

# HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Resource Address: <b>714 Lake St Oak Park Illinois 60302 USA</b>
County: Cook
Historic name: Telephone Exchange Building
Present name: AT&T Building
Local place name:
Visible from public right of way: Yes
Ownership: Private
Owner/Address:
Land unit size:
Site/Setting:



Lat/Long: 41.8890160749390500, -87.7933352914016600 [WGS84]

UTM: Zone 16T, 434183.5829 mE, 4637758.1746 mN

Parcel No.

## Historical Information

Historic Function: Commerce/Trade: Office/Office Building	Current Function: Commerce/Trade: Office/Office Building
Construction Date: ca. 1910-1919 , documented 1914*	Architect: Holabird and Roche
Original or Significant Owners: Chicago Telephone Company	Builder:
Significant Date/Period:	Developer:
Areas of Significance:	

## Architectural Information

Category: building, Office building	Style: Mid-Century Modern	<input type="checkbox"/> Additions <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ancillary structures:
Structural: masonry	Exterior Material(s): historic brick, historic stone	
Stories: 4, Bays:	Roof Material:	
Form or Plan: Commercial building, rectangular	Roof Type: Flat with parapet	
Foundation:	Windows: replacement aluminum fixed	
General condition:	Chimney(s):	
Basement:	Porch: platform/stoop	

## Historical Summary:

The 2-story building was constructed by the Chicago Telephone Co. in 1914 at a cost of \$65,000. A 2-story rear addition was added by Holabird & Roche in 1922 at a cost of \$25,000. In 1920 the Illinois Bell Telephone company absorbed Chicago Telephone. The top two floors were added in 1924, also by Holabird & Roche, at a cost of \$125,000. The firm of Holabird & Root designed further additions in 1948 (\$90,000) and 1962 (\$70,000), as well as significant alterations to the facade. The company became a division of Ameritech in 1984 which was acquired by SBC Communications in 1999. In 2005 SBC changed it's name to AT&T. (source: Encyclopedia of Chicago)

## Status (Current Listing or Designation)

National:  indiv.  district  landmrk.  
 State/Province:  indiv.  district  landmrk.  
 Local:  indiv.  district  landmrk.

## Evaluation (Preparer's Assessment of Eligibility)

### Recommendation

Individually eligible  
 Eligible as contributing resource  
 Not eligible / non-contributing  
 Not determined

### Level of potential eligibility

National  
 State  
 Local

### Landmark potential

National  
 State  
 Local



1915 (Lee Brooke, 1983)

**Description/Remarks**

This is a 4-story office building in the Mid-Century Modern style built in 1914. The structural system is masonry. Exterior walls are historic brick and historic stone. The building has a flat with parapet roof. Windows are replacement aluminum fixed. There is a platform/stoop. Revolving door and swing door with three transom windows above.

Date source: Village of Oak Park building permit archives. Other sources: Building permit records.

**Survey and Recorder**

Project: Historic Resources of Oak Park	Sequence/Key no.:	Survey Date: April 6, 2018
Prepared By: Douglas Kaarre, AICP Village of Oak Park	Report Title/Name: Survey and Planning	Previous Surveys: Downtown Architectural Survey, 2005
Inventoried: 04/11/2018 5:10:13 pm Last updated: 03/08/2020 11:19:57 pm by /	Level of Survey: <input type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive	Additional Research Recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No