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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

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| Historic name Peerless Motor Company | |
| Other names/site number DO09:0209-039 | |
| 2. Location | |
| Street & number 2562/2564 Harney Street | Not for publication [] |
| City or town Omaha | Vicinity [] |
| State Nebraska Code NE County Douglas Code 055 | Zip code <u>68131</u> |
| 3. State/Federal Agency Certification | |
| As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify the determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [x] meets [] doc Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [x] locally. ([] See contincomments.) Make Ma | of Historic Places and meets the est not meet the National Register nuation sheet for additional |
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The Peerless Motor Company building is a small commercial style building, sited on the North side of Harney Street at the Western edge of downtown Omaha. The area is a mix of older, small commercial buildings, apartment buildings, and vacant lots. A parking lot adjoins the building to the East and has historically been associated with the property. A commercial building is affixed to the Peerless Motor Company building to the West. An alley runs along the rear (North side) of the property.

The building consists of two rectangles, built with slightly different construction methods and reflecting the different interior functions. The first rectangle is 1/3 the depth of the property. It is two-stories tall and two commercial bays wide – sitting with its long side parallel to Harney Street. This portion of the building contained the sales area. The second rectangle is 2/3 the depth of the property. Also two commercial bays wide, it is only one-story high. It contained the service functions of the property.

The front façade is constructed of light tan brick with limestone trim. The first floor storefront consists of the original, low brick sills caped with limestone and a limestone water table below, and a limestone belt course above a series of modern anodized aluminum display windows and a modern steel transom window infill. The front door has been modified and infilled with anodized aluminum doors set in a pink enamel metal veneer plywood or hardboard surround. The second floor is detailed with double hung, one-over-one wood windows covered in modern anodized aluminum screens. The windows are set between brick pilasters which are supported from below with large brick dentils, and which in turn support a brick beam with limestone dentils below and limestone trim above. A stepped wall gable with limestone trim caps the façade.

The east side and rear (north side) of the building were constructed of common red brick, which has been painted white. Center pivoting steel windows are typically eight-over-eight-over-four, and are set in punched openings. On the East façade, a combination garage and pedestrian door allows access to the south end of the service area, and a single pedestrian door allows access to the north end. On the North façade, a garage door has been in-filled with CMU.

On the interior, the front 1/3 of the building served as the retail area. The area is spacious and entirely open. A steel stair along the east side connects the first and second floors. The original terrazzo floor has been covered with tan 9x9 asbestos tile. The original display windows have been removed and in-filled with modern aluminum windows and 2x4 framing covered in pegboard, painted white. The north wall separates the sales area from the service area. Centered in the wall is a three leaf door with transom above. One leaf could be opened for a pedestrian door, or all three could be opened to allow cars into the display area. To either side of this door are a series of windows and doors that are Moorish in profile which allowed access to sales offices, storerooms and restrooms located on the other side of the wall. Three concrete beams run north/south, dividing the ceiling into four spaces.

The second floor originally consisted of a hallway at the top of the stair with a restroom enclosed at the Northeast corner, and an open room. The original function of this space is unclear. It may have been used for parts storage or office space. When the building was used as a window covering manufacturer, a room with a closet off to the west side was enclosed in the center of the south wall.

The rear service area is very functional. Common red brick walls three wythes thick are one story tall and form the east and north walls. The west wall is the neighbor's original exterior wall. All walls have been painted white. Several rooms were enclosed at the south end of the space. Half still exist and are finished with rough textured plaster. At the east end is a pair of toilets, one accessible from each side of the wall which divides the sales area from the service area. A service office has been converted to a storage room. Added onto the service office is a modern second office finished with plexiglass and simulated wood paneling. Steel trusses with wood roof structure span from the east wall to a beam sitting on a series of columns just inside the west wall. The wood structure has been covered with particle board and painted white.

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Two skylights bring in natural light from above. A concrete slab-on-grade floor contains several floor drains, a manhole for access to the storm drain, and a small basement in the northeast corner that contained the furnace.

