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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

JF NR-1748

(21)

1. Historic Name (s) Fire Department Headquarters
City of Louisville

Original Owner

Present Name Fire Department Headquarters

3. Owner's Name City of Louisville

4. Owner's Address 601 West Jefferson Street

5. Location 1135 West Jefferson Street

6. Open to Public Yes No 7. Visible from road Yes No

8. Ownership Private
Local
State
Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization Landmarks Commission
727 West Main Street

22. ADD/County JF-L-W-R-1748

23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District

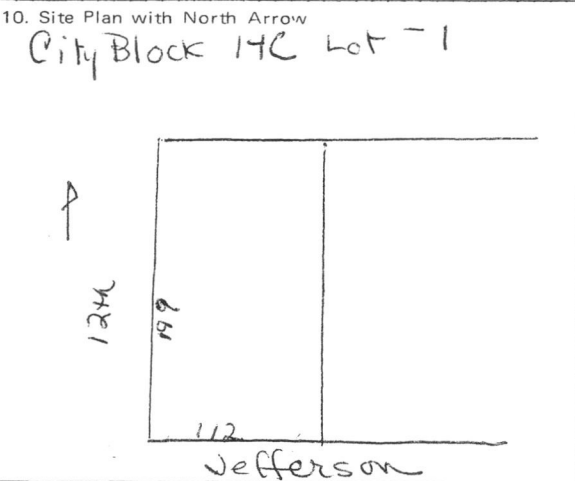
24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')

25. UTM Reference

26. Prehistoric Site Object
Historic Site Structure
Building

27. District Yes No
Name:

28. Significance Evaluation



11. Architect Brinton B. Davis

12. Builder Sullvian & Cozart

13. Date 1936-1937

14. Style Art Deco

15. Original Use Firehouse

16. Present Use Firehouse

17. Condition Interior
Exterior Very Good

29. Status Date

National Landmark
National Register
Landmark Certificate 8/18/80
Kentucky Survey 5/16/80
Local Landmark
HABS/HAER

30. Theme Primary
Secondary
Other

31. Endangered Yes No

32.

18. Description: The Fire Department Headquarters is a two-story, smoothed coursed limestone structure. The structure consist of four central, bays flanked by two end bays. The four bays each contain an overhead fire door on the first floor. The doors have stylized trim and are surmounted by a stylized panel of geometric shapes. The second floor of each bay has two windows with geometric paneled lintels. Each bay is articulated by a pilaster with

19. History: This structure was constructed by the city in 1936 as a WPA project at the cost of \$151,000.

ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. _____
Picture No. _____
Direction _____

20. Significance: This structure is one of the few buildings in the Art Deco style in the City of Louisville. Especially noteworthy is the use of color in the cornice. The structure was designed by Brinton B. Davis.

33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____

34. Prepared by: Marty Hedgepeth/Director of Research

35. Organization Landmarks Commission

36. Date

21. Source of Information "Cornerstone of Fire Departments New Headquarters to be

37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review

18. hard edge fluting giving a verticle thrust to the building which is emphasized by thè stepped-down character of the bays. A bas-relief seal of the City of Louisville decorates the central pilaster. The end bays project forward and contain entrys. The doors have stylized patterned surrounds and a stone lintel geometric design. A single window on the second floor is capped with the decorative lintels. The cornice of the entire building is one of its most striking decorative designs. It consists of a narrow band of brass in verticle and horizonal desings inset with shields. The brass is accented by a deep blue background.
21. Laid Today, "Courier-Journal, 14 Nov. 1936.
"Louisville Fire Headquarters in Use," Courier-Journal, 25 July 1937.
"Way Paved for New Headquarters," Courier-Journal, 27 Nov. 1935.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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Fire Department Headquarters
1135 West Jefferson Street
Louisville

The Fire Department Headquarters, constructed in 1936 as part of a WPA project,¹ is significant in being one of few Art Deco structures remaining in Louisville. The only other buildings of note in the Art Deco style are the South Central Bell Company Office Building (pending National Register), and the Louisville Municipal Bridge Pylons, designed by Paul Cret.

The Fire Department Headquarters is a two-story, smoothed-course limestone structure, consisting of four central bays flanked by two end bays. The four bays each contain an overhead fire door on the first floor. The doors have stylized trim and are surmounted by a stylized bas-relief panel of geometric design. The second floor of each bay has two windows with geometrically decorated panels. Each bay is articulated by a pilaster with hard-edged fluting giving a vertical thrust of the building, which is emphasized by the stepped-down character of the bays. A bas-relief seal of the city of Louisville decorates the central pilaster. The end bays project forward and contain entries. The doors have stylized patterned surrounds and a stone lintel with geometric design. A single window on the second floor is capped with the same style decorative lintel. The cornice of the entire building is one of the structure's most striking details. It consists of a narrow band of brass in vertical and horizontal designs inset with shields. The brass is accented by a deep blue background.

The building was designed by the prominent Louisville architect Brinton B. Davis. Davis was also responsible for the design for the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Building (National Register, March 19, 1980), the Jefferson County Armory (National Register, March 14, 1980) and the Ansley Hotel in Atlanta.

A modern addition of the same scale is attached to the east side of the building.



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000227

DATE 10-16-80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL 1000 AM PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Cloria Mills

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

KY Spd

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Historic Inhouses of Louisville

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Ms. Mills said that In Dept. Headquarters (1936) was included because it is one few ~~prewar~~ Art Deco buildings in Louisville. She will send continuation sheet demonstrating exceptional significance within the theme (Architecture; WPT, and in considering essential city service).

Also told her that in future Thematic Resource nominations should have individual inventory sheets/continuation sheets on each property in case not all properties were listed at the same time.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

L. M. Clelland

TITLE

Arch Hist

OFFICE

NR



Kentucky Heritage Commission
104 Bridge Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

October 21, 1980



Mr. Jerry Rogers, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
W434
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed is the additional information on the Fire Department Headquarters building in Louisville, Kentucky, which is part of the thematic nomination, Historic Firehouses of Louisville, recently forwarded to your office. The addendum was requested by Ms. Linda McConnell of your staff.

If you have further questions concerning the nomination, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Gloria Mills
National Register Program Coordinator

Enclosure

GM/pb