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NAME: ~~The~~ Shelton  
LOCATION: 825 ~~North~~ Delaware Street  
OWNER: Mitchell J. and Janette S. Freije  
ADDRESS: 816 First Federal Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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MAP NUMBER: 32

7. DESCRIPTION:

The Shelton (Photo 36 of 42) is a five-bay, five-story structure faced in buff color brick. The accenting dressed limestone trim imparts the only stylistic ornament to an otherwise plain, symmetrical facade. The central projecting bay around the main entrance is the focus of the building's facade. Its stone quoins are perhaps the most interesting architectural feature of the building, especially since they are echoed in the window surrounds. The stringcourses atop the first and fifth floor windows are of stone, as is the coping of the crenelated parapet. The only major alteration the Shelton has undergone is the replacement of the original windows by steel factory sash. Refer to the historic Bass photograph (photo 35 of 42).

8. SIGNIFICANCE:

The Shelton was the first of four downtown apartment buildings constructed for F. Rolland Buck (see 8. Significance, page 21) by the Foster Engineering Co. (see 8. Significance, page 21) in the 1920's. This modified "Eastern" flat building, significant in its architecture as well as for its engineering and construction, was photographed (Photo 37 of 44) at its completion in 1925. Constructed with the speed and accuracy that C. B. Foster's patented building techniques allowed, the outer shell of the building was constructed in just twenty-one days. Permission to construct the building had not come quickly, however. A member of the zoning board was obsessed with the idea of keeping Delaware Street a street of homes, and the Fosters and Mr. Buck had to fight many long hours before obtaining a zoning variance allowing for construction of the apartments on Delaware Street north of North Street.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name: Indianapolis West

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES:

16	572480	4403290
Zone	Easting	Northing

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1-01-82282. Sixty-six and One Half Feet x One Hundred Thirty Feet, South of One Hundred Feet Northwest Corner, Outlot One Hundred Seventy-four. Key Code 81-027-003.