

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

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

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

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received **NOV 2 1982**
date entered

1. Name

historic SCHLEE-KEMMLER BUILDING

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 328 South High Street not for publication

city, town Columbus vicinity of congressional district 12

state Ohio code 039 county Franklin code 049

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> entertainment
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> n/a	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> industrial
			<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Allen S. Shepherd and Kurt N. Schmitt

street & number 6295 Cosgray Road

city, town Amlin vicinity of state Ohio 43002

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Franklin County Court House

street & number S. High Street

city, town Columbus state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Ohio Historical Society

city, town Columbus state Ohio

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

The Schlee-Kemmler Building is a 5-story masonry structure built with a facade of stone and metal. The building's most distinctive feature is its facade which clearly exhibits the freewheeling eclecticism of late 19th century design. Essentially divided into 3 bays, the facade is divided by Corinthian pilasters such that each of the bays rises to a Romanesque arch just below the cornice (Photo 1). Within each bay, windows are flat-arched, set in twos and threes. The lavish stone treatment includes quoins, incised lintels with decorative corbeled drip labels, pilasters, rosettes, griffins, and swags (Photo 2). The handsome metal and stone cornice features an arcaded corbel table and a rectangular centered pediment, below which appears the building's name. The date of construction appears in the pediment in raised letters (Photo 3). This ornament as well as the stone construction is carried around the north side of the building ca. 15'. With the exception of the storefront, the exterior is unaltered from the original, as evidenced from a photo taken ca. 1920 (Photo 4). The rear portion of the building is devoid of ornament and is articulated only through the use of flat and segmental arched windows, 6/6 (Photo 5). The storefront (Photo 6) has been altered considerably; originally this area consisted of a typical arrangement of display windows flanking a recessed doorway, and a stair to the upper floors located along the south side of the structure (Photos 4 and 6). Remaining elements of the storefront include three stone pilasters with capitals and modest carved ornament.

The interior of this building originally contained commercial space on the first story with office space and a public hall on the stories above. The long use of the structure as a furniture warehouse has left little evidence of original interior detail.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400–1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500–1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600–1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1895

Builder/Architect Probably Dauben, Krumm & Riebel

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Schlee-Kemmler Building is nominated for its significance as one of the very few stone-facade 19th century commercial buildings left in the city of Columbus, and additionally as the most highly ornamental of those which remain. At one time the city could boast a tremendous number of high-style commercial buildings from this period. However urban renewal and redevelopment have resulted in the demolition of countless commercial buildings from this period, making the Schlee-Kemmler Building all the more significant. Architecturally, it is emblematic of the waves of eclecticism which swept American design during the waning years of the nineteenth century. Its detailings runs the gamut from Romanesque arcading to neo-classical pilasters to Colonial Revival swags.

The building was built for brewer Nicholas Schlee (1836–1914) of the Bavarian Brewery and Charles Kemmler who had his General Fire Insurance Agency on the second floor. Schlee was an important local German businessman, serving as president of the Great Southern Fireproof Building and Opera House Co, the organization which was constructing the Great Southern Hotel across the alley from the Schlee-Kemmler Building at the same time Schlee & Kemmler were building their store. Since Schlee was the head of the hotel corporation, it seems possible that the same architectural firm, Dauben, Krumm, and Riebel may have designed both the hotel and the Schlee-Kemmler Building. The storefront has housed a variety of uses, including Sidney Hessenaur and Edward Lee's Saloon, the Bismark Cafe and the Southern Taxicab Co. For a time during the early twentieth century, the Humbart Camp and Cedar Camp #1 of the Woodman of the World held their fraternal meetings in the fourth floor public hall. From ca. 1916 until fairly recently the building was the home of the Echenrode Furniture Co.

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☒ local

☐ state

☐ national

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-663), 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 National Conservation and Restoration Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

W. Paul Jones

10/4/87

2490

9. Major Bibliographical References

Columbus City Directory (Columbus: R.L.Polk), 1895-1925.

Kitchen, Judith, et al. Architecture Columbus (Columbus, 1976), p.221.

Schlegel, Donald M. Lager and Liberty: German Brewers of Nineteenth Century Columbus (1982), pp. 37-42.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Southeast Columbus (Ohio)

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

In Lot 355 City of Columbus (40' x 187.5')

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David L. Taylor, Executive Director Allen Shepherd, owner

organization Columbus Landmarks Foundation date August 11, 1982

street & number 22 North Front Street telephone 614-221-0227

city or town Columbus, state Ohio

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 W. Ray Luce

title SHPO date 10/14/82

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 12/2/82

for Nelson Byrum
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Schlee-Kemmler Building
Franklin County
OHIO

Working No. 11/2/82 2983Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83Date Due: 12/2/82 12/17/82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/2/82Entered in the ☐ RETURNNational Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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



SCHLEE-KEMMLER BUILDING

328 S.High Street

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

Photos, 1982 by David L.Taylor

Negatives at Cols.Landmarks Fndn.

