

West Wazee Street Warehouse District
1143 West Wazee Street (Commercial Building)
Denver
Denver County
Colorado

HABS No. CO-70 C

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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) 1143 Wazee Street		HABS NO. CO-70C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 1143 Wazee Street		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1143 Wazee Street, Denver, Colorado 80204		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1896 (Commercial-Industrial Appraisal, City & County of Denver)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This building is one of the earliest surviving structures in the West Wazee Street District. The structure was originally used as a forge where farm equipment was manufactured. Historical maps (see Sources of Information) indicate that the structure was used for "Agricultural Implements" until at least 1905.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial Vernacular		
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: 36' x 125'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The building's symmetrical, five bay divisions are defined by brick pilasters which rise the height of the second and third stories. Original, six-light-over six-light windows survive on the southeast elevation. These windows are supported by sandstone sills and terminate in segmental arches. The building is (cont.)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Information not available.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Segmental arches visible on the southeast elevation indicate that the structure originally included basement level windows which were visible from Wazee Street. These windows and a first story, central bay entrance were infilled with brick circa 1910.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The structure is in good condition and is presently used as an annex for Desks Incorporated (1127 Wazee Street).		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation of the structure 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 Regulation. The future development of the Auraria Parkway will adversely affect 1143 Wazee (cont.)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Baint's Real Estate Atlas of Surveys of Denver. (Philadelphia, 1905). Colorado Cultural Resource Survey #5DV1005.6. (Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 1983). Commercial-Industrial Appraisal, City and County of Denver. Preliminary Case Report (cc		
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Exterior Features of Note:

banded by a simple brick cornice incorporating brick corbelling.

Other Information as Appropriate:

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:

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