

7. Description

Condition
 excellent
 good - ~~fair~~
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bricktown District is a cohesive, six block area of red brick buildings ranging in condition from slightly altered to delapidated structures awaiting destruction; more than 50% of the lots are now vacant. Cohesive elements which bind the surviving buildings together include red brick construction, basic designs of street facades, brick streets, common window treatments, the use of graphics, and the heights of buildings.

The dominant architectural style can only be described as late Oklahoma territorial industrial. All of the buildings described below include faced brick on the street facades and undecorated building brick on the other sides. Unless stated otherwise, exterior walls not described are simple slabs of undecorated building brick.

Descriptions of the individual buildings follow:

1. Rock Island Plow Building, 29 E. Reno

This is a red-brick, four-story structure which covers three lots. The south side, facing Reno, is the front of the structure, with the entryway located in the center at ground level. The east side, which faces Oklahoma Avenue, is similar to the south facade, with vertically aligned bays of windows and decorative treatment; this side whas been altered with a dock for trailer tricks. The north side was the rail dock with wide doors at ground level and little decoration on the facade.

The south and east facades provide visual variety and decorative treatment. The south facade is broken into five vertical sections by recessed banks of windows and spandrels, creating the visual appearance of columns. Each window bay has two double-sashed windows. Additional decoration consists of a rusticated brick band around the ground level; entresols above the windows at ground level; light-colored stone trim around the entryway, along the roof line, and topping each column; shallow parapets on the corners and in the center of the roof line; and a stone name plate above the entry with the firm's name engraved.

Other than the entryway, this visual treatment is repeated on the east facade, only twice as long. In addition, a wooden dock has been added at ground level with a suspended awning attached to the wall. This awning wraps around to the north side and extends the full width of the building. The south side does not have the special design elements; instead it has only four vertical rows of three windows, and a graphic sign running vertically along the northeast corner. At the far northwest corner is a smokestack and brick screen, which also has a graphic sign. The west side is the former party wall, devoid of decoration and windows.

The structure is in good condition. The brick has suffered only minimal damage and a few window panes have been broken. The wooden sashes are in poor condition. The interior is virtually unimproved, with rough wooden floors and industrial walls.

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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

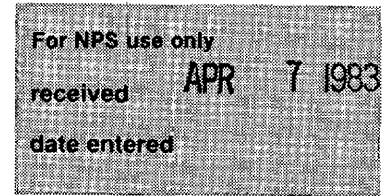
Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 1. Avery Building Substantive Review for Keeper accept Patrick Andrus 8/12/83
Attest _____
- 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 & 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
<i>DOE</i> ✓ 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

9

(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

