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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and sub categories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name The Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company

other names/site number ONJH Inv. # 0408333

2. Location

street & number 333 Arch Street not for publication

city/town Camden vicinity

state New Jersey code NJ 034 county Camden code 007 ZIP CODE 08101

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing

1

1

Noncontributing

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Bank, Insurance, and Legal buildings in Camden, NJ 1873-1938

Number of contributing resources previously

in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Allen P. Senneker
Signature of certifying official

7/11/90
Date

Acting Commissioner, DEP/DSHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See Continuation Sheet

Determined eligible for the National Register See Continuation Sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

Patrick Andrews

8/22/90
Date

other, (explain:)

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
COMMERCE/TRADE/business
OTHER: mortgage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
COMMERCE/TRADE/business

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS
Regency Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)
foundation STONE/Brick
walls Brick

roof Asphalt
other Iron Balustrade
Wood Italianate Cornice

Describe present and historic physical appearance
SUMMARY

The three-story, three-bay-wide brick Inter-County Mortgage & Finance Company building in Regency Revival style is a 1929 design by Herbert N. Moffett. He was a Camden architect who eventually had his office in this building. There are two entrances on the first floor and three French doors on the second floor. The building fits within Property Type #2, buildings constructed for the legal profession, insurance business, or mortgage business in the multiple property nomination of banks, insurance, buildings, and legal buildings in Camden, New Jersey 1873 to 1938. The building is in a modest domestic size and scale, but has an obviously commercial facade on the first floor.



The Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company Building at 333 Arch Street in central Camden is a few blocks from the city's government buildings in one direction and a few blocks from RCA and Campbell Soup in the other direction. Most of the nearby buildings are commercial, although there were many residences here at one time. 333 Arch Street is attached to a two story rowhouse on its east side, and there is a vacant lot on its west side. The main facade on Arch Street rises directly from the sidewalk. There is no street landscaping near the building. In typical rowhouse fashion, the building is rectangular in shape with a flat roof from which a square brick chimney projects.

This three-story, three-bay-wide building, in the Regency Revival style has a facade of brick laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers. It stands on a cast stone foundation. Doric capitals top Brick pilasters on either side of the central bay which contains a show window (now filled with brick). On

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Economics

Period of Significance

1929-1938

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect Builder

Moffett, Herbert N., architect

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SUMMARY

The Inter-County Mortgage & Finance Company building was a built for in the 1929 when its primary occupant was the Inter County Mortgage and Finance Company. The building occupies the site on which a wooden two story building formerly stood. That building was occupied by real estate agent Israel Milask, one of the founders of Inter-County Mortgage & Finance. Herbert Moffett, a Camden architect who also had his offices in the building designed its Regency Revival facade. The building has a domestic size and scale but its facade gives it a commercial appearance. It is the only mortgage company building in the nomination. It fits within property type #2: buildings constructed for the legal profession, insurance business or mortgage business.

Arch Street was at one time lined with dwellings but as the demand for office space increased in central Camden in the early twentieth century, many were converted to commercial use as residents moved away from the area. Also many new buildings were constructed on the former dwelling sites. A two-story frame building stood on this site prior to 1929. Until that time Israel Milask, who was in the real estate business, had his office here. In 1927 Milask and two business associates incorporated the Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company. Since Milask was by this time also engaged in the building business, the mortgage company complemented his other interests.

The Inter County Mortgage building is the design of Camden architect

9. Major Biographical References

See Main Bibliography

Previous documentation on file NPS: N/A

- preliminary determination of Individual Listing(36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey# _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record# _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Specific repository

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

USGS quad Camden

UTM References

A 1 18 4 8 9 4 2 0 4 4 2 1 4 2 0
 Zone Easting Northing
 C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing
 D _____

see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company is located three houses east ward from the corner of Arch and North Fourth Streets, City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, legally described at block #77, lot# 29.

see continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The Boundary includes lot 29 in block 77, which has been historically associated with the property.

see continuation sheet

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either side of the show window is a doorway with a four-light transom. A cast stone frieze with the legend "Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company" embellishes a cornice above the first floor.

At the second floor level three shallow ornamental iron balconies cross the lower sections of three wood-sash French doors. Fanlights above each door contain a prominent stone keystone. There are three one-over-one double-hung wooden sash windows with stone sills on the third floor. Flat arches with prominent stone keystones top these windows. A shallow cast stone cornice with modillion brackets crosses the facade just above the third floor windows. The wall of the building rises about three feet above this cornice to the roof level.

The top floor of the east side of the Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company building is visible above the adjoining rowhouse. An automobile repair company has painted a now-faded billboard on this side of the building. The building has been vacant for some time, but is in good physical condition and is currently undergoing rehabilitation for office use. 333 Arch Street meets all the registration requirements for Property Type #3 in the multiple property nomination.

