

HISTORIC RESOURCE: Louise Dryden Apts.

LOCATION: 1105 North Louise Street

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Multi Residence

LAND AREA: 17,730 square feet structure

ZONE: R-1250

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1925

STYLE: Egyptian Revival/Art Neauveu

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The property is an 18-unit apartment building built in 1925 in the northern portion of Glendale, part of the Verdugo Canon District that was annexed to the City of Glendale in 1912. Architect D.V. Deuel of Los Angeles designed the building for Charles H. Beggs (1865-1942), the building's first owner. The building appears to be unaltered and in its original style. The property is an example of thematic and revival style apartment buildings of the 1920s, and, also, fits into the historic context of the Casa Verdugo area being a part of the Sobey Tract subdivided in 1910.

The architectural style of the apartment house is thematic with a multitude of influences that represent the whimsical and fantasy period of the mid-1920s. The overall building is symmetrical and resembles an ancient Egyptian temple with its flat roofline and linear indentations below the roofline and a stepped orientation along the front facade. Most windows are rectangular with two arch windows on the ground floor around the front door. A great amount of attention to architectural detail is given to the building's entry. A pathway leads to a raised porch into an alcove decorated by a wood and stained glass door and a black ornate New York style porch overhang with black chains for support resembling a castle draw bridge. The address of

the building is listed on this overhang and is likely in the original typeface lettering style. Recessed mantels house Spanish style light posts that frame the entryway. Rounded decorative tops between the first and second floor appear to be influenced by Roman and Islamic architecture. An Art Deco style raised linear motif frames the overall elaborate front entry.

