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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Ambassador Apartments  
other names/site number N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 1235 E. Elm St. [N/A] not for publication  
city or town Springfield [N/A] vicinity  
state Missouri code MO county Greene code 077 zip code 65806

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [ x ] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [ x ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [ x ] locally.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]. )

*Mark A. Miles*

*09 Sept 2008*

Signature of certifying official/Title Mark A. Miles/Deputy SHPO Date 09 Sept 2008

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]. )

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] entered in the National Register.  
See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined eligible for the National Register.  
See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[ ] removed from the National Register.

[ ] other, (explain:)

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**5. Classification**

<b>Ownership of Property</b>	<b>Category of Property</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> object

Number of Resources Within Property	
Contributing	Non-contributing
2	0 buildings
0	0 sites
0	0 structures
0	0 objects
2	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

DOMESTIC/ multiple dwelling

DOMESTIC/ secondary structure

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**Current Functions**

DOMESTIC/ multiple dwelling

DOMESTIC/ secondary structure

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**7. Description**

**Architectural classification**

Other: Commercial Block Apartment Building

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**Materials**

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

\_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

other METAL

STONE

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See continuation sheet [ ]

**Narrative Description** See continuation sheet [x].

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

**A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

**B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

**C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

Property is:

**A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

**B** removed from its original location.

**C** a birthplace or grave.

**D** a cemetery.

**E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

**F** a commemorative property.

**G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

Ca 1928-1958

**Significant Dates**

N/A

**Significant Person(s)**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Mark, Carl G./Architect

Fogerson, Wilburn E./ Builder

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

See continuation sheet [x].

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

**Bibliography** See continuation sheet [x].

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record
- # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other:

Name of repository:

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property:** LESS THAN ONE ACRE

**UTM References**

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	475606	4117479			
C. Zone	Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing

[ ] See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Debbie Sheals  
organization Private Contractor date April 24, 2008  
street & number 29 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 204 telephone 573-874-3779  
city or town Columbia state Missouri zip code 65201

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FOP for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Meck's Ambassador Apartments, LLC c/o Russ Meck  
street & number 5425 Southwood Road  
telephone 417-887-4259  
city or town Springfield state MO zip code 65804

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**Summary:** The Ambassador Apartments, at 1235 East Elm Street in Springfield, is a four-story Commercial Block apartment building with a flat roof, red brick walls and simple Tudor style stone accents. It was built in 1928 and has served continually as an apartment building since that time. The building occupies a large lot on a residential street, less than a mile from the Springfield Public Square. A small ceramic block garage along the back edge of the property has been there since at least 1933, and it is counted as a contributing building. There are no other resources on the property. The building has a blocky form and simple rectangular footprint, and its narrow side faces south to East Elm Street. The symmetrical façade features accented front corner bays, along with a central entrance that is sheltered by a formal flat canopy. The building has seen no exterior alterations of note, and the interior is also little-changed. The plan and finishes are almost all original. The plan features a double-loaded corridor, with a stairway at each end, a small elevator near the center, and an unaltered floorplan with 33 studio and one bedroom apartments. The building is an unusually large, highly intact example of the Commercial Block subtype of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Apartment Buildings property type, as discussed in the Multiple Property Submission Cover Document, “Historic and Architectural Resources of Springfield, Missouri.” It meets the registration requirements set forth in that document, under Criterion A, in the area of COMMERCE, and under Criterion C, in the area of ARCHITECTURE. The building is in good condition, and it looks and functions much as it has for the last 80 years.

**Elaboration:** The Ambassador Apartments occupies a wide level lot on the north side of East Walnut Street, just a few doors east of National Avenue. It measures roughly 50 feet by 111 feet, on a lot that covers just under six tenths of an acre. The building sits close to the southwest corner of the lot, with parking at the rear, and a generous lawn to the east. The lawn is filled with mature trees and edged with a paved drive that leads to the rear parking area. (Photo 5.) The parking area behind the building includes a long low garage with 11 individual parking bays. The garage has been in place since at least 1933, the first time the property was mapped by the Sanborn Company, and it appears to have been built about the same time as the main building; it is a contributing resource. It has ceramic block exterior walls, with a mix of block and wooden partitions between parking stalls. The roof is flat or nearly so, and the front wall has been painted light gray. Each stall has a paneled overhead door that is relatively new. The area between the garage and the back wall of the building is also

