

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK 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

Roosevelt, Theodore Elementary School (Duncan Street School)

AND/OR COMMON

Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

222 North 17th Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 & 4

STATE

Kentucky

__VICINITY OF

CODE
021

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

111

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 MUSEUM
 COMMERCIAL PARK
 EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS
 GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
 INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
 MILITARY OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. James Whitlow

STREET & NUMBER

4922 Brownsboro Road

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

__VICINITY OF

STATE
Kentucky 40222**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County (Ky.) Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

531 West Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

STATE
Kentucky 40202**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

May 1980

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE
Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School is located on 17th Street between Duncan and Columbia Streets in Louisville's Portland neighborhood. The area is primarily residential in character, but is interspersed with commercial and industrial buildings.

Roosevelt School is a three-story, brown brick structure in a modified Renaissance Revival style. The original building had only two stories, the third floor being added four years later, in 1870. The present school complex includes two twentieth-century additions.

The main facade consists of five bays, articulated by pilasters. The central, slightly projecting bay contains the round-arched entry and a round-arched window in each story above. The windows and entryway are capped by stone arches with pronounced keystones. The entrance itself has paneled double doors topped by a horizontal transom, with radiating panes. A low pediment crowns this central pavilion. The flanking bays have shallow recessed areas pierced by double-hung sash windows with twelve-over-twelve lights and stone lintels and sills.

A three-story, brick addition to the rear of the original building dates from 1915. The structure is essentially square, but a narrow corridor projects forward, connecting it to the older building, and rearward to form a back entry hall. Like the earlier building, the walls of the addition are articulated by pilasters and recessed areas pierced by windows. Fenestration in the upper stories is in groups of two or five windows on a common sill, with six-over-six lights. A concrete belt course runs through the raised basement and above the windows of this level. A simple cornice and overhanging eaves accent the line of the low-pitched roof.

In 1954, a two and one-half story brick addition was built to the north of the original school building and connected to it by a one-story enclosed passageway. It contains classrooms and a cafeteria for the entire school.

This nomination includes one detached structure, namely a one-story, brick boiler house built in 1915. It is located behind the 1954 addition, on the Duncan Street side of the property.

Three other detached structures- one-story frame "portable" classrooms- are not included in the nomination. They do not meet the age criterion and have no architectural or historical significance to the school. Similarly, the asphalt-paved playground behind the school is not a 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"/> 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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1865-66

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Bradshaw and Brothers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School is Louisville's finest Italianate institutional building remaining from the city's post-Civil War era of expansion. Roosevelt is the oldest, continuously-operating public school in Louisville.

Originally named Eleventh Ward School, Roosevelt was one of three schoolhouses built in a similar style at this time by the notable local firm of Bradshaw and Brothers. The other two, First and Third Ward schools, have been demolished. Other surviving examples of the work of H. P. and Richard Bradshaw are St. John's Evangelical (1866), First Unitarian Church (1872; National Register-April 1976) and St. Louis Bertrand (1871; National Register-November 1978).

The original two-story building (see photo 5) cost \$28,000 and contained eight classrooms, each of which could accommodate sixty students. Between 1869 and 1870, the third story was added and the name changed to Duncan Street School.

The 1914-15 structure, costing \$47,558.19, provided twelve additional classrooms. The architect may have been J. Earl Henry, who was the chief architect and engineer for the school board at this time.

Roosevelt took its present name in 1920 at the request of the student body and P.T.A. of the school.

By 1922, Roosevelt was the largest white elementary school in Louisville, with an enrollment of nearly 1,000 pupils. At this time, several noteworthy and innovative programs were in operation. The school received retarded children from all over the city's west end. Nutrition classes were offered and special meals served for underweight children. A shoe shop was also established at the school as part of a vocational training program.

In recent years, the tradition of a community-oriented educational institution has been revived at Roosevelt. Its exemption from the school system's busing plan allows an opportunity for community involvement that few schools enjoy today. In conjunction with its regular educational functions, the school houses a drug education center, a social service agency and a neighborhood museum. Roosevelt School has become a source of community pride and activity in the Portland neighborhood.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

ADDRESS NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .80

QUADRANGLE NAME New Albany

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 606900 4235305

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

July 10, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

727 West 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 X

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

Anne C. Thompson

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

1-19-82

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3/22/1982

ATTEST:

Lynn A. Beebe
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3/22/82

David [Signature]
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Jefferson Co., Ky.

