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Auditors Complex, Annex Buildings 1 and 1-A
Corners of Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW
and 14th Street SW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-524-A

PHOTOGRAPHS

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Auditors Complex Annex Buildings 1 and 1-A			HABS NO. DC-524 -A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Annex 1, Stables, Garage			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Corners of Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW and 14th Street SW, Washington, D.C.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1904 (Source: Sprague)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) James Knox Taylor (Source: Sprague)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Owned throughout their existence by Federal Government and designed by one of the four architects of Main Auditors Complex (original Bureau of Printing and Engraving), Annex 1 and 1-A were built for support storage needs of the Bureau. The structures housed carriages, wagons, horses used to transport currency and, by 1920, a laundry used to clean rag goods (cont'd)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Exterior details derived from vernacular Dutch-Colonial style, with special emphasis on elaborated cupola and hipped roof with monitor.			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Granite base and brick masonry walls. Roof supported by steel truss framework. Second floors, where they still exist, are timber all-type construction. Doors are mostly original wooden components. Original window (cont'd)			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) C-shaped, with numerous alterations. Overall dimensions are 92'-7 X 297'-0. See floor plans under AUDITORS COMPLEX, ANNEX BUILDINGS HABS No. DC-524			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE West exterior still survives intact and exhibits the original hipped roof with cornice and eaves consisting of wide overhangs with "kick" monitors and an elaborated cupola.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Steel roof-trim construction is worthy of note, as are some early remnants of the small original wooden office partition that still survive.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1) 1913: sheds erected to the east and east wall of "C" structure virtually removed; 2) 1920: sheds to the east remodelled and entire complex made into laundry facility to service Bureau of Printing and Engraving; 3) after 1920: north courtyard filled in with shed and facades altered by insertion of new door and window openings, and by the bricking up of other doors and windows.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In poor condition due to extensive water penetration and lack of maintenance for more than a decade.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Interior stairways, hardware, decorative features and trim are utilitarian metal. In most cases, arched window openings extend through the wall. Flooring is concrete and wall and ceiling finish is exposed brick and declining. Buildings on east-west axis at southern end of Auditors property and atop a knoll overlooking (cont'd)			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register. See bibliography and also Paul Sprague's "Historic Structures Report" for more complete information and photographs (report in possession of GSA Region 3). see HABS No. DC-524 AUDITORS COMPLEX, ANNEX BUILDINGS and HABS No. DC-524- B AUDITORS (cont'd)			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Anna R. Cohn, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council			DATE May 2 1965

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Significance: required for high-quality currency printing. By 1924, Annex 1/1-A housed garage parking and repair area for cars and trucks. Since 1954, buildings have been used by GSA as garage and for file cabinet storage.

Material of Construction: openings are bridged by segmented brick arches and original windows are composed of wooden divided sash.

Other Information as Appropriate: the "new" Bureau of Printing and Engraving to the immediate north.

Sources of Information: COMPLEX, ANNEX BUILDING 2 for more information on the complex.