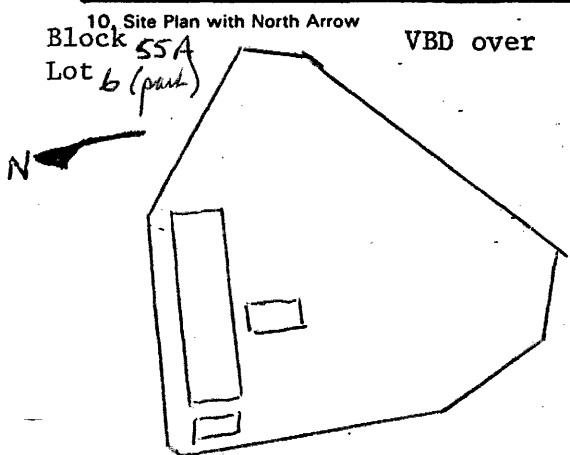


KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. SS-10

1. Historic Name(s) Kentucky Wagon Works		22. ADD/County JF <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">056</span>
Original Owner		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') West Louisville <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">079</span>
2. Present Name Kentucky Manufacturing Company		24. UTM Reference <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">16</span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">608460</span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4227750</span>
3. Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2601 S. Third St./ Louisville, KY 40208		Zone Easting Northing
4. Owner's Name R. C. Tway c/o Mr. Glen Scott		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Owner's Address 2601 S. Third St./ Lou., KY 40206		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Local Contact/Organization Louisville Landmarks Commission 727 W. Main St. / Lou., KY 40202		



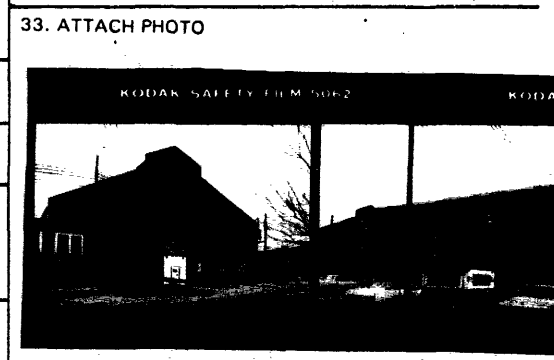
10. Site Plan with North Arrow	11. Architect H. Wolters; D.X.Murphy
	12. Builder
	13. Date 1887-1895 A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>
	14. Style Victorian A. vernacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	15. Original Use industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	16. Present use industrial
	17. Condition fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

27. National Register District Name:	
28. Significance Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Status	Date
National Landmark	
National Register	
Landmark Certificate	
Kentucky Survey	
Local Landmark	
HABS/HAER	

18. Description	No. Stories one - two <input type="checkbox"/>
The office building for the Kentucky Wagon Works is a two-and-one-half-story brick structure with a gabled roof. A conical-roofed turret on the north facade contains half-timbering on the third level. The gable on this facade and the one on the east facade is also half-timbered. All windows are one-over-one and double hung with stone sills. A first floor bay window on the north facade also has a conical	Single Pile <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Double Pile <input type="checkbox"/>
	Floor Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
	Structural Fabric brick A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>
	Decorative Fabric brick corbeling A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>
	Roof Form (see description)

30. Historic Theme	
Primary <u>architecture</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary	
Other	
31. Endangered	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
32. Preservation Project Status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actual Cost in \$1,000s	

19. History	(OVER)
The Kentucky Wagon Works was founded in 1878 and moved to the present site in 1887, at that time occupying 30 acres of ground. The assembly plant and office building were constructed at that time, designed by local architect H. Wolters. The forge shop was completed ca. 1895. Architect	
	(OVER)



20. Significance	(OVER)
The Kentucky Wagon Works played a major role in the development of the town of South Louisville, the first major southern suburb of Louisville. The Wagon Works was also	
	(OVER)
21. Source of Information	
Caron Annual Directories of the City of Louisville Jefferson County Courthouse, Deed Books. Louisville Survey Central & South Report, City of Louisville Community Development Cabinet, 1978.	

33. ATTACH PHOTO	Roll No. <u>Roll 143</u>
	Picture No. <u>25-35</u>
	Direction
34. Prepared by:	M. A. Allgeier Researcher
35. Organization	Louisville Landmarks Commission
36. Date	3-9-83
37. Revision Dates	38. Staff Review

18. (cont.) roof. What was originally a porch was enclosed ca. 1910 for additional office space and the windows were mated to the existing. A crenelated parapet caps the porch enclosure.

