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**National Register of Historic Places
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Professional Building Maricopa County, Arizona

Date Listed

Was Determined Eligible

New Owner - Owner Objection removed

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name of property
Maricopa, AZ
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Amendment to the Phoenix Commercial Multiple Resource Area, listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 4, 1985.

CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY

NAME: Professional Building

ADDRESS: 137 North Central; 15 East Monroe

LOCATION: Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona

The building referenced above was nominated to the National Register as part of the Historic Commercial Properties of Phoenix thematic nomination (Phoenix Commercial MRA) in 1985. The building was determined eligible for the National Register on September 3, 1985, but was not listed due to owner objection. The new owner now supports National Register listing.

The SHPO staff requests the Keeper to add the property listed above to the "contributor" list in the nomination.



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October 13, 1992

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Keeper of the National Register
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U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Request for Change in Status
The Professional Building (Valley National Bank
Building) 137 North Central/15 East Monroe
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Ms. Shull:

We have received a request from the current owner of the above property asking that the building be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The building was considered eligible and nominated as part of the Historic Commercial Properties of Phoenix MRA thematic nomination in 1984, but was not listed due to the objection of the then-owner. The new owner supports historic preservation in Phoenix and wishes to have this building listed.

Enclosed you will find the following items:

Amendment to the Phoenix Commercial MRA asking for change in status for the above property;

Original copy of August 19, 1992, notarized letter from building owner, James H. Kaufman, requesting change of status;

Two copies of a recent 8x10 black and white photograph of the building.

The photograph represents the only view that is currently obtainable, due to the height and location of the building. If you have questions, please contact our historian, Dr. Reba N. Wells, at 602-542-4009.

Sincerely,

James Garrison
State Historic Preservation Officer

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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial

HISTORIC NAME: Professional Building

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 137 N. Central

CITY/TOWN: Phoenix

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 112/28/41, 43

OWNER: Valley National Bank

OWNER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 71 B-635
Phoenix, AZ 85001

HISTORIC USE: office

PRESENT USE: office

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/Office

STYLE: Los Angeles Moderne influence

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1930-1931

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Morgan, Walls & Clements;
and H.H. Green

INTEGRITY: original site/altered minor

CONDITION: good/maintained

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 29-9

USGS QUAD: Phoenix

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Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: flat

ROOF SHEATHING: built up

EAVES TREATMENT: parapet

WINDOWS: steel casement, original

ENTRY: recessed with deco doors and
grills

PORCHES: N/A

STOREFRONTS: remodeled

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 12 DIMENSIONS: (l)140 (w) 150

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Steel

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

WALL SHEATHING: cast concrete, marble,
Indiana limestone; rose granite at street level

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Cast Phx. birds, deco spandrels
stepped back tower with geometric parapets

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Lobby: floors, marble,
directory, letterbox, elevator doors,
lights, ceiling intact

OUTBUILDINGS: Garage

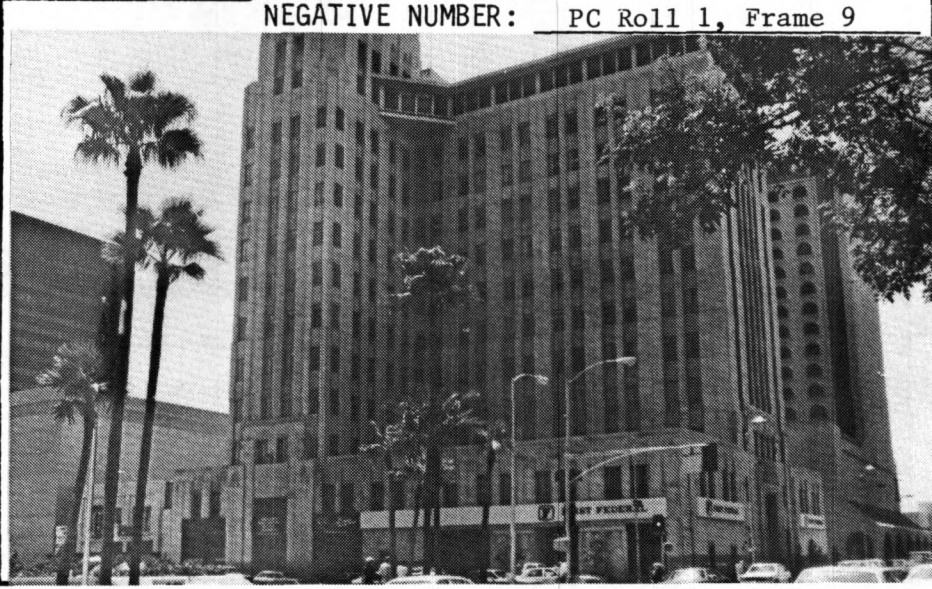
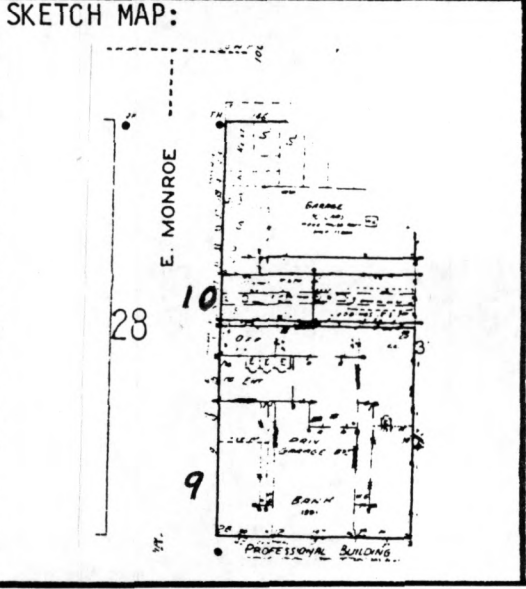
ALTERATIONS: _____

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Gaines

DATE: August 1983 VIEW: SE

NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll 1, Frame 9



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING ___ ECONOMICS ___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT ___ GOVERNMENTAL ___ MILITARY ___ RELIGION ___ SCIENCE ___
THEATRE ___ TRANSPORTATION ___ TOURISM ___ OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Morgan, Walls & Clements, regional architects;
H.H. Green, local architect; Valley National Bank (largest bank in Arizona).

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Last major historic highrise in Phoenix.

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS _____

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Los Angeles Moderne influence in Phoenix.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Use of Indiana limestone. Largest known limestone building in Arizona.

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL First steel frame building in Phoenix.

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Important downtown corner.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

Best example in Arizona of mid-rise Moderne commercial building. Largest example of Morgan, Walls & Clements in Arizona.

These regional architects were known for their Moderne and Spanish Colonial Revival designs, particularly along the Wilshire Corridor, Los Angeles.

H.H. Green was a Chicago-trained architect who began practicing in Arizona in 1924. His work includes the Phoenix Country Club and A.L. Moore & Son Mortuary.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL ___ RESIDENTIAL STREET ___ COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE ___
CBD: OTHER: Highrise

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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Phoenix City Directories

Whiffen, Marcus, Pueblo Deco, the Art Deco Architecture of the Southwest, p. 37.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: AIA Guide to Phoenix/ Page Survey / Army Corps Survey

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED ___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE ___ NOT EVALUATED

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Garrison etal SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984