

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

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

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

1. Name

historic First Lutheran Church

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 417 E. Broadway n/a not for publication

city, town Louisville n/a vicinity of congressional district 3 & 4

state Kentucky code 021 county Jefferson code 111

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name First Lutheran Church

street & number 417 E. Broadway

city, town Louisville n/a vicinity of state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number 517 W. Jefferson

city, town Louisville state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ky Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? xx yes na no

date 1980 n/a federal xx state n/a county n/a local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Commission

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	n/a	deteriorated	n/a	unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	na
<input type="checkbox"/> good	n/a	ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	n/a	moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	n/a	unexposed				

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The First Lutheran Church is located on Broadway, a major east-west artery of Louisville. The Church lies just outside the boundaries of the Phoenix Hill Historic District (pending National Register) and within that neighborhood. The Church is also close to St. Paul's Evangelical Church (National Register, February, 1982) and the old Presbyterian Seminary (National Register, March, 1978).

First Lutheran is a three-story, limestone Gothic Revival structure influenced by the flamboyant style of the Cologne Cathedral. The various pinnacles and gables are hard-edged and geometric in character. A tripartite entry protrudes from the main plane of the facade. Above the entry is a small rose window surmounted by a central gable ornamented with blind arches and pinnacles. Flanking this section are two matched towers. The lower two stories of the tower are pierced by arched windows topped with gables and pinnacles and buttresses further adorn this element. The lantern is decorated with blind arches and a multitude of pinnacles. A simple spire rises above the lantern is capped with an epi. Later additions remain behind the main facade and have been executed in a similar manner.

The rather square interior of the sanctuary has a broad chancel arch with compound columns. A stained glass clerestory lights the nave. The ceiling is paneled in wood with beams and pendants.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1874, 1904, 1960 **Builder/Architect** Mason Maury

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The First Lutheran Church is an unique interpretation of the Gothic Style in Louisville's collection of ecclesiastical architecture. The structure was designed by one of the city's most prominent and avant-garde architects of the period, Mason Maury (1874-1912).

The First Lutheran Church was begun in 1874. The facade and sanctuary were the 1904 design of Mason Maury. Maury was one of the few local architects to experiment with the architectural vocabulary of Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright. His most important local building, the Kaufman Strauss Store (National Register, Feb. 14, 1978) was designed one year before the First Lutheran Church.

The First Lutheran Church is influenced by the German Gothic tradition as exhibited in Cologne Cathedral. What is unusual is the sharp, angular quality of the architectural elements which is most pronounced in the treatment of the pinnacles, gables and window tracery. The rigidity of this treatment is also marked by the use of a smooth-stone sheathing on the wall surface. This architectural interpretation stands in sharp contrast to the more plastic treatment of facade ornamentation in other Gothic Revival churches by such prominent Louisville architectural firms as Clarke & Loomis and McDonald & Dodd.

The First Lutheran Church is a unique and important part of Louisville's impressive collection of religious architecture. The church also displays the individuality and creativity of one of Louisville's most avant-garde architects of the early twentieth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Langsom, Walter. Metropolitan Preservation Plan. Louisville: Falls of Ohio Council of Governments, 1975. p. 71

Lantham, Tooba, "Mason Maury and the Influence of the Chicago School," unpublished Master's thesis, University of Louisville, 1974, p. 39

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .29 acres

Quadrangle name Louisville East Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>16</u> Zone	<u>609700</u> Easting	<u>4233600</u> Northing	B	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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G	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	H	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

City of Louisville Block 16H, Lot 5 110' x 170'. The structure takes up almost the entire lot with a small amount of front side walk.

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

state	<u>na</u>	code	<u>na</u>	county	<u>na</u>	code	<u>na</u>
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marty Hedgepeth, Director of Research

