



From the Vault: A look at long-ago leases

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Over more than 80 years at its former headquarters, the Kansas City Fed had an eclectic mix of tenants--including some names that are recognizable today.

From barbershops and salons to cigar vendors and the office of a former U.S. president, the Kansas City Fed had an eclectic roster of tenants over more than 80 years at its former headquarters, the 925 Grand building.

Tenant leases ended in the 1970s, and the Bank moved to its current building, at 1 Memorial Drive, in 2008. Harry S. Truman had an office on the 11th floor of 925 Grand for a few years in the 1950 and likely was the most famous tenant.

However, archives show that the roster of tenants included some other entities that are recognizable today:

- Twenty federal-related offices, including the FBI, the FDIC, the Postal Service and several Treasury divisions.
- Ten financial services businesses, including Price Waterhouse.
- Twenty-seven "Industrial" businesses, including Mobil Oil and Pratt & Whitney.
- Eight businesses identified as "Barbershop" or "Beauty Shop" and four "Cigar Stands."
- Nineteen law offices and nine medical doctors
- Twenty-six tenants in the "Other" category, including Mount Moriah Cemetery Association, Western Union Telegraph and the Research Institute of America.

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A postal unit operated on the 12th floor of the 925 Grand building between 1969 and 1975. Photo from Bank archives