

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCERS use only

received APR 9 1982

date entered MAY 6 1982

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Montgomery Street School

and/or common Emma Dolfinger School

2. Location

street & number 2500-06 Montgomery Street ~~NA~~ not for publication

city, town Louisville ~~NA~~ vicinity of congressional district 3 & 4

state Kentucky code 021 county Jefferson code 111

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Portland Avenue Church of Christ

street & number 2500 Portland Avenue

city, town Louisville ~~NA~~ vicinity of state Kentucky 40212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County (Ky.) Courthouse

street & number 531 W. Jefferson St.

city, town Louisville state Kentucky 40202

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date August 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Heritage Division, Department of the Arts

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky 40601

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Montgomery Street School is located on a residential street in the Portland area of Louisville's West End. About one mile west of the school is the Portland Historic District (National Register, February 1980). Most of the houses near the school are modest, one or two-story residences dating from the nineteenth century. Though many of the homes are in poor condition, a concentrated effort has been made recently by the neighborhood to rehabilitate homes in the immediate area.

The school is a two-story, red brick, Renaissance Revival building which was painted brown years ago. All four walls are pierced by round-arched openings with brick voussoirs, evenly spaced and slightly recessed behind the wall surface. They number one per bay in both stories, except above the main entry where there is a pair of arched openings. The original, double-hung windows had wooden frames, rounded upper sashes and multiple panes. These were replaced in 1977 by metal-frame rectangular windows and the arches were covered over. However, the original openings are intact both inside and out.

The main entry is located in the center of the five-bay facade facing Montgomery Street. Originally, tall double doors were topped by a fanlight. Probably in the early 1900s, shorter doors, sidelights and a multi-light transom were added. The fanlight still remains.

Stone belt courses encircle the building below both stories. A simple frame cornice is accented by brick corbeling below it.

A two-story arch on the east side of the building contains a side entry and a fixed, multi-pane window above. The rear wall has two arched entries. A concrete fire escape has been constructed at the rear of the building.

When first built, the school was nearly square, with four rooms of equal size on each floor. Additions made to the rear before 1900 increased the number of rooms to twelve. The new additions closely matched the original building in exterior appearance.

A large addition on the west side dates from 1912. Also two stories and constructed of red brick, this addition is similar in style to the older building, but its arches are somewhat wider and now contain paired windows. It is attached to the original school building by a narrow corridor.

The school underwent extensive renovation in 1977. The original floor plan is largely intact, as are the floors and tongue-and-groove wainscoting. The walls have been stuccoed.

A long, one-story frame building is attached to the rear of the 1912 addition. It is a former World War II barracks that now contains the school cafeteria. (See Map 3.)

There are five other frame buildings and a brick boiler room on the school property, but they are not part of this nomination.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1857; 1912 **Builder/Architect** Zeigler and Seaman-builders

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Montgomery Street School is one of two remaining antebellum schoolhouses in the city of Louisville. Designed in a modified Renaissance Revival style popular during this period, the school is a significant example of the educational facilities in Louisville in the mid-nineteenth century.

Construction of the school began late in 1856 and was completed in the spring or summer of 1857. The fact that a new school was needed so near the Portland School (some ten blocks away) is an indication of the population growth of this area following the incorporation of the town of Portland into the city in 1837. Originally called the High Street (Northwestern Parkway) School, by 1870 it was known by the name of the street where it really stands. The school was renamed for Emma Dolfinger, a teacher in the school system, in the 1920s. Since 1977, it has been used as a private grade school.

It is possible that the school was designed by Isaiah Rogers and Henry Whitestone, well known architectural partners who executed numerous works during this period, including the other surviving schoolhouse, the Fifth Ward School. There are certainly enough stylistic similarities between the two structures to suggest a common architect. The recorded minutes of the School Board meetings of 1855-57 refer to plans submitted by Rogers and Whitestone for a number of proposed schoolhouses. But it is not entirely clear from these records that Montgomery Street building was among the Rogers and Whitestone proposals. The minutes do give the carpenters of the project as Zeigler and Seaman, who also worked on the Fifth Ward School about the same time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Caron Annual Directories of the City of Louisville.

First Report of the Board of Education of Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville: John P. Morton & Co. (1913).

