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2. Wells Fargo Depot, 115 E. Reno

This is a one-story red brick building unique in the District. The architectural style pre-dates that of the other buildings, incorporating a false front appearance with staggered ascending levels along the roof line.

The structure faces south, toward the site where the Katy depot once stood. In the middle is a large drive-in entryway which can accommodate trucks. It appears to be the original shape and size. To the west of this opening is a smaller doorway, which has been altered by adding a new door and filling the entresol with a panel. On either end at ground level are casement windows with limestone sills.

The most distinctive element of the facade is the roof line on the south side. Beginning on either end, the roof stair-steps to a center parapet. Each step is decorated by corbelled brick and a style of dentil molding.

The brick has been painted a barn red, but is in good condition.

3. Kingman-Moore Building, 100 E. California

This is a four-story red brick building. The north and west sides face two primary streets and the south and east sides are plain, undecorated industrial brick.

The north and west facades are similar in design. Windows are aligned both vertically and horizontally, creating the illusion of pilasters, and separating the lower two floors from the upper levels. At ground level, a band of corbelled red brick extends the full length and width of the building. Also, above split level basement windows, the bricks were laid vertically in an arched pattern. Topping this band of corbelled brick is a band of limestone.

Above this ground level decoration are large industrial windows which have been filled in with translucent glass blocks. The second level windows have also been filled.

The most outstanding feature at ground level is the double entryway at the northwest corner. The doorways are framed by decorative limestone. On either side are raised floral patterns which appear to hang from a planter. Between each floral treatment is engraved "kingman," the name of the original firm occupying the structure. Above the name is a unique arch with dentil molding, and above this is a large vertical graphic sign with the name of the building's second occupant.

The fourth level is visually separated from the lower three levels by a narrow band of limestone. Above this level is limestone trim which wraps around the north and west facades. The cap includes dentil molding and parapets.

The only distinguishing feature on the south side is a large horizontal graphic sign running the width of the building. On the southeast corner is a smokestack. The east side is a party wall, devoid of distinguishing features.

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The structure is in good condition. The only exterior alterations have been in the windows. Most of the casement windows on the north and west side have been replaced with translucent glass block. The same glass blocks were used to fill in the entryway. Aluminum and glass doors also were added.

4. J.I. Case Plow Works Building (Red Ball Building), 2 E. California

A three-story red brick structure. The front facade, facing south, is divided into three vertical sections, with pilasters serving as columnar borders. Unlike many of the structures in the District, there is little ornamental use of brick. The only ornamentation is along the roof line, where horizontal bands of corbelled bricks create a visual impression of cohesiveness. The brick is in good condition.

Typical of the District, the casement windows are large to allow for ventilation. The windows are in good condition. The only alteration on the front facade is the doorway, where the entresol has been replaced by a sign and a modern industrial door has been installed.

The other three sides of the building are simply unfaced brick with no windows or ornamentation. The only distinctive features are the graphics, advertising that "storage" was available.

The interior is unimproved industrial with no distinguishing features.

5. Avery Building (A & B Instruments Building), 15 E. California

A two-story red brick structure. Like other buildings in the District, pilasters break the front facade into three vertical sections, each with two sets of double windows. The lower level is fairly common, and has been altered with siding in the former window bays. Above the windows, however, is a rich pattern of corbelled brick forming diamond shapes in sets of three.

The second story windows provide the distinctive style for the building. Each window is topped by an arch, and each window bay of two windows is also topped by an arch, creating a pleasing image of symmetry. Other ornamentation is provided by limestone detail below the window bays, at each end of the window bay arches, and above each pilaster and below each parapet along the roof line. The brick is in good condition.

Some of the interior has been remodelled to office space, but most of the floor space is still unimproved industrial.

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Histories

Although all the buildings share common characteristics and histories, each is different. Short histories of each building follow:

1. Rock Island Plow Building, 29 E. Reno

This four-story red brick building was constructed in 1909 by the Rock Island Plow Co., a subsidiary of the Rock Island Corporation of Chicago. Designed to serve as a wholesale distribution center and warehouse, it was constructed across the street from the Katy depot.

In 1932 Rock Island sold the building to Reinhart and Donovan, a regionally prominent construction firm which had constructed famous buildings such as the Herskowitz, the Trademan's National Bank (on register), the Medical Arts (on register), and the Biltmore.

Since then, it has been used for general storage.

2. Wells Fargo Depot, 115 E. Reno

Constructed in 1906, this ornate one-story building served the famous Wells Fargo express company as a combination office/warehouse/livery barn. Located across the street from the Katy freight depot, it was conveniently situated to coordinate city-wide distribution of goods.

