



Nelle Nichols PETERS

Nelle Nichols Peters (1884-1974) was an architect who designed nearly 1,000 buildings in Kansas City, including apartments, hotels, houses, churches, and factories. When she started her own practice in 1909, she was one of the few female architects in the United States. During the 1920s, Nelle helped to shape the style of Kansas City buildings, prioritizing comfort and function and popularizing the concept of apartment units arranged around a central courtyard. Many of the structures she designed during her 60-year career were nominated for historic designation, including the Ambassador Hotel, the Country Club Plaza Poets District apartments, and the McConahay Building where Walt Disney's Laugh-O-Gram Films was once located.