View of facade, looking E. showing
stone trim, cornice and storefront

~~Photo 1~~



SCHLEE- KEMMLER BUILDING

328 S. High Street

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

Photos, 1982 by David L. Taylor

Negatives at Cols.Landmarks Fndn.

Detail of facade (2nd & 3rd
stories)

Photo 2



SCHLEE-KEMMLER BUILDING

328 S. High Street

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

Photos, 1982 by David L. Taylor

Negatives at Cols.Landmarks Fndn.

Cornice detail

Photo 3



SCHLEE-KEMMLER BUILDING

328 S. High Street

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

Photos, 1982 by David L. Taylor

Negatives at Cols. Landmarks Fndn.

Photo from Baker Art Gallery
Collection,

ca. 1920

Photo 4



Echenrode FURNITURE

WAREHOUSE

326 S. HIGH ST.

STOP

SCHLEE-KEMMLER BUILDING

328 S. High Street

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

Photos, 1982 by David L. Taylor

Negatives at Cols. Landmarks Fndn.

Rear of building, from alley

Photo 5

C. D. BRADY
WHOLESALE
THREAD & CARPET SUPPLIES
326 SOUTH HIGH STREET

S HIGH ST

FOR LEASE



SCHLEE-KEMMLER BUILDING
328 S. High Street
Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio
Photos, 1982 by David L.Taylor
Negatives at Cols.Landmarks Fndn.
Storefront

Photo 6



SCHLEE-KEMMLER BLDG.

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

Photo ca.1910, copied by D.Taylor¹⁹⁸²

Neg. at Cols. Landmarks Foundation

View of bldg. from south, showing
original storefront

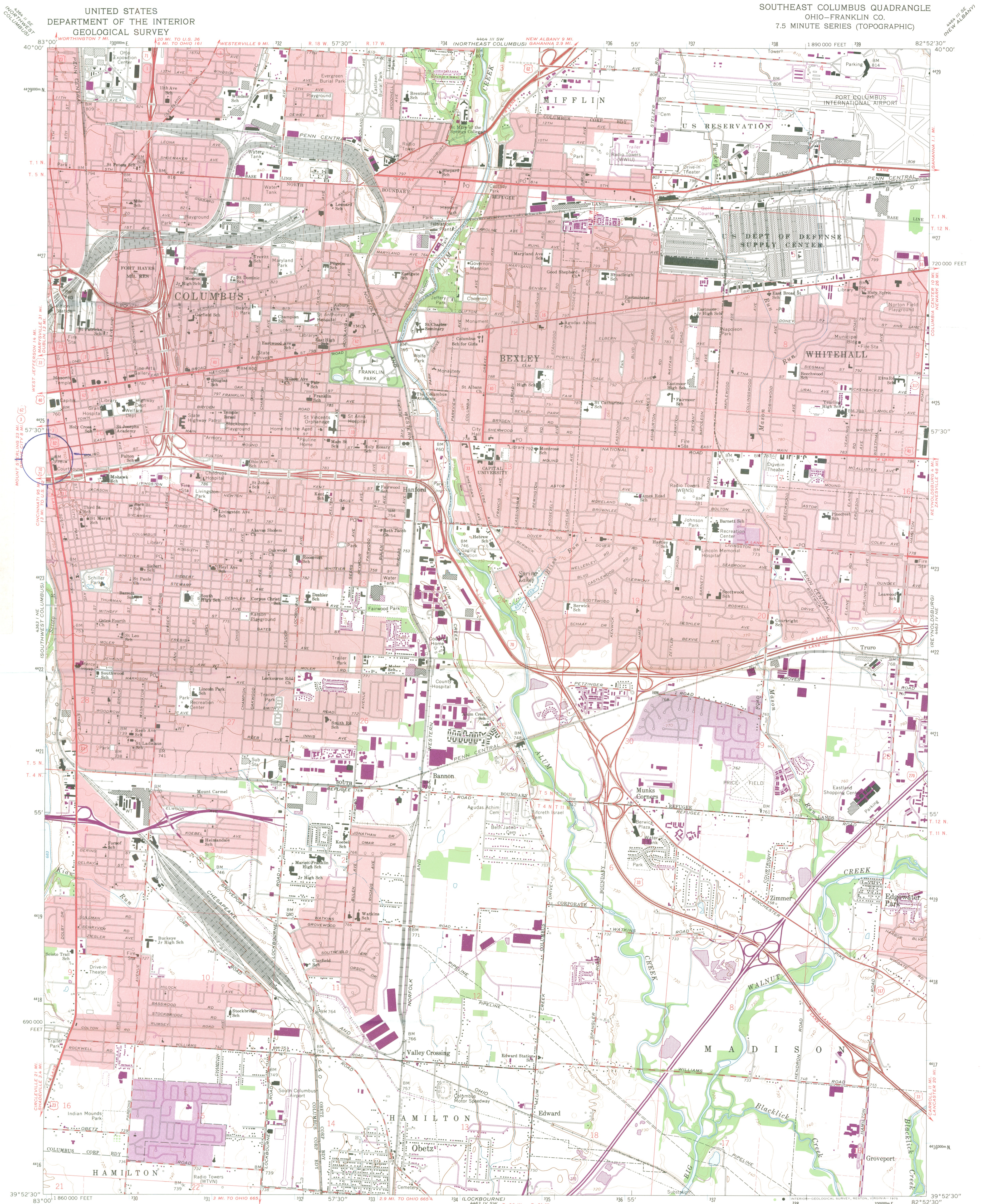
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS QUADRANGLE
OHIO—FRANKLIN CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SCHLEP-KEMMLER BUILDING
Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

