

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 7902 Status U Revisit
Quadrangle Name: Charleston
Tax Map No. 4570301001

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Banker's Trust Building
Common Name:
Address/Location: 281 Calhoun Street
City: Charleston Vicinity of County: Charleston
Ownership: Private Category: Building Other:
Historical Use: Commercial
Current Use: Other Vacant
SHPO National Register Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: 1974 Construction: Other Other: Concrete
Historic Core Shape: Rectangular Exterior Walls: Other Concrete
Other: Foundation: Not visible
Commercial Form: Other Roof Shape: Flat
Other: Roof Material: Other Membrane
Stories: 2 stories Porch Shape: Over 1 bay but less than full façade
Other: Porch Width: Engaged

Description/Significant Features:

Brutalist drive-in bank building with ground floor access on south elevation; ground floor is square in plan while second story is rectangular and cantilevered over ground floor on north and south sides; central square poured-in-place concrete tower extends through both first and second floors; main entrance is deeply recessed with brushed metal doors and elevator doors on all three sides; second story features two glass and steel cantilevered sections supported by heavy I-beams which run the full length of the building; walls on the second story are inset from I-beams and are composed of fixed picture window bands with heavy steel frames and dark tinted glass.

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Automated teller's window added in 1980

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Jeffrey Rosenblum, FAIA - Rosenblum & Coe

Historical Information

Historical Information:

Source(s) of Information:

Digital Photo ID(s)

File Name:

07902001

07902002

07902003

View:

Facing Southeast

Facing Northeast

Facing Northeast

Other:

Detail

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