3. Kingman-Moore Building, 100 E. California

Constructed in 1910, this four-story structure was home to the Kingman-Moore Implement Co., distributors of agricultural plows, threshers, balers, and other farm machinery. In 1915 the building was sold to the Emerson-Brautingham Implement Co.; in 1924 it was sold to the Fox-Vliet Drug Company, a regional distributor of drugs.

Today, it serves as a wholesale distribution point for furniture.

4. J. I. Case Plow Works Building (Red Ball Building), 2 E. California

Constructed in 1909, this three-story red brick building was the central warehouse and distribution center for Case Plow Works in Oklahoma. Case began as a manufacturer of agricultural implements, but unlike most of its competitors, the company made a successful transition to the age of mechanization. By the 1930s Case would be one of the leading manufacturers and distributors of tractors and heavy machinery.

By 1937 the building was a warehouse for the O.K. Transfer and Storage Co., a firm which served 24 freight lines to 1,200 cities and towns in Oklahoma City's trade territory.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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State Oklahoma

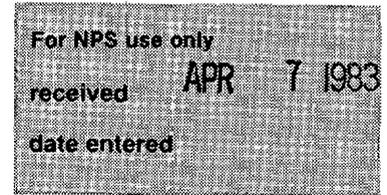
Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 1. Avery Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 2. Case, J. I., Plow Works Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 3. Kingman-Moore Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 4. Merchants Transfer and Storage Substantive Review *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 5. Mideke Supply Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 6. Miller-Jackson Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 7. Oklahoma Hardware Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 8. Rock Island Plow Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 9. Sherman Machine and Iron Works Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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- 10. Stanford Furniture Co. Building Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83  
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<u>Building</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>
✓ 1) Rock Island Plow Building	29 E. Reno Ave.	Neal Horton Warehouse Development Co. 116 E. Sheridan Oklahoma City, OK 73104
✓ 2) Wells Fargo Depot <i>(Wells Fargo + Co. Lumber &amp; Stables)</i>	115 E. Reno Ave.	Already on Register
✓ 3) Kingman-Moore Building	100 E. California Ave.	Neal Horton Warehouse Development Co. 116 E. Sheridan Oklahoma City, OK 73104
✓ 4) J.I. Case Plow Works Building (Red Ball Building)	2 E. California Ave.	Neal Horton Warehouse Development Co. 116 E. Sheridan Oklahoma City, OK 73104
✓ 5) Avery Building (A and B Instruments Building)	15 E. California Ave	Abe Barber 15 E. California Oklahoma City, OK 73104
<sup>DOE</sup> ✓ 6) Commercial Warehouse (Merchants Transfer and Storage)	19 E. California Ave	Bill Bell Liberty Bank P.O. Box 25848 Oklahoma City, OK 73125
✓ 7) Oklahoma Hardware Building	27 E. California Ave	Bill Bell Liberty Bank P.O. Box 25848 Oklahoma City, OK 73125
✓ 8) Miller-Jackson Building	121 E. California Ave.	Wilbur Brown 121 E. California Oklahoma City, OK 73104
✓ 9) Stanford Furniture Co. Building (Bunte Candy Building)	1 E. Sheridan Ave.	Bob McClain Bunte Candy Co. P.O. Box 26848 Oklahoma City, OK 73126

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Geographical Data:

Building	Legal Description	UTM
1) Rock Island Plow	Lots 23 thru 28, blk 42, Military Addition to OKC	14/635160/3925385
2) Wells Fargo Depot	Lots 22 thru 23, blk 42, Military Addition to OKC	14/635250/3925385
3) Kingman-Moore	Lots 13 thru 15, blk 41, Military Addition to OKC	14/635200/3925440
4) J.I. Case Plow Works	Lots w. ½ 12, 13-14, blk 31, Military Addition to OKC	14/635070/3925440
5) Avery Building	S. 130 feet lots 21-22, blk 31, Military Addition to OKC	14/635115/3925500
6) Commercial Warehouse	S. 130 feet lots 23-24, blk 31, Military Addition to OKC	14/635140/3925500
7) Oklahoma Hardware	S. 130 feet lots 25-28, blk 31, Military Addition to OKC	14/635155/3925500
8) Miller-Jackson	S. 130 feet, lots 21-23, blk 32, Military Addition to OKC	14/635250/3925500
9) Stanford Furniture	W. 20 feet lot 11, lots 12-14, blk 30, Military Addition to OKC	14/635075/3925610
10) Sherman Machine and Iron Works	Lots 1-10, blk 30, Military Addition to OKC	14/635140/3925700
11) Mideke Supply	Lots 6-9, blk 29, Military Addition to OKC	14/635210/3925680

Rock Island R.R.

Main St.

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11

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(Grand Ave)

Sheridan Ave.

5 6 7

8

California Ave

4

Oklahoma Ave.

3

Walnut Ave

1

2

Reno Ave.

MK & T R.R.  
(old depot)  
razed



Sante Fe R.R. tracks

