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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Denver	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-05-003	DATE 12/3/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Daniels and Fisher Tower

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Daniels, Fisher & Company (Dry Goods)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1101 Sixteenth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE Colorado	CODE 05	COUNTY: Denver	CODE 031
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Chemical Bank and New York Trust Company

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
New York

STATE: New York	CODE 31
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Tax Assessor

STREET AND NUMBER:
City and County Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE: Colorado	CODE 05
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Junior League Survey of Historic Denver Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

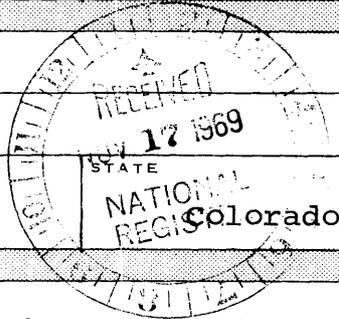
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Colorado State Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE: Colorado	CODE 05
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The D&F Tower, built in 1911, stands 393 feet high and is 21 stories above the street. On the twentieth floor is an observation deck, used to view the city and mountains. Two hundred and fifty feet above the street is the large Seth-Thomas clock. The diameter of the clock face is 16 feet. Originally, the four faces of the tower clock were illuminated from within.

The style of the Tower is Italian Renaissance, patterned after the Campanile of St. Mark's, Venice. The designer was F. G. Sterner. The loggia at the base of the Tower has marble walls, pillars, and floors. Painted panels cover the ceiling, which is trimmed with ornate moulding. The exterior finish of the Tower is buff terra cotta. Construction materials of the structure are steel and concrete.

Although other structures exist on the site, only the Tower is requested for nomination to the Register.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Architectural</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Style</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1911 as part of a dry goods complex, the "D&F Tower" became a Denver landmark. It was the third tallest structure in the U.S. The tower's Seth-Thomas clock could be seen in any of four directions. The face of the clock measures 16 feet in diameter. When the clock was installed in 1911, it was one of the world's largest. A bell in the tower chimed the hour. ~~Among other firsts, the D&F Tower was the first fireproof building built west of the Mississippi River.~~

In addition to being the center of city festivals, the Tower also informed the Denver citizenry of the 1912 Presidential election results; through the media of colored lights. One couple had their marriage ceremony performed in the D&F Tower in 1912.

Today, the D&F Dry Goods store is vacant; but, Denverites still feel strongly about the Tower's place as a city landmark. Urban Renewal plans are being made for the area in which the D&F Tower lies. The Denver Landmark Commission, an official city preservation committee is concerned for the future of the D&F Tower.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

City Club of Denver pamphlets - "Art in Denver," nos. 14 & 15
Denver Municipal Facts, Vol. 2, 1910 January 22
Rocky Mountain News, September 24, 1966, p.6
 May 2, 1967, p. 24

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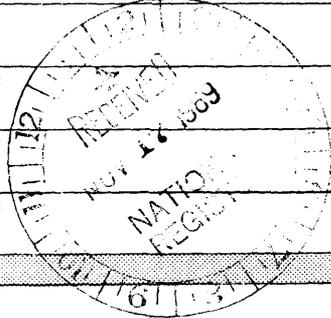
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 44' 53"	104° 59' 42"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1600 sq. ft. or approx. 1/3 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Robert Fink, Assistant to Director**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Colorado** DATE: **10/23/69**

STREET AND NUMBER: **200 Fourteenth Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **05**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Robert H. Fink*
 Title: President, Board of Directors
The State Historical Society
of Colorado
 Date: Nov. 5, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert Allen Ginnally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **DEC 2 1969**

ATTEST:

