

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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date entered

1. Name

historic

FELTON SCHOOL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

Leonard Avenue ^{and} at North Monroe St,

___ not for publication

city, town

Columbus

___ vicinity of

state

Ohio

code

039

county

Franklin

code

049

3. Classification

Category

___ district

☒ building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ object

Ownership

___ public

☒ private

___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process

___ being considered

Status

___ occupied

☒ unoccupied

___ work in progress

Accessible

___ yes: restricted

___ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

Present Use

___ agriculture

☒ commercial (proposed)

___ educational

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ museum

___ park

___ private residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ transportation

☒ other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name

James Ebright

street & number

2887 Silver Drive

city, town

Columbus

___ vicinity of

state

Ohio

43211

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Franklin County Administration Building

street & number

410 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 Historic Preservation Office

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 Felton School is a handsome Romanesque Revival building, designed by noted Columbus architect David Riebel and completed in 1893.

The building is brick bearing wall construction on a raised rock-faced ashlar stone foundation. A smooth stone watertable separates the foundation from the 2 story brick section. The roofline is a steeply pitched hip and is slate covered. Gabled dormers pierce the roofline on the east and west elevations. The massing is symmetrical with a central entrance tower dominating the composition. The rhythm of the facade is accentuated by the 2 pairs of hipped roof blocks with the central tower recessed between them.

The round arched main entrance is located in the base of the tower and is surrounded by three rows of brick voussoirs, one of which has the name of the school on it. Additional round arched openings, corbel and other decorative brickwork, a pyramidal roof with gabled dormer on each side and tourelles at the four corners further embellish the tower.

The south, east and west elevations are similar in that they all feature rectangular openings at the basement and first floor levels and round arched windows on the second level. All the windows are double-hung 1/1 sash. The spandrels between the first and second levels are embellished with designs in the brickwork.

The north elevation (rear) is the simplest with rectangular windows on all levels and the absence of the spandrel decoration and dormers.

The interior plan is symmetrical. The entrance tower contains the staircase which leads to a central east-west axis. All of the 8 classrooms per floor are reached from this hallway. Most of the classrooms are intact with coatrooms along one side, slate blackboards, hardwood floors and pressed metal ceilings. Much of the wainscoting has been damaged or removed, however.

During the mid-1950's one story wings were added to the east and west sides of the building. They are not compatible in design but because of their scale and the connection by only a hallway to the main building, they do not compromise the integrity of the original.

The Felton School is located at the end of Monroe Avenue and the tower can be seen from several blocks away. Urban renewal projects surround the property on two sides and the new school building is across the street. The older residential neighborhood is only to the southwest of the school.

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	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ humanitarian
X 1800-1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates 1893 Builder/Architect David Riebel

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criterion C

Felton School is architecturally significant. It is an excellent example of educational architecture in Columbus from this period and it was designed by a noted Columbus architect - David Riebel.

Felton School is an excellent example of the Romanesque Revival, which is a monumental style well suited to a school and other public buildings. The masonry construction, small window to wall ratio, round arched openings and arcading and tower are typical of the style. In addition, this building exhibits particularly fine and extensive decorative brickwork. Both interior and exterior features remain virtually unaltered, although the building was used until the mid-1970's. The monumental scale and central tower have made this an important neighborhood landmark since it was built.

David Riebel began his architectural practice in Columbus in the early 1890's and was later joined by his sons. Riebel & Sons continued to be an active and important architectural firm until 1937. The Felton School (1893) was one of the first educational buildings designed by Riebel and is nearly identical to the Southwood School (1894), also designed by Riebel and built a year later. During his career, he was responsible for the design a number of educational buildings including the following: Indianola School, West High School, Michigan Ave. School, St. John's School, St. Francis School, Heyl Avenue School and Ohio Avenue School in Columbus; College Township School, Clintonville High School, and Central College School in Gambier.

This particular building was designed early in his career and the choice of Romanesque Revival firmly places this building in the late 19th century. It is quite different from schools designed by Riebel little more than a decade later. For example, his design for Indianola High School in 1907 exhibited horizontal lines and neo-classical detailing more typical of the early 20th century and his later design work.

Columbus, like many cities, has a rich collection of architecturally significant school buildings. Many were designed by important local architects and some of the finest were built during a major school expansion program which took place from 1890-1920's. However, changing school population and economic factors have led to the demolition, sale and mothballing of a number of these significant resources. Felton School was closed and after 2 previously unsuccessful attempts to sell the building, it was recently purchased and rehabilitation plans are underway to use it as a corporate office building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Architecture Columbus. Columbus: Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, 1976.
Giljahn, Jack and Matheny, Thomas A Guide for the Adaptive Use of Schools. Columbus: Columbus Landmarks Foundation, 1981
see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 1

Quadrangle name Southeast Columbus

Quadrangle scale 1: 24000

UTM References

A 17 331060 4426700
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of Parcel number 66702 as recorded in the Franklin County Map Room. The property measures approximately 330'x 125'.

