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Albert B. Koett was born in Saxe-Weimar, Germany on May 23, 1863. He grew up there and attended the city's common schools. When he was fourteen years old he became a sculptor's apprentice and studied art for four years. He then worked as a master sculptor in Germany for a few years, and in 1884 emigrated to the United States. Residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, Koett continued to follow his profession and was very successful.

In 1885, however, Mr. Koett began working for the Wurlitzer Music Company and served in the manufacturing of musical instruments for over ten years. In 1887 he married Miss Blanche Mott, a native of Harrison, Ohio. She bore him four children, all of which were girls.

In 1903 Koett went into partnership with John Robert Kelley and formed the Kelley-Koett Company of Covington, which was devoted to the manufacture of X-ray instruments and apparatus. The two men pioneered the development of such equipment soon after the discovery of the X-ray by the scientist Roentgen. Their products, which were produced under the trade name "Keleket", soon became a part of the equipment in almost every hospital in the country, including the Mayo Brothers Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

During World War One, the Kelley-Koett Company produced equipment almost exclusively for government use. It was during this period that the company underwent its greatest expansion and soon grew to be the largest such company in the world.

Besides his business interests, Mr. Koett was also actively involved in the Covington community. During the war he aided local citizens in carrying out their war plans and was also an active canvasser for the sale of bonds and other government securities. He also served on the Covington Board of Education for four years.

The Koett home, located at 515 Russell Street, is made of molded brick and highlighted by alternating rows of corbelling. Its round, arched windows have lead glass panes, and the curved, center section is accented by color tiles.