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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC
Scowcroft Warehouse
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER
23rd Street and Wall

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FirstCITY, TOWN
Ogden

— VICINITY OF

STATE
UtahCODE
049COUNTY
WeberCODE
057**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (partially)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Scowcroft Warehouse Associates, c/o Allen D. Roberts

STREET & NUMBER

244 West 300 North

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Utah

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Weber County Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Ogden City and County Municipal Building

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Utah Historic Sites Survey

DATE

June 1978

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Utah State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Scowcroft Warehouse is a four-story structure, 120 by 206 feet in size, which contains a full basement. A foundation of stone supports a brick superstructure. The only masonry wall, other than the four outside walls, runs across the width of the building at midspan. Access from one side of the building to the other is made through an opening in the center of this interior masonry partition. Flanking the opening are two freight elevators, each about 9 feet square in size. No passenger elevators exist in the warehouse. The simple rectangular plan is open on all floors. The only rooms are a large walk-in safe room and a small office, both on the first floor. Two stairways service the building. The main stairway is at the north end of the warehouse and has a central hall with identical flights of stairs flanking it. This expansive stairway runs the full height of the building and is finished with oak railings, balusters, and newel posts. The other stairway is located east of the easternmost elevator and is a narrow single flight running east to west the full height of the building.

Structurally, the Scowcroft Warehouse has a load bearing post and beam with 8 large wooden posts or columns running the length of the building on approximately 20 foot centers, and 7 posts across the width at about 14 feet on center. The posts in the basement are nearly one foot square but diminish in size to 8 inches square in the upper floors. Two sets of beams, one set running the width of the building (11 x 15 inch beams) and connected to the top of the beams with iron "I" ties, the other a set (7 x 15 inch beams) running north-to-south across the lower beams, supports a solid 3 inch thick tongue-in-groove floor. The structural system of the warehouse is identical to that found in the Shupe-Williams Candy Factory (National Register) three blocks south and also designed by Leslie S. Hodgson.

The Scowcroft Warehouse has tall ceilings which run 10, 14-1/2, 13, 13 and 11-1/2 to 14-1/2 feet from the basement to the fourth floor respectively. The varied height on the fourth floor is due to the sloping of the roof to provide water drainage. The ceiling is lowest in the middle and highest on the wall sides of the fourth floor.

In 1975 a fire started on the northern section of the second floor, raced across the ceiling of the elevator shafts and traveled up to the southern sections of the third and fourth floors. The fire was quickly extinguished and did no structural damage. Exposed wood-working was charred in some areas to a depth of 1/4 inch.

In appearance, the Scowcroft Warehouse is a large brick box perforated by regular rows of tall, segmentally arched 2/2 windows. The massive form of the building is somewhat relieved by horizontal brick banding along the first story and slight extensions of the corners and north entry portion of the building. The cornice along these extended "towers" features corbeled brick dentils. The overall cornice line is stepped along the north elevation and flat across the other three parapet wells. A four-foot-tall parapet wall goes along the entire circumference of the roof.

In relation to other warehouses in Ogden's industrial district, the Scowcroft Warehouse is one of the largest, most impressive and most intact. Aside from the filling in of some windows in the west elevations, and the addition of a 32 x 120 foot one story docking structure to the south, the building has not changed in appearance since it was built. Many of the sky-lights and steam radiators are intact, as is the original sprinkler system

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(which was unfortunately shut off two weeks prior to the 1975 fire.) The building contains approximately 130,000 square feet of floor space and has been purchased for the purpose of developing it as an adaptive-use renovation/restoration project.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Leslie S. Hodgson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scowcroft Warehouse is significant for its association with the career of John Scowcroft, founder of John Scowcroft and Sons, an important dry goods and produce wholesale and retail company which served the populace of the Intermountain Western States. A well-known religious and civic leader, Scowcroft also played a prominent role in the organization and development of the Ogden Sugar Company, later the Amalgamated Sugar Co., one of the largest beet sugar companies in the United States. The Scowcroft Warehouse served as company headquarters and was the central warehouse from which many smaller warehouses and stores in a multi-state area were supplied. This well-preserved warehouse is also considered one of the most architecturally significant in Ogden's old industrial district.

