

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Illinois

COUNTY:

Cook

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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1. NAME

COMMON:

Rookery Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

209 South LaSalle Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Chicago

STATE

CODE

COUNTY:

CODE

Illinois

12

Cook

031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

- Public Acquisition:
☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

- Yes:
☐ Restricted
☒ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park
☒ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

J. Parker Hall (land leased from the City of Chicago) as trustee under
Rookery Building Trust A

STREET AND NUMBER:

111 W. Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Chicago

STATE:

Illinois

CODE

12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Cook County Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

County Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Chicago

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

National Survey of Historic Sites (HABS #1)

DATE OF SURVEY: August, 1963 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:

Department of Interior

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

District of Columbia

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

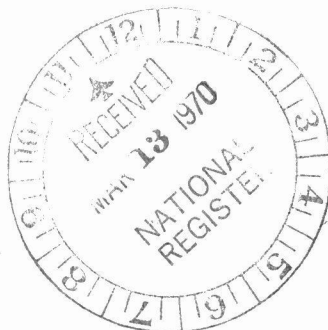
☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rookery is composed of eleven stories and a basement. It reaches a height of 164 feet and rests on spread foundations employing beam and rail grillages.

Square in plan, the building covers the entire lot. It is bounded on the north by Adams Street, on the south by Quincy Street, on the west by LaSalle Street, and on the east by an alley, and has a large interior light court. Thus the building is naturally lighted on all four sides and in the interior. In the Adams and LaSalle Street facades, the first two stories are of granite, the upper stories of dark brown brick and terra cotta. The walls of the light court and the first two stories along Quincy Street and the alley are constructed of cast-iron columns and spandrel beams. Thus, the building uses both masonry and skeletal construction.

The court lobby was remodeled by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1905. Wright removed most of John Root's original iron ornament and replaced it with simple geometric plans. The staircase was encased in white marble. Rectangular urns, also of marble, and rectangular light fixtures were also designed by Wright.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) *completed 1886*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Architecture</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rookery is a prime example of the development of the multi-story commercial structure, utilizing the best construction methods then available. Its use of skeletal construction and fine ornamental detail place it directly in the mainstream of the "Chicago School" of architecture.

Regarding the ornament of the Adams and LaSalle facades, architectural historian Carl Condit states that "The architectural excellence of the Rookery's outer elevations grows chiefly out of the extraordinary openness of the walls, the airy yet vigorous articulation of the elevations, precise scale and pleasing proportions, and the firm integration of many diverse elements of decorative detail. The main entrances of the building, on Adams and LaSalle Streets, are among the best features of the outer elevations and are expressive of Root's love of richly ornamented entranceways." The Rookery is also noteworthy for its pioneering plan, which provides shops and offices around a graceful, semi-private square.

Daniel Burnham and John Root were two of Chicago's most significant and influential "Chicago School" architects. Their partnership was formed in 1873 and continued until Root's death in 1891. During this time they were responsible for approximately 250 structures throughout the country. The majority of their Chicago structures have been demolished.

The Rookery Building was presented a citation by the Commission on Chicago architectural Landmarks in 1962.



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Copies in file
Seven photographs.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .7

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Susan Benjamin

ORGANIZATION
Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Land-
marks

DATE
November 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
320 North Clark Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE
Illinois

CODE
12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name **Dan Malkovich**

Title **Acting Director**

Date **February 17, 1970**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **APR 17 1970**

ATTEST:
William J. Schustegge
Keeper of The National Register
Date **MAR 27 1970**

