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"Suburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston  
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PROPERTY NAME Michigan - Lee Apartments (No. 32)  
LOCATION 940-950 Michigan Avenue CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Evanston  
COUNTY Cook STATE Illinois ZIP 60202  
OWNER'S NAME See attached sheet  
LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN/VICINITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Cook County Recorder of Deeds  
118 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois  
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Occupying the south west corner of Michigan Avenue  
and Lee Street.  
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE .44

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1928 ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER Frank W. Cauley, Architect  
N.J. Lareau, Builder

DESCRIPTION This three-story and English basement brick apartment building is  
unique in Evanston. It wraps around a very private interior courtyard accessed  
from the corner circular drive. The building's style is decidedly Georgian.  
Mainly red brick, it has limestone water table, sills, quoining and, in the  
parapets, urns, coping stones and blind balustrades. The sunken courtyard  
is entered via a narrow stair. Radiating from a central planting, are  
paths leading to the three tiers or apartments. Each of the three gracious  
double-door entries is surrounded by four round columns and flanked by  
iron lamps. The building contains apartments of 4 through 7 rooms. The  
apartments are very light and well ventilated with triple floor-to-ceiling  
french windows topped by segmental arches in the living and dining rooms.  
The apartments have arched doorways between the rooms and slightly coved  
ceilings. The building was constructed with nine inside garage spaces.

DATE AND NATURE OF ALTERATIONS 1949-Two basement apartments were constructed.  
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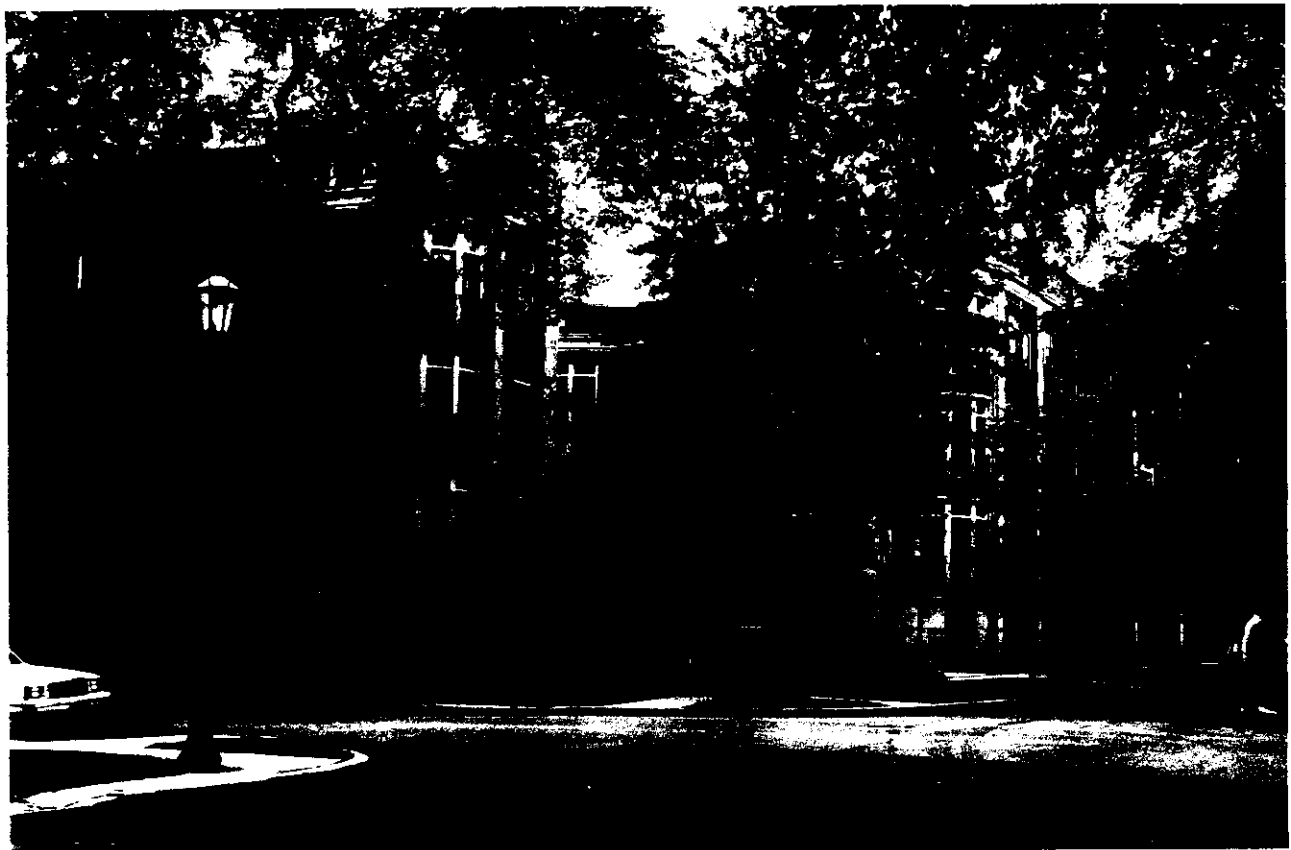
OUTBUILDINGS AND/OR OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES ON PROPERTY (ATTACH SKETCH  
PLAN IF APPLICABLE) There are no additional structures on the property.  
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SIGNIFICANCE The Michigan-Lee Apartment is a noteworthy example of an elegant Georgian building, unusually sited so as to provide a formal and intimate courtyard space graced with handsome architectural detailing. Occupying roughly half the lot, this building provides its tenants with amenities and a homelike atmosphere you would expect to find in a single-family dwelling; gracious entries, spacious rooms, elegant window detailing, wood-burning fireplaces, garage space and ample closets. Its high architectural quality, human scale and lovely gardens easily relate this distinctive apartment building to the single-family residential section which is included in the Lakeshore Historic District just north of Lee Street.

