

ATTACHMENT B

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME		COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. KA-225 (C)
COMMON PROPERTY NAME		QUAD/COUNTY MAP Phoenix Quad	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 412 West Roosevelt			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Phoenix		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 111-32-22	
OWNER OF PROPERTY E. J. Linsenmeyer		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 400 South 5th Street			
CITY, TOWN Phoenix		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85003
FORM PREPARED BY Gerald A. Doyle & Associates		DATE August 1982	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 4331 N. 12th Street		PHONE 264-3082	
CITY, TOWN Phoenix		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85014
PHOTO BY Robert Graham		DATE May 1982	
VIEW Toward NW			
HISTORIC USE Apartments			
PRESENT USE Unoccupied apartments		ACREAGE Less/acre	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Constructed ca. 1918			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The two-story, flat-roofed apartment house at 412 West Roosevelt exhibits many elements common to Prairie School architecture of the Midwest. The various design elements of the building work together in emphasizing the horizontal line, the essence of the Prairie School. The front facade consists of a four-bay porch, with capped rails, repeated by another porch above; these porches are separated by a shelf roof at second-floor level. This shelf-roof plane is repeated at second-story ceiling height. A trim board continues along the wall plane from where the porch fascia dies and meets a similar roof shelf that wraps around the rear of the building, providing an external delineation of the interior ceiling height. Above this plane, another band emphasizes the depth of the attic. The entire two-story mass of the building is crowned with still another planar roof with a narrow fascia. Rectangular double-hung windows pierce the plane surfaces of the side walls. The building is presently unoccupied and has suffered a fire in one upper room. Work has been stopped on its rehabilitation for many months. The apartment house appears to be in good condition and has the potential of being a successful rehabilitation project.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The apartment building at 412 West Roosevelt is an outstanding example of Prairie School architecture and one of the few extant apartment buildings constructed in Phoenix immediately following World War I.

The building's massing, elongated porches, emphatic caps, shelf roof between stories, and roof configuration combine to create a striking horizontal appearance, the hallmark of the Prairie School. The Prairie School, which had its origins in the Arts and Crafts movement, was a rebellion against the historical styles. One of the few styles to originate in the United States, this Midwestern style emphasized simplicity and low proportions, in imitation of the prairie.

The building was constructed ca. 1918 in response to a growing need for apartments in Phoenix after World War I. In 1917, home building was characterized as Phoenix' greatest need by local realtors. One realtor stated that "Many recent newcomers have commented on the startling lack of both apartment houses and houses, and in fact hundreds of people that would have spent the winter in Phoenix have been forced to leave on account of not being able to get satisfactory places to live in."¹ The four apartments in this building served not only winter visitors, but also prominent doctors and attorneys. One resident, Fred C. Jacobs, was a U. S. District Court judge. None of these prominent figures lived in the building for a significant length of time, however. The building contributes importantly to the historic district.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BLOCK 2, LOT 3, KENILWORTH ADDITION.

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY