

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 516 East Jefferson Street
Map and Parcel: 53-96
Census Track & Block: 1-112
Present Owner: Monticello Plaza Condominiums
Address: Box 591, City
Present Use: Hotel
Original Owner: Jackson Park Hotel Company
Original Use: Hotel

BASE DATA

Historic Name: The Monticello Hotel
Date/Period: 1924-26
Style: Neo-Classical Revival
Height to Cornice: 103.28
Height in Stories: 9
Present Zoning: B-3
Land Area (sq.ft.): Land: 24,600
Assessed Value (land + imp.): Building: 55,450

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Monticello Hotel illustrates the return to classical architecture in the first part of this century. The architect, Stanhope Johnson of Lynchburg, was a leader in the Roman & neo-Classical revivals. The first two levels of this massive facade is treated with Doric pilasters supporting a horizontal entablature with triglyphs. Between the range of pilasters the architect placed tri-part windows with thermal windows above. The top of the hotel is capped by a high cornice and balustrade. The public dining room is designed with graceful Adamesque details including slender engaged columns, finely carved entablatures, and delicate carvings. The room is one of the finest revival spaces in the city.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1924 the Jackson Park Hotel Company purchased a row of Nineteenth century merchantile structures, from R. E. Yowell and razed them. The cornerstone was laid in 1925 and the building was opened to the public in 1929. In 1957, the Jackson Park Hotel Company sold the property to the Monticello Hotel Company for \$925,000. In 1973, the owners began to convert the hotel into condominiums. Deed references: (see Farish House for pre-1924 references) City DB 48-199, 340-360, 352-455.

GRAPHICS



CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

City Records