

BUILDING NO. 8.
BUILDING NAME: FLAMINGO-ON-THE-LAKE APARTMENTS (Formerly Flamingo Apt. Hotel)
LOCATION: 5500-5520 South Shore Drive CITY: Chicago,
COUNTY: Cook STATE: Illinois ZIP: _____
OWNER: IRMC0
ADDRESS: 3170 N. Sheridan CITY: Chicago,
STATE: IL ZIP: 60657
LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cook County Recorder of Deeds
118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located on the west side of South Shore Drive
about midway between 55th and 56th Streets.
(continued below)
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: 0.17 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1927
ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER _____

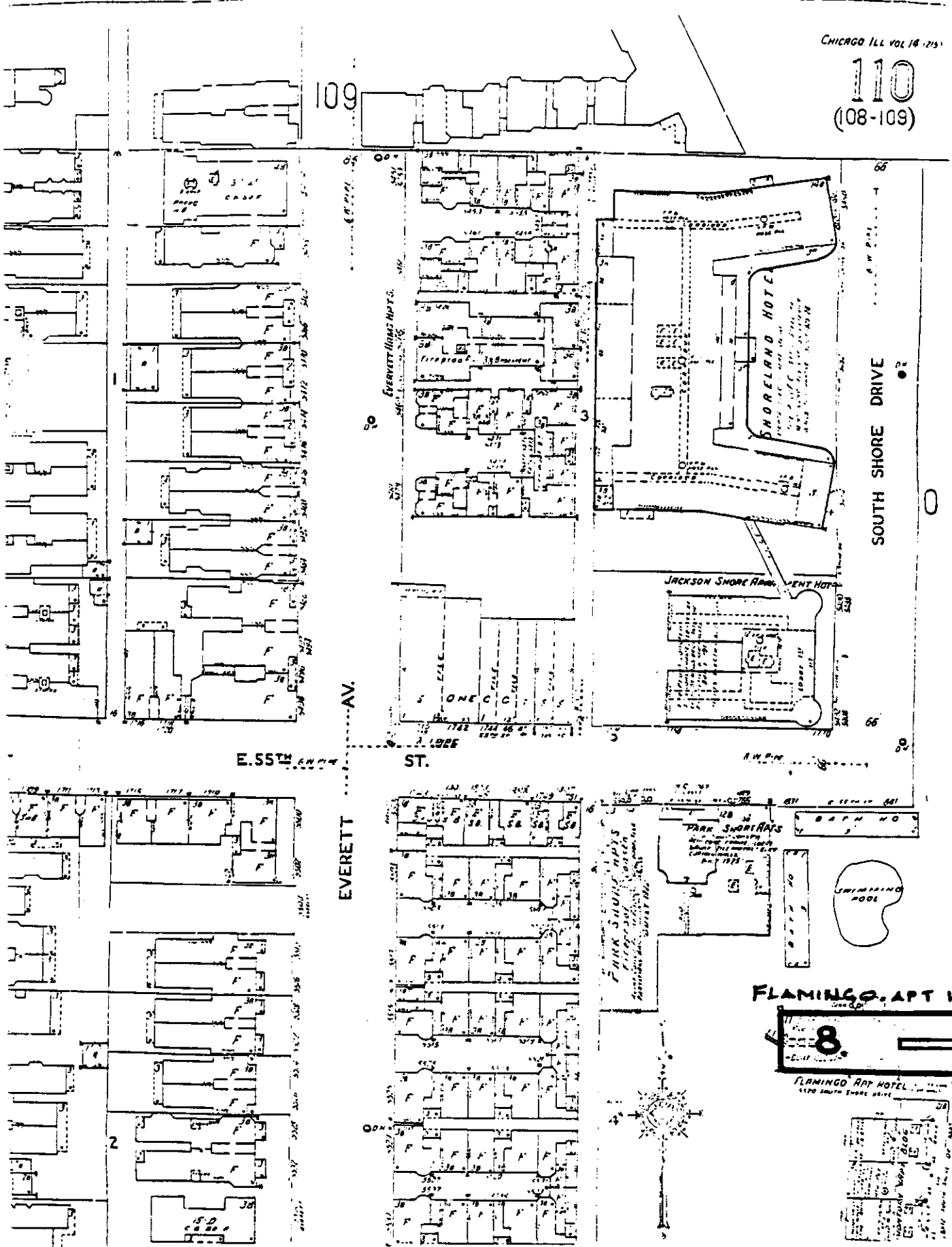
DESCRIPTION:

