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Nelle E. Peters (1884-1974) Architectural Records  
1924-1930  
1 folder; 14 rolls of architectural drawings

*Original linen and tracing paper drawings of fourteen apartments and hotels in Kansas City, Jefferson City, Missouri, and Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma designed by Nelle E. Peters, a Kansas City woman architect.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Nelle E. Peters, one of Kansas City's most prolific architects, was born Nelle Nichols in Niagara, North Dakota, in 1884. She attended Buena Vista College at Storm Lake, Iowa, and have an innate interest and ability in drawing, she determined to become an architect. Though she lacked technical training, she persisted seeking employment in the architectural offices in Sioux City, Iowa, until Frank Colby, of Eisentraut, Colby, and Pottenger gave her a job on a bet with his partner. She became a 'draftslady' with the firm and stayed six years.

Nelle Nichols gained valuable on the job training, but also studies through correspondence schools, and was able to gain architectural licenses from several states. About 1907, Miss Nichols was sent by the firm to their Kansas City office, managed by Ernest O. Brostrom. In 1909, she left Eisentraut, Colby, and Pottenger to establish her own office.

In 1911, she married William H. Peters, a designer for the Kansas City Terminal Railroad. For ten years she was effectively in retirement, but after her divorce in 1923, Nelle Peters again worked actively in her profession. In the first five years of her renewed practice, she was the architect for nearly 1000 buildings. Her work included structures in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Columbia, Clinton, Boonville, and Jefferson City, Missouri; Nashville, North Carolina; Newark, New Jersey; and Columbus, Ohio. Except for two periods of illness, Ms. Peters remained an active architect until retirement in 1965.

Nelle Peters specialized in the design of apartment and hotels, though she also designed churches, residents, and commercial buildings. Frequent use of terra cotta ornamentation is a characteristic of her style. Many of her buildings in Kansas City still stand.

Ms. Peters spent her last years in a nursing home in Sedalia, Missouri where she died in 1974.

#### PROVENANCE:

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#### DESCRIPTION:

The records contain original linen and tissue paper drawings of fourteen buildings designed by Nelle E. Peters. The plans are generally incomplete, being mainly the elevation sheets. They are for apartments and hotels in Kansas City, Jefferson City, Missouri, and Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## INVENTORY:

*For the holdings of plans by Nelle E. Peters, see the Architectural Records database. Additional works by Peters from other sources may also be found in that database.*

Folder 1. Photographs/postcards of Peters buildings and a portrait of her.

Entries from Architectural Records Collection database (June 16, 2009). Includes drawings by Peters from sources in addition to this collection.

| TITLE   | KNOWN AS              | ADDRESS                                 | CITY        | STATE | AUTHORITY                           | YEAR      |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Quality Builders, apartment kitchenette for         |                       |   | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| J.N. Mehornay, apartment building for               |                       | na                                      | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| J.N. Mehornay, apartment building for               | Normandy Apartments   | 505 W. 11th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1928      |
| J.N. Mehornay, apartment building for               | Normandy Apartments   | 505 W. 11th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E. .                  | 1928      |
| H.A. Clinger, apartment hotel for                   | The Chimes Apartments | 511 W. 11th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| H.A. Clinger, apartment hotel for                   | The Chimes Apartments | 511 W. 11th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment house for - plan 628 |                       | 900 E. 28th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment hotel for - plan 501 |                       | 101-107 E. 40th                         | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| Plaza Terrace Apartments                            |                       | 46th between Pennsylvania and Jefferson | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1948      |
| Plaza Terrace Apartments                            |                       | 46th between Pennsylvania and Jefferson | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1948      |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment house for            |                       | 403 W. 46th Terr.                       | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1927      |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment house for            |                       | 410 W. 47th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1925      |
| C.E. McCoy, apartment and hotel for                 |                       | 414 W. 47th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1925      |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for         | Cezanne               | 712 W. 48th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1928-1929 |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for         | Cezanne               | 712 W. 48th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1928      |
| Phillips Building Company, apartment building for   | Eugene Field          | 807 W. 48th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E., Boillot and Lauck | 1953      |
| Midwest Mechanical Contractors                      |                       | 2815 E. 85th                            | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | 1958      |
| E.A. Wax, apartment building for - plan 679         |                       | 3211 E. 8th                             | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |
| R.S. Delano, apartment for                          |                       | 1310 Admiral Blvd.                      | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                    | nd        |

