A HISTORICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

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I have focused on historical accounts giving substantive coverage of the commercial building types that traditionally distinguish city and town centers, outlying business districts, and roadside development. These types include financial institutions, hotels and motels, office buildings, restaurants, retail and wholesale facilities, and theaters. Buildings devoted primarily to manufacturing and other forms of production, transportation, and storage are not included. Citations of writings devoted to the work of an architect or firm and to the buildings of a community are limited to a few of the most important relative to this topic.

For purposes of convenience, listings are divided into the following categories: **Banks; Hotels-Motels; Office Buildings; Restaurants; Taverns, etc.; Retail and Wholesale Buildings; Roadside Buildings, Miscellaneous; Theaters; Architecture and Place; Urbanism**; **Architects; Materials-Technology;** and **Miscellaneous**.

Most accounts are scholarly in nature, but I have included some popular accounts that are particularly rich in the historical material presented. Any additions or corrections are welcome and will be included in updated editions of this bibliography. Please send them to me at rwl@gwu.edu.

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