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JUDSON BUILDING
300 West Main Street
Muncie, Indiana
c.1900

Owner: Ralph J. Whiting
114 South Franklin Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

DESCRIPTION:

Building #206, Photo #64

This apartment building located at the northwest corner of Main and Franklin Streets is built in the Romanesque Revival style. The two story structure features projecting angular bays on the east and west facades. The structure is constructed of red brick of common bond coursing. The cornice line is corbeled and features dentils of masonry construction. The roof is of flat construction. The windows are double hung and set in segmental arched openings. The structure is five bays wide and nine bays in depth. There are three major entrances, one occurring in the center bay of the south facade, one in the fifth bay and the other in the eighth bay of the east facade. The building is in fair condition. The brick has been painted.

SIGNIFICANCE:

One of the earlier of the apartment type structures in the central business district, it originally featured eight apartments. Property records indicate that it was built by Millie Saunders Ellis. Millie Ellis was the wife of local historian and newspaper man John S. Ellis. The structure was built after his death. Millie Ellis was also the widow of John F. Saunders, a county commissioner. She was the stepmother of Charles H. Ellis, one of the founders of the Peoples National Bank. It is one of the few examples of Romanesque Revival architecture in the city, and one of the finest examples of the idiom used in a multi-family dwelling.

Geographical Data:

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16 637 140 4450 300

Map Boundary: Map# 11-9G, Block #485, Parcel #013