Minutes of the School Board Meetings, 1855-58. (County Board of Education Archives)

10. Geographical Data **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property 0.59 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name New Albany, Ind.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

- see continuation sheet -

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Hugh B. Foshee / Architectural Historian

organization Louisville Landmarks Commission date November 1, 1981

street & number 727 W. Main Street telephone (502) 587-3501

city or town Louisville state Kentucky 40202

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mary Susan Appel

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/31/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Melous Byers Entered in the National Register date 5/6/82

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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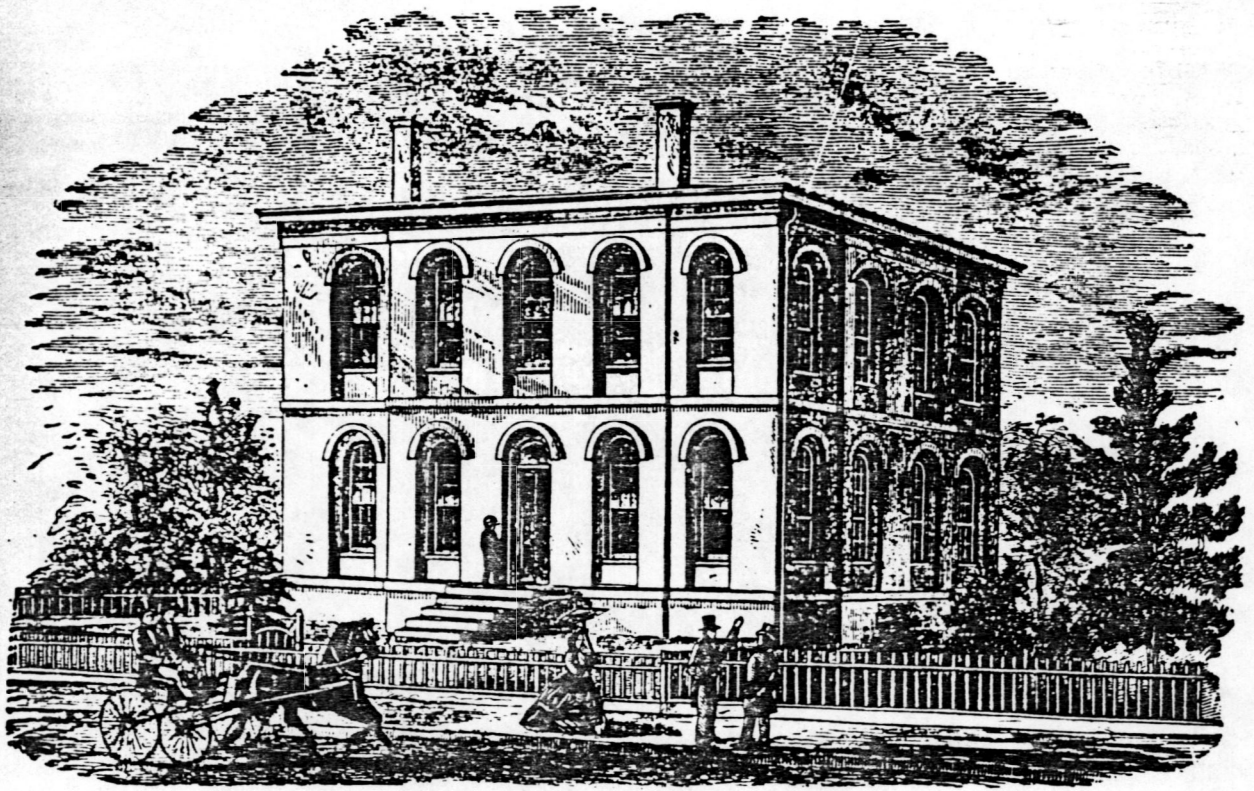
DATE ENTERED

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,

CONTINUATION SHEET Kentucky ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 2

Beginning at a point on the southwest corner of 25th and Montgomery Streets, thence west following the south right-of-way line of Montgomery Street 160' to a point, thence south and parallel to 25th Street 90' to a point, thence west and parallel to Montgomery Street 65' to a point in the west property line of City Block 5-F, Lot 55, thence south following said property line 50' to a point, thence east and parallel to Montgomery Street 225' to a point in the west right-of-way line of 25th Street, thence north following said line 140' to the point of beginning, being a part of City Block 5-F, Lots 55 and 56 of the City of Louisville. (See Sanborn Map 3)

The boundary as described comprises the original schoolhouse, the 1912 addition and the cafeteria building. Three other "portable" classrooms and a brick boiler house, all detached structures, are located on the school property but are not included within the boundary of this nomination.