The forge shop is a large, single story brick structure with a gabled roof and extended clerestory. The twelve bays on either side contain multi-paned windows with relieving arches, a brick corbel table at the cornice line, and brick pilasters separating the windows into pairs. The ends of the building contain a large central opening flanked by three windows, all with relieving arches. The entrances have been enclosed but the openings remain intact.

The largest of the three structures is the assembly plant. Large multi-paned windows with relieving arches divided into pairs by brick pilasters extend the length of the building, both sides. Brick corbeling is located at the cornice line on all four sides of the building. Multiple skylights and pyramidal-roofed vents on the roof extend the length of the building.

19. (cont.) D. X. Murphy was a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Wagon Works and was responsible for the construction of many of the buildings at the works, perhaps the forge shop and the alterations to the office building.

Kentucky Wagon Works was one of the largest farm wagon manufacturing plants in the south in the late nineteenth century. A 1895 advertisement for the Kentucky Wagon Works claims that it is the "largest and best arranged factory in the world" building 30,000 wagons annually. With the advent of the automobile, the Wagon Works began building automobiles under the corporate title Associated Motor Industries Company Inc., while the wagon manufacturing continued under the old name. Automobiles such as the "Dixie Flyer" and "Old Hickory" were manufactured here, but the larger auto makers proved to be too much competition. After many years of struggling to remain solvent, R. C. Tway Co., the current owners, purchased the bankrupt company in 1931. Now called Kentucky Manufacturing Company, the plant manufactures custom semi-tractor trailers.

20. (cont.) an important part of the industrial economy of Louisville during its boom at the turn of the century. Although the company had little success in the automobile industry, it dominated the wagon manufacturing industry throughout the south for a period of over thirty years.

Three of the buildings which remain from the turn of the century represent the industrial architecture of the period. Few such complexes remain intact in Louisville. The assembly plant, one of the largest intact industrial buildings from this period in Louisville, is particularly significant. The fenestration, corbeling and light and venting system on the roof is even today both highly functional and rhythmically aesthetic.

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The boundary of the site extends 10 feet from the foundations of each building, constituting approximately 3.5 acres. There are several other structures on the property which do not meet National Register criteria and have therefore been omitted.

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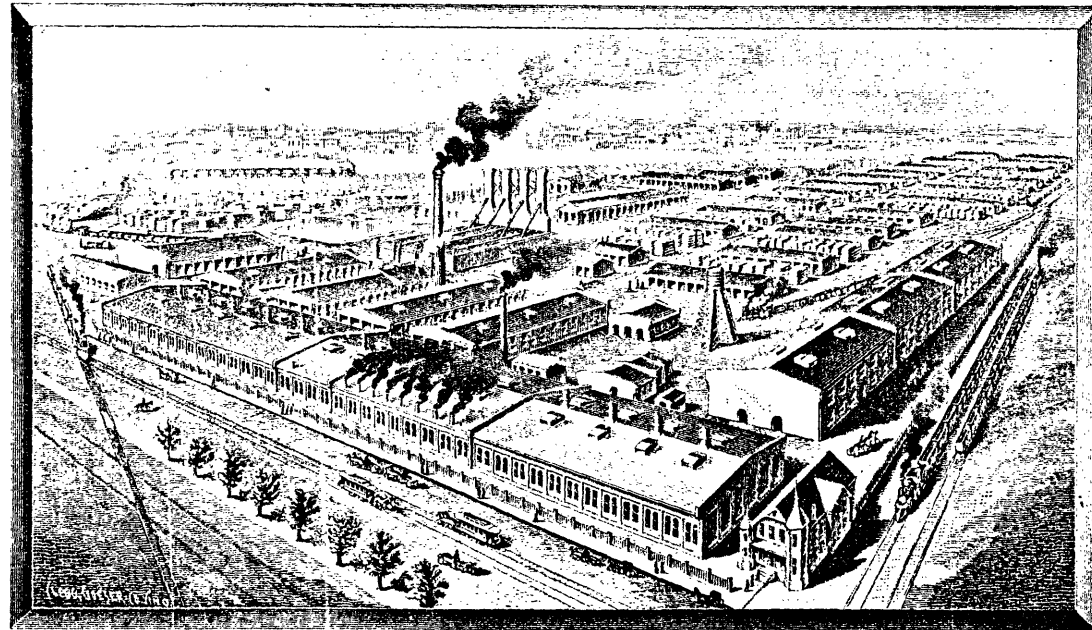
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