Frank W. Cauley designed the Orrington Hotel for Victor C. Carlson in 1923.

This building was selected for inclusion in the inventory of Historic Structures in Evanston, Cook County, prepared in October of 1972 by the Illinois Department of Conservation.

FORM PREPARED BY Susan Benjamin  
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LOCATION 940-50 Michigan Avenue CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Evanston  
CAMERA FACING southwest DATE 9/83  
PHOTOGRAPHER Cynthia G. Fuller  
LOCATION OF NEGATIVE Evanston Planning Dept., 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois 6020

- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Forest, The, and Annex (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 901—905 Forest Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Fountain Plaza Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 830—856 Hinman Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Greenwood, The (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 425 Greenwood St. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Hillcrest Apartment (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1509—1515 Hinman Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Hinman Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1629—1631 Hinman Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Judson, The (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1243—1249 Judson Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Lake Shore Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 470—498 Sheridan Rd. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Maple Court Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1115—1133 Maple Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Melwood Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1201—1213 Michigan Ave., 205—207 Hamilton (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Michigan-Lee Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 940—950 Michigan Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Oak Ridge Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1615—1625 Ridge Ave. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Oakton Gables (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 900—910 Oakton, 439—445 Ridge (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Ridge Boulevard Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 843—849 Ridge Ave., 1014—1020 Main St. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Ridge Grove (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1112 Grove St. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Ridge Manor (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 1603—1611 Ridge Ave., 1125 Davis St. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Rookwood Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 718—734 Noyes St. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Sheridan Square Apartments (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 620—638 Sheridan Sq. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Stoneleigh Manor (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 904—906 Michigan Ave., 227—229 Main St. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Tudor Manor (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 524 Sheridan Sq. (03/15/84)
- ✓ ILLINOIS, Cook County, Evanston, Westminster (Surburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston TR), 632—640 Hinman Ave. (03/15/84)

INDIANA, Marion County, Indianapolis, Administration Building, Indiana Central University, Otterbein and Hanna Ave. (03/15/84)

INDIANA, Marion County, Indianapolis, Moore, Thomas, House, 4200 Brookville Rd. (03/15/84)

INDIANA, Marion County, Lawrence, Fort Harrison Terminal Station, Building 616, Fort Harrison (03/16/84)

KENTUCKY, Bracken County, Augusta, Augusta Historic District (Augusta MRA), Roughly bounded by Riverside Dr., 5th, Frankfort, and Williams Sts. (03/13/84)

KENTUCKY, Fulton County, Adams Site (15 Fu 4), (03/15/84)

KENTUCKY, Nelson County, Bardstown vicinity, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Historic District, N of Bardstown off U.S. 31E (03/15/84)

KENTUCKY, Ohio County, Wallace, Charles, House, (03/15/84)