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PEACOCK APARTMENTS
414 South Jefferson Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

Owner: George L. Conrad
307 East Charles Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

DESCRIPTION:

Bldg. #221, Photo #105

This three story brick apartment building is of solid masonry construction and built in Classical Revival style. The U-shaped plan features a rough faced limestone foundation and smooth faced limestone detailing. The heavily dentiled cornice surrounds the building on all principle facades with the rear facade lacking a cornice. There is brick parapet wall above the cornice to conceal the low pitched roof. There is one main entrance and two secondary entrances to private apartments. The main entrance occurs in the center of the west facade. There is a three story porch that covers the center bay of the building. While the lower two stories of the porch have been altered by the replacement of the round Composite columns with square brick columns, the third story porch retains the original detailing including a heavily bracketed porch roof, scalloped fascia, engaged columns, Composite capitals, and pilasters. The entrance door is of a Palladian influence with an arched transom and rectangular sidelights. The west facade of the building steps back once at either side of the center bay and all the corners are quoined in brick. The windows are all nine over one double hung with limestone sills, and flat limestone lintels with keystone. There are also two bay windows each occurring in the first bay of the north and south facades. The two private entrances occur in the first and last bay in the principle (west) facade and have awning type porch roofs with pressed metal shingles. The rear of the building has two one-story frame (enclosed) porches occurring in the first and last bay with the center bay being the opening of the U-shape forming a light well. The condition of the structure is extremely good. Also on the property is a small carriage house. It was originally a one story brick structure two bays by one that has been altered by a second story frame addition. It retains little of its original character.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Peacock Apartments were built in 1907 by Henry and Lena Peacock. The building, though altered to some degree, is a fine example of the adaption of the Colonial Revival vocabulary to a

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moderate size apartment building. Henry Peacock served as Principal of Central High School from 1910 to 1912. He was widely known in Delaware and Randolph Counties according to newspaper accounts of his death. Peacock was born in 1868 in Winchester, Indiana. In 1901, he was promoted to the head of the history department of the high school, after having taught there for nine years. The apartment house was a very prestigious address for many years. The 1925 city directory lists the following residents and their occupations: Emma Lamb, widow; Walter Ellsworth, mechanical engineer; Garrett Driscoll, city building inspector; Genevieve Maxon, widow of John H. Maxon (superintendent of Maxon Premix); Herbert Stark, engineer

Geographical Data:

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16637 560 4449 930

Map Boundary: Map #11-15E, Block #110, Parcel #-002