

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

## IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial  
 HISTORIC NAME: Phoenix Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co.  
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 333 N. 7th Avenue and  
334 N. 6th Avenue  
 CITY/TOWN: Phoenix  
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 111/41/24, 29  
 OWNER: Phoenix Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., Inc.  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 337 N. 7th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
 HISTORIC USE: Laundry  
 PRESENT USE: Laundry  
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/  
 STYLE: Moderne and Early 20th Century Commercial  
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: rebuilt 1935  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Fred Whittlesey, Architect  
 INTEGRITY: original site/alterd minor  
 CONDITION: good/maintained

## DESCRIPTION

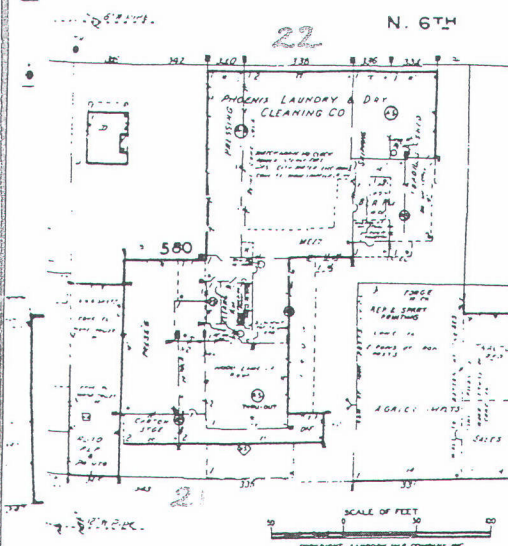
STORIES: 1 rear DIMENSIONS: 160 140  
2 front (1) 150 (W) 130  
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

WALL SHEATHING: paint - 7th Avenue;  
none - 6th Avenue

APPLIED ORNAMENT: concrete water table -  
arch over 6th Avenue entry.

## SKETCH MAP:



COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 46-21  
 USGS QUAD: Phoenix  
 T 1N R 3E S 5S1/2 1/4 OF THE 1/4  
 UTM Zone 12 Easting 399470 Northing 3701750

## Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: wood lamella and flat  
 ROOF SHEATHING: built up

EAVES TREATMENT: stepped parapet and flat  
parapet - brick cornice

WINDOWS: some fixed - some glass block  
some multi-light awning

ENTRY: 2 single, wide, 1 light pane, wood  
frame doors, possibly original  
recessed 6th Avenue

STOREFRONTS: entry canopy - 7th Ave;  
pilasters between windows

NOTABLE INTERIOR: \_\_\_\_\_

OUTBUILDINGS: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERATIONS: Rebuilt after fire in 1935,  
portions of exterior remain, interior

PHOTOGRAPH layout is similar to original

PHOTOGRAPHER: Osborn

DATE August 1983 VIEW: NE





## 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) The buildings were built by A.H. & G.H. Lawrence, as Phoenix Laundry & Dry cleaning Co. A.H. Lawrence founded Phoenix  
(continued below)

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ☐

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS ☐

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Outstanding example of 20th century brick commercial architecture in remaining front facade. Unique example of Streamlined Modern  
MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL retail buildings in Phoenix.

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL Rare Phoenix example of wide span wood lamella roof structure

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Focal point of 6th avenue and Van Buren area.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: (Associations, continued)

laundry in 1893. The Lawrence family was a pioneer business family, active in the commercial growth of early Phoenix. The property has been occupied since 1909 and the buildings have remained in use as the Phoenix Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co. since 1924. Buildings were rebuilt using some original exterior walls after 1935 fire.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL ☐ RESIDENTIAL STREET ☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ CENTRAL SQUARE ☐  
CBD: ☐ OTHER: Strip

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: ☐

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





View from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 10/20/2023



View from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 10/20/2023





Interior view, 10/20/2023



Interior view, 10/20/2023

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