

1208-1214 E Street NW (Garage)
Washington
District of Columbia

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GARAGE

Location: 1208-1214 E Street, N.W., Washington, District of Columbia.

USGS Washington West Quadrangle, UTM Coordinates 18.324050.4306970.

Present Owner: Cabot, Cabot and Forbes Co., 60 State St., Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Present Occupant: Washington Garage Co.

Present Use: Parking garage.

Significance: This parking garage, built in 1918, marks the post-World War I invasion of the downtown by the automobile.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1918. Building Permit No. 2307, dated March 7, 1918.
2. Architect: A. P. Clark, Jr.
3. Original and subsequent owners: Christian Heurich and his wife Amelia assembled this property between 1911 and 1914 by the following deeds:

liber 3475 folio 104 inst. 11 recorded November 15, 1911

liber 3514 folio 166 inst. 78 recorded March 22, 1912

liber 3514 folio 169 inst. 80 recorded March 22, 1912

liber 3679 folio 427 inst. 77 recorded January 30, 1914

After Christian Heurich's death in 1965, the property was granted in fee simple to Christian Heurich, Jr., Anita Heurich Eckles, and Karla Heurich King (liber 12410 folio 116 inst. 16198 recorded May 13, 1965).

4. Builder: S. J. Prescott Co.
5. Original plans and construction: The building permit was for a two-story, brick and concrete structure having a flat, slag roof accessible by a trap door. The estimated cost was \$30,400.

B. Sources of Information:

Land Records, District of Columbia

District of Columbia Building Permit Records, 1877-1949,
Record Group 351, Legislative and Natural Resources Branch,
Civil Division, National Archives.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The front facade is simply articulated through the use of wide bays of rectangular openings on both floors.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The two-story building measures 74' (four-bay front) by 128'.
2. Foundation: The foundation is assumed to be reinforced cast-in-place concrete.
3. Wall construction: The exterior walls on E Street and at both party walls are reinforced cast-in-place concrete. The E Street facade is faced with a veneer of painted brick. The rear, or south wall, is a solid brick masonry bearing wall.
4. Structural system: The floor and roof framing is composed of reinforced cast-in-place concrete joists which run in a north-south direction. The joists are spaced approximately two feet on centers, and bear on deep girders which run in an east-west direction to each party wall.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The doorways are framed with cast-in-place concrete lintels.
 - b. Windows: A small glass showcase projects from the westernmost ground-floor bay.

6. Roof: The roof is a concrete slab with a built-up roof system which originally may have been aggregate-surfaced.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: Both the first and second floors were designed as large open spaces free of columns. Office space occupies the westernmost ground level opening and a portion of the bay immediately behind.
2. Ramps: A long concrete ramp exists along the east party wall and provides access for cars entering from the easternmost ground level opening to the second floor level.
3. Flooring: All floors are finished concrete.
4. Wall and ceiling finishes: Most surfaces are painted concrete, brick or plaster.

- D. Site and surroundings: On both sides the second level of the garage connects with the adjacent structures so that both the second floor of the 1216 building and the subsequently constructed deck over the filling station at the corner of 12th Street and E Street form extensions of the garage parking space and are accessible by the ramp in 1218-1214 from street level.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADC) in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as a mitigative effort in the demolition of buildings in Square 291. John A. Burns, AIA, was the HABS project coordinator. The historical information was prepared by Bill Noble of Cabot, Cabot and Forbes for PADC, and the architectural description was prepared by John Hecker of David McLaren Hart and Associates for PADC. The data was edited and prepared for transmittal by Alison K. Hoagland, an architectural historian in the HABS office in October, 1979. Photographs were taken by Barry Brooks in April 1979.