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Waylon Jennings building sold on Music Row

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The historic Music Row building owned by the estate of country music legend Waylon Jennings has been sold for \$662,000 to a new corporation called KAR. The 1906 building, located at 1117 17th Ave. South, will be leased back by Jennings' estate for several months while the late singer's staff makes plans to move some of the Jennings publishing and merchandising operations to Arizona, said Ira Blonder, managing partner of The Blonder Group. Blonder represented the Waylon Jennings Trust and Jennings' wife, singer Jessi-Colter Jennings, in the sale of the property. Colter-Jennings lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. The couple had moved to Arizona before Jennings died in February 2002 after battling diabetes. Jennings who became part of a history-making group of country singers known as the outlaws had purchased the Victorian on Music Row in 1976 for \$125,000, according to the Davidson County Assessors records. The property had last been appraised for \$474,000. Jennings and fellow songwriters wrote many hit country songs in the building, Blonder said. He said the staff that has operated his businesses intend to retain a presence in Nashville. Meanwhile, in several months KAR intends to move its offices into the building, said Leroy Norton, of NDG Properties Inc., which represented the buyer.

Few details are available about KAR, which was incorporated as a limited liability corporation in December basically to purchase the building, said the attorney who filed the papers, J. Thomas Martin. He said he was not at liberty to disclose the partners names.

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