

MANHATTAN'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS & DISTRICTS

Lyda-Jean Apartments

The Lyda-Jean Apartment building, constructed in 1930, was designed by Henry B. Winter, a prolific local architect. The structure is significant for its association with the growth and development of Manhattan and as an example of an early twentieth-century apartment building.



Lyda-Jean Apartments, 501 Houston Street

The construction of apartment buildings reached its heyday between the two world wars. Apartments served residents who were either unable to or uninterested in purchasing a single-family house at a time when home ownership was a luxury afforded to a small percentage of families.

Apartments built during this period had a number of commonalities. First, many were architect designed. Secondly, they were typically two to three stories in height. They often featured brick exteriors - usually rough, as with the Lyda-Jean Apartment building.

Henry Winter's career in Manhattan spanned approximately 25 years, during which time he designed dozens of local buildings, including private residences, churches, schools and commercial buildings.

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