

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial
 HISTORIC NAME: Title and Trust Building
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 112 N. 1st Avenue
 CITY/TOWN: Phoenix
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 112-21-48
 OWNER: 1st Interstate Bank of Arizona NA
 OWNER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 20551 Dept. 917
Phoenix, AZ 85036
 HISTORIC USE: Office
 PRESENT USE: Office
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/Office
 STYLE: Moderne
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1931
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Lescher & Mahoney, Architects
 INTEGRITY: Original Site/Altered Minor
 CONDITION: Good/Maintained

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 37-1
 USGS QUAD: Phoenix
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 UTM Zone 12 Easting 400120 Northing 370144

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: built-up
 EAVES TREATMENT: parapet (geometric)
 WINDOWS: steel casement w/lower awning
 ENTRY: (E) Central and Side(S)
 PORCHES: N/A S. awning original
 STOREFRONTS: modified

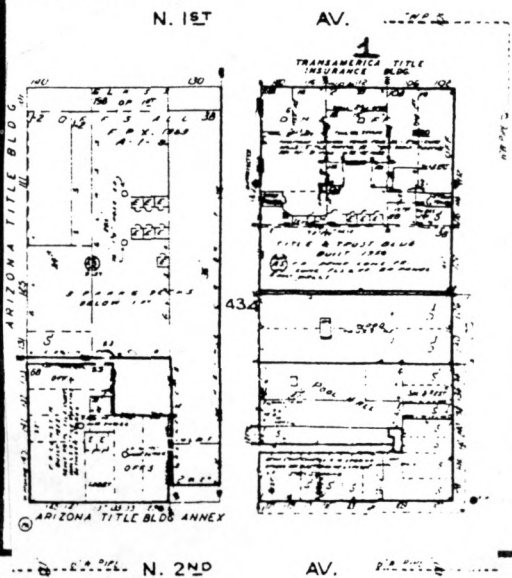
DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 11 B DIMENSIONS: (1) 140(w) 100
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: _____
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
 WALL SHEATHING: Brick and terra cotta ;
tufa stone trim
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: 1st Floor Frieze/Spandrel 2nd
floor/Parapet Chevrons/9th Floor Band Course

NOTABLE INTERIOR: marble lobby/etched glass
insets/stair, elevator doors, directory
doors/ travertine and marble floor
 OUTBUILDINGS: _____
 ALTERATIONS: 1956 W. addition 140 x 50 ;
storefronts changed, some ornamentation

PHOTOGRAPH _____ removed
 PHOTOGRAPHER: DeMuro
 DATE: August 1983 VIEW: NW
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll 7, Frame 12

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

Bricks, specially made in California, are progressively lighter in color from bottom to top.

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) Lescher & Mahoney, prominent local architects, Phoenix Title and Trust Co., important Phoenix business.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT _____

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS _____

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Local interpretation of Moderne. Best office building by Lescher and Mahoney.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Use of brick in Moderne chevrons.

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL _____

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION major downtown intersection

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

Largest office building in Arizona at the time of its construction. Lescher & Mahoney designed hundreds of buildings in Arizona between 1923 and the 1960s, including the Orpheum Theater (now Palace West), Good Samaritan Hospital, St. Mary's High School, and numerous commercial public buildings, warehouses, and residences.
 See MRA text, Item 8, pages 35,37,46,49.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL _____ RESIDENTIAL STREET _____ COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE _____

CBD: OTHER: Highrise

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Arizona Republican, various issues 1929-1931
 Phoenix City Directories
 Whiffen, Marcus, Pueblo Deco, the Art Deco Architecture of the Southwest, p. 31.

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

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Garrison et al SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984