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Location: 16-32 Spring Street
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Significance: Near the Downtown Waterbury Historic District, 16-32 Spring Street is significant as part of an intact streetscape of old buildings. These buildings reflect the historical growth of Waterbury, illustrating the commercial, industrial, and social history of the city.

Description: 16-32 Spring Street is a painted brick three story Romanesque Revival style building constructed around the turn of the century (Assessor). It consists of four parts. The five-bay section on the right and the four-bay section on the left originally were separate free-standing buildings, with an alleyway between them. They were later joined by roofing over the alleyway and constructing walls at the front and rear. In addition, there is another section, older, dating from perhaps ca. 1880, at the right rear. See photographs CT-424-15-16 for details.

Each facade has a slightly different fenestration pattern (CT-424-2). The right building contains a machicolated roof line and the left building is distinguished by a fancy brickwork cornice, while the connecting structure contains tile coping along the roof line.

The floor of the building is suspended by rods from the roof structure (CT-424-17). Because ceiling heights in the old rear building are less than those of the newer construction, its fourth floor is at the level of the third floor of the front buildings.

History: Construction date and architect unknown. ca. 1900

Sources: National Register of Historic Preservation
Inventory-Nomination Form
Downtown Waterbury Historic District, New Haven County, CT.

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