

HISTORIC RESOURCE: HOTEL GLENDALE

LOCATION: 701 East Broadway

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Commercial

LAND AREA: 46056 square feet

ZONE: C2-I

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register
National Register

YEAR BUILT: 1924

STYLE: Beaux Arts Classical

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

In the early 1920s Glendale witnessed an era of increasing values in commercial property and considerable residential growth. The population of the city rose in 1920 from 12,756 to 42,345 in 1924, a 208 percent increase. As a result of this period of rapid development, Charles W. Ingledue and a small group of fellow entrepreneurs believed that what the city needed most at this time was a hotel containing both commercial establishments and apartments. The partners proceeded to commission the architectural firm of Arthur G. Lindley and Charles R. Selkirk to design the structure. Unfortunately for the group, their enthusiasm did not match their ability to plan a successful hotel operation. The six-story, 160-room structure erected at the northeast corner of Glendale Ave. and Broadway, at a cost of \$640,000, proved to be poorly conceived from the very beginning. In the original plans no provisions for a freight elevator were made and the restaurant was located in the basement. These and other questionable design features were in evidence when the hotel opened on June 21, 1924.

Ingledue's son Elwood, who later became prominent in the hotel industry as publisher of the Hotel Guide and as an international

consultant, managed the hotel from 1925 to 1928 when stock in the enterprise was traded for real estate. The hotel had a number of owners and lessees after this period.

The hotel, one of the City's prominent landmarks for over 70 years, today represents a physical reminder of the 1920s period of Glendale history. While in the past the building could not be described as a great financial success, the hotel, nevertheless, represents a reminder of a period in Glendale's history when optimism in the future of the city was unlimited.