MONTGOMERY STREET SCHOOL
1870

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

Photo 5. Copy of engraving of
school in 1870,
original source un-
known.

SCALE, 1" = 60'

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JEFFERSON COUNTY TAX COMM'R
BY J. TAPPELHORN - CHIEF DRAFTSMAN
DRAWN 2-20-39

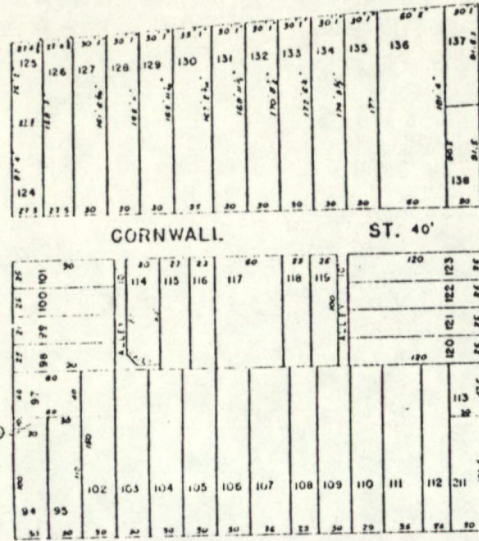
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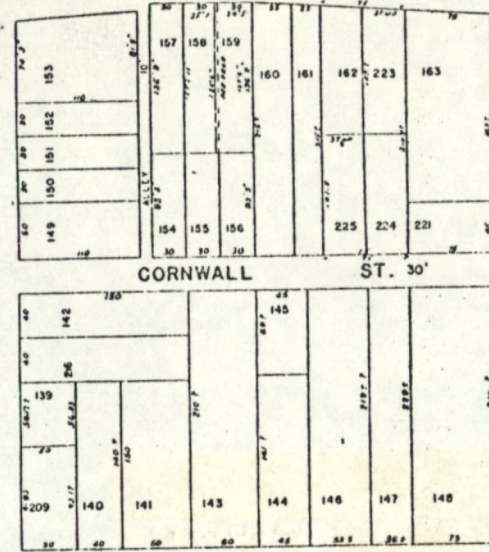
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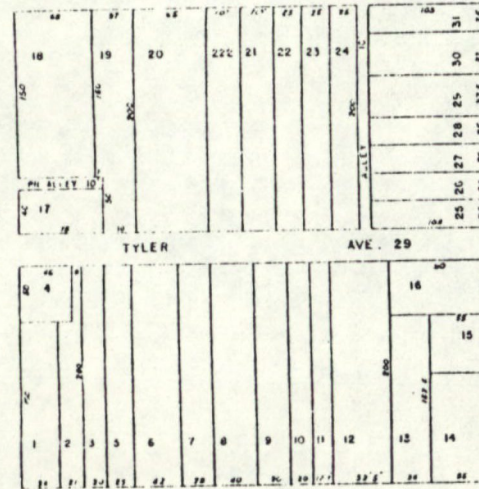
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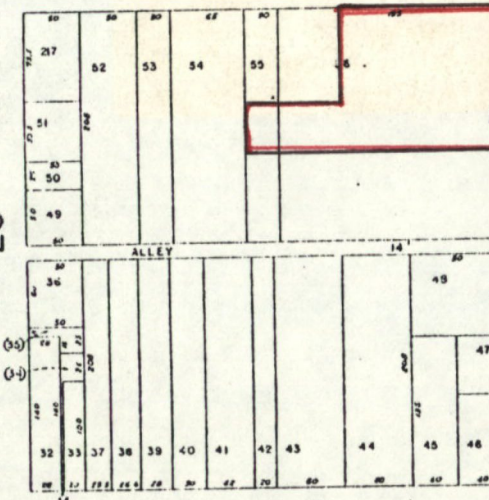
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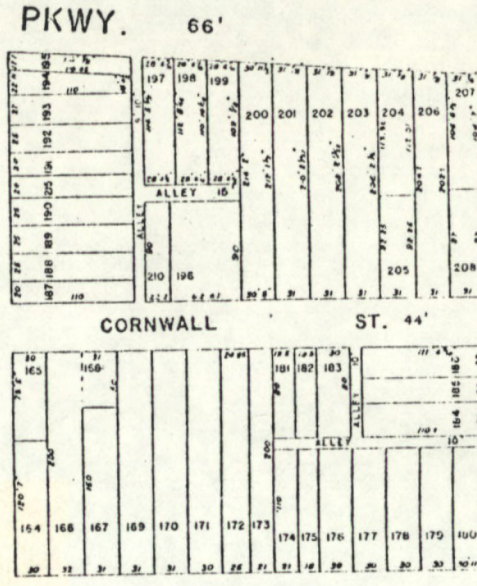
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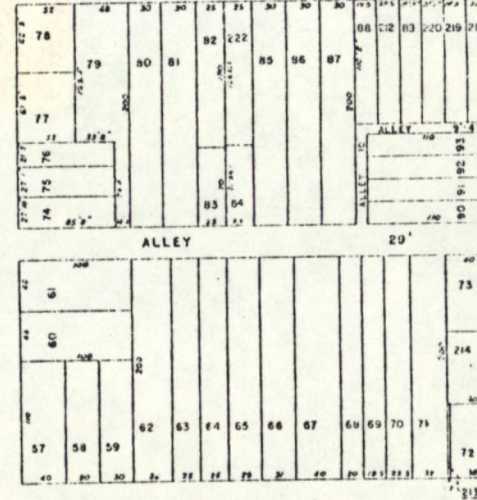
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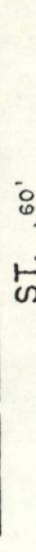
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AVE. 60'