Altogether, the building is in good condition and represents the form and function of a typical sales and service building of the late 1920s.

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Synopsis

The Peerless Motor Company building is significant under criteria A for its association with the period of automobile commerce before the Great Depression and the development of "Auto Row", as well as criteria C for its distinctive characteristics of an early automobile branch sales and service building.

Criteria A

The Peerless Motor Company building is associated with the early rise of automobile commerce and its effects on our built environment. In the early days of automobiles, tinkerers, mechanics and small companies took to the production of automobiles:

"Thousands of people did it. The *Standard Catalogue of American Cars, 1805-1942* documents more than 5,000 U.S. makes. Many of these were one-of-a kind, but perhaps several hundred or more saw serious production. All but a few of these automakers disappeared or were absorbed in a natural consolidation of the industry during the 1920s and the ensuing Great Depression."

The Peerless Motor Company was one company that did see more serious production. It is now listed among the defunct automobile companies, but from 1900 to 1931, this Cleveland based company made many automobile innovations, including an accelerator pedal and the cut-out fan. By the early 1920's, they could be driven "well over 200,000 miles without any major repairs." Like many other companies of its time, Peerless had its share of ups and downs, but in the late 1920s it was picking up steam and was considered stylish. The stock market crash in October 1929, however put a halt to the luxury car market. Peerless and a number of other small automobile manufacturers initially found ways to struggle through the Great Depression, but as it continued many manufacturers folded or consolidated. In November of 1931, Peerless stopped production. The Board of Directors bought the rights to Carlings of Canada and converted the factory to a brewery. Very few Peerless are seen today. During their years of production, they were one of the most expensive cars on the market and, due to the large amount of aluminum used in their production, they brought more money than any other car in the scrap drives during World War II.

Locally, the first automobile dealerships were listed in the 1904 city directory. By 1910, this number had grown to 31; and by 1920, there were 124 dealers, manufacturers and repairers listed in Omaha. This immense growth spurt was due in part to automobile mass production, making the automobile affordable for a middle class family, and the promotion of the freedom the automobile provided. The large number of cars on the road in turn led to the development of our national highway system. The first continuously marked transcontinental highway was the Lincoln Highway.

"The Lincoln Highway is a 3300-mile long road stretching across the United States from New York City to San Francisco. Its creation was the result of the first successful effort to create an all-weather transcontinental highway specifically for automobiles. Carl Fisher, Prest-O-Lite headlight manufacturer, launched the idea of developing a coast to coast highway in 1912. Fisher was soon joined in the promotion of this road, named the Lincoln Highway, by a cadre of executives from the automobile, tire, and Portland cement industries who used patriotic appeal and mass marketing to mastermind a national "good roads" campaign.

The Lincoln Highway began as a miscellaneous collection of downtown streets, country lanes, and old trails marked with signs showing an "L" rectangular graphic emblazoned in red, white, and blue. While the confusing and haphazardly maintained condition of the early Lincoln Highway illustrated the long-neglected nature of the American roads inherited by the automobile, by the 1920s, it had become the nation's premier cross-country thoroughfare and a testing ground for new road and bridge-building techniques. A dynamic, commercial roadside emerged along the

¹ Curt McConnell, Great Cars of the Great Plains, (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1985), p. xi.

² "Peerless: History; One of the Greatest American Automobiles," Peerless Motor Car Club, July 5, 2007. http://www.peerlessmotorcar.com/history.htm

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Lincoln Highway and other roads of that era, pioneering the marketing of gas, food, lodging and other motorist services through innovative architectural form and design."

