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## **SAVED: 100-118 W ARMOUR AND 3 GABLES**

**October 8, 2013, Kansas City:** Historic Kansas City (HKC) was a leader in the recent saves of 2 historic properties. Since 1974, Historic Kansas City has been the only nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of greater Kansas City's heritage, neighborhoods and historic built environment. Through advocacy, public policy, outreach and educational programming, HKC is an advocate for the thoughtful and meaningful preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings, landscapes, and neighborhoods.

### **100-118 W Armour Blvd:**

Historic Kansas City partnered with Old Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to oppose the proposed demolition of four apartment buildings in the Old Hyde Park Historic District. They were built in 1902-1903 and designed by famed Kansas City architect John McKecknie. After months of community engagement, meetings with stakeholders and testimony presented to the Historic Preservation Commission on September 27th, the commission voted unanimously to reject MAC Property's application to demolish based on economic hardship. The decision of the commission was based on inconclusive rehab estimates, lack of a structural report in the application, and the determination that the hardship was self-created. 19 of the 24 apartments were occupied several months before MAC acquired the buildings in the summer of 2008.

The buildings are now in a three year waiting period before a demolition permit would issue. Historic Kansas City continues to work with stakeholders to ensure a positive outcome for the neighborhood and buildings.

### **Poage-Arnold Farm/3 Gables: 9550 NE Cookingham Drive**

In 1976 the Poage-Arnold Farm/3 Gables house was designated one of Clay County's 76 most significant historic sites. It is documented as one of the oldest houses in Kansas City and is associated with the prominent Clay County settler families of Poage and Arnold. It is believed that the first two rooms of the house were built in 1824 by the Poage family. In 1851 the property was sold to Thomas and Martha Arnold, who constructed the Gothic Revival portion of the house. In 2012 the house was sold at foreclosure to a California real estate company who put the house on the market in early 2013.

In the spring and summer of 2013 Historic Kansas City worked with the Clay County Historical Society, Missouri Preservation and other interested parties to raise awareness for the endangered historic farmhouse. Historic Kansas City assisted in facilitating an application for listing on the Kansas City Register of Historic Places and included the house on our Most Endangered List. After an article published in a local newspaper, a sensitive buyer stepped in to save the building. Currently the owner is working on rehabilitation of the house.

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