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CHANGED PLAN OF PORTLAND - (126)
PLAN OF HIGH ST (NOW NORTHWESTERN PART) - (125)

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

Jefferson County Real Estate
Atlas (1968)

Map 2. Real Estate Atlas

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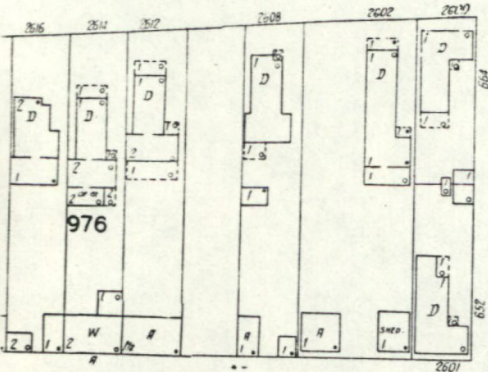
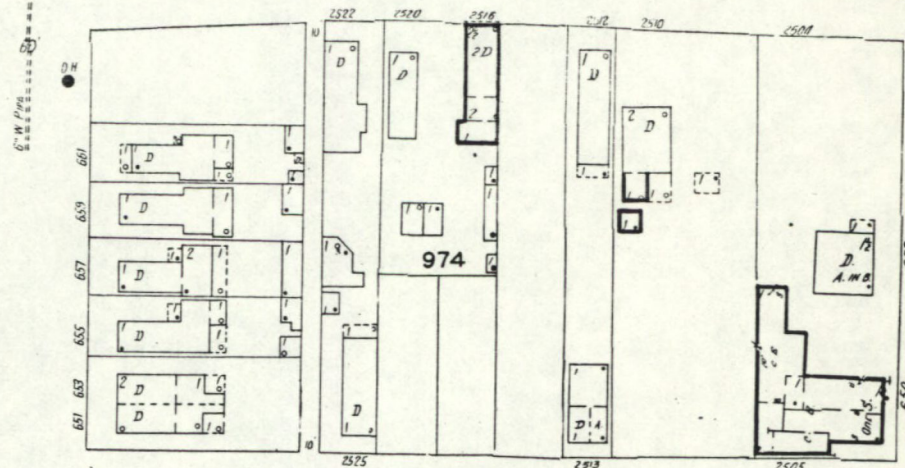
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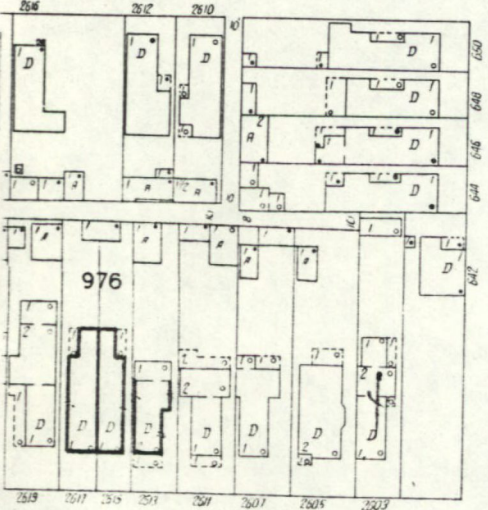
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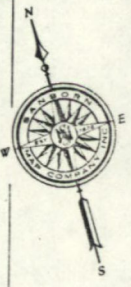
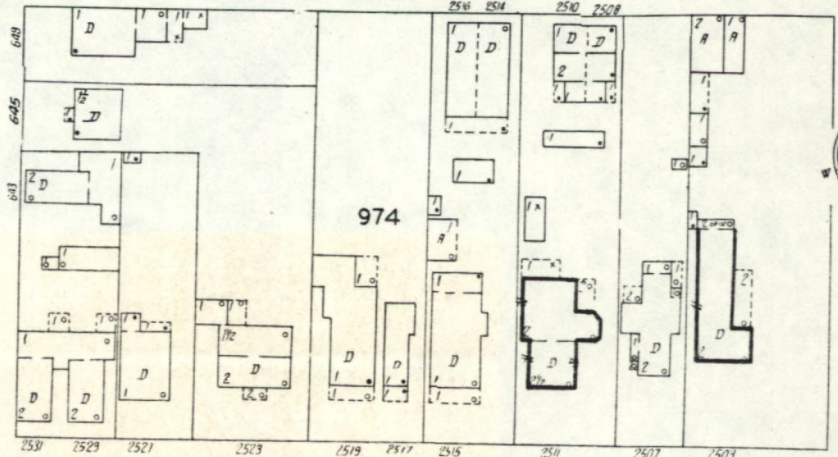
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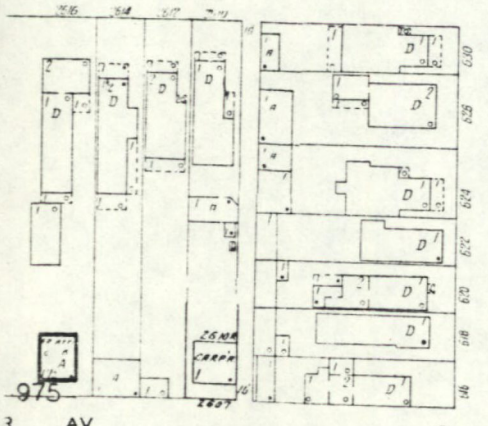


