

Winder Building
NW corner 17th & F Sts., NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-392

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL DATA

Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
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Washington, DC 20240

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Winder Building		HABS NO. DC-392
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) NW corner 17th & F Sts., NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1847-48	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Richard A. Gilpin, architect	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of few pre-Civil War office buildings in Washington and certainly the least altered, the Winder Building was built for William H. Winder who leased most of the space to the U.S. government, and sold the building to them in 1854. With an unusual construction of cast-iron beams and brick bearing walls, along with brick flooring, this building was as		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) strong and as fireproof as any of its time.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing walls with cast-iron beams supporting brick arches which span the rooms		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped, 102' x 211' see measured drawings		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE This stuccoed brick building features flat-arched windows in graduated sizes, rusticated basement (now first floor) level, and modillioned cornice. Pedimented doorway not original.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Round-arched hallways, segmental-arched ceilings in offices, cornice moldings throughout		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Brick floors replaced with wood in offices, and tile in halls, early 20th c. Cast-iron balcony at second-floor level removed 1922 Windows replaced, second-floor windows shortened by 2', cast-iron lintels removed 1930s		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Alterations cont'd 17th St. doorway and exterior stairway replaced, 1947-48 Building renovated, 1976		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) "The Winder Building and Its Environment," OAHP, NPS, 1974, included with this documentation as field records "Winder's Building: Historic Architectural Research," Richard Bergmann Architects with Donald J. Lehman, for Max O. Urbahn Associates Inc., 1976, included with this		
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