William J. Ginnally
 Keeper of The National Register

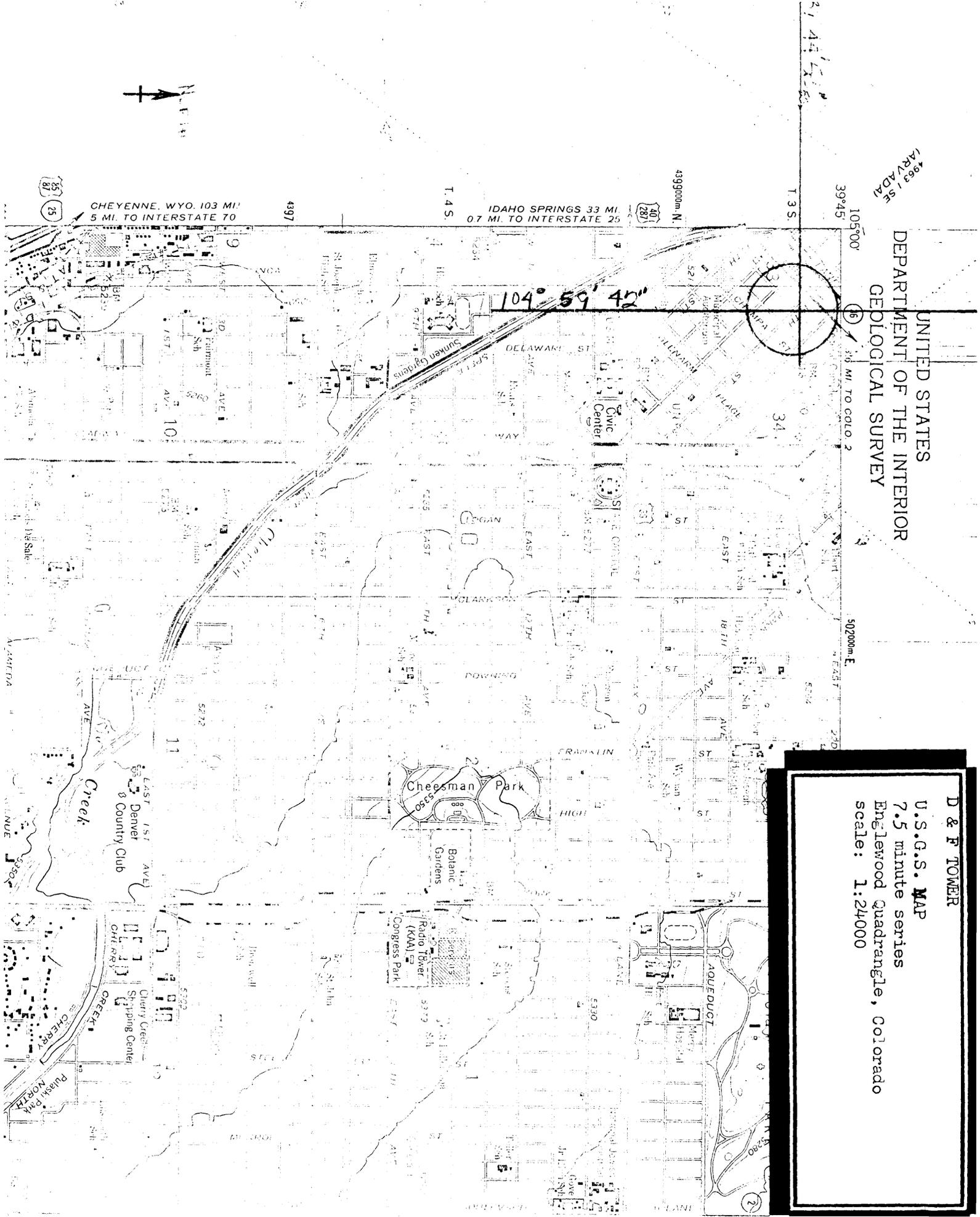
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