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Portland Museum

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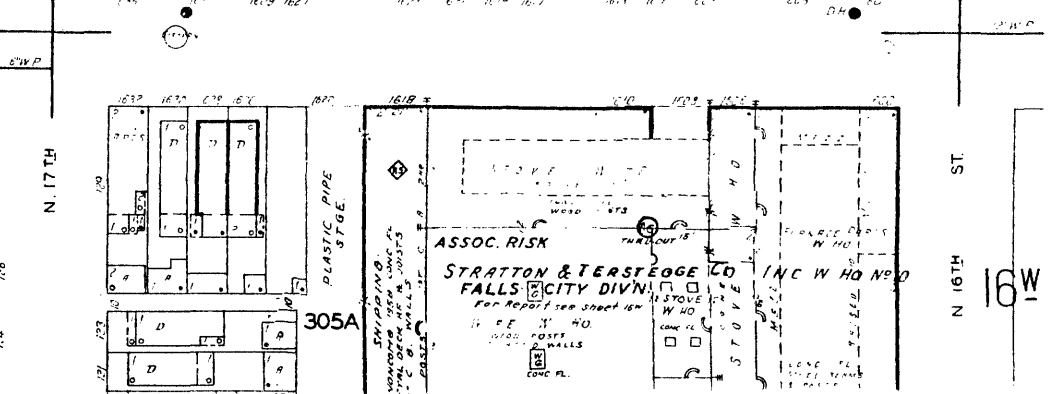
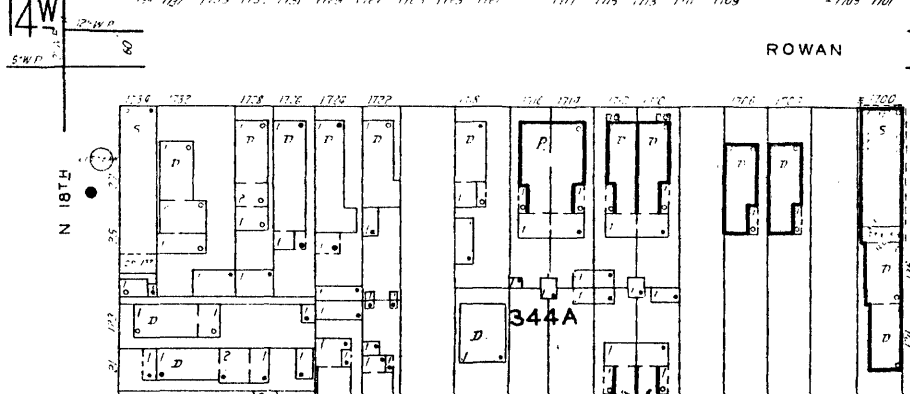
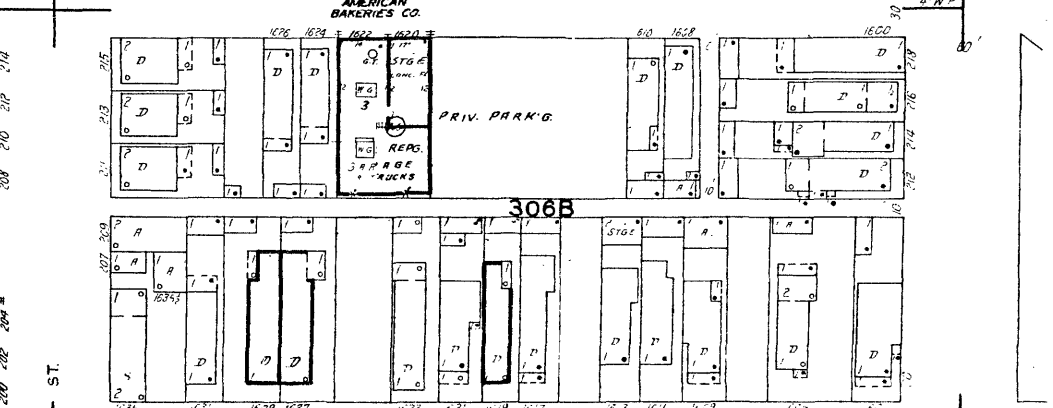
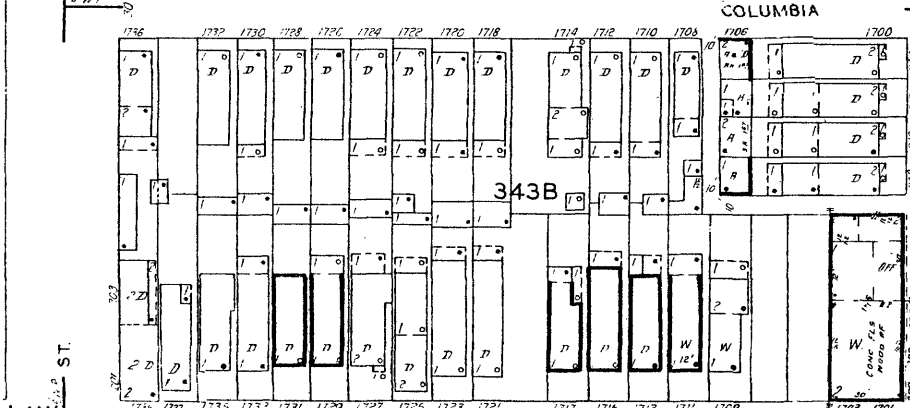
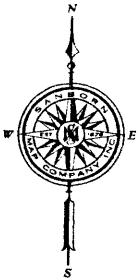
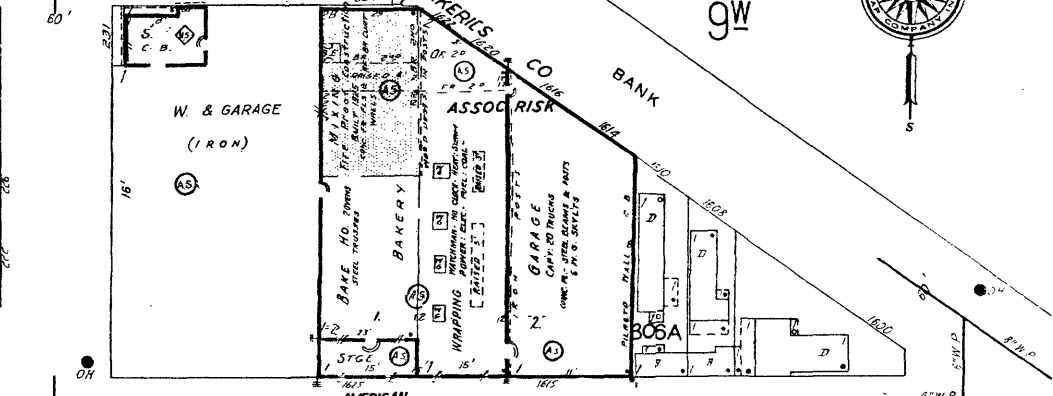
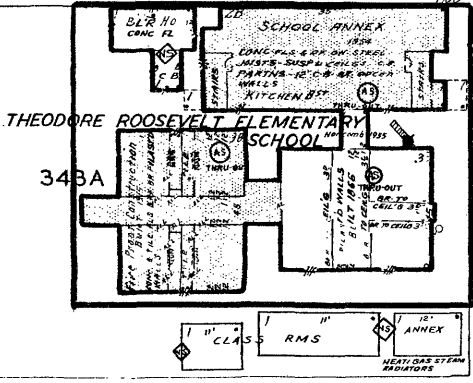
