

18. LOMBARDO BUILDING
315 North Jefferson Street

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2011 University Drive
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North 60' of Lots 6 and 7, Block 301, Old Town; 60' (Jefferson) X 150'
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1922: Architect/Builder unknown

DESCRIPTION

The Lombardo building is a three-story brick warehouse built in 1922. Four wide piers separate the facade into three bays; the ground levels have been bricked in except for one doorway. The two upper floors each have three connected windows per bay while the top of each bay is decorated with three corresponding corbels. The cornice is a stepped parapet that creates a jagged outline. The name "Lombardo" and the date "1922" appear at the top of the building. The fenestration along the side of the building is composed of segmental headed windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Lombardo is a fine example of the fully developed Commercial Brick style as applied to a larger than average structure. It displays the characteristic regular, symmetrical brick facade, grouped windows, stepped parapet, and reliance on fenestration and structural materials to create its distinctive style rather than on applied ornament. While the height and width of the pilasters convey a vertical feeling, this is neutralized by the horizontal handling of the windows and the repeated horizontals of the elaborate parapet. The ground floor has been slightly altered, but this has been done in such a way that the original design is not obscured.

The Lombardo exhibits integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and age. It embodies the characteristic features of the Commercial Brick style as it was developed locally during the 1920s.