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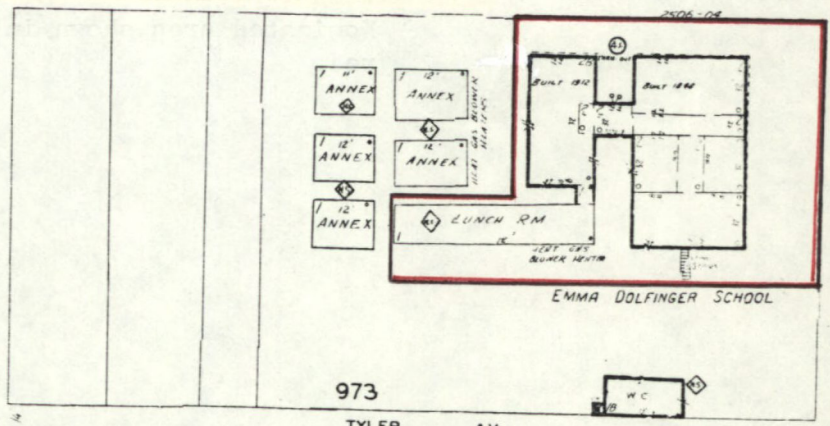
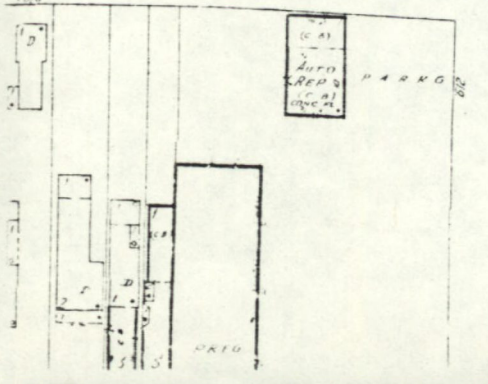
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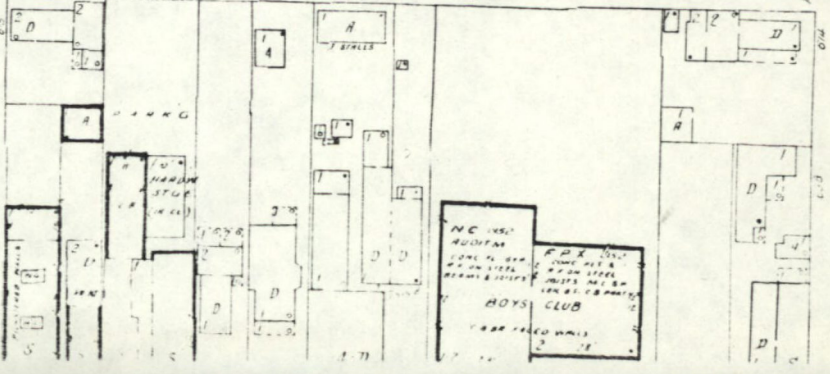
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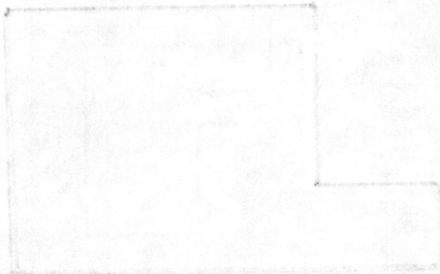
Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

