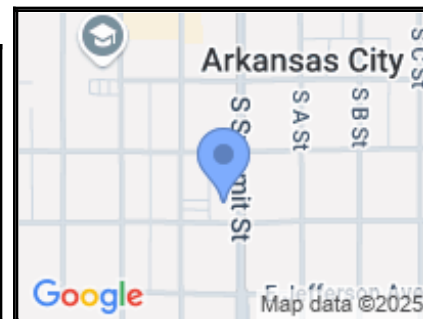


# Kansas Historic Resources Inventory

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035-0210-00043  
S.H. Kress & Company  
321 S SUMMIT ST  
Arkansas City



## LOCATION:

**County:** Cowley

**Address:** 321 S SUMMIT ST

**Address Remarks:** 1912 & 1920 Sanborns give these lots the address 323 & 325 S SUMMIT ST. Current parcel address is 321 S SUMMIT ST.

**City:** Arkansas City

**Zip:** 67005 - 2848

**Parcel ID:** 299-30-0-30-17-008.00-0

### Legal Description:

**Legal Description Remarks:** ARKANSAS CITY, BLOCK 82, Lot 17 - 18

**Latitude, Longitude 1:** 37.059047 -97.039372

**Latitude, Longitude 2:**

**Latitude, Longitude 3:**

**Latitude, Longitude 4:**

**Datum:** WGS84

## DESCRIPTION:

**Historic Name:** S.H. Kress & Company

**Alternate Name:**

**Historic Function:** Commerce/Trade

**Subcategory:** Specialty Store

**Historic Function Remarks:** S.H. Kress five & dime from 1912 to at least 1962 with professional offices upstairs (CDs & Sanborns).

**Present Function:** Commerce/Trade

**Subcategory:** Specialty Store

**Present Function Remarks:** 2011: Sparks home town rental (video rentals); 2017: Home Town Furniture, Appliance, Electronic Sales and Rentals

**Residential/Commercial/Religious Style:** Late 19th & 20th Century Classical Revival

**Secondary Style:**

**Barn Type:** Not Applicable

**Bridge Type:** Not Applicable

**Landscape Type:** Not Applicable

**Physical Description/Remarks:** Brick upper facade has four bays with neoclassical elements including paired pilasters, corbelled quoins and keystones, and a denticulated cornice. Second level windows have been replaced. Brick facade has stone detailing and metal cornice. Aluminum-framed signboard/marquee separates storefront from upper facade and features curved ribbed returns. Storefront retains marble bulkhead and bronze-framed display windows both of which feature curved transitions to recessed entrance. Storefront bay is framed by cast-iron columns and is uniquely configured with wide central display window flanked by twin recessed entrances and narrow end bay. Transom has vertical wood covering with marquee-style signboard. Brick facade with tile coping is exposed at rear facade. Two story building spans approximately 1/2 depth of lot with one-story rear addition extending to alley. Penthouse (likely freight elevator) is located at NW corner.

**Plan Form:** Rectangle

**Commercial Building Type:** Two-Part Commercial Block

**Roof Form:** Flat with Parapet

**Stories:** 2

**Condition:** Good

**Principal Material:** Brick

**Condition Remarks:**

**Architect/Designer/Builder:** Unknown

**Year of Construction:** 1910

**Certainty:** Estimated

**Date Notes:** First appears on the 1912 Sanborn

**General Remarks:**

**Ancillary Structures:** None

**Ancillary Structure Remarks:**

## REGISTER STATUS:

**Listed in State Register:** Contributing

**Date of State Listing:** 08/27/1983

**Listed in National Register:** Contributing

**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:** 040

**Surveyed By:** Spencer Preservation

**Survey Date:** 12/11/2017

## IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



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



321 S. Summit. Front/east facade.  
12/11/2017. B. Spencer



321 S. Summit. Detail of cornice  
and parapet on east facade.  
12/11/2017. B. Spencer



321 S. Summit. Detail of upper  
windows on east facade. 12/11/2017.  
B. Spencer



321 S. Summit. Storefront on east  
facade. 12/11/2017. B. Spencer



321 S. Summit. Curved granite  
bulkhead at storefront. 12/11/2017.  
B. Spencer



321 S. Summit XX 12/11/2017 B.  
Spencer



321 S. Summit XX 12/11/2017 B.  
Spencer



Historic View Kress Building ca.  
1928. Cherokee Strip Land Rush  
Museum Photo Collection, (Heather  
Ferguson, Arkansas City. Arcadia  
Pub: Charleston, SC:2008).



321 S. Summit. Site  
Plan. 2017. City of Arkansas City