
NAME: ~~The~~ Dartmouth
LOCATION: 221 ~~East~~ Michigan Street
OWNER: The Dartmouth Apartment Company
ADDRESS: 423 Massachusetts Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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7. DESCRIPTION:

The large nine bay wide Dartmouth apartment building (Photo 39 of 42) extends twelve bays back from its main entrance facade on East Michigan Street. Two three-sided projecting bays rise through all six stories on either side of the central stairway hall creating an interesting undulating effect. The building is faced in two shades of brown, scored, salt-glazed brick laid in common bond. Limestone accents include the banding of the first floor, the carved name DARTMOUTH APARTMENT and arch over the main entrance, all window sills, the stringcourses above the first, third, and sixth floors, the coping and ornaments on the crenelated parapets, and the quoins at the edges of the building. Casement windows of steel factory sash are used throughout the building.

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

Although the building permit for this structure, which is significant for its architecture and real estate development role, was recorded in the name of the Delaware Realty Company, it was in fact the Michigan and Delaware Realty Company that was responsible for the construction of this \$217,000 multi-storied apartment. In 1935 the Michigan and Delaware Realty Company applied for corporation status giving the Dartmouth at 221 East Michigan Street as the corporate address and explaining the purpose of the corporation was the maintenance and management of said building. All officers and stockholders were to be carried over from the prior company which was in receivership and would be dissolved as soon as corporate status was obtained.

Officers and stockholders numbered only six--Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. McGee, E. C. Kriel, Fred Likely, George B. Elliott, and Arthur Buckley. Likely, Kriel and Buckley were well-to-do investors following the lead of Elliott and McGee, president and attorney for Breed, Elliott & Harrison, investment bankers. Elliott, a native of Indianapolis, joined the stock, bond and security firm of his father in 1904. In 1912 Elliott & Son merged with Breed & Harrison, a securities firm located in Cincinnati, changing the name to Breed, Elliott & Harrison. Elliott had previously served as an Indiana State Legislator, and was Clerk of the Marion County Circuit Court 1898-1903. According to an August 17, 1953 article in the Indianapolis Star, the firm financed the construction of several large apartments in the city.

McGee, a prominent Indianapolis attorney since 1908, was a graduate of the Indiana University School of Law. Very active in the politics of the city he was a longtime member of the Marion County Board of Election Commissioners. McGee was living in the Dartmouth at the time of his death in 1944 and his obituary lists him as president of the Michigan and Delaware Realty Corporation.

Construction of the Dartmouth began in June of 1928. Built on the site of the earlier Eden/Emmet Flats (1896-1928), the location at the corner of Hudson and

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Michigan Streets. was convenient to downtown and major transportation routes. By 1929 the building was partially occupied, although the upper three stories were still under construction. Polk's City Directory of 1930 is the first to list the residents of all seventy-two flats. The occupants of the Dartmouth were professionals and skilled tradesmen. Because of its location near the Indianapolis Star, the building was home to many printers, stenographers, and editors.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name: Indianapolis West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES:

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Zone	Easting	Northing

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1-01-80718. Hasson's Subdivision, Lot Six, Block Eighteen. Key Code 81-023-002.