UTM Reference:

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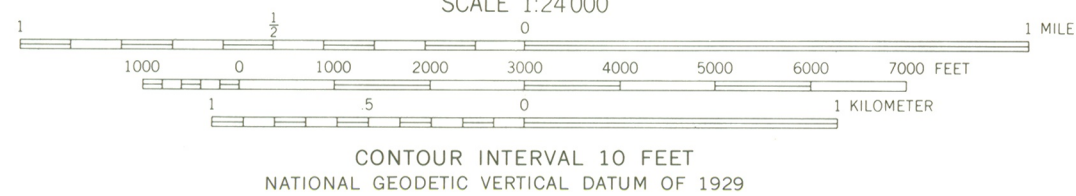


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Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and City of Columbus
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
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Area south of Base Line lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River
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Land lines within Ts. 11 and 12 N.-R. 21 W. based on the Ohio River Base

UTM GRID AND 1973 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



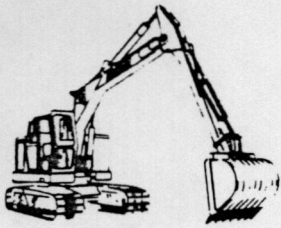
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SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS, OHIO

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State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
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SHEPHERD EXCAVATING, INC.

6295 COSGRAY ROAD
AMLIN, OHIO 43002
889-1115 889-1145



JUL 28 1982

July 23, 1982

Mr. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer
1982 Velma Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211

Dear Mr. Luce:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

Following is the address of my property:

Schlee-Kemmler Building
326 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen S. Shepherd".

Allen S. Shepherd

jr



AUG 04 1982

TOM MOODY
MAYOR

CITY OF COLUMBUS
OHIO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 27, 1982

Dr. W. Ray Luce
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Society
1-71 and 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Dr. Luce:

Re: Schlee-Kimmler Building

Because Columbus recognizes the historical significance of the Schlee-Kimmler Building, located at 326 South High Street, the City is pleased to lend its support to the nomination of this building to the National Register of Historic Places.

The City also recognizes that the rehabilitation of the Schlee-Kimmler Building will have a major impact on efforts to revitalize the southern portion of the downtown area. Therefore, in order to facilitate the present owners' attempts to preserve this building, the City would like to request that the preliminary hearing be waived in favor of a final hearing.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

TOM MOODY
MAYOR

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

October 26, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
Department of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Carol:

Enclosed are twelve new National Register nominations and two resubmissions. All the appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new submissions.

New Submissions

The Salem China Company
Eight Black History Resources in Cleveland
Sandusky Street Historic District
✓ Schlee-Kemmler Building
Great Southern Hotel and Theatre
Theodore Krumberg Building
African Jackson Cemetery
Commercial Building
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church
St. Henry Roman Catholic Church
Serquet, Emanuel and Frederick Farm

County

Columbiana
Cuyahoga
Delaware
Franklin
Franklin
Hamilton
Miami
Montgomery
Muskingum
Muskingum
Noble
Stark

Resubmissions

Capital University Historic District
Valley Dale Ballroom

County

Franklin
Franklin

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL:BP:dd

Encl.

X.c: Regional Coordinators (5)

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