

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet Phoenix/Manhattan Building Item number

Page 1

2. Location *Manhattan Building (Pre-Depression Muskogee Skyscraper TR)*
325 West Broadway
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

4. Property Owner
Manhattan Construction Company
P.O. Box 1626
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

7. Description

The Manhattan Building is an eight-story commercial structure with full basement. Constructed in 1911, the building has a reinforced concrete frame and is finished with light grey pressed brick harmonious in color with the stone. The decorative features are also of light grey stone. The roof is flat, however, a penthouse was added to it in 1957. The rectangular-shaped building is approximately 65' x 120'.

Characteristic of the Sullivanesque design, the building has a two story base. Fenestration on the first floor of the facade and west side includes a considerable amount of glazed tile, especially on west side. In addition to the glazed tile treatment, there is a band of three fixed pane windows on the northwest corner of west side and a similar arrangement of windows on the same corner of the facade. Window treatment on the second floor facade consists of bands of three 1/1 sash windows with transoms separated by colossal columns and pilaster-like mullions. The west side second story has bands of three 1/1 sash windows separated by pilaster-like mullions with decorative capitals.

Fenestration for the upper five stories on facade and west side includes paired windows arranged in vertical bands separated by pilaster-like brick mullions. Window arrangement on the east side includes paired 2/2 double-hung sash windows on floors three through eight. The first two floors on east side share a common wall with adjoining building. Rear elevation windows include paired 2/2 double-hung sash type arranged in three vertical bands on floors two through eight. The first floor rear shares a common wall with adjoining drive-in bank. The center vertical band of windows have balconies of cast iron grillework.

The main door, located in the facade, is deeply recessed and features a marbled entryway. To the left of the main door are two metal-type doors, one of which has a four-paned transom. These two doors have plain canopied entryways.

Major decorative elements include the two-story colossal columns which flank the main entryway. The columns have unfluted shafts with voluted capitals. The facade and west side feature stone pilaster-like mullions with decorative capitals. The second floor cornice is highlighted with dentil-type ornamentation. Floors three through eight on facade and west side have pilaster-like mullions separating the vertical bands of windows. The eighth floor is delineated by plain cornice below and a more boldly projecting cornice at roof level. The widely overhanging eaves are supported by scrolled brackets.

Other than the penthouse addition to the roof in 1957, the original character and fabric of the buildings remains unaltered.

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

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

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet Phoenix/Manhattan Building Item number

Page 2

10. Geographical Data

- a. Less than one acre
- b. Southeast Muskogee, Oklahoma 7.5"
- c. Zone 15 Easting 285540
Northing 3958540
- d. West 50' of Lot 4, Block 7, Original Townsite of Muskogee, Oklahoma.