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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Missouri State Teachers Association Headquarters, located on a terraced landscaped lot and surrounded by buildings and properties of the University of Missouri - Columbia Campus, is a two story brick building with partial basement and full attic, constructed alorg a rectangular plan in the Jacobethan Revival style over reinforced concrete foundations. The building measures approximately 75' along its north and south sides and 81' along the east and west. It is capped with a steep gabled roof faced with red tiles which features projecting eaves above exposed rafters. Gable ends are trimmed with heavy stone coping and topped with clustered brick chimney pots. The walls of the original building are of brick laid in a variant of garden wall crossbond with a header alternating with three stretchers each header being centered telow the central stretcher of the row above.

Notable decorative features include multi-paned, leaded glass, hinged windows with fixed transoms which are set below segmental arches of radiating brick voussoirs. Two major window bays, each with five sections of tripartite design, are located on the primary (east) facade and feature heavy wooden mullions and stained glass medallions with escutcheons of unknown significance in the central portion of each. The heavily quoined entry surround of Bedford stone in the center of the east facade is capped with a panel adorned with carved acanthus designs. The hood mold edging these features terminates in anthropomorphic lable stops, a male portrait to the north and a female to the south. The paneled wooden door within the umbrage porch is embellished with a leaded transom and sidelights, flanking attenuated wooden spiral columns and a leaded glass insert emblazoned with the letters MSTA. Above, a Gothic inspired bronze and glass fixture, original to the building, remains.

The interior of the building is divided into office space (see plan). The most notable room is the Library Committee Room on the second floor which is the location of the window bays described on the exterior. This room and several others in the building, feature fine grained, coffered oak paneling. In addition, four decorative fireplaces adorn the interior, two on each floor at the north and south extremes, featuring oak mantels and coffered paneling. That to the south of the Library Committee Room is of carved Bedford stone and is dedicated to the memory of Miss Mary Jane Brady (d. 1926), an educator noted for her roll in organizing the National Committee for Primary Education.

Major alterations to the building include the annexation of a former brick residence to the north (1956) and the construction of a frame walkway joining it to the original building (1969). Major structural changes were made to the main building in 1967 when the storage area to the rear of the building on the second floor was remcdeled. With this remodeling project came the addition of new offices, an elevator, an area for a secretarial pool and a restroom on the second floor. A new entrance, restroom and loading dock were added on the first floor. Remodeling began in late 1967 and was completed in 1968.

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The building is in excellent condition and functions as an office building on a daily basis. Possible future plans for the building include a new main entry where the walkway is now located and remodeling the annex entry. Considerable landscaping in the front of the buildings also is planned. These changes are intended to better coordinate the buildings and make them appear as a unit rather than two separate parts.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Missouri State Teachers Association Headquarters (MSTA, founded 1856) in Columbia, Missouri is significant as the first permanent home for that organization and the first building in any of the United States constructed solely to house a state teachers organization (The School and Community, Vol. XIII, p. 244). It is additionally significant as a design by the noted St. Louis architect, William Butts Ittner.

Official discussion of a permanent building for the Missouri State Teachers Association began in April, 1923 and continued until January, 1924 when the first members of a building committee were elected. During the 1924 convention of that organization in Kansas City, this committee reported the need for a permanent headquarters to the association's Assembly of Delegates. Upon hearing recommendations and suggestions from this committee, the Assembly of Delegates named five members to the Building Committee and apportioned \$10,000 to the building fund (The School and Community, Vol. XIV, p. 162).

In the meantime, there was much discussion concerning the location of the building. Under consideration were several sites in Jefferson City and Columbia. The possibilities of building the headquarters in Sedalia or Mexico also were considered (Vel W. Lamkin, building committee chairman, personal correspondence, 1926). With the location site still undetermined, it was decided during the 1925 convention to postpone the vote until the following year.

Plans continued throughout the year with the building committee viewing potential sites. Architect William B. Ittner was asked to draw preliminary plans for both a Columbia and a Jefferson City location. A thorough presentation was made to the Assembly of Delegates during the 1926 convention in Kansas City and on November 10, 1926, the Assembly of Delegates voted to construct the building in Columbia. The building was to be erected on property formerly owned by Columbia College and the University of Missouri. Construction of the building, which was expected to cost about \$48,000, began in February 1927 but because of unfavorable weather, was completed in November 1927 - nearly three months after the estimated completion date.

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A dedication ceremony for the new headquarters was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 1928. During the ceremonies, former president, Miss Ella V. Dobbs, said the building "shall be the symbol of generous deliberation and cooperative action for the advancement of education in this state" (The School and Community, Vol XIV, p. 166).

