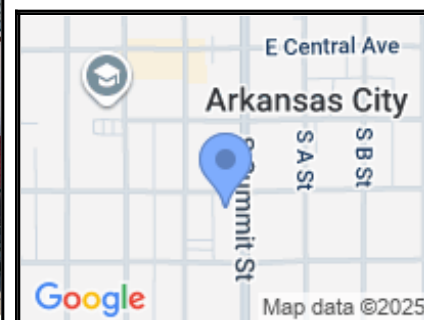


Kansas Historic Resources Inventory

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035-0210-00074
City Drug Store
305 S SUMMIT ST
Arkansas City



LOCATION:

County: Cowley

Address: 305 S SUMMIT ST

Address Remarks:

City: Arkansas City

Zip: 67005 - 2848

Parcel ID: 299-30-0-30-17-002.00-0

Legal Description:

Legal Description Remarks: ARKANSAS CITY, BLOCK 82, Lot 26

Latitude, Longitude 1: 37.05963 -97.039383

Latitude, Longitude 2:

Latitude, Longitude 3:

Latitude, Longitude 4:

Datum: WGS84

DESCRIPTION:

Historic Name: City Drug Store

Alternate Name: Keiser Best Ladies Wear/Franklin's/Stelen's

Historic Function: Commerce/Trade

Subcategory: Specialty Store

Historic Function Remarks: In 1905, this was a grocery. From at least 1912-1920, this was a drug store. Source: Sanborns. City Drug Store inhabited this space ca. 1912 into the early 1930s. Later, the building was occupied by a variety of stores including Keiser Best Ladies Wear (1938), Franklin's (1952) and Stelen's (1962) according to CDs.

Present Function: Commerce/Trade

Subcategory: Organizational

Present Function Remarks: In the 1980s a shoe store occupied this parcel. 2011 and 2017: Family Life Services of South Central Kansas

Residential/Commercial/Religious Style: Commercial Style

Secondary Style:

Barn Type: Not Applicable

Bridge Type: Not Applicable

Landscape Type: Not Applicable

Physical Description/Remarks: Mid-century metal slip cover over upper facade of brick building. Storefront is replacement. Metal slip cover over brick building. Lower facade is covered with wood siding at transom area, piers, and bulkhead. Fixed canvas barrel-style awning in place over transom infill. Storefront has aluminum-framed glass display windows and a recessed central entry. Brick facade is exposed at rear facade. Building appears to be 1-1/2 stories possibly with mezzanine. A single door is extant in center of west facade with a large window opening south on the door on the ground floor. A row of four small horizontal openings are in place just below the eave. All openings are infilled with wood. The building extends approximately one-half the depth of the lot with a grass lot behind.

Plan Form: Rectangle

Commercial Building Type: Two-Part Commercial Block

Roof Form: Flat with Parapet

Stories: 2

Condition: Good

Principal Material: Metal

Condition Remarks:

Architect/Designer/Builder: Unknown

Year of Construction: 1900

Certainty: Estimated

Date Notes: Built between 1899 and 1905, according to Sanborns.

General Remarks:

Ancillary Structures: None

Ancillary Structure Remarks:

REGISTER STATUS:

Listed in State Register: Noncontributing

Date of State Listing: 08/27/1983

Listed in National Register: Noncontributing

Date of National Listing: 10/28/1983

Historic District: Arkansas City Commercial Center Historic District

Demolished:

Date Demolished (if applicable):

Potentially Eligible for National Register:

Register Status Remarks:

Thematic Nomination (MPDF):

National Historic Landmark:

SURVEY INFORMATION:

Survey 1

Survey Project Name: Arkansas City - Resurvey of Commercial Center Historic District and Adjacent Area (HPF2018)

Sequence Number: 035

Surveyed By: Spencer Preservation

Survey Date: 12/11/2017

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



305 S Summit. Principal Elevation.
07/24/2009.



305 S. Summit Storefront looking
south. 12/11/2017. B. Spencer



305 S. Summit. West/rear facade.
12/11/2017. B. Spencer



305 S. Summit. 1983 Historic View.
Images: A Pictorial History of
Cowley County (1996) scanned by
Cowley Co. Historical Museum



305 S. Summit. East facade.
12/11/2017. B. Spencer

305 S. Summit Site Plan 2017
City of Arkansas City