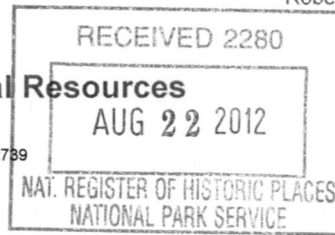


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August 14, 2012

Carol D. Shull
Interim Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service 2280
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20005

Re: Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Building, 221 N. Michigan St., South Bend, St. Joseph
County, Indiana

85001225

Dear Ms. Shull,

Unfortunately, I must inform you that the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Building has been demolished. The property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Historic Resources of Downtown South Bend MRA on June 5, 1985.

The property was inadvertently removed from the National Register this past July by your staff. We had requested that the Richmond Gas Company Building be removed; somehow, the Richmond property was confused for this similar-sounding property in South Bend. Your staff has corrected the error. In the meantime, in double-checking on the situation, we realized that the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Building had been demolished several years ago.

Since the property no longer exhibits any of the reasons for which it was listed, we are requesting that it be removed from the National Register. Please address any questions you or your staff may have about this nomination to my National Register staff, Paul Diebold, Frank Hurdis, or Holly Tate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Glass".

James A. Glass
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

JAG:PCD:pcd

enclosures: none

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE Downtown South Bend Historic MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: INDIANA, St. Joseph

DATE RECEIVED: 8/22/12 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/08/12
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 85001225

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**REMOVED
from
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE

DATE 10.9.12

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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

For NPS use only
received APR 26 1985
date entered 6/5/85

Continuation sheet Historic Resources of Item number Page 49
Downtown South Bend

Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company OWNER: Dave Sklorenko, Manager
Building (Roma Building) Charismatic Renewal Service
221 N. Michigan Incorporated
141-56188-598 237 N. Michigan
d. 1915 South Bend, Indiana 46601

Description: Photo #58, 59; Building #31

The Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company Building is located on a section of North Michigan that is closed to through traffic. The Palace Theater (#30) lies to the south and a parking lot to the north.

The three-story structure is faced with glazed pink terra-cotta on the main or east facade and on the eastern third of the south facade. The terra-cotta blocks are relatively plain with only recessed panels as decoration, until the top of the third floor windows and cornice line. The projecting cornice line consists of terra-cotta brackets and modillions with a row of incised blocks underneath. The terra-cotta caps of the parapeted roof continue on the south and west facades over the brick walls.

Exposed windows on the eastern third of the south facade are triple-hung on the second and third floors while Luxfer glass block transoms top the first floor windows. (All evidence indicates original windows exist under boards on the main facade.) A hexagonal flush gable chimney is located in the southwestern quadrant of the building.

Significance:

Although the terra-cotta is not as elaborate as that found on other structures in the central business district, the fact that the terra-cotta is pink is unique in South Bend. The building is a fine example of a small, early 20th century commercial structure which is relatively intact.

The Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company moved into their new building at 219 North Michigan in June, 1915. The three-story office building was constructed to provide adequate space for all of the gas company's business to be conducted under one roof.

The first floor contained display space, cashiers' and clerks' offices and the manager's office. The second floor was used for bookkeeping, engineering, distribution shop and the shop foreman's office, while the third floor was used for storage.

The gas company had an open house on June 12, 1915, for the general public. An orchestra played while free souvenirs were given out, including flowers for the ladies.

The Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, now the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, remained at this location until 1930, when they moved to a larger building one block north.

Occupants after the gas company included a variety of businesses, including the Home Modernizing Company, Wyman's Home Appliances Store, The Volcano Restaurant, and the Roma Restaurant. The building is now vacant.

UTM Reference: 16/562390/4614160 Acreage: Less than one acre
Legal: South 32.55' Lot 3 original Plat of South Bend
Parcel #18-1002-0042

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company
Building (Downtown South Bend Historic MRA)
St. Joseph County
INDIANA

Substantive Review

APR 26 1985

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 5/23/85 - 6/10/85
Action: ACCEPT 6-5-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*architecturally significant within the context
of the MRA - early 20th century commercial
building covered in pink terracotta*

Recom./Criteria accept
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 6/5/85
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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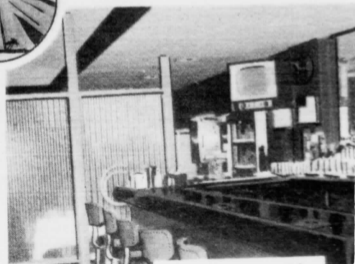
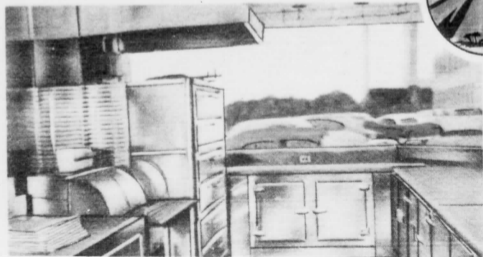
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THE ROMA RESTAURANT

VOL... RESTAURANT

COCKTAIL LOUNGE



Northon Indiana Gas & Electric Company Bldg

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3 / 4 / 13

(Resource Name)

(Reference Number[s])

(Date form completed)

St Joseph - Downtown STH Bend/Historic MRA

IN

J. Fisher

(County)

(State)

(Completed by)

STATUS:

1. MISSING ___ 2. REMOVED/ DEMOLISHED 3. NHL ___ 4. TR ___ 5. MRA ___ 6. OVER-SIZED ___ 7. NPS - UNDOCUMENTED ___ 8. DOE - OWNER OBJECTION ___ 9. RESTRICTED ___

EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder (); Nomination (); Map(s) (); Photos ()
Available on: Microfiche (); Optical Disk ()

2. _____
(Cause for removal)

_____/_____/_____
(Date Removed)

3. _____
(NHL Name, if different than NRHP Name)

_____/_____/_____
(Date Designated)

4. _____
(If multi-state/county TR, state/county where filed and location)

(TR or MRA Name)

5. _____
(If multi-state/county MRA, state/county where filed and location)

6. _____
(Location of oversize file)

7. _____
(Current source of partial documentation)

_____/_____/_____
(Target Date)

- COMMENTS: _____
(Where found, or source of replacement)

_____/_____/_____
(Date Found/Replaced)