

Row of Six Buildings on Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard

Individual Landmark

2303-2311 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard



2305-2313 out of 2303-2311 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard. Photo: Lorraine Colbert

Bert Williams, one of the country's best recognized comedians and entertainers of his era, lived at 2309 Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard. He also performed in the Ziegfeld Follies. All six buildings started out as stooped townhouses, like the one at top left.

The United Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), founded by Marcus Garvey, had an office in No. 2305 between November 1916 and July 1918. The UNIA started its publishing and printing operation in the building in 1922.

Designed by architect Andrew Spence, the row of townhouses was constructed between 1886 and 1887.