

DESCRIPTION:

The Standard Oil Company Barn & Garage stands at the southwest corner of North 14th and New Hampshire Streets at the edge of the North Bottoms neighborhood. The south boundary of the property is the Burlington RR right-of-way.

The principal facade of this industrial structure faces east and features garage-door openings in all 8 bays. Bullet-shaped metal bumpers protect the bottom corners of each wide doorway.

The southern three bays are two stories tall; the rest is a single story. The east and south facades are finished in dark red pressed brick, while the west and north sides are of common red brick. Piers separate the 8 bays. The brickwork features extensive corbelling—atop each bay and for the cornice that tops both the one and two story levels. The south face of the building includes a double door at the second level with a horizontal post and pulley above it, apparently for loading hay or other materials into the upper level. That opening will be maintained and used to access an exterior metal staircase from the upper floor.



Ca. 2005



Under rehabilitation, November 2008



South facade, upper door and crane

The building had limestone window sills and limestone coping atop the parapets.

HISTORY:

Standard Oil Company had this “Barn and Garage” built in 1915, west across North 14th Street from their Lincoln office and fuel depot on the Burlington Railroad. Joseph W. Salmon was their architect and F. P. Gould and Son was the contractor for this \$9100 building.

Salmon was active in Lincoln from about 1913 to 1922 designing houses, commercial buildings, and public buildings including Carnegie-funded libraries in O’Neill (1914) and Crete (1915).

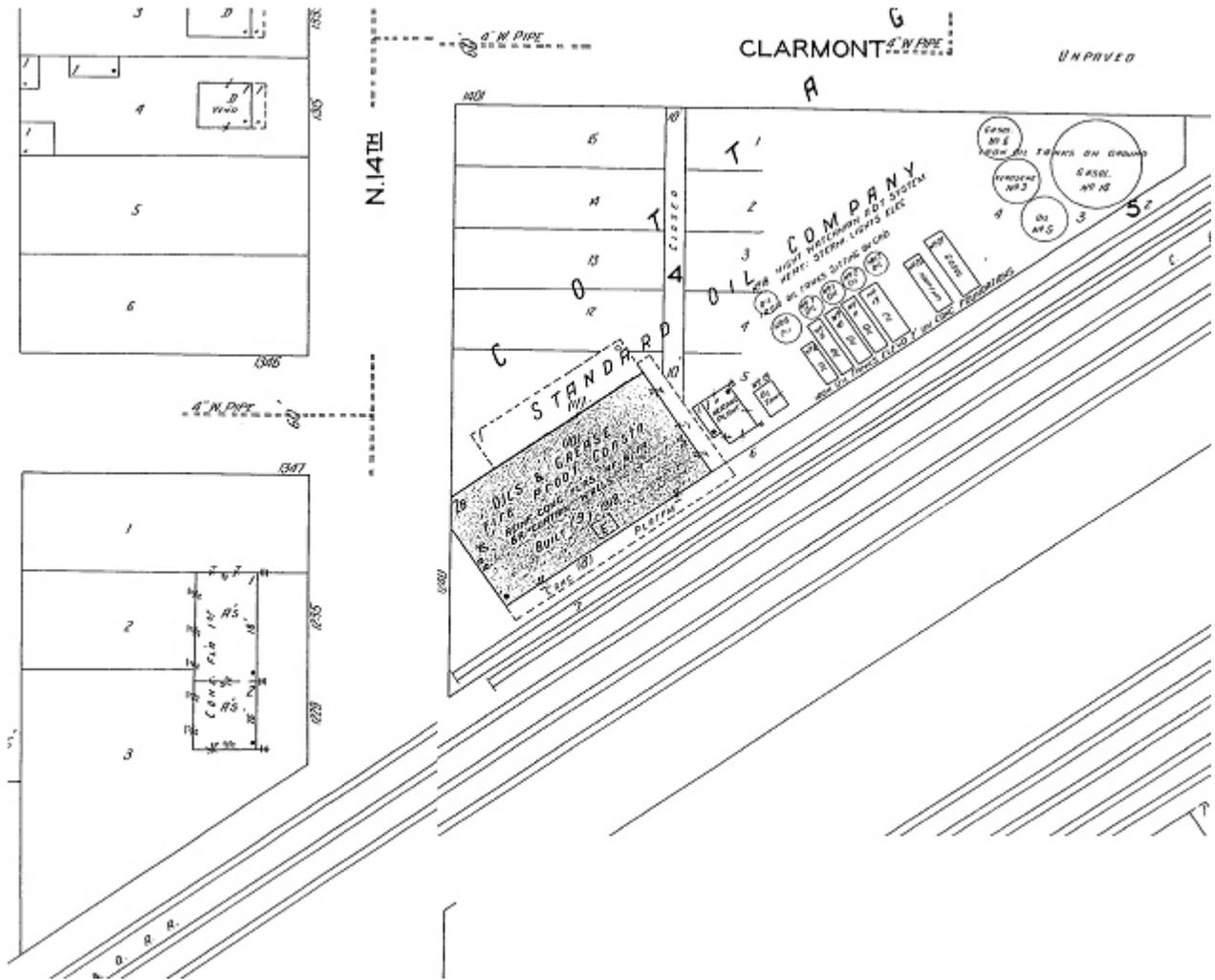
Standard Oil Company was a major supplier of petroleum products in Nebraska and nationwide. Their larger office building and

tanks were across N. 14th Street street east of this service building. Those historic structures are not extant.

The building permit for this structure reflects the early automotive era when horse-drawn tank wagons were still part of the Standard Oil distribution system. The building reflects the combination of “Barn & Garage” in the two-story portion with the hay-crane and door. Formerly there was an opening in the floor of the upper level for delivering hay to the stalls below. It has been



filled in.



Sanborn Map Company, "Map of Lincoln," 1928, pages 227 and 228. [Arrow added.]

It is not clear how long the building accommodated both trucks and horses or mules. An advertisement for Hebb Motor Company of Lincoln in 1919 illustrated three of the six Patriot trucks purchased by Standard Oil Co. in Lincoln. The view showed the trucks in front of this building.

Builder/Architect: F. P. Gould & Son/Joseph W. Salmon

Statement of Significance:

The Standard Oil Company Barn & Garage is a rare remnant of the early automotive era, when horse power and horsepower overlapped. The structure was built to accommodate both the trucks and horses or mules that delivered Standard Oil products to dealers and retailers. Its location beside the railroad reflects yet another key means of transportation in this distribution network.

9. STANDARDS FOR DESIGNATION

Associated with events, person, or persons who have made a significant contribution to the history, heritage, or culture of the City of Lincoln, the County of Lancaster, the State of Nebraska, or the United States

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