

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bounded by Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and E streets and Constitution
Avenue
Washington
District of Columbia

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These photographs were taken as part of a HABS study of Federal Triangle that resulted in the book, *A Quest for Grandeur*, by Sally Kress Tompkins and Jack Boucher of HABS.

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