Originally, the Lincoln Highway came into Omaha on Douglas Street, ran east to 15th Street, down a block to Farnam Street, along Farnam to 40th Street, up to Dodge, and out Dodge to Elkhorn. In 1921, the Lincoln Highway was officially rerouted outside of downtown Omaha, but its work had been done. The traffic of the early years spurred the development of "Auto Row" on Farnam Street here in Omaha and many other "Auto Rows" across the nation. As Farnam Street filled with dealerships for Hupmobile, Studebaker, and Ford, it also expanded to cover portions of Harney Street. In 1929, Farnam and Harney hosted 49% of all the dealerships and manufacturers listed in the city directory. In the late 1920s, newspaper ads and chamber of commerce journals still discussed local dealerships getting ready for the coming travel season and the expected tourist trade from the Lincoln Highway. By 1940, Omaha's "Auto Row" was on the decline. More dealerships began to move out to Military Avenue and other suburbs of Omaha. In its wake, the Lincoln Highway and "Auto Row" left Omaha with a number of commercial buildings constructed as automobile dealerships and service stations which would not have been built without their influence.

In addition to the traffic from the Lincoln Highway, rivalry among the manufacturers often dictated the location for new sales and service buildings; similar to the way in which department stores tend to cluster in the same area in order to draw customers in. In the early automotive world, Pierce-Arrow, Packard, and Peerless were known as the three P's. A competition developed among them for innovativeness and customers of high-end luxury cars. It was not uncommon to find dealerships for all three on the same street. In Seattle, Packard and Peerless dealerships faced off across the street from one another in the roaring twenties. Here in Omaha, the Pierce-Arrow dealership was just down Harney Street from the Peerless Motor Company building.

The Great Depression put a screeching halt to the roaring twenties, and was responsible for a general decrease in the number of automobile dealerships. Early on, there was a wide range of automobile manufacturers represented in Omaha. In any given year between 1910 and 1940, approximately 20% of all dealers and manufacturers listed in the Omaha city directory were clearly distributors of now defunct automobile companies. Through the Great Depression, a considerable amount of consolidation and folding occurred as companies tried to survive. Typically, those companies which were well established locally before the depression hit, were able to make it through. Of the thirteen companies which opened in Omaha in 1929, nine did not survive a year, including Peerless Motor Company, Auburn Cord Company of Nebraska, Plymouth Motor Co and Dodge Bros Corporation. Those that were well established in town, generally made it through the Depression, including Greenlease-Lied Motors, Nash Motors of Omaha, and Dewey Chevrolet Company.

In general, early automobile companies were a short-lived and mobile lot. Most did not survive more than a few years. Those that did manage to stay in business longer, generally moved with-in that time frame. Of the eight companies who were listed in the city directories in 1920 and were still in business in 1929, only three were still at the same location. Additionally, less than ten of the 49 dealerships were in buildings designed for them. As a dealership moved out of a building, the structure typically became another dealership, accessory store, or repair only facility. For example, the Peerless Motor Company building became a used car dealership, than another used car dealership, and then a trailer body manufacturing plant.

³ "Lincoln Highway Special Resource Study," Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, July 5, 2007. http://www.nps.gov/mwro/lincolnhighway/background.htm

⁴ For purposes of this study, only those automobile dealers with defunct automobile manufacturers names in their title were counted – if other dealerships also sold now defunct automobiles, they were not counted. I.e. Auburn Cord Company of Nebraska is counted as a defunct automobile manufacturer. However, Western States Motor is not, as it is unclear what brand of automobile they sold.

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Criteria C

Physically, the Peerless Motor Company building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a typical branch sales and service building of the late 1920s. Early automobile sales buildings can be separated into four categories; the assembly plant, the district sales headquarters, the central sales and service building, and the small branch sales and service building. The assembly plant was generally a multi-story building focusing on the assembly and distribution of automobiles. Often a small show room and service area were included, but these were very minor in the overall function of the building. Locally, the Ford Assembly Plant (DO09:129-003) is a good example of this building type. The district sales headquarters also had little room for service work. A large show room for the latest models, and plenty of office space for dealers to buy and sell cars to agents in other sales districts were the focus of the building. Here in Omaha in 1929, district sales headquarters were exemplified by the DeSoto Motor Corporation which had offices in the Woodman of the World building at 14th and Farnam (now razed). In the central sales building, the repair area was a significant part of the structure and was almost equal to the show room in size and importance. Finally, in the branch sales and service building, the service portion of the building dominates the floor plan behind a show room that typically fronts the building along the street.⁵ The Peerless Motor Company building is a good example of this last type. A small sales area in the front connected to a much larger repair area in the back.