John Scowcroft was born December 9, 1844, at Tottington, Lancashire, England, the son of James Scowcroft and Hannah Fairbrother. His parents were handloom weavers, a vocation which John left school to pursue at age eight. In early manhood he learned the business of confectioner, which profession he followed after becoming a Mormon convert in 1861 and emigrating with his wife, Mary Fletcher, and five children, to Utah in 1880. After settling in Ogden, Scowcroft established a confectionery and bakery business in 1881 and eventually expanded into the general merchandise and wholesale trade. From one small store the company of Scowcroft and Sons grew into a regional produce and dry goods institution, bringing considerable wealth to the family. John Scowcroft was active in religious and civic affairs during his life. He served as first counselor in the Second Ward Bishopric for twelve years, was an organizer and first president of the Weber Club, and served on the Ogden Board of Education for several years and was a director in the Ogden State Board. Scowcroft was instrumental in developing the sugar beet industry in Northern Utah and was the originally elected director of the Ogden Sugar Company, later consolidated into the Amalgamated Sugar Co., a position which he held until his death in 1902. Amalgamated Sugar was one of the three largest beet sugar companies in the United States and had factories in eleven cities throughout the Intermountain West. Known and respected throughout the state, Scowcroft's funeral was a majestic event attended by Mormon apostles, and important professional men. Scowcroft was unquestionably a figure of looming importance in Ogden History.

The Scowcroft Warehouse, a five-level structure built in 1900, was the central storehouse for the John Scowcroft and Sons Co. wholesaling business. Multi-state in scope, the business had, by 1910, a capital of \$1,000,000 and employed 100 persons with 20 salesmen on the road. By 1919 the firm employed close to 300 people and was among the largest commercial interests in the Intermountain West. The company had a buying office in New York and had a stock which included "dry goods, notions, men's and women's furnishings,

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Ogden, Utah

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Allen D. Roberts, Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Historic Utah

DATE
May 1978

STREET & NUMBER
244 West 300 North

TELEPHONE
801 355-5926

CITY OR TOWN
Salt Lake City

STATE
Utah

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE x LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Phillip Keene III

TITLE J. Phillip Keene III, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE September 26, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles Blum
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11 30 78

ATTEST: CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

William H. Brannan 10.24.78

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boots and shoes, rubber goods, hats and caps." The company later established the American Food line and set up a regional chain of retail stores. The company was eventually sold to the Mayfair chain in California. The warehouse, which had been the headquarters of the company since its construction, left company ownership in 1958.

Following the death of John Scowcroft, who had served as president and manager, company management transferred to his sons, Joseph, Willard, Albert, and Heber. Joseph, the oldest son, became president and general manager while Willard was secretary and treasurer, Heber was vice-president and assistant manager and Albert was a director and manager of salesmen.

The building has since been used as a general purpose warehouse. Presently only part of the first floor is being used. The remainder of the building has been vacant since a fire in 1975 did minor damage of the upper floors. The building has recently been purchased by Scowcroft Warehouse Associates—a coalition of historic building developers.

The Scowcroft Warehouse was designed by prominent Ogden architect Leslie S. Hodgson. Hodgson recieved his architectural training in the office of Samuel C. Dallas and later continued under Richard K.A. Kletting. He was a classically oriented designer early in his career and later went on to pioneer the Prairie style in Utah. Hodgson was the only Utah architect to use the Art Deco style in a major way in the state. He designed important homes such as the Eccles and Bristol reidences, and many of the large commercial buildings and warehouses of northern Utah. Among these was the Shupe-Williams Candy Factory, a National Register site which is similar in design and structure but is much smaller than the Scowcroft Warehouse. Hodgson's better known public works include the Ogden Municipal Building, United State Forest Service Building and Ogden High School. Hodgson's architectural firm is still intact and is one of the longest continuously operating firms of this type in the state.

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