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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

State or Federal agency and bureau

This form is for use in nominating or request introductions for individual properties and districts. See instructions in Homoto Complete Sulletin 16A). Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property	
nistoric name Myrene Apartment Building	
other names/site number	
2. Location	
street & number <u>703 6th Street, N.W.</u> not for publication <u>N</u> city or town <u>Washington</u> vicinity state <u>District of Columbia</u> code <u>DC</u> zip code <u>20001</u> county <u>N/A</u> code <u>N</u>	/ <u>A</u> X /A
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	==
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 198 as amended, I hereby certify that thisX nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registeric properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedure and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, to propertyX meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. The property be considered significant nationallyX statewide locally.  ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)	or ng al he I
criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)	EL
Signature of commenting or other official Date	

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, hereby certify that this property is: $$ entered in the National Register	Patrick Andres	a 19 194
(See continuation sheet).  determined eligible for the	1,000000	
National Register (See continuation sheet).		
determined not eligible for the National Register		
removed from the National Register		
other (explain):		
	Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
5. Classification  Dwnership of Property (Check as many box  X private  public-local	es as apply)	
public-State public-Federal		
Category of Property (Check only one box _X_ building(s)	)	
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a multiple property listing.)

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6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions Cat: DOMEST	(Enter categories IC	from ins	structions) multiple dwelling	
	(Enter categories f /NOT IN USE		tructions)	
7. Description				
Architectural Class LATE VICTO Other: Vo	ORIAN	ategori	es from instructions)  	
Materials (Enter ca foundation roof walls		ructions	s)	
other	BRICK			

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

8. Statement of	f Significance
	ional Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the fying the property for National Register listing)
<u>X</u> A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
c	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
Criteria Consid	derations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)
A	owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
В	removed from its original location.
с	a birthplace or a grave.
D	a cemetery.
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
Areas of Signif	ARCHITECTURE
Period of Signi	ificance
Significant Dat	Les <u>1897-98</u>

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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
Cultural Affiliation
Architect/Builder
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
SEE CONTINUATION SHEET
9. Major Bibliographical References
Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)
previous documentation on file (NPS)  preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  previously listed in the National Register  previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #  Primary Location of Additional Data  X State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other  Name of repository:
10. Geographical Data
Acreage of Property Less than one acre
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing  1 18 324840 4307250 3
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) Square 486, Lot 3.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) The boundary includes the Myrene Apartment Building.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Eve Lydia Barsoum / Architec	tural Historian	
organization	D.C. Historic Preservation D	ivision da	ate <u>June 30, 1994</u>
street & number	614 H Street, N.W.	telephor	ne <u>(202) 727-7360</u>
city or town	Washington	state <u>D.C.</u>	zip code <u>20001</u>
Additional Documen	tation		
Submit the following	ng items with the completed f		
Continuation Sheet	B		
A Sketch map numerous resor	.5 or 15 minute series) indic for historic districts and pr urces. e black and white photographs	coperties having	large acreage or
Additional items (	Check with the SHPO or FPO fo	or any additional	l items)
Property Owner			
(Complete this item	m at the request of the SHPO Real Estate General Associa		
street & number	50 South Picket Street	teleph	none
city or town	Alexandria	state <u>V</u>	<u>A</u> zip code <u>22304</u>

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Washington, D.C.
County and State
Apartment Buildings in
Washington, D.C. 1880-1945
Name of Multiple Property Listing

The Myrene located at 703 6th Street, N.W. was built in 1897-98. Although the building looks like a rowhouse, it is an example of an early Stacked Flats Apartment Building in Washington, D.C. The vernacular apartment building is four-stories in height plus a basement and contains five apartment units, one per floor. The rectangular footprint (approximately 25' x 73') was used to accomodate the narrow rowhouse lots typical to Washington.

The facade of this vernacular building incorporates a full-height square bay. The basement level was constructed in brick and faced with rough cut Indiana limestone surmounted by a smooth cut limestone watertable. The basement walls of the square bay are battered. There is a window well around the square bay which converges with the stair that leads to the basement apartment.

The upper stories are faced with buff-colored brick and trimmed with limestone. The bricks at the corners of the square bay, which alternate as stretchers and headers, are slightly darker and give the impression of quoins. Each level is marked by a smooth cut limestone stringcourse. The entrance is located in the first bay (left to right). The limestone lintel is surmounted over two short vertical stones which references a typical Italianate window molding treatment. The vertical stones include a rosette-like ornament in their corners.

The three bay facade incorporates double-ganged windows in a wooden frame with mechanically cut and stamped details on the mullion. All windows are one-over-one and double-hung with wooden sashes. The first- and second-story windows have transoms and rock faced limestone lintels. The third- and fourth-story windows have segmental brick archs. Above each arch is a stylized festoon comprised of a thin limestone horizontal strip with angular blocks hanging from the ends of the strip.

The top of the building incorporates a fret pattern delineated in a slightly darker brick. The Myrene is crowned by a cornice with modillions.

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This small apartment building was constructed upon issuance of D.C. Permit to Build #920, dated December 13, 1897. The architect and builder was J.H. McIntyre. The owner was Mrs. V. Raymond. These persons do not hold major roles in the development of apartment buildings in Washington, D.C. Rather, their contribution is their significant response to the housing needs of the growing middle class. The Myrene employed the traditional exterior form of a single-family rowhouse, and therefore concealed its multi-family function. The Myrene is a tangible reminder of the earliest efforts to provide sufficient housing for a growing middle class with minimal compromise of contemporary social values.

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# **National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

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	SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD
	NRIS Reference Number: 94001041 Date Listed: 9/9/94
	Myrene Apartment Building DC Property Name: County: State:
	Apartment Buildings in Washington, DC, MPS Multiple Name
	This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.
	Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

As submitted, this nomination form had selected Criterion A and Architecture as an Area of Significance. A technical correction is made to the nomination form to add Criterion C (to reflect the selected Area of Significance of Architecture) and to add Community Planning and Development (to reflect the selected Criterion A). The SHPO concurs in these amendments.