The small branch sales and service buildings were all about the cars. Unlike the assembly plants or district headquarters which stressed the importance of the company, the branch sales and service building's overall emphasis was on showing off the latest models. Sales and service buildings developed a number of design requirements; a large show room with a high ceiling, windows wide enough for the whole car to be seen, low window sills, a large door from the service portion of the building, a central information desk, space for sales offices, a waiting room, and a place for sale of accessories and parts that was also accessible to the service area. In the late 1920s, they had also developed a number of stylistic features in common – including little or no awning, neon signage, and minimal exterior decoration.

The Peerless Motor Company building exemplifies these attributes. The first picture of the building was not published until a month after it opened, when the building was used as a backdrop for a photo-op of the new sales manager, a customer, and the car that was just purchased. On the first floor of the exterior, as much room as possible is given over to the display windows, which have low sills and are wide enough to display an entire car. On the interior, the show room meets all the requirements for volume and organization, while allowing the repair area to best fit its own needs for light, ventilation and durability.

Nationally, there are several other Peerless Motor Company buildings listed on the National Register. These include their factory in Cleveland Ohio, and two central sales buildings – one in New York and one in Boston. The Omaha Peerless Motor Company building would represent the branch sales and service buildings of the company as well as its renewed effort to be an elite automobile.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Peerless Motor Company building is significant at the local level under criteria A for its association with the early rise of automobile commerce and its effects on our built environment, as well as criteria C for its distinctive characteristics of an early automobile branch sales and service building.

Although the Lincoln Highway was no longer routed along Farnam when this building was built, the Highway established Omaha's Auto Row. Dealerships such as the Peerless Motor Company added to the density of dealerships and service

⁵ F.A. Fairbrother, "The planning of Automobile Sales and Service Buildings," *the Architectural Forum*, vol 33, No. 2, August, 1920.

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stations in the area and competition for customers; and rivalry between manufacturers led to the spread of dealerships beyond Farnam to Harney Street where companies such as Peerless and Pierce-Arrow could vie for the attention of the upper-class.

From 1910-1930, dealerships did not typically survive more than a couple of years, but the number of start-up dealerships and service stations continued to grow until the Great Depression. The Peerless Motor Company dealership was one of many new start-ups who were not well established locally during the Depression, and that did not survive the Great Depression. Like many others, the Peerless dealership in Omaha quickly folded and the building was converted to a used car dealership.

Today, the Peerless Motor Company building is an excellent functional and aesthetic example of a typical branch sales and service building of the late 1920s. Its large, low display windows, and minimal decorative features on the front façade clearly designate the show room, while its garage door on the East façade unmistakably indicates its functional rear service wing as an automobile service center.

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- "New; the Beautiful 1929 Six-81," Advertisement; Omaha, Sunday World Herald, p. five-C, Sunday September 9, 1928.
- "1929 Peerless Six-81; New Two-Four Passenger Coupe," Omaha, Sunday World Herald, p. five-C, Sunday September 16, 1928.
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- "Home of Peerless Branch," Omaha, Sunday World Herald, Section 2, p. twelve-C, Sunday October 7, 1928. [Photo of R.G. Mohr buying a Peerless coupe from L.S. Whitmore in front of the building.]
- "Peerless Sales Show Big Increase Abroad," the Omaha Bee News, Sunday, October 14, 1928, Section B, p. 8.
- "Peerless Extends Foreign Outlets," the Omaha Bee News, Sunday, November 4, 1928, Section B, p. 9(?).
- "Revamp Plant of Peerless," the Omaha Bee News, Sunday, December 2, 1928, Section B, p. 6.
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- "Peerless Puts Out New Model," the Omaha Bee News, Sunday, December 16, 1928, Section D, p. 10.

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"Peerless Business Shows Big Profit," Sunday Omaha World Herald, August 10, 1930, Part 2, p. 3-O.

