After the fire in 1815, the city underwent a vigorous rebuilding program which produced approximately 300 brick buildings. The railroad arrived in town c.1830 and by the 1850s Petersburg was an established railroad center and had the third largest population in the state of Virginia. The fall of the city came in 1865 at the end of the Civil War. After the war, the city was rebuilt with the major industries being tobacco, cotton, grain, peanuts, and lumber. By 1880, over 70 new industries had emerged, including sumac, fertilizers, veneers, crates, baskets, trunks, and bags.

The industrial architecture is located for the most part in the center and eastern portions of the district and includes pre-Civil War railroad buildings, late 19<sup>th</sup>-century factories and tobacco warehouses, an ironworks factory, an ice company, a luggage factory, and several 20<sup>th</sup>-century automotive buildings. Due to the devastation of Petersburg from two wars and several major fires, traditional patterns of growth and expansion are not seen throughout the City's architectural fabric.

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Repeated patterns of destruction and reconstruction in Petersburg, combined with mid-20<sup>th</sup>century random demolition of historic buildings, has left the City with an atypical mixture of building types and styles. Bollingbrook Street, the mid-19<sup>th</sup>-century site of Petersburg's commercial section, is currently a light industrial area with numerous automotive-related businesses. The history of the buildings included in this Petersburg Old Town Historic District boundary expansion illustrates the importance of industry and manufacturing facilities in Petersburg in the late 19<sup>th</sup>- and 20<sup>th</sup>-centuries and demonstrates the way existing industrial buildings were continually adapted for new uses as industrial and manufacturing needs and efforts changed in Petersburg.

The area of the proposed boundary expansion developed in the late 1800s and early 1900s as a commercial and industrial corridor with brick stores, factories, and warehouses. The businesses were closely related to the retail and commercial activities of the downtown area as well as the shipping and industrial activities associated with the nearby railroad. This boundary expansion includes buildings at 223-225 Henry Street, 241 Fourth Street, and 230 and 316 E. Bank Street.

The building at 223-225 Henry Street was constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It appears for the first time on the 1897 Sanborn Insurance Maps for Petersburg. It rests in between the boundaries of the existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District and the Centre Hill Historic District. Other residential buildings on the 200 block of Henry Street were included in the Centre Hill Historic District because the district was written to be strictly residential. The boundaries of the Centre Hill Historic District "were drawn to include the immediate residential neighborhood that surrounds Centre Hill Court and Centre Hill Mansion. Encircled by incompatible modern development, the district does not include industrial and commercial properties north of Henry Street, municipal buildings and parking lots west of N. Adams Street, commercial strip architecture, and vacant lots along E. Washington Street west of N. Jefferson and interstate development east of N. Madison St." The building hosted a wealth of businesses and manufacturing/processing facilities including the R.C. Osborne Tobacco Factory, the Hartley Peanut Warehouse, a trunk factory, the original Mortimer Williams Peanut and Candy Factory, and an auto repair shop. The businesses contained in this building evolved with the City of Petersburg's commercial and industrial development patterns beginning with tobacco and finishing with the modern automobile repair shop trend of the area.

The Powell Manufacturing Building located at 241 Fourth Street was built in the 1920s. The building first appears on the 1915-1956 Sanborn Insurance Maps for Petersburg. The building served as the home office and manufacturing facility for Powell Manufacturing Company. The business specialized in providing building materials to local contractors and builders for over 30 years.

The 230 E. Bank Street resource has evolved through the years with the ever-changing Petersburg Old Town Historic District. It was constructed in three phases, beginning in the earliest years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The first addition to the building takes up the more than half of the west side of the 200 block of Fourth Street and was constructed to provide more space to the expanding business already located at 230 E. Bank. The second addition was in the form of a concrete block garage with barrel roof constructed post-1930. It served as a garage and, according to the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, up to 10 automobiles could fit in it at one time. The third addition is a modern brick veneer five bay garage. It was likely added in the 1980s. The facility was historically used as a tobacco factory, trunk factory, and a peanut/candy factory. It has served as an auto repair facility since the 1930's and continues to operate as one today.

The Mortimer Williams Peanut Factory located at 316 E. Bank Street on the SE corner of E. Bank and N. Madison Streets dates to the early 1900s. It first appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in April of 1903. Upon the completion of the building's construction, the Mortimer Williams Peanut Factory moved from its Henry Street location to the new building. The building served as a peanut factory for over 30 years and later provided office space for the Virginia Insulation Company.

The vernacular industrial architectural style in the Petersburg Old Town Historic District Boundary Expansion is similar to the styles found in the existing district, and is consistent with the scale, massing, materials and siting of the buildings in the original historic district.

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

## Verbal Boundary Description for the Larger Section

The adjacent section of the Petersburg Old Town Historic District Boundary Expansion area includes two parcels on the west side of Fourth Street at the corner of E. Bank and Fourth Streets and one on the east side of Fourth Street at Henry Street. The west and east sides of Fourth Street consist of the following tax parcel reference numbers: 012120007; 011190800; 01120005.

### Verbal Boundary Description for 316 E. Bank Street

This is the only parcel standing in between the corner of E. Bank and N. Madison Streets and the existing Petersburg Old Town Historic District Boundary. It is separated from the existing district by a railroad bed. The tax parcel reference number is: 011190011.

#### **Boundary Justification**

The boundaries for the proposed Petersburg Old Town Historic District boundary expansion are in two separate areas. The first encompasses 223-225 Henry Street, 241 Fourth Street, and 230 E. Bank Street. The building at 223-225 Henry Street is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places as it was not included in the 1980 Petersburg Old Town Historic District National Register Nomination or the 1986 Centre Hill Historic District National Register Nomination as it is commercial in appearance and was used as a commercial space as well as apartments. The boundaries of the Centre Hill Historic District were drawn to include the immediate residential neighborhood that surrounds Centre Hill Court and Centre Hill Mansion. Encircled by incompatible modern development, the district does not include industrial and commercial properties north of Henry Street, municipal buildings and parking lots west of N. Adams Street, commercial strip architecture, and vacant lots along E. Washington Street west of N. Jefferson and interstate development east of N. Madison St. Other buildings on this street are of recent (within the past 30 years) construction and not compatible with the character, scale, and/or massing of the existing district.

241 Fourth Street was not included in the 1980 Petersburg Old Town Historic District nomination because it was considered non-contributing at the time of the original survey. Additionally, the 1980 nomination only discusses the 300 block of Fourth Street. 230 E. Bank Street was not included in the Petersburg Old Town Historic District nomination because a non-contributing addition to the façade of the historic garage was built outside the period of significance and it was overlooked at the time of the original survey.

316 E. Bank Street was not included in the original nomination because the original boundaries of the district use the Seaboard Coast Line railroad spur as its east boundary. The warehouse at 316 E. Bank rests between the west side of the said Seaboard Coast Line railroad tracks and the southwest corner of the 300 block of E. Bank Street and N. Madison Street. The addition of this parcel to the district will complete the industrial and commercial corridor along the 300 block of E. Bank Street.

The proposed boundary expansion area retains the integrity of its historic location, association, setting, feeling, design, materials, and workmanship. The parcels along the 200 block of Henry Street and the 200 and 300 blocks of E. Bank Street not included in this or the previous nomination feature modern buildings and vacant lots.

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