
NAME: ~~The Spink (Jefferson)~~
LOCATION: 230 East ~~9th Street~~
OWNER: Curtis W. Hunter
ADDRESS: 5151 East 62nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

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7. DESCRIPTION:

The earliest of the multi-story, "high-rise" apartments (c.1922), this Spink building (Photo 31 of 42) was later known as the Jefferson. The first floor of regular apartment units is raised eight feet from the ground level. There are five stories above the continuous limestone beltcourse. The ground floor contained large suites of rooms. The one-story, Tudor Gothic style foyer on the east side was once the formal entrance. The door has a limestone surround and label moldings. Common bond red cinder brick is used throughout this I-shaped block. Especially distinctive are the full six-story projecting bays used on the east and west elevations. The south facade has two bay units starting at the third floor. A limestone beltcourse divides the fifth from the sixth floor. The windows on the sixth floor have unusual floral limestone lunettes. A narrow projecting cornice supported at either end by pendant drops terminates the south elevation. Small square limestone blocks run along the east and west attics. The north facade is undistinguished.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Spink apartment at 230 East 9th (once Pratt) Street, with significance in architecture and commerce/real estate development, first appeared in the City Directory in 1923. Due to the size of this multi-level building it is most likely that construction was begun early in 1922 or the previous year. A careful reading of the 1922 Building Permit Records revealed no permit issued to Spink for this address. The surviving 1921 Index reveals eleven permits issued to the E. G. Spink Co. and it is very possible that one of the eleven is for this Spink apartment. The six-story building is the largest E. G. Spink (see 8. Significance, page 19) building represented and its four-story projecting bays are similar to a 1926 Spink building, the Marott Hotel (National Register). With the 1920's came rapid improvements in technology which enabled the larger developers such as Spink to construct high-rise apartments

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name: Indianapolis West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES:

16	572560	4403380
Zone	Easting	Northing

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1-01-46319. Sorin's Subdivision, Lot Fifty-seven, Outlot One Hundred Seventy-five, ETC Thirty Feet West Side Lot Fifty-eight, Outlot One Hundred Seventy-five ETC. Key Code 81-028-021.