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| W.D. Snyder, apartment hotel for                              |                          | 220 E. Armour Blvd.                  | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1929          |
| W.D. Snyder, apartment hotel for                              |                          | 220 E. Armour Blvd.                  | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Von Unwerth, Hans (engineer) | 1929          |
| Belleclaire Apartments - Harry E. Fisher, apartment hotel for |                          | Armour Blvd. and Gillham Rd.         | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | nd            |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment hotel for - plan 618           |                          | Armour Blvd. and Tracy               | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1925          |
| Harry E. Fisher, business building for                        |                          | Armour Blvd. and Troost              | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E. .                             | 1929          |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment hotel for                      | Westport Arms Apartments | 300 W. Armour Blvd.                  | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1927          |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment hotel for                      |                          | Armour Blvd. and Central             | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Middendorf, K.H. (engineer)  | 1926          |
| Commonwealth Hotel - Quality Builders, apartment hotel for    |                          | 1214-1216 Broadway                   | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Middendorf, K.H. (engineer)  | 1924;<br>1925 |
| Hurley-Park Inventory Company, owners, apartment hotel for    |                          | 13th and Broadway                    | Oklahoma City | OK    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1929          |
| Quality Builders, apartment hotel for                         |                          | 3552 Broadway                        | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1924          |
| Ambassador Hotel - apartment house for Quality Builders       |                          | 3552 Broadway                        | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Middendorf, K.H. (engineer)  | 1924          |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment hotel for - plan 709           | Valentine Hotel          | 3724 Broadway                        | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Middendorf, K.H. (engineer)  | 1927          |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment house for                      |                          | 4620 Broadway                        | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1926          |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment house for                      |                          | s.w. cor. Broadway and Krauthoff Ct. | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | nd            |
| Harry E. Fisher, apartment hotel for                          | Melbourne Apartments     | 303-305 E. Brush Creek Blvd.         | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E. .                             | 1927          |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment house for - plan 627           |                          | 2751 Campbell                        | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | nd            |
| Korphage Realty Company, business building for                |                          | 31st and Campbell                    | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1917          |
| John Mayer and Charles E. Phillips, apartment hotel for       |                          | 14th and Central                     | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | nd            |
| Louis Grangel, business building for                          |                          | n.w. cor. 31st and Charlotte         | Kansas City   | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                               | 1926          |

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| Thomas J. Luzier Special Formula Laboratory, manufacturing building |          | Gillham Rd. Extension            | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1928 |
| Hillcrest Market, addition  |          | 31st and Harrison                | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | na   |
| Shelburne Apartment Hotel plan 648                                  |          | 47th and Harrison                | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| Harry E. Fisher, apartment building for                             |          | 45th and Holly                   | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| W.B. Weaver, apartment house for                                    |          | Independence Ave. and Maple      | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| R.J. Delano, apartment building for                                 |          | 47th and Jefferson               | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E., Boillot and Lauck           | 1929 |
| R.J. Delano, apartment building for                                 |          | 47th and Jefferson               | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E., Boillot and Lauck           | 1929 |
| Harry E. Fisher, apartment hotel for                                |          | 1212 Linwood Blvd.               | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1928 |
| Harry E. Fisher, apartment building for                             |          | 1212 Linwood Blvd.               | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Middendorf, K.H. (engineer) | 1928 |
| Ambassador apartment hotel for Hurley Park Inventory Company        |          | 14th and Main                    | Tulsa          | OK    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1928 |
| Southside Hospital  |          | 3007 Main                        | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E. .                            | nd   |
| Bellevue Apartment Company, apartment building for                  |          | Capitol Ave. and Marshall        | Jefferson City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1927 |
| M.A. Hess, apartments for   |          | 12th and Monroe                  | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1926 |
| Princeton Motel   |          | 33rd and Paseo                   | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| J.N. Mehornay, hotel building for                                   |          | 11th and Pennsylvania            | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| R.J. Delano, apartment building for                                 |          | 13th and Pennsylvania            | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1925 |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for                         |          | 4610 Pennsylvania                | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1930 |
| Charles E. Phillips, eight apartment buildings for                  |          | 4610 Pennsylvania                | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1930 |
| Phillips Building Company, apartment building for                   |          | 4801 Roanoke Pkwy.               | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E., Boillot and Lauck           | nd   |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for                         |          | n.w. cor. 48th and Roanoke Pkwy. | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1928 |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for                         |          | n.w. cor. 48th and Roanoke Pkwy. | Kansas City    | MO    | Peters, Nelle E. .                            | 1928 |

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| W.L. Elson, apartment for                                   |                      | n.e. cor. 37th and Summit      | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E. .                            | nd   |
| Gilbert L. Worley, apartment building for                   |                      | 4726-4728 Summit               | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for - plan 657      |                      | 3507 Tracy                     | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| E.P. Haworth and Company, apartment building for - plan 641 |                      | s.w. cor. 30th and Walnut      | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | nd   |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for                 | Thomas Carlyle       | 700 Ward Pkwy.                 | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E., Boillot and Lauck           | nd   |
| Charles E. Phillips, apartment building for                 | James Russell Lowell | 722 Ward Pkwy.                 | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.; Middendorf, K.H. (engineer) | 1929 |
| J.N. Mehornay, apartment building for                       |                      | s.e. cor. 11th and Washington  | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E.                              | 1929 |
| Apartment building for J.N. Mehornay                        |                      | 12th and Penn Ave (514 W 12th) | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | 1927 |
| Apartments  |                      | 1113-1118 W 45th               | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | na   |
| Apartment building for Harry E. Fisher                      |                      | 1101 W 45th                    | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Apartment for H.R. Ostrom                                   |                      | 406 W 46th St                  | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | 1927 |
| Apartment building  |                      | 415 W 46th Ter                 | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Apartment building for Charles E. Phillips                  |                      | 720 W 48th St                  | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | 1929 |
| Apartment building for E.A. Wax                             |                      | 3211 (3219-3221) E 8th St      | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Apartment for Josephine T Berry                             |                      | 2928 Forest Ave                | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Apartments for Gus Agee                                     |                      | 105-107 N Gladstone            | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Apartments  |                      | 4540-4546 Jarboe               | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | na   |
| Apartment for Charles E. Phillips                           |                      | 408 Kranthoff Ct               | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Hotel for E.K. Rodford                                      |                      | 915 Linwood                    | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Residence for EW Zenot                                      |                      | 4301 Paseo                     | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Apartment building for Harry E. Fisher                      |                      | 4507 Roanoke                   | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | nd   |
| Office for Bert Olson                                       |                      | 7912 Wornall Rd                | Kansas City | MO    | Peters, Nelle E                               | 1954 |