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 Nancy Recchie/ Preservation Consultant

organization Benjamin D. Rickey & Co.

date 2/27/84

street & number 391 Library Park South

telephone 614-221-0358

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature W. Ray Luce

title SAPD

date 4/19/84

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 5-31-84

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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Felton School, Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio

Continuation sheet

Item number 9

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Bibliography - Continued

Columbus City Directories - 1890-1940

Steve Vargo, Director of Properties and Dave Jones, School Architect, for the
Columbus Public Schools.

Significance - continued

The Felton School is representative of the type of school buildings being erected during the turn-of-the-century in Columbus through its size, massing, plan, building materials and attention to detail.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Felton School
Franklin County
OHIO

Working No. MAY 4 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 5/31/84 - 6/18/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5-31-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ 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. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

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- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

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☐ altered

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☐ moved date _____

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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



FELTON SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio

February, 1984

View of entrance tower on south
elevation



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Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio

February, 1984

North elevation and playground
area



FELTON SCHOOL
Franklin County, Ohio
Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio
February, 1984
West elevation showing one story
wing and cafeteria additions



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393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio

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View of connection between the
original building and the one
story wings



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393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio

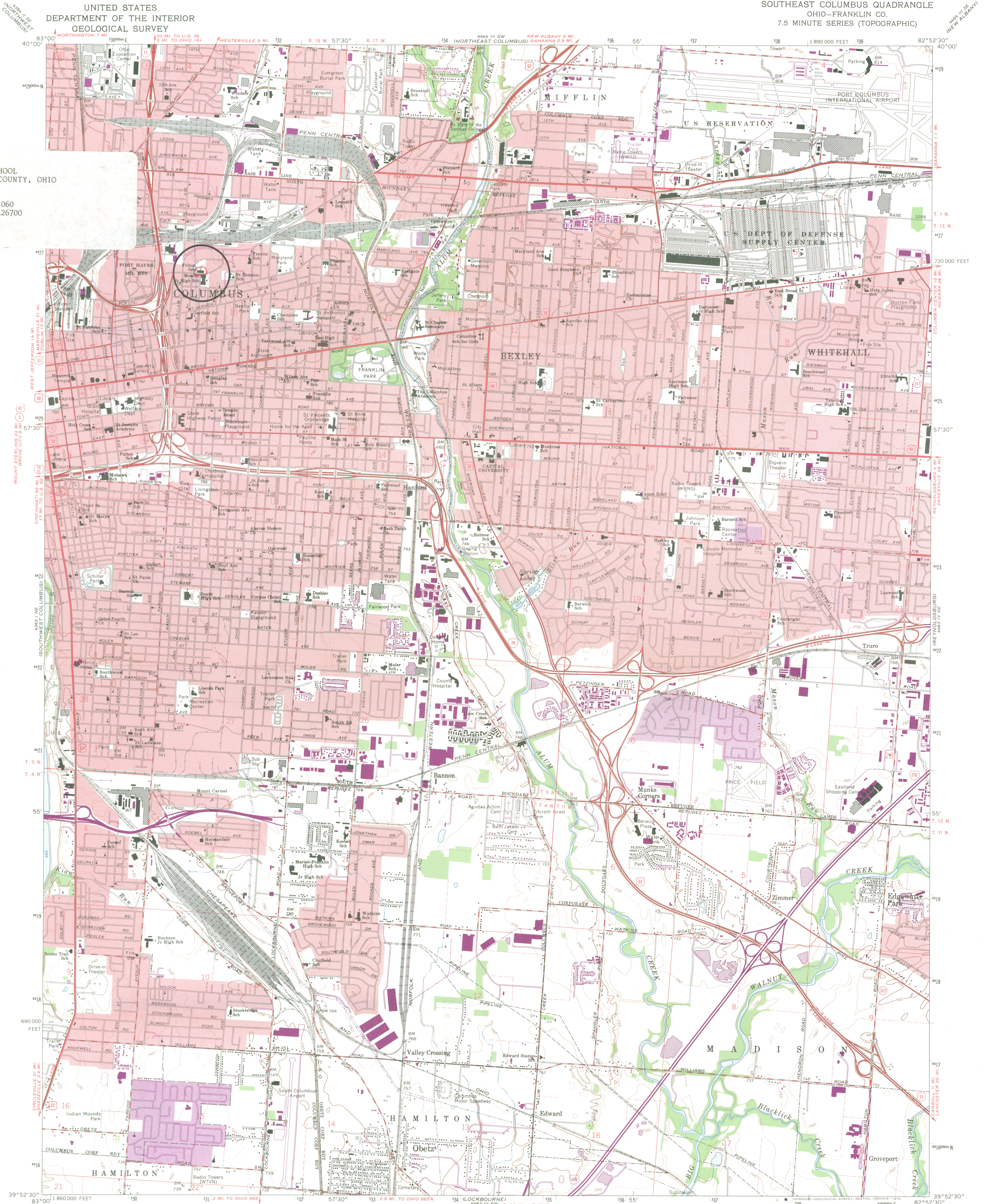
February, 1984
View of east and south elevations

