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NAME: The Devonshire

LOCATION: 412 North Alabama Streets

OWNER: Glen M. Atkinson

ADDRESS: 691 Brookview Drive, Greenwood, Indiana 46142

7. DESCRIPTION:

Three-stories high above a raised basement, the Devonshire (Photo 40 of 42) extends back twelve bays from its main facade on North Alabama Street. The structure is faced with brown wire-cut brick with limestone accents borrowed from the Tudor Gothic Revival style. The majority of the building's interesting features are concentrated at the central pavilion which projects one foot from the main facade. At the third floor level the central section is recessed to simulate the effect of two towers. Above the limestone enframement of the arched entryway sits the most elaborately ornamented window of the building. A Tudor hood molding with label stops is unusually counterbalanced by classical flaring scrolls at the base of the leaded glass window. Other notable features include the brick and stone checkerwork at the third floor level and the diamond pattern header brickwork within the quoined corner panels of the parapet.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The second of the Thomas A. Moynahan (see 8. Significance, page 20) buildings represented in this nomination was completed in 1929 and is a modified "Eastern" flat type. Significant for its architecture and its contribution to the city's commercial/real estate development, the Devonshire replaced an earlier frame apartment, Driscoll Place, containing thirty-four units. Located on a then quiet street and convenient to the heart of downtown, the building was extremely popular with single and widowed women. Seventeen of its thirty-four original occupants were women.

Completed just before the Stock Market Crash of October, 1929, Moynahan managed to retain ownership of this and his other buildings although many of his contemporaries were forced into bankruptcy. The business has continued to the present surving as Moynahan Properties, Inc.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name: Indianapolis West Quadrangle Scale: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES:

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1-01-83577. Lot Four, Square Eighteen. Key Code 81-023-009...