

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

## IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial  
 HISTORIC NAME: Chambers Transfer & Storage Co.  
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 309 S. 4th Avenue  
 CITY/TOWN: Phoenix  
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 112/19/5,6  
 OWNER: Chambers Moving & Storage Co.  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 301 S. 4th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
 HISTORIC USE: office, store, warehouse, rest.  
 PRESENT USE: storage  
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/  
 STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival (brick)  
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1923  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: T.B. Stewart Construction Co.  
architects & contractors  
 INTEGRITY: original site/unaltered  
 CONDITION: fair/cosmetic problems

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 39-2  
 USGS QUAD: Phoenix  
 T 1N R 3E S 8 N1/2 1/4 OF THE 1/4  
 UTM Zone 12 Easting 399800 Northing 3700930

## Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: flat/tile mansards  
 ROOF SHEATHING: tile mansards  
 EAVES TREATMENT: boxed metal  
 WINDOWS: fixed steel/16 light & 5 light  
 ENTRY: storefronts & warehouse West facade  
 PORCHES: added awnings  
 STOREFRONTS: original wood and display  
glass  
 NOTABLE INTERIOR: original warehouse space  
reinforced concrete with freight elevator  
 OUTBUILDINGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALTERATIONS: unaltered

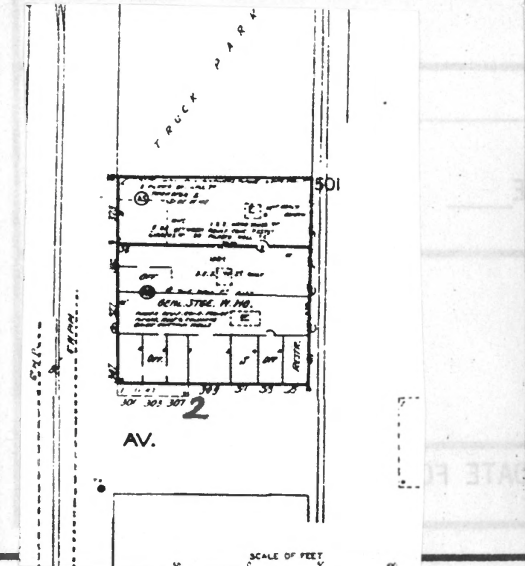
## DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 3B DIMENSIONS: (1) 140(w) 100  
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: reinforced concrete  
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: cast-in-place concrete  
 WALL SHEATHING: tan brick/first floor plastered  
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: wall niches, white art  
stone trim on windows & niches, and parapets

## PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Francissen  
 DATE: August 1983 VIEW: SE  
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll 11, Frame 20

## SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built by O'Malley Lumber Co. as  
speculative property; the building has been occupied by Chambers Co. since 1924.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Reflects commercial and wholesale development  
along Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Unique example of Spanish Colonial Revival Warehouse in Phoenix.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Use of exposed brick.

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION This building, the Union Depot, and the Neo-

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Classical Greek Temple warehouse act as the focal  
point of the warehouse area.

Only known building both designed and built by T.B. Stewart Construction Co.,  
well-known Phoenix contracting firm.

See MRA text, Item 8, pages 37,60.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Phoenix Directory

Arizona Republic 12/23/23 10:1-5; 3/9/24 8:3; 5/30/24, 6; 2/9/30 3, 4:7

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS:

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



Historic Commercial Properties of Phoenix -  
Thematic

Site #39-2 (Chambers Transfer & Storage  
Supplemental photo #1 Company)

Photo by William J. Perreault

Date: June 1985