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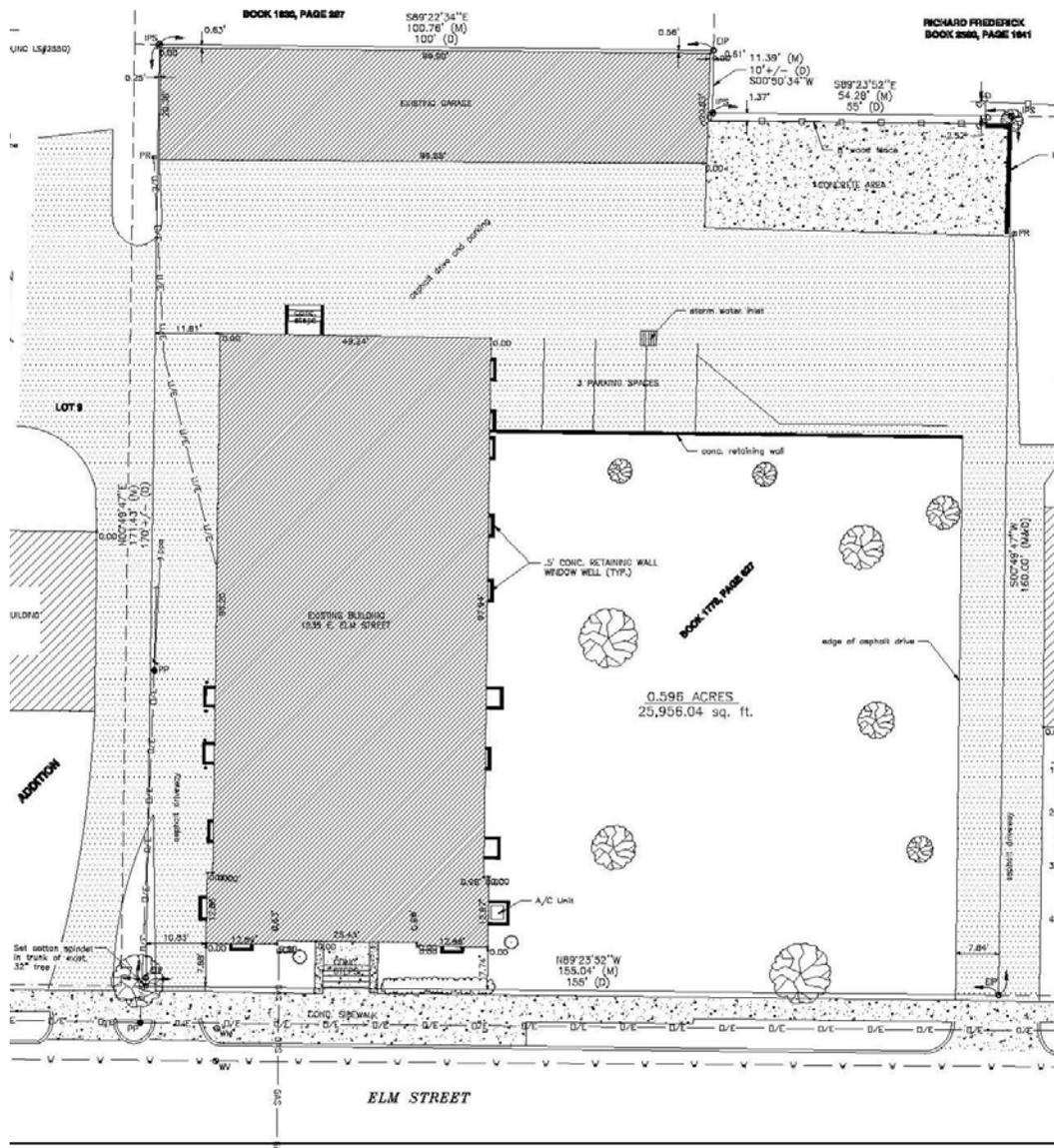
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paved, and linked to a second paved driveway that runs along the west side wall of the main building.

Figure One. Site Plan. Prepared by Hood-Rich Inc, Springfield, MO 12/31/07.



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The tall narrow façade of the main building is close to Elm Street, with a narrow strip of lawn on either side of the wide concrete stairway that leads to the front door. The building is five bays wide, with a central entranceway, and front corner bays that extend slightly from the plane of the walls. The façade and corner bays all have smooth stone embellishments that contrast with the dark red brick of the walls. The ground floor has wide string courses of stone at the sill and ceiling lines, and the lower edges of the corner bays are outlined with flat stone quoins. The first and fourth floor windows of those bays also have matching quoins, as well as stone lintels, and all of the windows have stone sills.

The top edges of the façade and the corner bays are accented with slender polygonal stone piers that extend above plane of the wall to form round tapered spires. The walls adjacent to the piers are accented with stone quoins, and stone shields are inset into the upper walls between the piers. The top edge of the roof has a shallow parapet that is stepped in the center and at each face of the corner bays, and smooth stone coping runs along all of those faces. The other side roof edges have simpler terra cotta coping. A small penthouse that sits just back from the front edge of the roof is early or original; it houses a large exhaust fan that originally ventilated the entire building.

The formal entrance to the building is centered in the first floor of the façade. The wide stone or concrete steps leading to the front stoop have low knee walls, and simple pipe handrails. The doorway and stoop are sheltered by a flat metal canopy that is supported by heavy chains and edged by a canvas valance that bears the name "Ambassador" on its front edge. The canopy appears to be original; the awning may not be. The wide doorway has a heavy fifteen-light wood door that is flanked by five-light sidelights, all of which appear to be original. Heavy cast iron and glass light fixtures on either side of the doorway also appear to be original, and all elements of the entryway are in fair to good condition.

The side and back walls are much simpler than the facade, with plain flat wall surfaces, and little added ornamentation. They are filled with rows of windows that include single windows and wider three-part groupings. Each of the window openings has a rowlock brick sill and a soldier-course header.