D & F TOWER

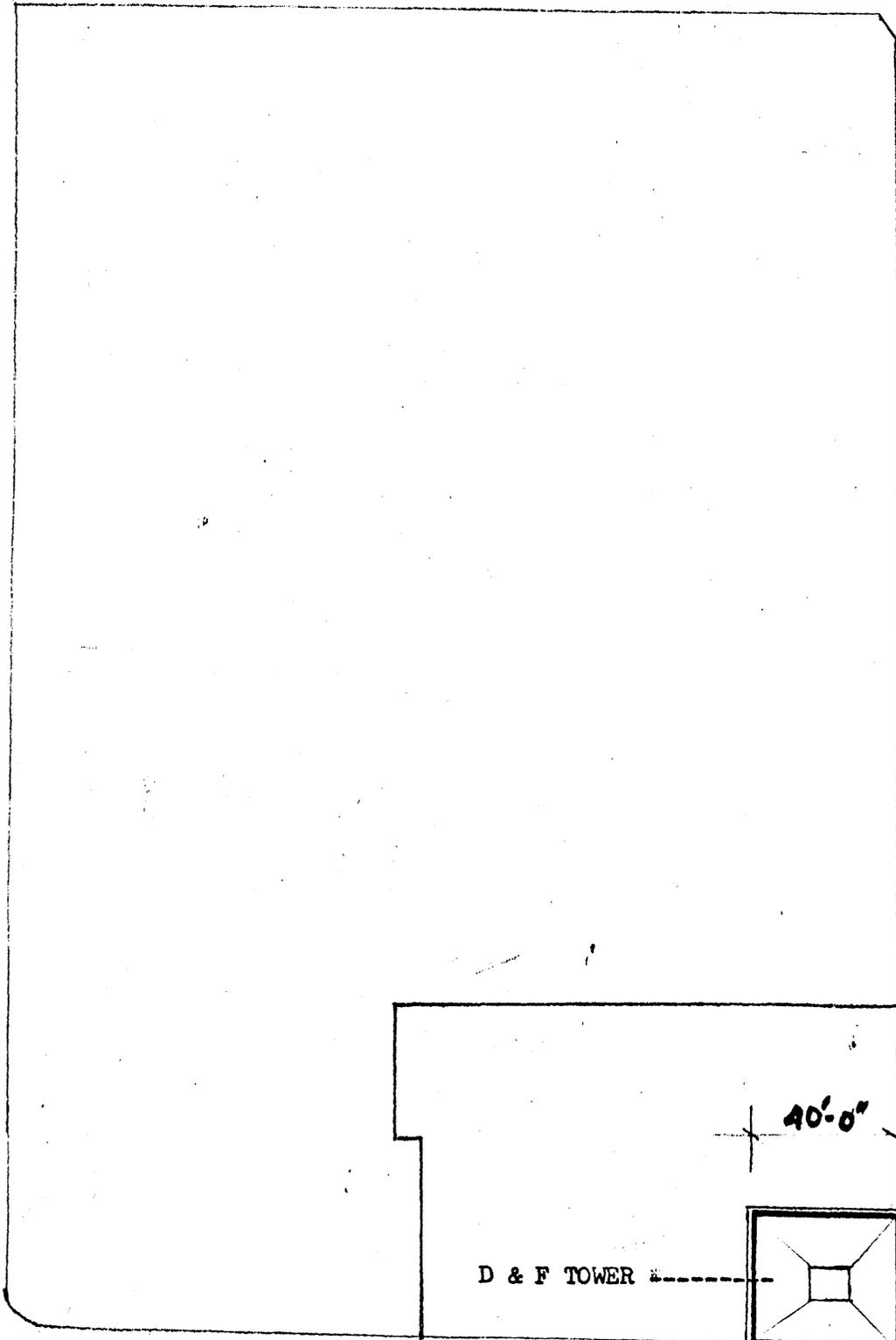
U.S.G.S. MAP
7.5 minute series
Englewood Quadrangle, Colorado
scale: 1:24000



17th STREET

LAWRENCE STREET

ARAPAHOE STREET



D & F TOWER

40'-0"

46'-0"

#1101

16th STREET

North

Scale: 1"=50'

