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**Kansas City (Jackson), Missouri**

## **Jensen-Salsbery Laboratories**

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**541 West Pennway Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

Dating from 1918, the large brick building on West Pennway Street in Kansas City formerly housed the Jensen-Salsbery Laboratories, "one of the largest animal health companies in the world during the last century." Of particular note are two Atlas sculptures representing Biology and Chemistry were created by Kansas City sculptor Jorgen Dreyer in 1918 on the third floor above the entry doors.

The company was founded in 1913 by Dr. Hans Jensen (1869–1936), originally a pharmacist from Denmark who graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College in 1902. "Vaccines and pharmaceuticals were manufactured and surgical items were supplied. As the company grew it included new faces such as Dr. Charles Salsbery, and Jen–Sal became a major veterinary figure in the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and Japan, part of Kansas City veterinary history."

“After several practice years he accepted a position at the Kansas City Veterinary College (KCVC) and became a partner in the American Veterinary Supplies Company, the first company to furnish products exclusively to our profession. Dr. Jensen’s former students began requesting products so he resigned his positions to open his own business’ manufacturing and distributing products from a loft at 1228 Main Street. Continued growth created opportunity to build on West Pennway. Dr. Charles Salsbery (1882–1939) graduated from KCVC in 1911 and joined Dr. Jensen four years later. In addition to editing the *Jen–Sal Journal* and the *Jensalogue*, a catalog of products, he was charged with production of biologics.”

The McQueeney - Lock Company, a leading plumbing and heating supply and manufacturing company, (now known as McQueeney Associates) on West Pennway between Washington and Pennsylvania streets currently occupies the former home of Jensen– Salsbery Laboratories that had been acquired by Cooper Animal Health.

MORE INFORMATION:

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