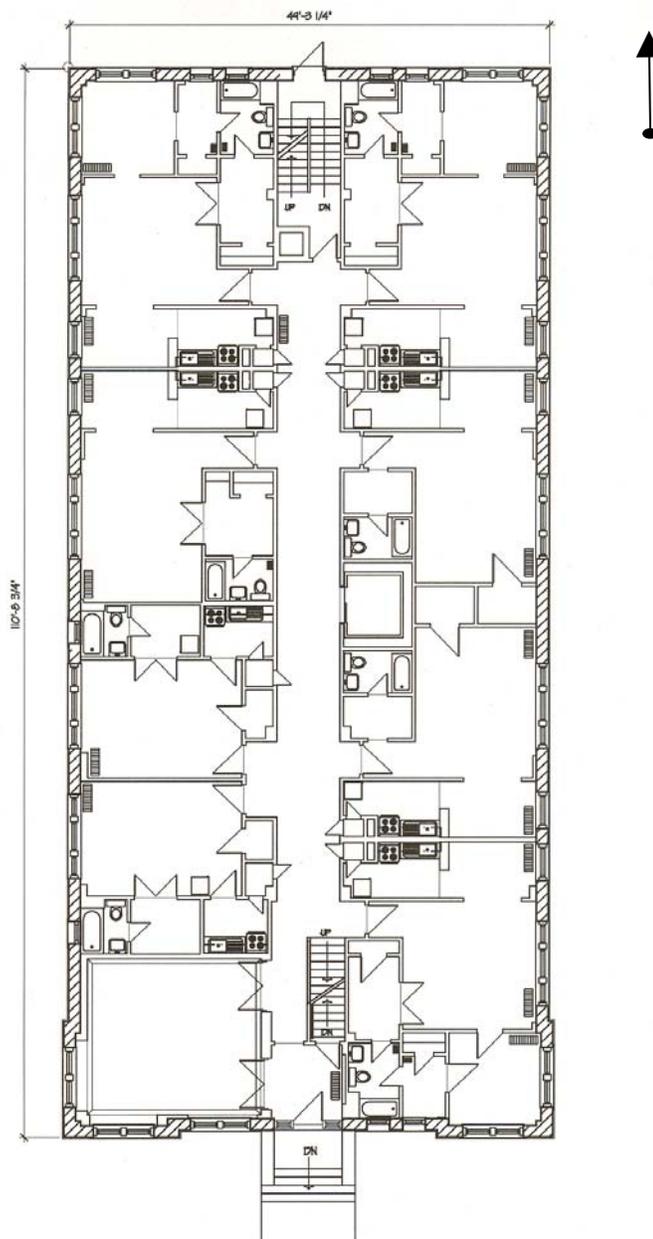
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**Figure Two. First Floor Plan.** Plan courtesy of SWD Architects, Inc.



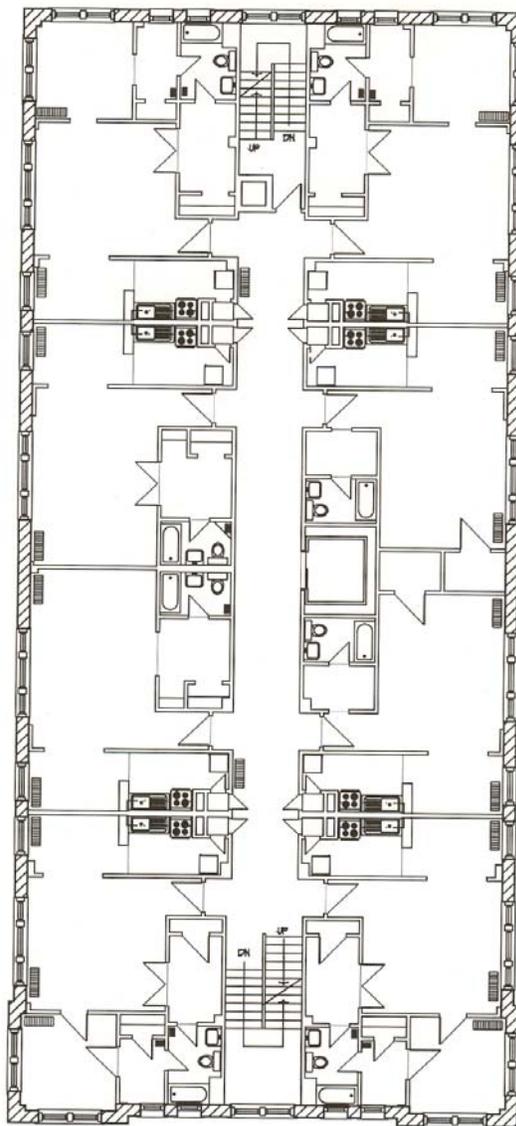
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**Figure Three. Typical Plan, floors 2-4.** Plan courtesy of SWD Architects, Inc.



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The wood windows throughout are early or original, with 4/1 or 6/1 wood sashes and modern aluminum storm windows. Several of the side windows, especially on the west side, are sheltered by newer louvered metal awnings, and modern electrical conduit runs along the exterior surface of the walls, apparently to supply added service to many of the apartments. There are no side doors. The rear elevation has one door centered at the ground floor and one set of double doors that serve the basement level, which is partially above-grade.

