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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Eggerss-O'Flyng Building

other names/site number D009:0119-001

2. Location

street & number 801 South 15th Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Omaha

N/A vicinity

state Nebraska code NE

county Douglas

code 055

zip code 68102

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Warehouses in Omaha

Number of contributing resources previously

listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official

October 21, 1991
Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Both Poland

10/13/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Warehouse

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Work in progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Renaissance

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The one-half block by one block Eggerss-O'Flyng Building was constructed in four stages over a period of 26 years. The warehouse is comprised of a 1902 three-story building designed by Omaha architect Joseph Guth; a six-story structure built to the east of the original structure in 1912, also by Guth; the addition of three stories to the original structure in 1918, assumed to have been designed by Guth; and a four-story addition south of the original building designed in 1928 by architect John Latenser.

Structurally, the first three phases of the building each consist of a system of wood posts, girders and joists -- the joists being built up from 2x16's bolted together -- and perimeter brick load-bearing walls. The 1928 building is a reinforced concrete frame structure with brick curtain walls.

Details such as the simple corbeled-brick cornice, round-arched windows and the classically treated former entrance on Leavenworth Street -- with its oculus, entablature, pilasters and keystones -- associate the main building with the Renaissance revival style. The 1928 addition is basically utilitarian with little stylistic embellishment.

Wooden double-hung windows are used throughout the building, many with nine over nine lights. Sills and other trim items are of limestone.

A metal canopy --a portion of which is shown on plans for the original building -- covers a concrete loading dock at the northwest corner of the structure.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE
INDUSTRY

Period of Significance

1902-1928

Significant Dates

1902,1912,
1918,1928

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Joseph Guth; John Latenser

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Eggerss-O'Flyng Building is significant architecturally as an early twentieth century example of the warehouse property type in terms of form, function, technology and style as outlined in the multiple property listing "Warehouses in Omaha". Associated with the historic context "Wholesale Jobbing in Omaha, 1875-1941", the building is also important in the areas of industry and commerce for its association with the Eggerss-O'Flyng Company, a major manufacturer and distributor of cardboard containers. The Eggerss-O'Flyng Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Wholesale jobbing contributed significantly to Omaha's commercial development in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of the city's largest and most notable businesses built substantial warehouse structures at the time around the rail yards located on the eastern and southern edges of downtown.

One of the firms to build in the area was the Eggerss-O'Flyng Company, formed in 1903 through the consolidation of a box company owned by A.J. Eggerss since 1885 and the O'Flyng-Parker Printing Company, which had printed labels for Mr. Eggerss. For many of its early years cigar boxes were the partnership's main product, supplying the over 350 independent cigar makers located in the Eggerss-O'Flyng territory. The firm later produced a wide variety of containers including heavy cellophane boxes for candy and flowers, hat boxes, boxes for artillery shells and bomb fuses during the second world war, and large containers for mattresses and coffins.

The Eggerss-O'Flyng warehouse is significant because of its association with the Eggerss-O'Flyng Company, one of the few businesses in the wholesale district to manufacture as well as

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Architectural working drawings on file (microfilm) at the City of Omaha, Permits and Inspections Department.

City of Omaha building permits.

Landale, Ted. "He Boxes Omaha--in Paper-Board." Sunday World-Herald Magazine, c. 1940's.

Sanborn Map Company. Fire Map of Omaha. New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Omaha City Planning Department

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

A 15 254070 4570700
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 3,4,5 and 6 and vacated alley adjacent, Block 199, Original City of Omaha, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all historically associated property.

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distribute its products. Architecturally, the building is important as a well preserved example of the early twentieth century warehouse in Omaha. The evolution of the building -- which was constructed in four phases over a period of 26 years -- is clearly evident today due to the structure's high degree of integrity.