1936

"Badger Body Founder Dies; Harold Rosenfeld, 79, 50-year Omahan," [Omaha Public Library Business Clippings] June 21, 1965.

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Related Local Articles

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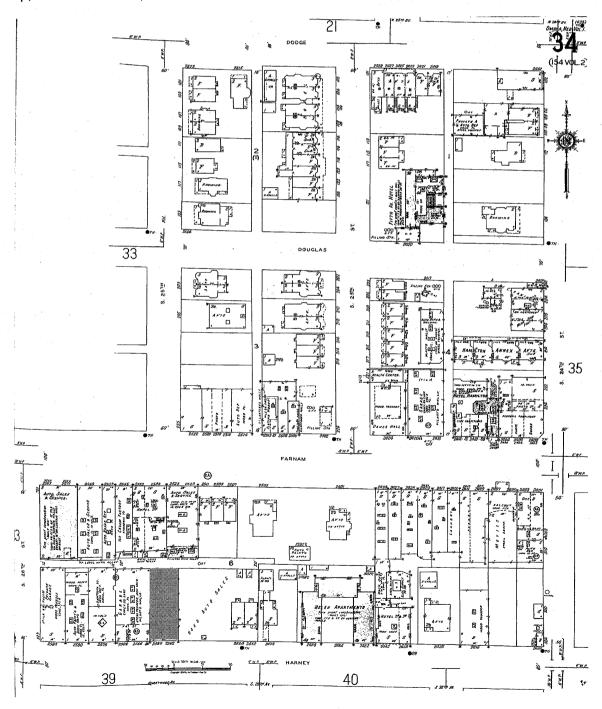
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Supplemental Photos

| Photograph | Description of Photograph |
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| Α | Ad from opening day in local paper |
| В | Photo of building a month after opening |

| Photograph | Description of Photograph |
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| 1 | Front (South) Facade |
| 2 | Rear (North) Façade |
| 3 | Front Façade Detail |
| 4 | Front Façade from the SE Corner |
| 5 | Front Façade from the SW Corner |
| 6 | Side (East) Facade |
| 7 | Showroom Looking to the South |
| 8 | Showroom Looking to the NW |
| 9 | Showroom Looking to the NE |
| 10 | Second Floor Stair Hall |
| 11 | Second Floor Main Room Looking SW |
| 12 | Second Floor Main Room Looking NW |
| 13 | Repair Area Looking to the SW |
| 14 | Repair Area Looking to the S |
| 15 | Repair Area Looking to the N |

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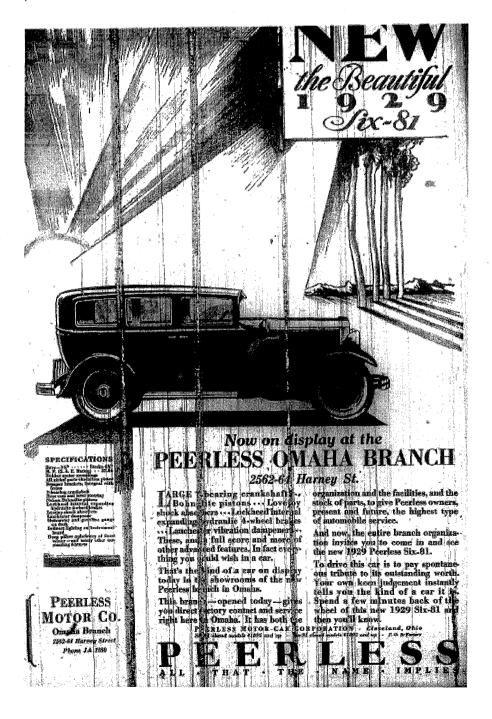
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Supplemental Photo A: "New; the Beautiful 1929 Six-81," Advertisement; Omaha, Sunday World Herald, p. five-C, Sunday September 9, 1928.



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Supplemental Photo B: "Home of Peerless Branch," Omaha, Sunday World Herald, Section 2, p. twelve-C, Sunday October 7, 1928. [Photo of R.G. Mohr buying a Peerless coupe from L.S. Whitmore in front of the building.]