The front door opens to a small tiled vestibule, which in turn leads to a double-loaded corridor which runs down the center of the building. There is an open stairway on each end of the corridor, and a small elevator near the center of the hallway. The stairs and elevator, which connect to all levels of the building, all appear to be original. The stairs are fairly plain, with carpeted treads and risers, and plain wooden handrails. The front stair has a simple square newel post and ornamental metal balusters where visible from the first floor hallway, and all of the other stairs have solid plastered walls in lieu of balustrades. (See photos 9, 12, and 16.) The elevator has paneled metal walls and an ornamental brass folding gate. (Photo 11.)

There are five floors altogether; four floors of apartments, and a basement that contains service areas and what was originally the janitor's apartment. Two more apartments have been added to the basement in modern times. The first floor has a small lounge/office, and eight apartments. The lounge is located just off the front vestibule. It is a simple open room with two pairs of double doors that open to the hallway. The lounge doors are modern, almost everything else is early or original, including window trim, an ornamental plaster cornice and the ceiling light fixture. (Photo 10.) All of the hallways have recessed apartment entries that have newer doors, along with paneled wood service doors that appear to be original. The service doors open to closets in the unit kitchens to allow for direct deliveries of groceries and other goods. (See plans above.) The service doors are no longer operable, but most or all remain in place. Early millwork is also intact throughout the hallways.

Each of the upper floors, which are nearly identical in plan, has eight apartments as well--four one-bedroom units and four studios. Few of the apartments in the building have seen any significant alterations. All appear to have their original room layouts and interior millwork, and most even have original kitchen and bathroom fixtures. The bathrooms have tile floors, most of the large closets have concrete floors, and many of the living rooms and bedrooms have hardwood floors. Most interior doors appear to be original. Many of those are multi-light French doors, and several of the bathroom doors include built-in mirrors. Walls and ceilings are plastered, and many

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ceiling light fixtures are early or original. (See photo15.)

The building also has remnants of what would have been a high-tech ventilation system in 1928. Each of the apartments has a vent near the kitchen stove that leads to a central air shaft, and there is a large attic exhaust fan above the ceiling of the front staircase. It is likely that the apartments originally had louvered entrance doors, so that the exhaust fan could pull air through open windows and louvered doors and out through the halls and open stairways. The kitchen ventilation systems may have operated in a similar manner. The exhaust fan is no longer in service, although the fan assembly remains in place above a lay-in ceiling at the head of the front stairs. The apartment doors may have been replaced to meet modern fire codes, and window air conditioning units have replaced natural ventilation in many units.

### **Alterations**

Overall, the Ambassador Apartments have seen remarkably few changes over the years. The canopy over the entrance has newer metal support posts, which were probably added to address structural issues and which do not have a notable impact upon the appearance of the façade. All of the windows, which are early or original, have newer storm windows, and the slatted awnings may also be later additions. The interior is also highly intact. The apartments all have newer doors, the halls and some units have newer carpeting, and some of the units have seen minor interior changes. The garage in the back of the lot has newer doors but otherwise appears to be largely original. The changes are minimal, and the building still looks and functions much as it did the year it was built.

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**Summary:** The Ambassador Apartment building, at 1235 East Elm Street, in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, is significant as a large, highly intact urban apartment building in Springfield, MO. It is the largest known example of the Commercial Block subtype of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Apartment Buildings property type, as discussed in the Multiple Property Submission Cover Document, "Historic and Architectural Resources of Springfield, Missouri." It was described in that document as "the grandest of Springfield's downtown apartment buildings."<sup>1</sup> The Ambassador is also significant for its association with Springfield architect Carl G. Mark, whose firm, Heckenlively and Mark, is credited with the design of several sizable public buildings in Springfield during the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Ambassador building is therefore locally significant under Criterion A, in the area of Commerce and under Criterion C, in the area of Architecture, in association with the historic context "Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Apartment Buildings, ca. 1900-1945." The building was constructed in 1928, during the second period of apartment building development in Springfield, which ran from 1915 to the beginning of World War II. The period of significance runs from 1928 to 1958, the standard fifty year cut-off point. The building looks and functions much as it did when new, and it is an impressive example of an urban apartment building in Springfield.

**Elaboration:**

The early 1900s were a time of prosperity and growth in Springfield, and it was during this period that the town evolved from a rural burg to a young city. Springfield saw a major growth spurt after the arrival of train service in 1870; the population increased from 6,524 in 1880 to 23,267 in 1900, and that trend continued in to the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>2</sup> That expanded population brought an equally expanded need for housing, and the city saw significant residential development in the late 1800s and early 1900s. During that time, new residential neighborhoods developed on all sides of the commercial center around the public square, including the area to the southeast, where the Ambassador is located. Although there was a marked increase in the pace of residential development in the last decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the emphasis at that time was on single family housing, even in the

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Lee Burton, "Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Apartment Buildings, ca. 1900-1945." Multiple Property Submission Amendment, Nov. 25, 2002, F-18.

<sup>2</sup> Richard L. Forstall, "MISSOURI, Population of Counties by Decennial Census: 1900 to 1990". Population Division, US Bureau of the Census.