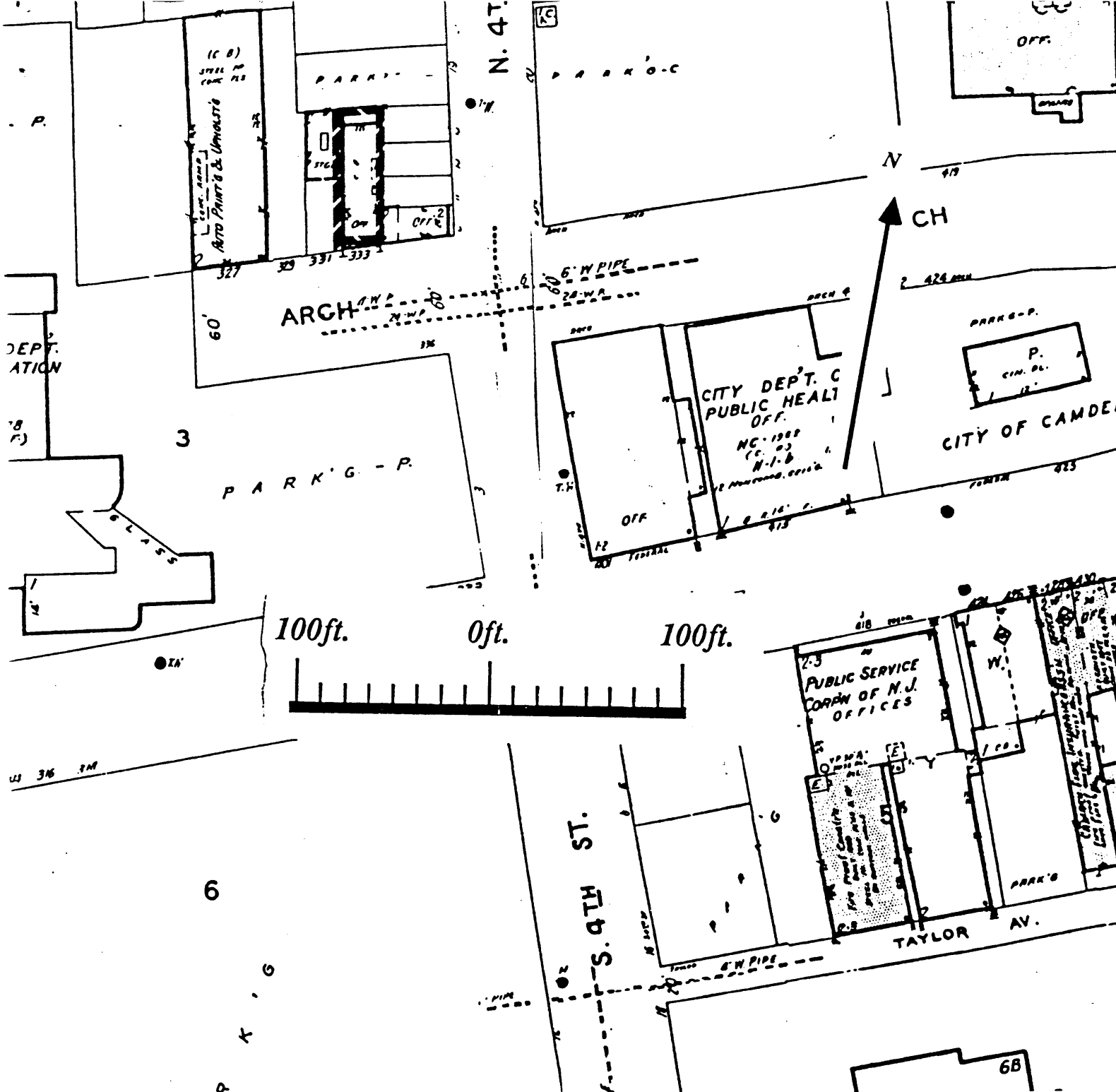
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Herbert N. Moffett. In 1931 Moffett actually moved his office to this building. Among the buildings he designed were the first Broadway Trust Company building (demolished), schools in Moorestown, Pitman, and North Wildwood, and offices and residences in other towns of south Jersey. Two of the three buildings shown in a 1909 advertisement of Moffett's featured arched windows with prominent keystones, a motif he used in 333 Arch Street. Arnold H. Moses, another Camden architect, also had his office in the Inter-County Mortgage and Finance Company Building.

This building is the only one in the multiple nomination in Regency Revival style. It is in good physical condition and retains all the distinguishing features of its style as well as most of its 1920s fabric. A 1987 survey of banks, insurance, and legal buildings in Camden identified the building. The survey followed federal guidelines and the results are on file at the Office of New Jersey Heritage. The Preservation Planner for the City of Camden and the Office of New Jersey Heritage have evaluated the building and determined that 424-426 Market Street are eligible for inclusion in the multiple property nomination on the basis of its history, architecture, and integrity.



Boundary Map

Inter-County Mortgage & Finance Building
 (333 Arch Street)

Bank, Legal, and Insurance Buildings in Camden, NJ 1873-1938
 City of Camden
 Camden County, New Jersey
 Camden Quad

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