

Property Type: 637

Utah State Historical Society

Site No. 42

Historic Preservation Research Office

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Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 00171 W 200

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UTM:

Name of Structure: Smith-Bailey Drug Co. Bldg.

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Present Owner: DRUG COMPANY, THE
307 W 200 S

Owner Address: SLC
UT 84101

Year Built (Tax Record):

Effective Age:

Tax #: 01 2234

Legal Description

01 Kind of Building: WAREHOUSE

LOC AT THE NW COR LOT 5, BLK 59, PLAT A, SLC SUR; E 110 FT; S 206.25 FT; W 110 FT
TO N 206.25 FT TO BEG. 4623-1066, 1073, 1074

STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Syndicate Investment Co.

Construction Date: 1908-09

Demolition Date:

Original Use: commercial

Present Use: commercial

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

Excellent

Site

Unaltered

Significant

Not of the

National Landmark

District

Good

Ruins

Minor Alterations

Contributory

Historic Period

National Register

Multi-Resource

Deteriorated

Major Alterations

Not Contributory

State Register

Thematic

IDENTIFICATION

Photography:

Date of Slides:

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs:

Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

Fall '79
Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

Abstract of Title

Sanborn Maps

Newspapers

U of U Library

Plat Records/Map

City Directories

Utah State Historical Society

BYU Library

Tax Card & Photo

Biographical Encyclopedias

Personal Interviews

USU Library

Building Permit

Obituary Index

LDS Church Archives

SLC Library

Sewer Permit

County & City Histories

LDS Genealogical Society

Other

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Salt Lake County Records

Salt Lake City Sanborn Maps, 1898, 1911, 1930

Polk, Salt Lake City Directories, 1908--1950.

Salt Lake City, Building Permit, Dec 3, 1908.

Date:

Street Address: 171 West 200 South

Site No:

Architect/Builder: (Richard C.) Watkins and Birch

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style:

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:
(include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This building is a good example of the Commercial Style of architecture. Of protected steel frame construction, it derives its character from fenestration, to which structure and ornament are subordinate. Window patterns are regular and the windows themselves are rectangular "Chicago Windows." the Chocago Window has a broad central light of fixed plate glass and flanking narrow side lights with opening sashes. The total area of glass exceeds that of brick and other structural material, with the result that walls almost have a skeletal appearance,

The building is remarkably similar in appearance to the First Leiter Building in Chicago, designed by William LeBaron Jenney and considered the prototype of the Commercial Style.



Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1908-09

This building's significance relates primarily to its architecture it being a good and well preserved example of the Commercial Style, which is a specific style, neither revivalist nor classifiable as Richardson Romanesque nor Sullivanese, that developed after the Chicago Fire of 1871 and declined after 1915. It was built in 1908 and 1909 for the Syndicate Investment Co., which built the adjacent Decker-Patrick Dry Goods Building in 1914. The estimated cost of constructed of this building was \$71,000. The Salt Lake City architectural firm of Watkins and Birch designed the building. Richard C. Watkins was perhaps Utah's most prolific architect of schools, designing over 240 during his career. He also designed the Knight Block in Provo and the Spring City Tabernacle, both national register buildings.

The Smith Bailey Drug Co., later the Smith-Faus Drug Co., occupied the building from the time of its construction until the early 1930's. It was a "Wholesale Drug Co." that advertised as follows: "Show Cases Carried in Stock. All Kinds of Store Fixtures and Soda Fountains."