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Naomi & Leona Apartment Buildings
Wichita, Sedgwick County, KS

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Naomi & Leona Apartment Buildings
507 & 509 S Market Street
Wichita, Sedgwick County, KS
KHRI #s 173-11083 & 173-10965

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Listed in the National Register on June 25, 2013, the Naomi and Leona Apartment Buildings were built in 1926 and 1927, respectively, by property developer and contractor Oliver J. Mourning. The buildings featured the same design and appearance. Mourning named the Leona apartments after his daughter and the Naomi apartments after his mother, but by 1939, the buildings had different owners and were known by different names. The identical brick buildings were two-stories each with a flat roof, full-width one-story front porch, and a second-story balcony. Each building reflected the Neoclassical style, which was evident in the symmetrical facade and dentilled cornice. Located just five blocks south of Douglas Avenue, a main thoroughfare through Wichita's central business district, the buildings featured 24 units, each with a fireplace and private bath and kitchen amenities. Tenants were mostly single women, with some single men and married couples. The buildings were nominated as part of the "Residential Resources of Wichita" multiple property nomination for their local significance in the areas of architecture and community planning and development.

The two apartment buildings were demolished in October 2016 after a Kansas Preservation Law review (KSR&C #15-02-037). The loss of the resources negatively affects their historic integrity, and the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office requests the property be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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Photo 1 of 1: Looking west at lots where apartment buildings stood.