William Butts Ittner (1864-1936), the architect of MSTA Headquarters, was educated at Washington University, St. Louis, and had established his own practice by 1887 after employment with the noted St. Louis firm of Eames and Young. In 1900 Ittner was appointed architect for the St. Louis Board of Education and, as a result, he designed schools which were constructed in 16 states. Nearly all of his designs for schools are characterized by their Jacobethan Revival Style, innovative open planning permitting better natural lighting and ventilation and specialized facilities such as laboratories, gymnasia and auditoria, elements omitted from school design up to that time (Study, pp. 97-124, Wodehouse, p. 99).

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III GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre (42,900 square feet)
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South one-half of lots 1 and 2, all of lots 3 and 4 and 15' of the N side of lots 5 and 6 all in the University Addition to the City of Columbia.
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FORM PREPARED BY NAME/TITLE 1. Noelle Soren, Architectural Historian December 19, 1979 ORGANIZATION DATE
Department of Natural Resources 314/751-4096
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE P.O. BOX 176
CITY OR TOWN STATE
Jefferson City Missouri 65102
THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:
NATIONAL STATE X LOCAL
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE
TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and State DATE Historic Preservation Officer
FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER ATTEST: DATE
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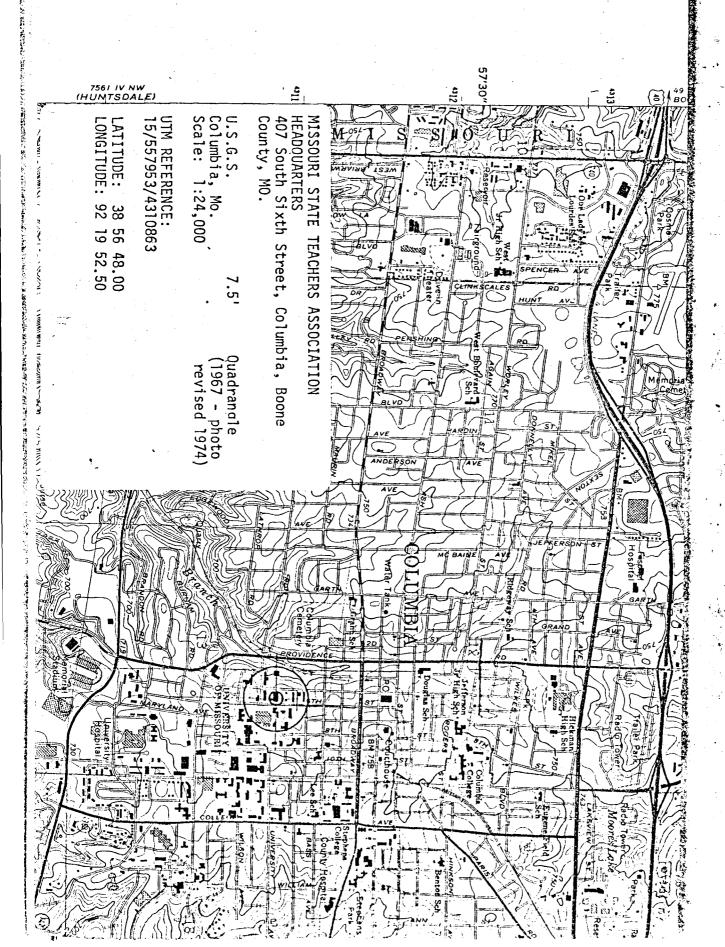
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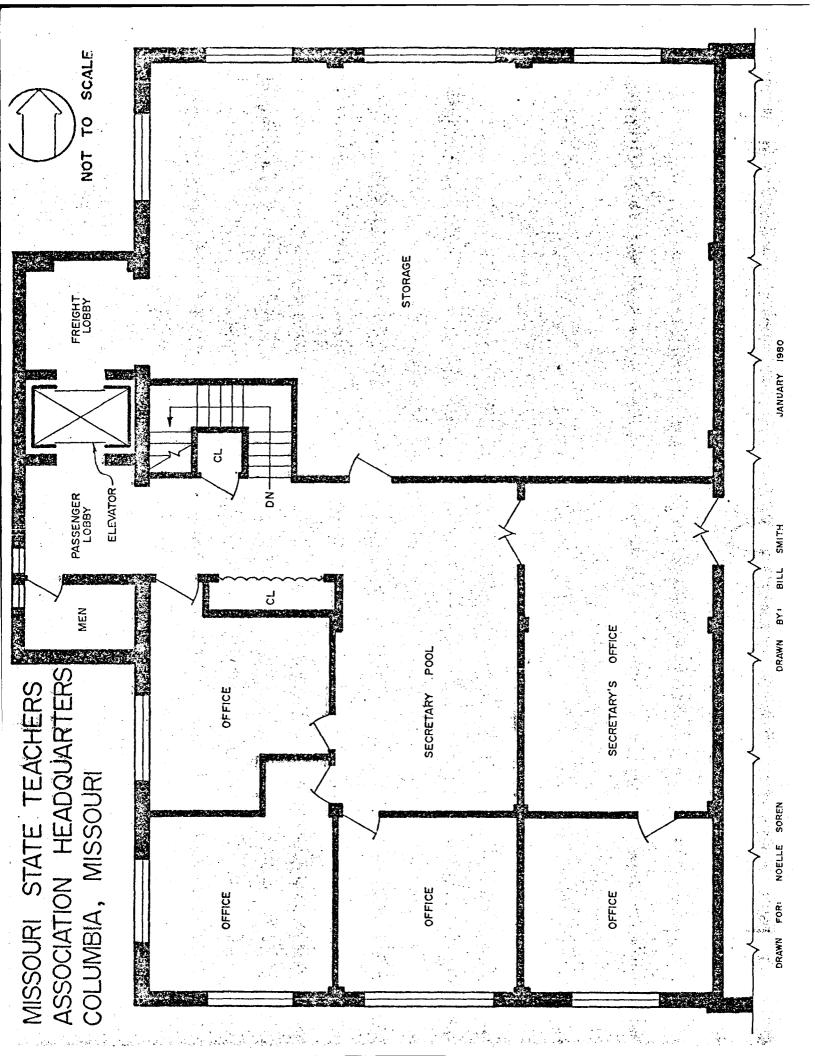
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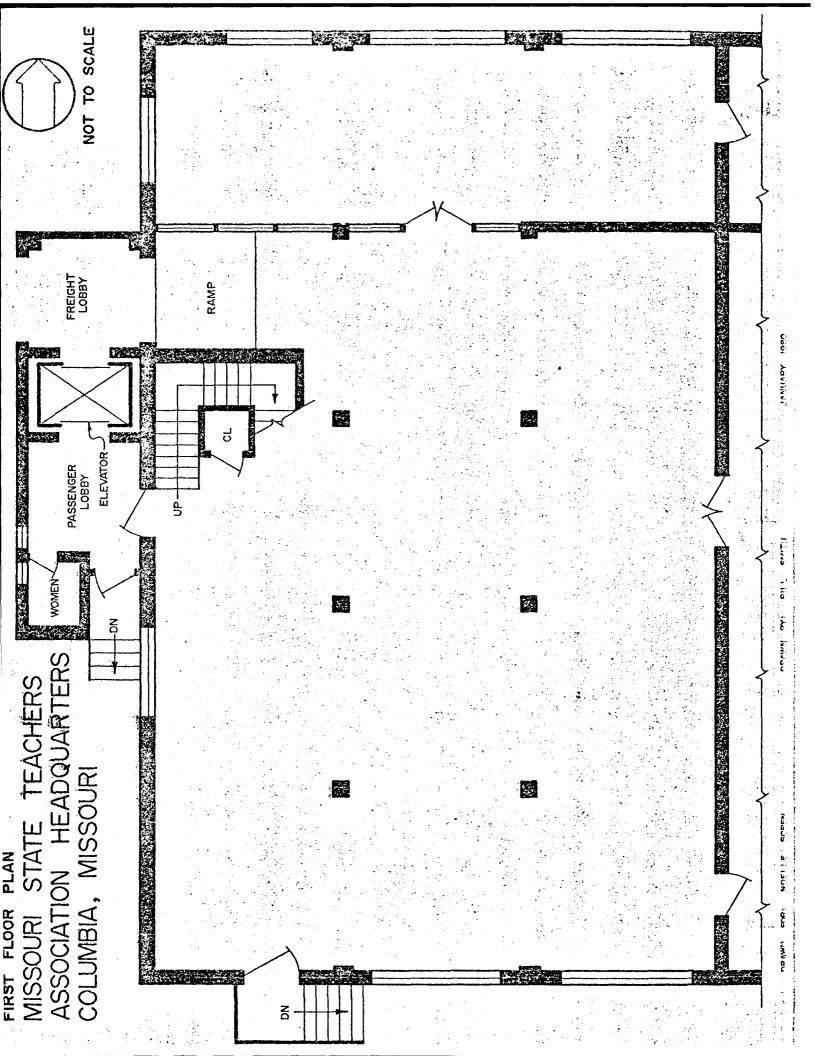
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 Missouri State Teachers Association
 407 South Sixth Street
 Columbia

314/442-3127 Missouri 65201







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COUNTY: Boone

407 South Sixth, Columbia, Mo. LOCATION:

Missouri State Teachers Association 407 South Sixth, Columbia, Mo. 65201 OWNER: ADDRESS:

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: April 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.: June 16, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: June 18, 1980

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: September 4, 1980

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE January 23, 1981 (AND PRESENTOR):

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