organization Landmarks Commission date 7-19-82

street & number 727 W Main Street telephone 587-3501

city or town Louisville state Kentucky

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 Marty Hedgepeth

title State Historic Preservation Officer date Sept. 29, 1982

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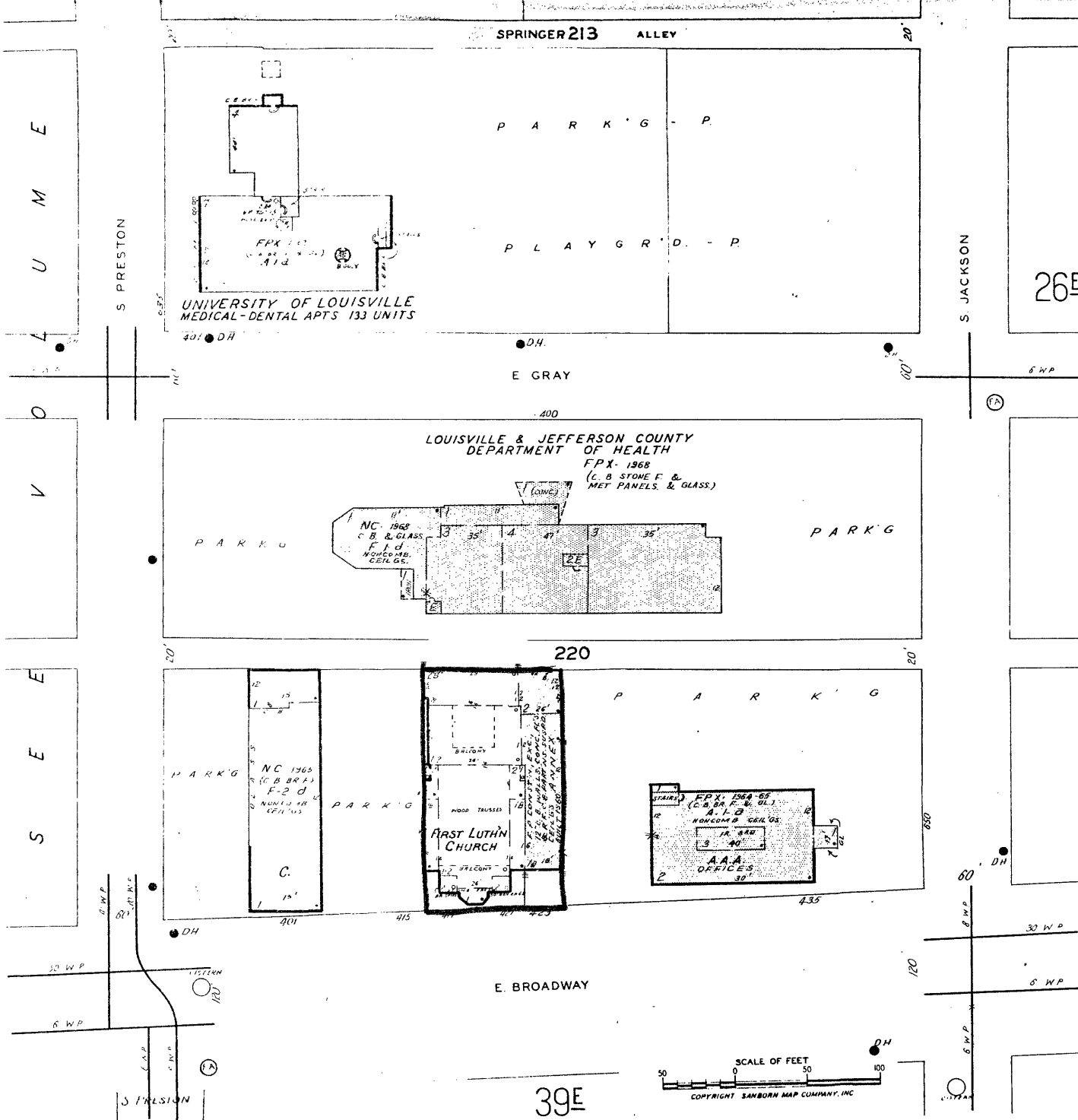
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Alfred Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 10/29/82

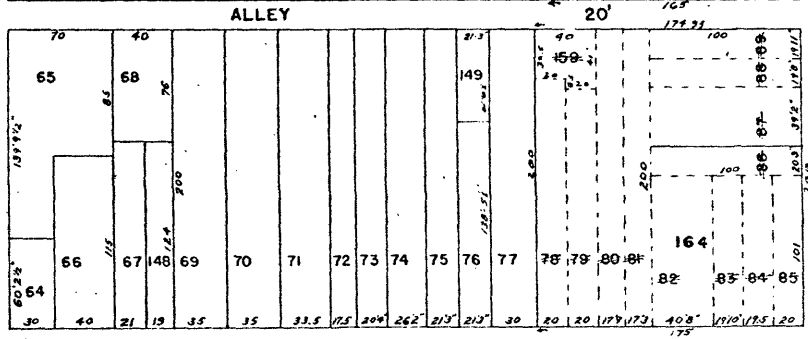
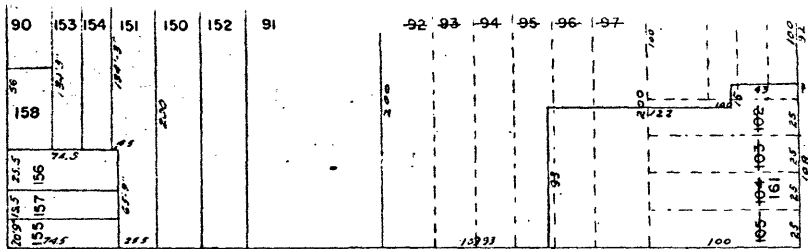
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Chief of Registration

