

West Wazee Street Warehouse District
Molina Plow Company (Desks, Inc.)
1127 Wazee Street
Denver
Denver County
Colorado

HABS No. CO-70 B

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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 ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Colorado	COUNTY Denver	TOWN OR VICINITY Denver
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Molina Plow Company (Building Permit)		HABS NO. CO-70 B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Desks Incorporated		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1127 Wazee Street, Denver, Colorado 80204		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1907 (Building Permit)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Gove & Walsh (Building Permit)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This commercial structure was designed in 1907 by the prominent Denver architectural firm Gove & Walsh for the Molina Plow Company. The structure was originally used as a farm equipment sales outlet and warehouse. By 1927 the building housed an upholstery plant. The present owner of the building, Desks, Inc., purchased the property in (cont.)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Twentieth Century Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load bearing masonry (brick) with interior wood framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; Overall dimensions 66' x 132'4"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The first story of the building's principal elevation (SE) is finished in banded brick simulating coursed stone. The symmetrical three-bay, first story includes a central, molded-arch entrance flanked by plate glass display windows. Brick pilasters with mouse-toothed corners form the three bay divisions of the second through sixth stories. The structure terminates in a projecting, false-gable front.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Information not available.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The building's original windows were altered to multi-light units enframed by aluminum surrounds circa 1960.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building is in good condition and is used by Desks, Inc. for offices and storage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation of the building was undertaken for the Colorado Department of Highways on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration in compliance with Section 800.4 of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (cont.)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Building Permits, City and County of Denver. Vol. 5, #1108; Colorado Cultural Resource - Survey #5DV1005.2 (Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation), 1983). Commercial - Industrial Appraisal; City and County of Denver. Preliminary Case (cont.)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Kathryn M. Kuranda, Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff for the Colorado Department of Highways.	DATE March, 1984	

Significance:

1983 from the Weicker Storage Company.

Other Information as Appropriate:

Regulations. The future development of the Auraria Parkway will adversely affect 1127 Wazee Street. Although the structure will be retained intact, the orientation of the building will be towards the Parkway posing an adverse visual effect.

Sources of Information:

Report - Project FCU 040-4(6), Colfax Viaduct, Final Phase. (Colorado Department of Highways for the Federal Highway Administration, 1984).