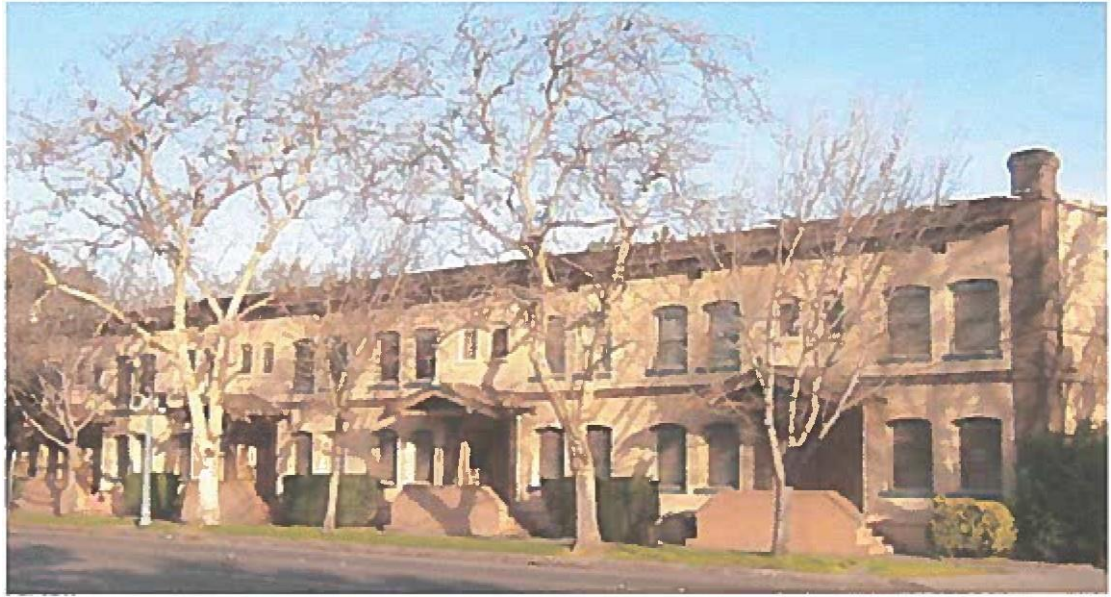


53. FOY APARTMENTS 1418 -1430 I Street



Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution: October 29, 2001
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Description: Built in 1912, this neoclassical, two-story, rectangular apartment building has stucco walls, a flat roof, and a molded, boxed cornice with bed molding only on the front. There is a straight buttress covering both sides of each front corner and rising above the roof parapet like a chimney. Two stringcourses at the floor level of each story run around the front and sides and pass over these two buttresses.

Along the front are four entrances. Each has a tiled, gabled hood with a crocket at the end of the peak, resting on three beams and covering a recessed vestibule with a pilaster on each side of the rectangular entrance. In the vestibule are four doors, each with a rectangular window and sill with dentils under it. Outside the vestibule under the hood is cement stoop and straight double stairs with four steps. A low wall lies in front of the stoop and slants down the sides of the stairs.

All windows are recessed under segmental arches and have rectangular sashes with wooden frames that fill the curved space under the arches.

Historical Significance: This building was originally known as the Foy Apartments named after the first owner. When opened in 1912 these sixteen studio units were advertised as the most modern apartments in Modesto. Each apartment was equipped with two Murphy beds, one behind a leaded-glass china buffet in the dining room and the other behind a beveled wall mirror in the bedroom.

The building was purchased in 1917 by G. Lester James who owned it until 1942 when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Toni Marticchino currently owns the property.