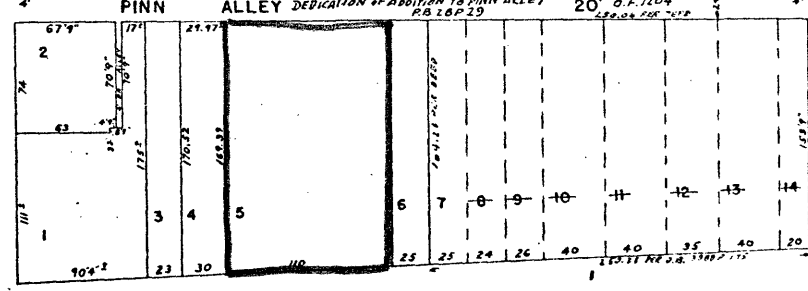
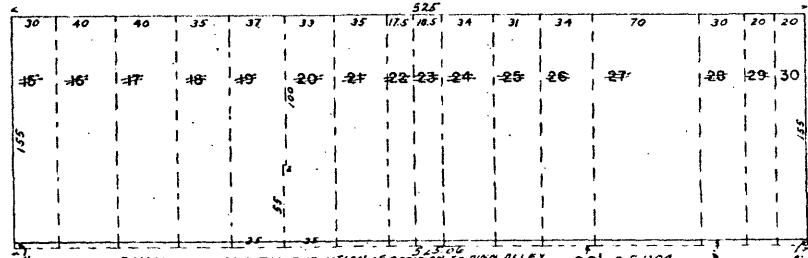


First Lutheran Church
417 E. Broadway
Louisville, Jefferson Cty, KY
Sanborn Map Co. Pellam, N. Y.
Map 2
1974

ST. 60'

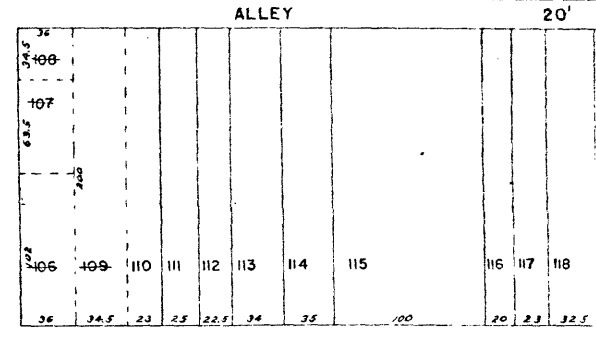
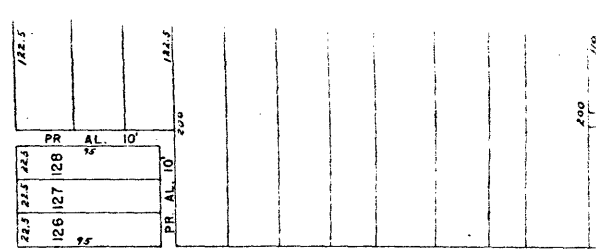


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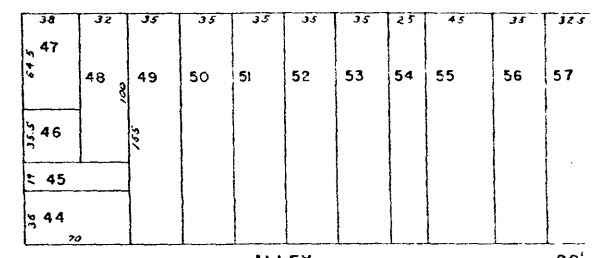


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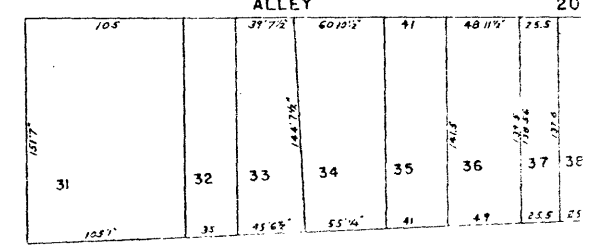
ST. 60'



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JACKSON



BROADWAY 120'

Block 16H

First Lutheran Church
417 E. Broadway
Louisville, Jefferson, Cty. KY
Real Estate Atlas of Jefferson
Cty. Real Estate Data

Miami, Florida 1979
Map 3