

The Kennedy-Warren Apartment Building
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Location: 3133 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, District of Columbia.

Significance: Significant for its Art Deco ornamentation and complex massing, the Kennedy-Warren Apartment Building has a majestic setting and an undeniable impact on Connecticut Avenue.

Description: This large apartment building is faced with gray brick and limestone and aluminum trim. The irregular-plan building emphasizes height through massing, corner pilasters on bays, pier-and-spandrel design, and a pyramidal roof over the central section. While the building has eight stories on its street facade, the steep site allows fourteen stories on the rear. Art Deco ornament includes stylized pilasters, aluminum spandrels, bas relief ornament, and an aluminum marquee.

History: The first portion of this building was built in 1931 for developers Edgar S. Kennedy and Monroe Warren, Sr. The architect was Joseph Younger, who had designed a building about twice the size of what was originally built. The estimated cost of construction of that 441-unit building was \$3.2 million. Opening on October 1, 1931, the first portion had 210 units.

In 1935, part of the remainder of the building was added. Architect A. H. Sonneman used Younger's design to build 107 units, bringing the total number to 317 of the 441 that were originally planned.

Sources: Apartment Building Survey conducted by Traceries, 1986. Draft of National Register Nomination written by Traceries, September 1987.

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