This handsome sixteen story, red brick and terra cotta building is the tallest of the group of apartment hotels included in this thematic nomination. The main facade, which is divided into two sections above the first level, fronts on South Shore Drive and is 50 feet wide; its longer elevations measure 150 feet. On its narrow frontage, the relatively simple neoclassical two story base, with its arched openings and cornice with dentils, contrasts pleasantly with the rococo window moldings and corner trim on the second and third levels. Terra cotta quoins outline the edges of the twin bays that rise to the terra cotta cornice and arcaded parapet. The small penthouse, which is used for mechanical equipment, is also decorated with quoins and an ornamental parapet. The long north side of this 96 unit apartment building overlooks a parklike area with a free form swimming pool and bathhouse. (The Flamingo originally contained 144 studio units and 16 single guest rooms.)

SIGNIFICANCE:

While the Flamingo is the tallest of the apartment hotels in this thematic nomination, the traditional design treatment of its lower facade creates the aura of a fine London townhouse and brings the building's height down to an intimate pedestrian scale. Also significant is the deliberate design contrast between the relatively restrained, two story terra cotta base with the enriched cornice window heads and corner trim utilized at the second and third levels of the building (as well as at the upper levels and cornice). As in certain of the other Hyde Park Apartment Hotels, the architect has successfully showcased some fine examples of the local terra cotta industry of the day. He also insured that the Poinsetta would make a strong statement when viewed from a distance along South Shore Drive, as well as by the pedestrian viewer.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 75 feet east and 200 feet south at the center of intersection of East 55th Street and South Shore Drive take a line 55 feet south, then 155 feet west, then 55 feet north, then 155 feet east to original point.





IN REPLY REFER TO:

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ALABAMA, Mobile County, Mobile, Paterson House, 1673 Government St. (05/15/86)

ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa County, Tuscaloosa, Downtown Tuscaloosa Historic District, Roughly bounded by Fourth St., Twenty-second Ave., Seventh St., and Twenty-fifth Ave. (05/15/86)

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HAWAII, Hawaii County, Bobcat Trail Habitation Cave (50-10-30-5004) (05/15/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Barrington, Barrington Historic District, Roughly bounded by Dundee, W. Coolidge, E. Hillside, and S. Grove Aves., and S. Hough, E. Lake, Main, N. Garfield, and E. Applebee Sts. (also in Lake County) (05/16/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Chicago Beach Hotel (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5100-5110 S. Cornell Ave. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, East Park Towers (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5236-5252 S. Hyde Park Blvd. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Flamingo-On-The-Lake Apartments (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5500-5520 S. Shore Dr. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Hotel Del Prado (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5307 S. Hyde Park Blvd. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District (Boundary Increase), 825-833 E. Fifty-second St. (05/16/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Lakeview Historic District (Boundary Increase), 701, 705, 711, 715-717, 721, 733-735, 737, and 739 Belmont, 3162 & 3164 Orchard and 3171 Halsted (05/16/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Mayfair Apartments (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 1650-1666 E. Fifty-sixth St. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Poinsetta Apartments (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5528 S. Hyde Park Blvd. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Shoreland Hotel (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5450-5484 S. Shore Dr. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Vermilion County, Danville, Stone Arch Bridge, 760-800 E. Main St. (05/16/86)

KENTUCKY, Campbell County, Fort Thomas, Fort Thomas Military Reservation District, Roughly bounded by Pearson, Alexander, and Cochran Aves., River Rd., and S. Fort Thomas Ave. (05/15/86)