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Quality Hill
1013-15 Washington Street
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Significance:

The property is significant for its contribution to the integrity of a neighborhood district representing early twentieth century styles of residential, ecclesiastical and small commercial architecture. It is also significant for its association with prominent Kansas City owners and architects, for its role in the urban growth of Kansas City, and as an example of quality urban residential development.

Description:

This is a three-story Georgian Revival structure of brick construction. The main facade faces west and is three bays wide. On each corner of the main facade are three-story porches with flat roofs. Originally, these porches were open and supported by square wood columns, but they have since been screened in and the wood columns have been replaced with brick piers. The central projecting bay contains two oeil-de-boeuf windows located between each story. Small, single light, square windows are located along both corners of the projecting bay, again between each story. The remaining windows are one-over-one double hung sash windows in segmented openings. A wide plain box cornice runs along the main facade, topped with a gable. On the second floor, three windows are grouped in a segmented arch opening; these are six-over-six double hung sash windows. On the first floor, four windows are grouped in a segmented arch opening; these are four-over-six double hung sash windows. Rusticated stone is used for decoration at the lower edge of the first floor and main entrance.

History:

This apartment house was designed by and for John C. Williams, a Kansas City architect, in 1901. In 1902 the structure began its use as a boarding house run by Elenora Lehman.

Sources:

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Water Permit No. 17848, Water Department, City Hall, Kansas City, Missouri.

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