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## Mattie M. Elliot House

The Mattie M. Elliot House, a two-story, red brick, limestone and stucco house, is



Mattie M. Elliot House, 600 Houston Street

architecturally significant as an example of the English Tudor Revival style.

The English Tudor style was fashionable during the 1920s and 1930s when only the Colonial Revival rivaled it in popularity as a vernacular style. The style is loosely based on a variety of late Medieval English prototypes, ranging from thatch-roofed folk cottages to grand manor houses.

Floyd O. Wolfenbarger is believed to have designed the house while completing his Bachelor's of Architecture degree at Kansas State. Wolfenbarger went on to become a prominent Manhattan architect and was elected president of the Kansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1949.

The house was built for Mrs. Martha (Mattie) McNair Elliot in 1927 and 1928. She was the widow of Willard S. Elliot, who died in 1918, leaving her his estate. Mr. Elliot founded the W. S. Elliot Clothing Store in Manhattan in 1897 and wrote and published literary

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criticism and light fiction. Mrs. Elliot was one of the founding members of the Manhattan Carnegie Library Board in 1903, and remained an active member through 1929.

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce selected the Elliot House to appear pictured in its promotional literature throughout the 1930s and 1940s.

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