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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code:	<i>owner objection</i>	Congressional District: 2
Name: Democrat Printing & Litho Co.		Current Owner: Democrat Printing & Lithograph
Address: 114-22 East 2nd Street		
Little Rock, Arkansas		Address: 114 East 2nd Street
County: Pulaski		Little Rock, Arkansas
		72201

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Sanders and Ginocchio	
Date of Construction: 1924	Stylistic Influence: Industrial Vernacular
Original Use: Printing	Present Use: Printing

Geographical Information

UTM Reference:	Acreage: less than one
Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 2, Original City	

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	

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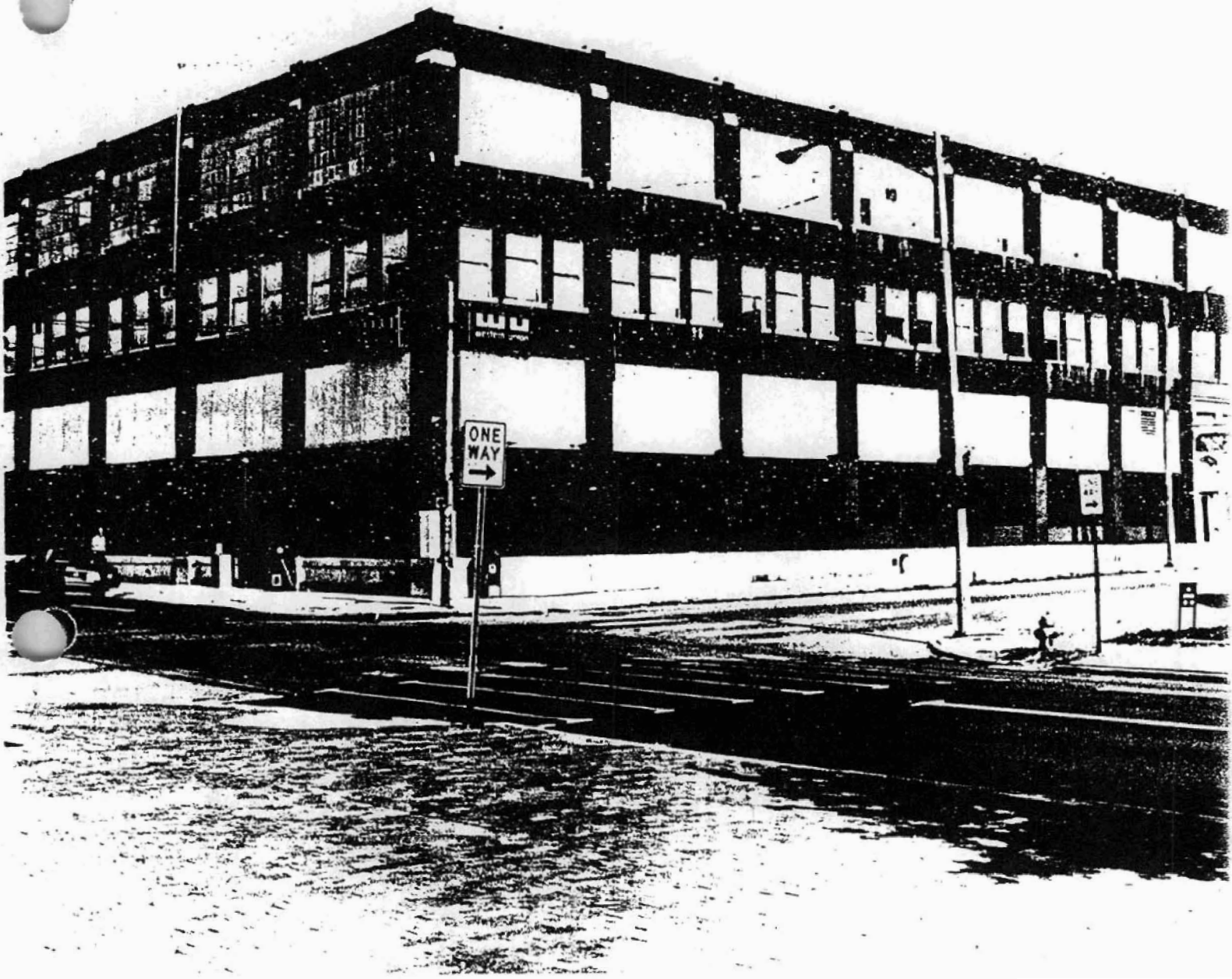
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Code:Physical Description

The Democrat Printing and Lithograph Company Building is one of the numerous industrial or warehouse buildings that is clustered around the northeast edge of Little Rock's financial and retail district. Occupying a quarter of a city block, this building is basically square in plan. Built in 1924 of reinforced concrete and brick, the Democrat Printing and Lithograph Building is accented with limestone details. Mullions dividing the window bays are capped with stone and emphasize the building verticality. Each of the three stories displays a different window treatment. The street level features large plate glass, while the second story has groups of wood, one-over-one double-hung windows. Metal, multi-paned industrial windows with center operable awnings allow maximum natural light into the 3rd story. These industrial windows are also found on the building's secondary facades. All of these windows, with the exception of the store front plate glass, have been painted and the first story transoms have been covered with a corrugated material. There are two identical entrances to the Democrat Printing and Lithograph building; one is located in the westernmost bay of the south facade and the other in the northernmost bay of the east facade. The entrance surrounds are of limestone and feature twin sets of double doors accented by a stacked pair of arched and rectangular transoms which have been painted. Ornamental shields and nameplates identify the property owner.

Statement of Significance

Theodore Sanders and Frank Ginocchio's design for the Democrat Printing and Lithograph Building is a representative expression of the trend, beginning in the 1920s, of an industrial architecture influenced by the philosophy of "form follows function". This trend produced buildings that were basically free of superficial decoration; with the exception of its entrances, this building is a good example of this type of architecture. One of Little Rock's oldest continually operating businesses, Democrat Printing and Lithograph Company was formed in 1907 when the owners of the Arkansas Democrat Company agreed upon a division of assets. One half of the ownership received control of the Arkansas Democrat newspaper and the other half received control of the printing company which was then renamed the Democrat Printing and Lithograph Company.



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