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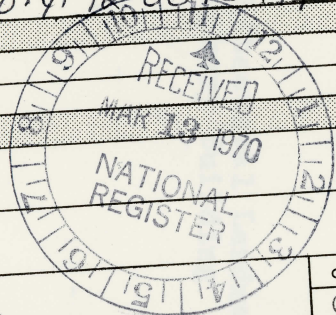
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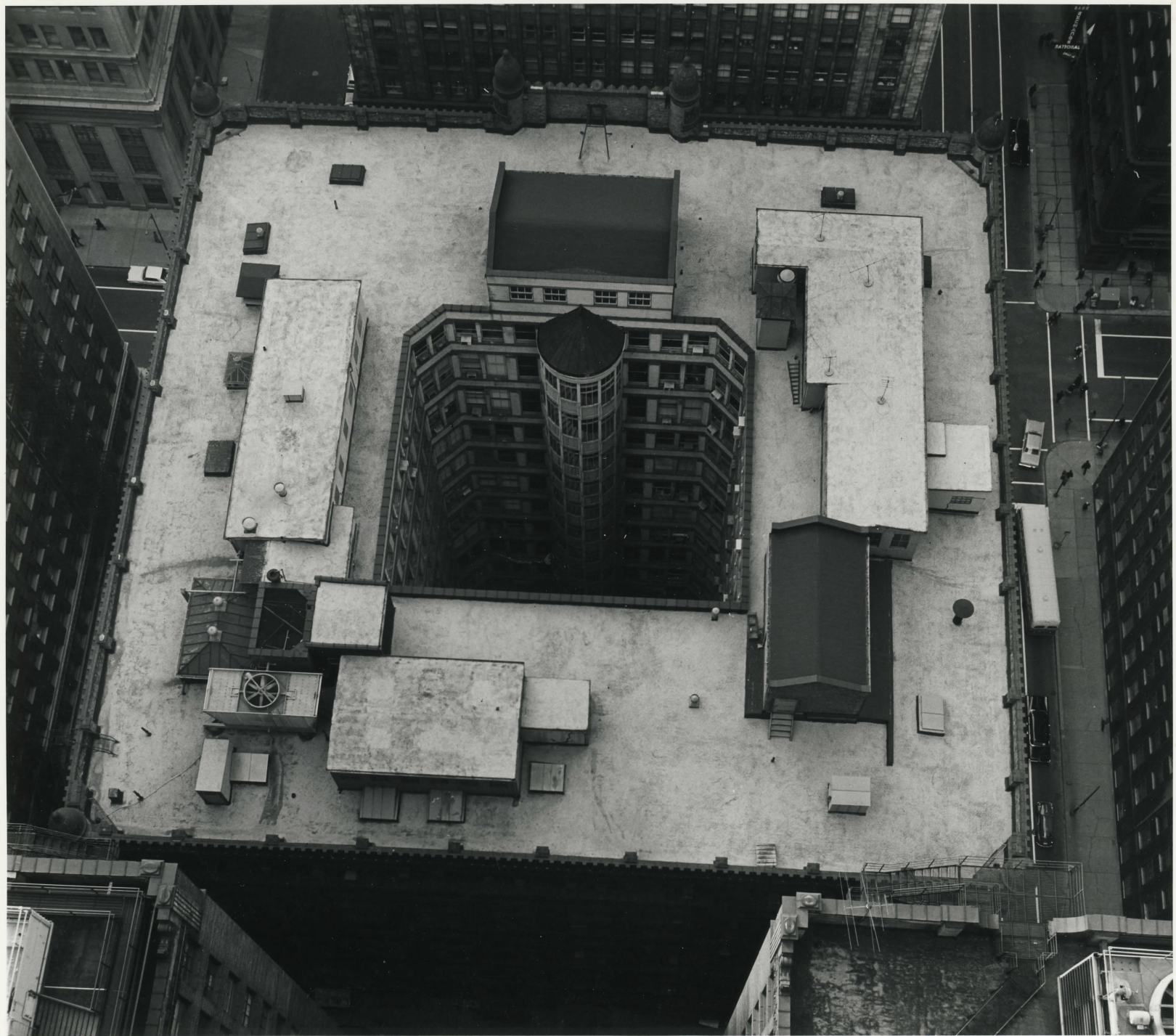
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Rookery Building
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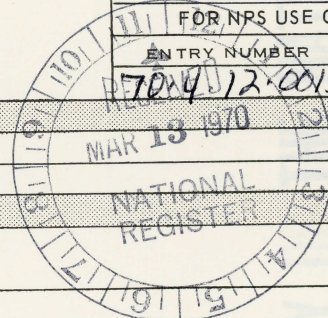
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Courtyard of the Rookery Building from an adjacent building			

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The Rookery, Chicago, Illinois
Interior Lobby

Photo: Chicago Landmarks Commission

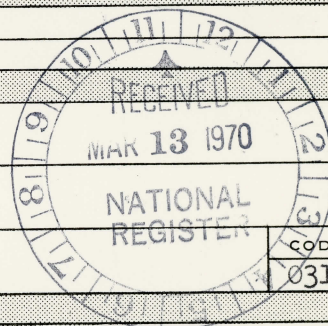
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Interior and staircase of the court lobby as remodeled by Frank Lloyd Wright			

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The Rookery, Chicago, Illinois
Interior Stair well

Photo: Chicago Landmarks Commission

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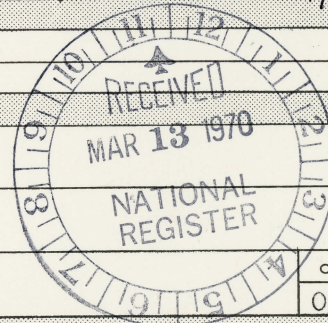
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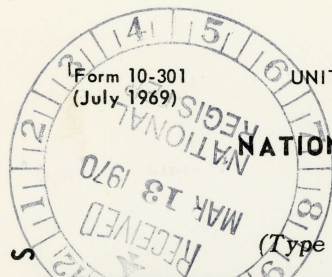


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Rookery



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The Rookery,
Chicago, Ill

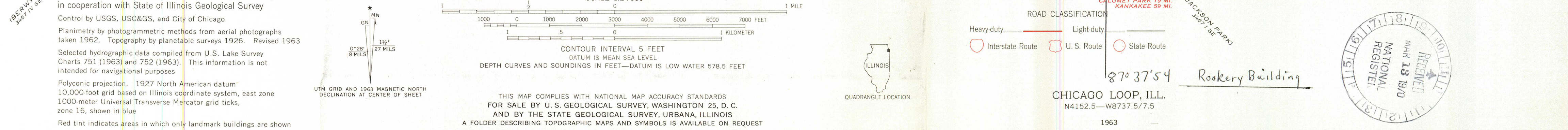


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Sen. Frank Annunzio
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Annunzio:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Government for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Illinois and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Ralph T. Smith and Charles Harting Percy have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

Interest in the National Register

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cc:

Mr. Don Malkovich, Acting Director, Department of Conservation, State
Office Building, Springfield, Illinois 62706

Director, Northeast Region

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Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

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McClurg Building	Chicago, Illinois
Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company Building	Chicago, Illinois
Roosevelt University	
Auditorium Building	Chicago, Illinois
John J. Glessner House	Chicago, Illinois

ROOKERY BUILDING
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