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

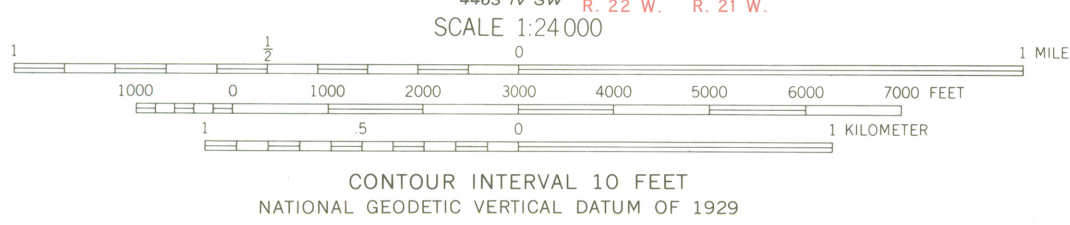
SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS QUADRANGLE
OHIO—FRANKLIN CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

FELTON SCHOOL
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Zone 17
Easting 331060
Northing 4426700



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and City of Columbus
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken
1953 and 1954. Topography by planetable surveys 1955. Revised 1964
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
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Area north of Base Line lies within the United States Military District
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District
Area south of Base Line lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River
Land lines within Ts. 4 and S. N. R. 22 W. based on the Scioto River Base
Land lines within Ts. 11 and 12 N. R. 21 W. based on the Ohio River Base



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS, OHIO

N3952.5—W8252.5/7.5
1964
PHOTOREVISED 1973
AMS 4463 IV NW—SERIES V852

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FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

FEB 22 1984



City of Columbus
Mayor Dana G. Rinehart

Office of the Mayor

City Hall
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4184
(614) 222-7671

February 21, 1984

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

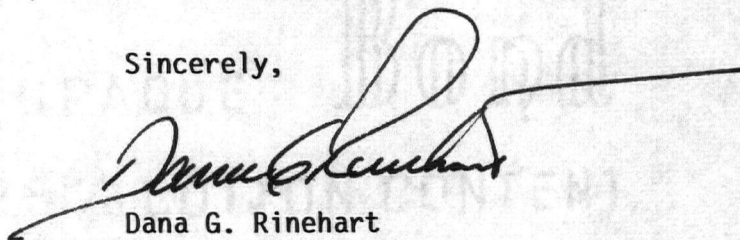
Dear Dr. Luce:

The City of Columbus is pleased to support the nomination of the Felton Elementary School to the National Register of Historic Places. Recently purchased by Jim Ebright for use as the headquarters of Software Results, Inc., the rehabilitation of the school will be of tremendous importance to the near east side neighborhood in which it is located.

In order that the project may be expedited I would like to request that at the March 16 meeting of the Ohio Historic Sites Preservation Advisory Board the preliminary hearing be waived in favor of a final hearing.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dana G. Rinehart
Mayor

DGR/KB

MAR 06 1984

**SOFTWARE
RESULTS
CORPORATION**

2887 Silver Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43211-1081
614-267-2203 800-SRC-DATA TELEX 467495

March 1, 1984

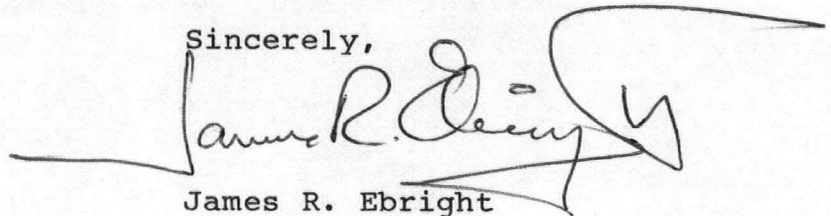
Dr. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
I-71 and 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211

Dear Dr. Luce:

The National Register nomination for the Felton School in Columbus will be considered at the March 16, 1984, meeting of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board. Both preliminary and final approval are being requested at the meeting.

As the owner of the Felton School, I am in full support of this nomination. Plans are underway to rehabilitate the building using the 25% Investment Tax Credit and to return it to full use as the corporate offices of Software Results Corporation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Ebright", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

James R. Ebright
President

JRE/ck

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