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neighborhoods closest to the commercial center. Prior to 1900, most multi-family housing in the downtown area was geared to temporary occupants and/or to those of modest means. As noted in the MPS cover document, rental housing in Springfield in 1905 was comprised mostly of hotels, boarding houses, and furnished rooms.<sup>3</sup>

The new century saw the development of what was for the city a relatively new type of residence, the downtown apartment building. Downtown Springfield apartment buildings were a solution to a rising demand for multiple-dwelling rental housing located close to the growing commercial center. The apartments were commonly built near the city center, often on or close to trolley lines. Springfield has a long history of public transportation; mule-drawn streetcars were established in 1881, to link the Public Square with Commercial Street to the north, and the first electric trolleys were put into service there in 1887. Springfield is said to be one of the first cities in the country to use electric trolleys.<sup>4</sup> National Avenue, which runs just a few hundred feet west of the Ambassador building, was most likely a trolley route, and city directories show that most of the early residents of the building had jobs on or near the Public Square. (See Appendix I for sample listings of early residents.)

It was also in this period that rental housing first came to be considered as a middle- to upper-middle class housing type, and the new apartment buildings offered attractive options for white collar workers and others who were not ready or willing to commit to homeownership. While the apartments constructed during the first period of apartment development, which ran from 1900 to 1915, were relatively modest, by the mid-teens, the city was seeing larger apartment buildings, with more formal styling and more units per building. By the 1920s, it was not unusual to see three-story apartment buildings with relatively formal styling and up to two dozen apartments each.

The Ambassador Apartments were built in 1928, on land owned by Wilburn E. and Anna E. Fogerson. The Fogersons bought the land for the building in two separate parcels in January and April that year, and four days after they closed on the last parcel, they secured an \$85,000 loan, presumably to finance construction of the current building.<sup>5</sup>

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3 Burton, E-24.

4 Dick Grosenbaugh, A Million Hours of Memories, (Springfield Sesquicentennial Committee, 1979, np).

5 Lawson-Gibbs Title Company, "Abstract of Title," Springfield, MO, 1981. The abstract documents all land transfers and articles of incorporation associated with the property through 1981.

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Construction must have gone smoothly, as the building appears to have been completed within a few months time. On October 19, just over six months later, the Fogersons and others created the Ambassador Investment Company. The assets described in the Company's Articles of Incorporation consisted of the two tracts of land they had purchased earlier that year, along with the current building, described in the document as "a large four story brick apartment house."<sup>6</sup> The articles also noted that the Investment Company had at that time 13 shareholders, four of whom served as the board of directors. Of the 500 shares available for a price of \$100 each, 390 had been "paid up in lawful money of the United States or property."

Most of those shareholders owned between 5 and 20 shares, but there were two men who owned 115 shares each-- Wilburn E. Fogerson and Carl G. Mark. It is likely that those larger ownership shares were the result of special contributions to the construction project. Fogerson's shares were probably traded for the land upon which the apartment building was erected, and it is also possible that Fogerson contributed professional services as well. He was a contractor by trade, and may have done double duty as owner and contractor during the construction project.<sup>7</sup> His exact role is unclear, however, as another local contractor, K. F. Lloyd, also owned shares in the company and served on the first board of directors.

It is likely that architect Carl G. Mark traded professional services for an interest in the property. Mark was a principal in the prominent Springfield architectural firm of Heckenlively and Mark. That firm, which formed in 1918, has been credited with several large-scale public building projects in Springfield and other Missouri cities. (See Appendix II for a short list of their projects.) One of the firm's better-known commissions is the Abou Ben Adhem Mosque, or Shrine Mosque, which is located just a few blocks north of this property. The Shrine Mosque was built from 1921-23, and listed in the National Register 09/09/1982. The Shrine Mosque, which is still highly intact and in use today, is one of the largest historic buildings in the city. The firm apparently specialized in commercial rather than residential properties; the other buildings credited to the partnership consist mostly of large public schools and several sizable churches.

Mark's partner, James L. Heckenlively, did do some residential work, however. Heckenlively designed a two-building apartment complex that was constructed in

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<sup>6</sup> "Articles of Incorporation, Ambassador Investment Company." Certificate Number 49530, Filed with the Missouri Secretary of State, October 24, 1928.

<sup>7</sup> He is listed as a contractor in the 1929 City Directory and the 1930 population census.

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Joplin in 1918, the Ridgway Apartments.<sup>8</sup> The design of the Ridgway Apartments is similar to that of the Camp Manor Apartments in Springfield. The Camp Manor Apartments were built for the same developer, Ralph Camp, in 1916, and Heckenlively may have worked on that project as well. Heckenlively is also credited with the 1920s design of a house in the Walnut Street Historic District in Springfield.

