

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310

County Multnomah
 Theme Glazed Terra Cotta
 Name
 (Common) Roosevelt Plaza Apartments
 (Historic) + Roosevelt Hotel
 Address 1005 S.W. Park
Portland
 Present Owner Washington Mortgage Co. Inc.
 Address 720 Central Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
 Original Use Residential Hotel 98104
 Date of Construction 1924



Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This glazed terra-cotta building is one of approximately 50 constructed in Portland's downtown area between 1900 and 1930. During this period major commercial development shifted away from the strip of land along the Willamette River to border the principal street car routes on Morrison and Washington. As the street car system spread into outlying residential areas (Portland Heights, Willamette Heights, Ladd's Addition Laurelhurst, etc.) it brought increasing numbers of workers and shoppers downtown. And as the demand for office and retail space increased the construction of taller buildings became economically feasible. These taller buildings required a light weight and fireproof facing. Terra cotta met these requirements. It was also relatively inexpensive and could accommodate varying degrees of ornamentation - traits which fostered its use for public buildings of all heights. While unglazed terra cotta had been used for the Romanesque buildings constructed before 1900, the predominantly Classical Revival buildings following 1900 featured terra cotta glazed either buff or cream to give the appearance of stone. (con't)

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Sources Consulted: See below.

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Public Service Building - Portland

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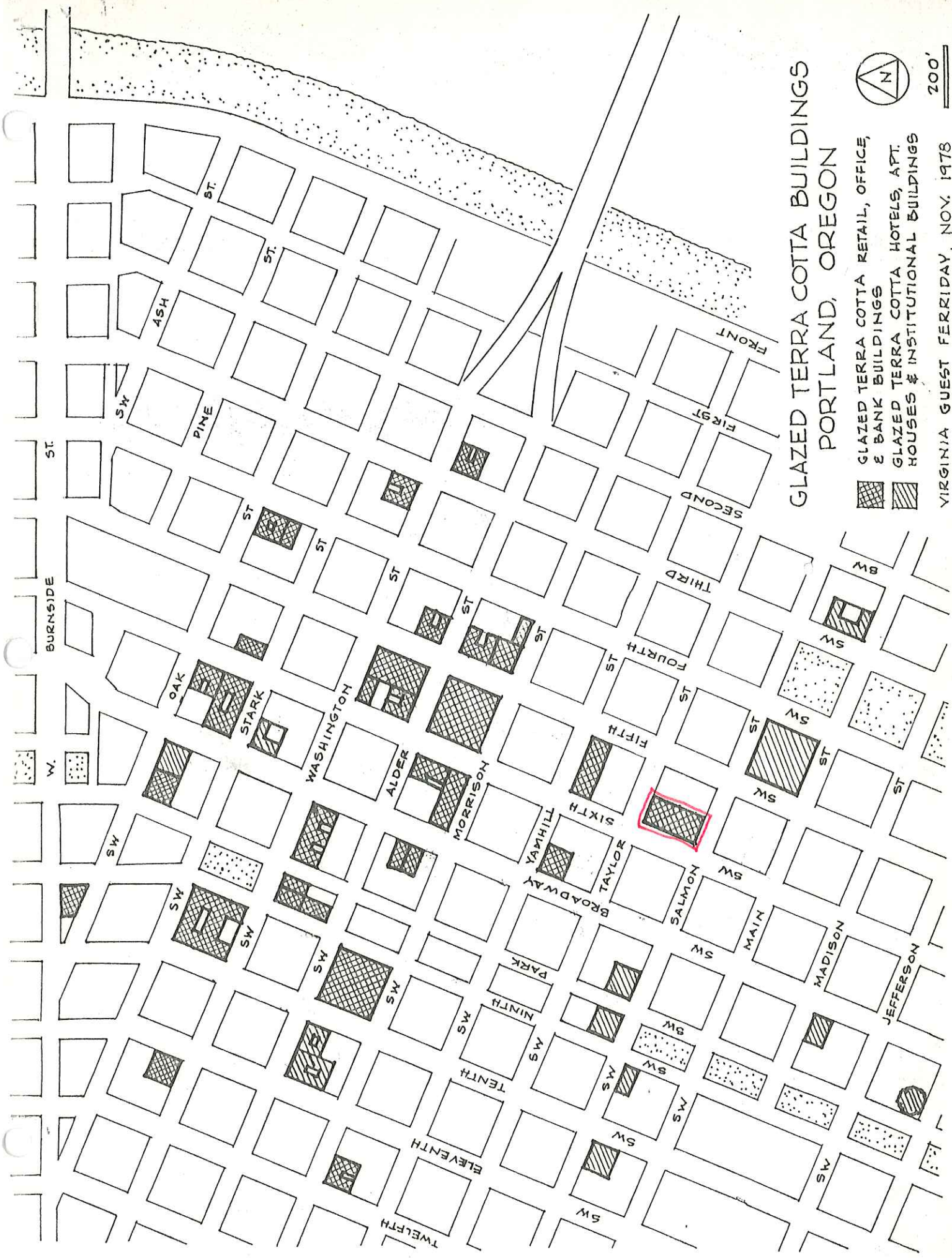
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GLAZED TERRA COTTA BUILDINGS
 PORTLAND, OREGON

-  GLAZED TERRA COTTA RETAIL, OFFICE,
& BANK BUILDINGS
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HOUSES & INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS



VIRGINIA GUEST FERRIDAY, NOV. 1978
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