

G.S.A. Central Heating Plant
C and D Streets, between 12th
and 13th Streets, S.W.
Washington, D.C.

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STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) U.S. General Services Administration, Central Heating Plant		HABS NO. D.C.-383
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) C and D Streets, between 12th and 13th Streets, SW.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Completed 1934. (American Guide Series, Washington, D.C.)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Paul Philippe Cret	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This structure is an example of functional design adapted to the rigid height requirements of the D.C. zoning laws. The architect was an internationally known architect.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Spread footings foundation, steel skeleton, and mixed coloration brick walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in shape; 92' tall, plus setback of 42'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE This building is defined by buttresses separating long rows of windows. Decorative limestone and terra cotta panels of machine equipment grace the west elevation.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Continually used as a heating plant, this building includes the necessary equipment to produce steam for heating and cooling government buildings.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1961. Addition of four bays to east end of building.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition, used as a steam plant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by the General Services Administration in compliance with Executive Order 11593, and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) American Guide Series, Washington, D.C., A Guide to the Nation's Capital (New York: Hastings House, 1968). White, Theo B. Paul Philippe Cret, Architect and Teacher Philadelphia: Art Alliance Press, 1973.		
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