Sanborn Map Co.
Pelham, N.Y. (1974)

Map 3. Sanborn Map, vol. 3,
p. 372.

Scale: 1"=100'

Nominated area shown in
red.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

82092713

Property: Montgomery Street School
State, County: Way & Jefferson
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 49/82-1114
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-2-83
Date Due: 5/6/82 - 5/24/82
Action: ACCEPT 5/6/82

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the _____
National Register _____
photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

File # SAN 101

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

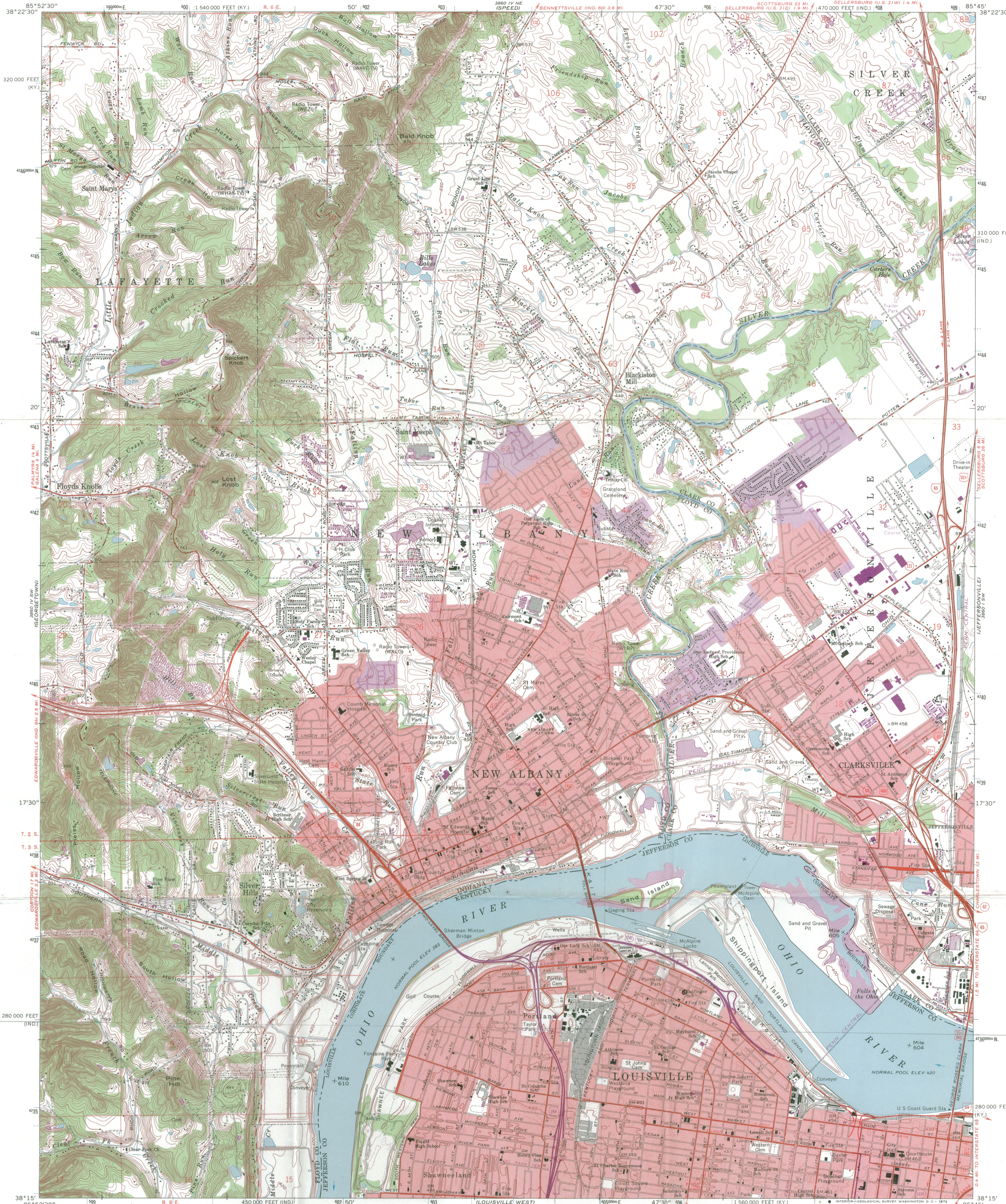




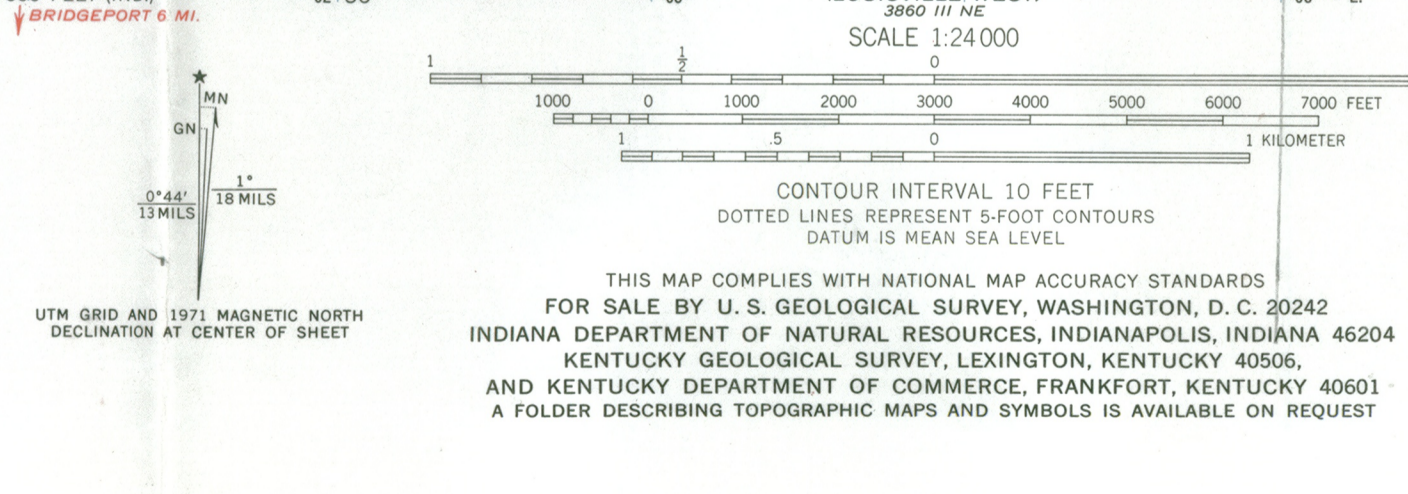
PORTLAND CHRISTIAN
NORTH SCHOOL
CAMPUS







Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Kentucky Geological Survey. Revised in cooperation with Kentucky Geological Survey.
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and City of Louisville
Topography in Indiana by planetable surveys 1937-1938. Planimetry in Kentucky by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1949. Topography by planetable surveys 1950. Entire map revised 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum. 10,000-foot grids based on Indiana coordinate system, east zone, and Kentucky coordinate system, north zone. 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position of the low water line as determined from U. S. Corps of Engineers Ohio River charts, surveyed 1911-1912, and supplementary information
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Dotted land lines established by private survey