Mark and Heckenlively worked together for nearly two decades. The partnership came to a tragic end in 1938, when Carl Mark died suddenly, at the age of 50. According to newspaper accounts, Heckenlively had been ill for several weeks, and Mark was working night and day to cover a heavy workload that included several recently awarded WPA projects. On February 22, 1938, Mark suffered a heart attack at his drawing board and died within minutes, the victim of what the local papers called "overwork."<sup>9</sup>

Because Heckenlively is absent from the 1929 list of shareholders in the Ambassador Investment Company, it has been assumed that the Ambassador project was a side job for Mark, and that he did the architectural work for it on his own. He may have become involved in it through a friendship with contractor and fellow shareholder in the Ambassador Company, W. L. Floyd. A newspaper article about Mark's death in 1938 mentioned that he had just returned from lunch with Floyd when he suffered the heart attack. The careful composition and restrained use of Tudor Revival detail on the façade of the building points to the involvement of a design professional, and Mark has therefore been given tentative credit for its design.

The Ambassador was constructed during the second of two major phases of apartment development in the city. During the first period, from 1900 to 1915, the Porched Square apartment type was most popular. Surviving Porched Square apartment buildings are relatively modest buildings, with forms and designs that blend into residential neighborhoods. Many contained no more than 4-6 apartments when new, and no surviving examples are more than two stories tall.

The second phase began around 1915, with the advent of the larger Commercial Block subtype. Commercial Block apartments had a decidedly more commercial appearance than their Porched Square predecessors. Surviving examples feature flat roofs and distinctive cubic forms that are more typical of the commercial buildings of the time than the single family houses with which they shared the streets. And, like contemporary commercial buildings, most were deeper than they were wide, with tall

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<sup>8</sup> Millstein, Cydney, National Register nomination for Ridgway Apartments, (National Register 08/08/06)  
<sup>9</sup> "Carl Mark Dies of Heart Attack." Springfield Daily News, Feb. 23, 1936, p. 6.

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flat facades that were often set close to the sidewalk. Although no surviving examples in the city can be considered “high style” architecture, several feature formal layouts and elements of architectural styles commonly found in public buildings.

The Ambassador was mentioned several times in the Multiple Property Submission Cover Document as one of the most impressive Commercial Block apartment buildings in the city, and it continues in that role today. The Apartment Building context in that document was based upon a 2002 survey which identified some 40 historic apartment buildings in the central part of Springfield. The Ambassador was the largest such building identified by that study, and it was described in the resulting Multiple Property Submission historic context as “the height of achievement in Springfield’s urban ambitions.”<sup>10</sup> The elegant façade of the Ambassador is among the most impressive of those studied during that project, and it is clearly a significant example of the Downtown Apartment Building property type.

In spite of promising beginnings, the Ambassador Investment Company appears to have been very short-lived. The building reverted to the Fogersons’ ownership almost immediately, and they sold it just a few months after the Investment Company was formed. The Investment Company executed a Quit Claim deed to the new owners three months after that sale, in May of 1929. That transaction marks the last time the Ambassador Investment Company appears in ownership records for the property, and it appears to have passed from existence.

The Fogersons, by contrast, continued their association with the building. The new owners, Harvey H. and Luna S. Elliot, were Anna Fogerson’s parents, and the Elliots and Fogersons each had an apartment in the building for much of the next decade.<sup>11</sup> The 1930 census listed the Fogersons (then both age 31) as renters and the Elliots (age 64 and 61) as the owners of the building. Anna Fogerson was the building manager, and Wilburn was working as a contractor. City directories show that the Fogersons lived there until 1937 or 38 (in apartment 107) and that the Elliots left about a year later. (The Elliots were in apartment 401 until 1939, when they moved down one floor to 301.)

The Elliots retained ownership after they moved, however, and when Harvey H. Elliot died in 1950, the property was passed on to his heirs. Those heirs were listed as

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<sup>10</sup> Burton, E-25.

<sup>11</sup> United States Census Records. Census Indexes and Population Schedules for Greene County, 1900-1930.

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Bernice McGuffin, Anna E. Cash and L. B. Cash (the former Anna Fogerson had apparently remarried by then.) Five years later, those same heirs repeated history and formed an investment company to manage the building--Ambassador Apartments, Inc. The new company lasted only a short time longer than did the first one; five years after it was incorporated, Annie and L. B. Cash bought the property back, along with related furnishings, fixtures and equipment.<sup>12</sup>

The building changed function less than it did ownership, and it operates today much as it did when the first Ambassador Corporation was formed. Not even the name has changed. The original apartments have all been occupied throughout the building's history, and they continue to be today. A planned rehabilitation project will upgrade the property without changing its function, and will ensure that Springfield "grandest" apartment building will remain in use for decades to come.

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<sup>12</sup> Abstract, p. 400.

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1929 Occupants of the Ambassador Apartments, per the Springfield City Directory.

