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"Suburban Apartment Buildings in Evanston
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PROPERTY NAME The Oak Ridge Apartments (no. 41)
LOCATION 1615-25 Ridge Avenue CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Evanston
COUNTY Cook STATE Illinois ZIP 60201
OWNER'S NAME Parliament Enterprises
LOCATION 105 W. Washington CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Chicago
STATE Illinois ZIP 60602
LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Cook County Recorder of Deeds
118 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The middle apartment building on the east side of
Ridge Avenue between Church Street and Davis Street.
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE .7

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1914 ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER Andrew Sandegren

DESCRIPTION This three-story red brick courtyard building has a deep court, 58' wide,
set well back from the street. Trim is of limestone, most pronounced at
the first floor sill line. The building is somewhat like an English Manor
in style with steep gables and a crenellated parapet. Tudor revival forms
are also conspicuous at the entrances; each is at the base of a two story
projection covered by a hood molding that rises to contain a shield motif.
The facades of the wings reaching toward the street have splayed inner
corners and have neatly grouped strips of windows edged by brickwork to
articulate them into the design. The courtyard narrows as it moves back,
enlivened by polygonal bays. It is sunken, with a broad planter in the center.
There are eight original light standards with round globes.
The building contains 34 large 1-to 3-bedroom apartments entered from
five entrance lobbies with mahogany walls and mosaic floors. The apartments
opposite on the court are mirror images.

DATE AND NATURE OF ALTERATIONS 1977 the building was chemically cleaned and re-
ceived a new roof and hot water system. The court-
yard planting, sidewalk and light fixtures were
restored.

OUTBUILDINGS AND/OR OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES ON PROPERTY (ATTACH SKETCH
PLAN IF APPLICABLE)

SIGNIFICANCE

Understated, but one of Evanston's loveliest courtyard buildings, the Oak Ridge Apartments were featured in A.J. PARDRIDGE and HAROLD BRADLEY'S Directory to Apartments of the Better Class Along the North Side of Chicago as "a high grade, artistic building containing four, five, seven and eight-room apartments, with a comfortable private sun parlor, enclosed and heated." The windows are large, providing ample light, ventilation and views of the "artistically landscaped", electrically lit courtyard. Inside, most apartments have maids rooms and butler's pantries. Each apartment has a living room or dining room with an attractive wood-burning fireplace, some of glazed brick. Many apartments have French doors separating the rooms. The architect, Andrew Sandegren, was known for having designed a number of upper class apartments on Chicago's near north side (305 Fullerton, 325 Fullerton, 1235-45 Astor 3122 Sheridan Road), yet he chose as his own home, 1625 Ridge. The Oak Ridge was published in the Architectural Record in January 1922 in one article in a series by Frank Chouteau Brown on "Tendancies in Apartment House Design."

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LOCATION OF NEGATIVE Evanston Planning Department, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204

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