Map 1. U.S.G.S. Map
Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky
Zone 16
Easting 6 05 960
Northing 42 36 440

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

NEW ALBANY, IND.-KY.
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Revisions
Kentucky
taken 1971. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

CARL VOGT WILSON, MINISTER
231 So. GALT AVENUE
PHONE 897-2831
WM. ROBERT HEID, MINISTER
945-7968

Portland Avenue Church of Christ

2500 PORTLAND AVENUE
Louisville, Kentucky 40212

January 21, 1982

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KY. HERITAGE
COMMISSION

M/S Anne Thompson,
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer,
% Heritage Div. Dept. of the Arts,
2200 Capitol Plaza,
Frankfort, Ky. 40601

To whom it may concern:

It is with pleasure that we learn from the letter written by Mr. Hugh B. Foshee, of our local Landmarks Commission, that our school building at 2500 Montgomery Street, known as the Old Montgomery Street School has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

We recognize this building as a real landmark in the west end of Louisville. For this reason, in renovating the building, after our purchase in 1977, it was our effort to retain the original appearance as much as possible.

At the time of our purchase the property had been vacant for several years, during which time there had been a great deal of vandalism and deterioration. Windows had all been damaged beyond repair and weather exposure had wrought much damage to plumbing, plaster, flooring and paint.

It was necessary that all windows be replaced. We tried to maintain the appearance of the circle tops, but for practical reasons in an effort to save on heating cost, we installed the very best extruded aluminum windows with insulating glass.

The interior appearance was maintained as nearly as possible in keeping with alterations made necessary to meet the Fire and Safety Codes. All open stairways were enclosed with firewalls.

One thing we haven't been able to complete is the restoration of the natural red brick exterior.

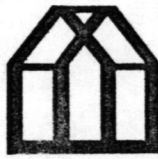
Having gone to school in the building myself from 1917 to 1924, it was my hopes that we could finally restore the exterior by removing the old brown paint applied by the Board of Education in the late thirties, and seal the surface against moisture as a preservation. High cost of renovation exhausted available funds, therefore it is our hopes that this can be accomplished at a later date.

We anxiously look forward to the acceptance of this nomination. We believe the neighborhood has been enhanced by this historical building being restored and kept as an asset to the vicinity.

Sincerely,
PORTLAND AVE. CHURCH OF CHRIST

"For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." — Philippians 3:20.

Paul T. Addams



HERITAGE

January 27, 1982

Mr. Paul T. Addams
Portland Avenue Church of Christ
2500 Portland Avenue
Louisville, KY 40212

Dear Mr. Addams:

Thank you very much for your letter of support for the nomination of Montgomery Street School in Louisville to the National Register of Historic Places. I certainly understand and appreciate the problems you have encountered in the maintenance of the building. It is fortunate that there are people associated with the administration of the property, such as yourself, that is concerned with its history and its preservation. If we can be of any assistance to you in providing technical information on the rehabilitation of the structure, please let us know.

Again, we appreciate your cooperation. Your comments will be forwarded to members of the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board prior to their meeting February 23rd.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Anne Armstrong Thompson
Preservation Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

AAT/rm



HERITAGE

March 31, 1982

Mrs. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mrs. Shull:

The following nominations to the National Register of Historic Places were approved at the state level by the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board on the dates indicated. As State Historic Preservation Officer, I recommend they be entered on the National Register.

<u>Name and Location of Site(s)</u>	<u>Date Approved at State Level</u>
Bullock-Clifton House, Louisville Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
Bush, Cornelia, House, Louisville Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
Gordon, Cornelia, House, Louisville Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
Holy Name Church, Rectory, Convent and School, Louisville, Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
✓ Montgomery Street School, Louisville Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
Norton Company Building, Louisville Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
Repton, Louisville, Jefferson County	February 23, 1982
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church, Louisville, Jefferson County	February 23, 1982

Mrs. Carol Shull
March 31, 1982
Page Two

Your early consideration of these nominations will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Cronan Oppel, Director
Heritage Division, and
State Historic Preservation Officer

MCO:bsc

Enclosures (see List of Attachments)

Mrs. Carol Shull
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Montgomery Street School
Jefferson County, Kentucky



LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

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<u>1</u>	Letters of Support
<u> </u>	Correspondence