101	Meyer, Wm Z	mgr	Meyer-Blanke Co.
102	Hunter, Robt F	trav	
103	Lewis, Myrina		
104	Davis, John P	trans	
105	Vacant		
106	Lingle, C Philip	trav	
107	Fogerson, Wilburn E (Anna)	contr	
108	Ricks, Rasdal	tinner	318 Boonville Ave
201	McCarty, J B		
202	Elliot, Harvey H (Luna)		
203	Brown, V V	trav	
204	Shaner, D V	serv sta supvr	Phillips Petroleum Co.
205	Berry, Sylvia	mlnr	232 Landers bldg
206	Lamb, Lloyd G	clk	StL-SFRy
207	Fahy, Patk J (Marie)	trav	
208	Hickman, C W		
301	Thompson, W R (Era)	slsmn	
302	Smith, R F	judge	
303	Scott, M H	trav	
304	Winters, K C	trav	
305	Middleton, John F (Marie)	mgr	Cupples Co.
306	Herman, Edgar S		(Herman Tailoring Co.)
307	Davis, Harlan C	mgr	W H Young & Bros
308	Sprong, Crannell (Gay L)		Purchasing Agent
401	Vacant		
402	Vacant		
403	Smith, Isaac A (Mary)	trav	
404	Ferrier, Geo A (Anna)	mgr	Southern Sales Co.
405	Alexander, Lawrence W (V Clifton)	trav	McCutcheon Bros Motor Co.
406	Vacant		
407	Davis, Frances L Mrs.		County Home Demonstration Agent
408	Diffenderfer, Mable Mrs.		
bsmt	Maples, Herschell	janitor	

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1940 Occupants of the Ambassador Apartments, per the Springfield City Directory

101	Smith, Carl C	mgr	National Cash Register Co
102	Marx, Arth C		(Marx Clothing & Shoe Co)
103	Godwin, J Ruth	tchr	Drury College
104	Eichman, Henry A (Martha)	officer in chge	State Probation and Parole Dept
105	Savage, LaRue E	pres	Lee Savage Paint Co Inc
106	Cozad, Jas R (Betty G)	sec to Mr. Blair	State Teachers Coll
107	Cash, L Bentley (Anna)	electl	refrigeration
	Cash, Anna E Mrs	mgr	
108	Vacant		
201	Russell, Abbie H Mrs (wid C W)		
202	High, Courtland V	asst genl chairmn	Order of Railroad Telegraphers
203	Foster, Henry N (Grace E)	eng	US Medical Center
204	Wooldridge, Chas A (N Gertrude)		mach StL-SF
205	Hannah, J Howard (Margt)	lawyer	713-15 Woodruff bldg
206	Baron, Edw A (Zenas M)	chf clk	StL-SF
207	Allen, Terry W		
208	Magann, C C		
301	Herman, Edgar S	pres	Herman's
303	Vacant		
304	Scharff, Danl J	emp	Netter D G Co
305	Green, Robt H (Dorothy)	v-pres	Green Finance Co
306	Pittman, Alice	supvr	
307	McGuffin, R Paul (Bernice V)	agt	Equitable Life Assur Soc
308	Garton, Robt C (Clara)	chf drftsmn	StL-SF
401	Vacant		
402	Sturgell, Jos C (Carol M)	asst psychologist	US Medical Center
403	Porter, M Ellie	bkpr	Loren L Sharp
404	Vacant		
405	Bennett, Wm C (Mary)	slsmn	
406	Vacant		
407	Vacant		
408	Spenny, Henry W (Marjorie)	div geologist	Mo State Hwy Dept
bsmt	Evans, Ralph (Ruth)	janitor	

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**Appendix II.**

**Buildings designed by Heckenlively and Mark**

(From National Register and newspaper records listed in the bibliography.)

Abou Ben Adhem Mosque, 1921

Bailey School

Bowerman School

Campbell School

Central High Fine Arts Building

First and Calvary Presbyterian Church

Gate of the Temple Masonic building

Grace Methodist Church

Harrison Football Stadium

Lloyd Building (at the "State Sanitorium")

Springfield Senior High School Addition, Stadium and Athletic Field (This is probably Central High School.)

Schools in Tipton, Stoutland, Halfway, Preston, Reeds Spring and Spokane (all complete in 1938)

Shockley Tire Company, 1927

Springfield Packing Company Plant

Weaver Public School

WPA work (Mentioned in Mark's obituary, without details. This may have referred to the remodeling of the Carter County Courthouse, as noted in Marian Ohman, A History of Missouri's Counties. County Seats, and Courthouse Squares, University of Missouri Extension, 1983, p.123.)

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Bolivar Public Library, Polk County, 1915 (NR)

Camp Manor Apartments, Springfield, 1916 (Possibly)

D. M. Oberman Manufacturing Building, Springfield, 1917 (NR)

Ridgway Apartments, Joplin, MO, 1918 (NR)

House at 1230 E. Walnut Street 1922-23 (NR)

St. Paul's Methodist Church (Probably ca. 1905)

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point on the north line of Elm Street 373 Feet east of the Range Line Dividing Ranges 21 and 22m which beginning point is the southeast corner of the Neale Property thence north 170 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of the Trimble property, thence east 100 feet, thence south 10 feet, more or less, thence east 55 feet to the northwest corner of the Janss property, thence south 160 feet, to the north line of Elm Street, thence west 155 feet, to the point of beginning, all in the City of Springfield, Greene County, MO.

**Boundary Justification**

The current boundaries encompass all of the land currently associated with the apartment building.

**Photographs**

The following information is the same for all photographs:

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1235 E. Elm Street, Springfield  
Greene County, Missouri  
Debbie Sheals  
All taken February, 2008

**List of Photographs**

See photo key for description of camera angle.

