



Historic Security Building

The Security Building was built in 1928 by the Dwight B. Heard Investment Company. A prominent Phoenix realtor and cattleman, Dwight B. Heard was president of the Security Improvement Company when the building was erected. The eight-story structure was once the tallest building in Arizona. In 1958, the ninth floor was added and served as the penthouse apartment of Walter Bimson, president of Valley National Bank. This space is now the home of ASU's Phoenix Urban Research Lab (PURL) and Maricopa County offices. Designed in the Second Renaissance Revival style, the Security Building was originally the headquarters of produce growers and law firms. The building was purchased by Maricopa County in 2001 and historical renovations began in 2005.

This property has been placed on the
National Register of Historic Places
and the
Phoenix Historic Property Register.

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