

The **BARNETT** on Washington began its life as the home of the Central States Life Insurance Company in 1921. Designed by namesake and preeminent St. Louis architect Tom P. Barnett, the building is an excellent and rare example of the Mission Revival style in St. Louis. The choice of the design was emblematic of its owner's ambitions of expansion into the insurance markets of the American Southwest; among the original details intact within the structure are painted, cast plaster plaques bearing scenes of that territory. The building exemplifies Barnett's belief in architectural innovation and style. Born in St. Louis in 1870, Barnett was known not only for his prolific 40-year architectural career but also as an accomplished landscape painter. The adjacent image depicts Barnett in 1904, during a period where he served as the youngest architect of the World's Fair Commission for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.



Occupying the building through 1927, Central States relocated then ultimately dissolved by 1942. The second tenant included the Mississippi Valley Life Insurance Company, an Illinois-incorporated firm who stayed just a few years until 1932. For reasons currently unknown, but perhaps due to the changing neighborhood surroundings, the building sat vacant between 1933 and 1941. The Mutual Savings Life Insurance Company occupied the building between 1942 and 1945 after which the

longest-remaining tenant, the C. V. Mosby Company, a publishing firm specializing in medical, dental, and nursing pharmaceutical books and journals, conducted business from this distinctive location until 1971. The Community Music School as well as the Casa Midtown School for the Arts made the

BARNETT on Washington their inspirational home through the 1990s. Prior to the current ownership, the building last served as a nightclub known as The Kastle. The building has recently been restored to its former grandeur and is now used for offices, event spaces, business meetings, corporate happy hours, weddings, receptions, and intimate group dinners.

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