1. Front, southwest corner.
2. Street view from the west.
3. Street view from the east.
4. Façade, southeast corner.
5. East elevation with open lawn; driveway in foreground is the edge of the property.
6. Side yard, with rear garage and parking area, looking north.
7. Rear, north, elevation.
8. Looking north to west elevation.
9. Ground floor hallway, looking south to the front door.
10. Ground floor lounge, looking southwest.
11. Elevator, with gate.
12. Rear stairway, ground floor looking to back door.
13. Apartment interior, first floor, typical living area and bedroom.
14. Apartment interior, fourth floor, typical archway and millwork.
15. Apartment interior fourth floor, typical kitchen.
16. Fourth Floor Hallway, looking south.

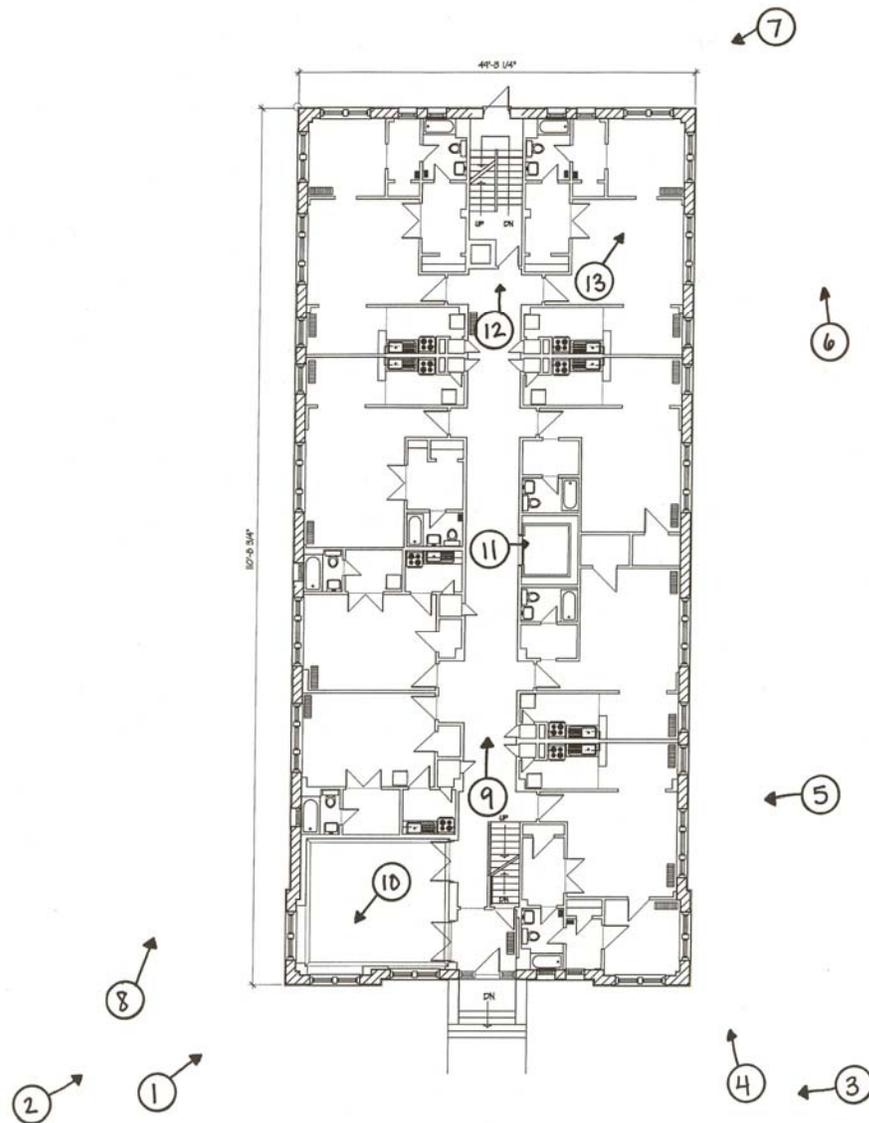
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**Photo Key. First Floor.**



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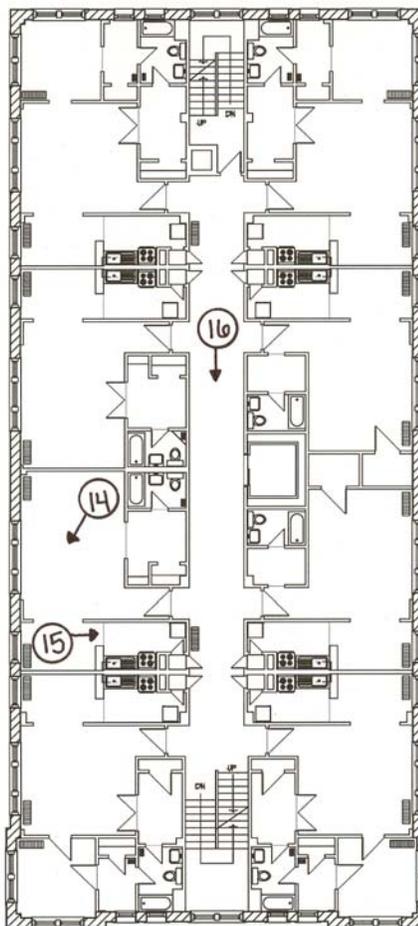
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