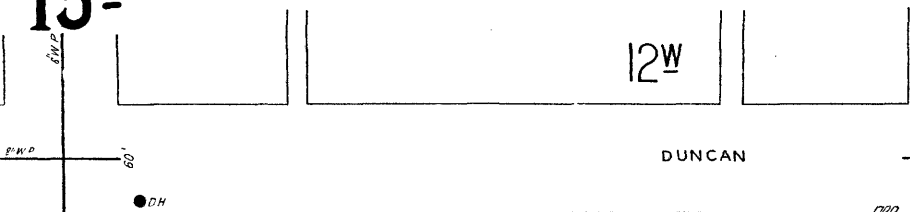
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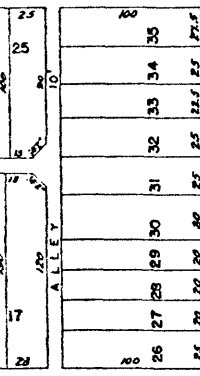
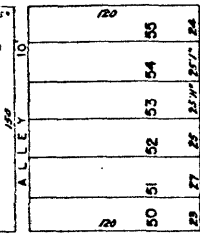
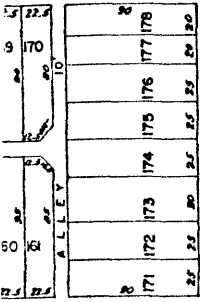
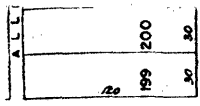
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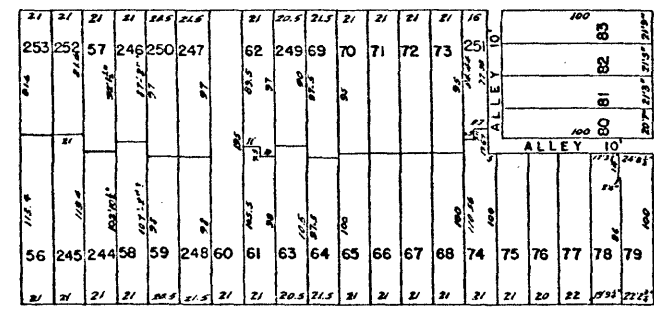
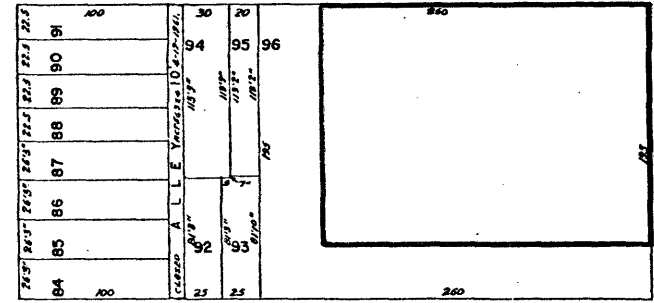
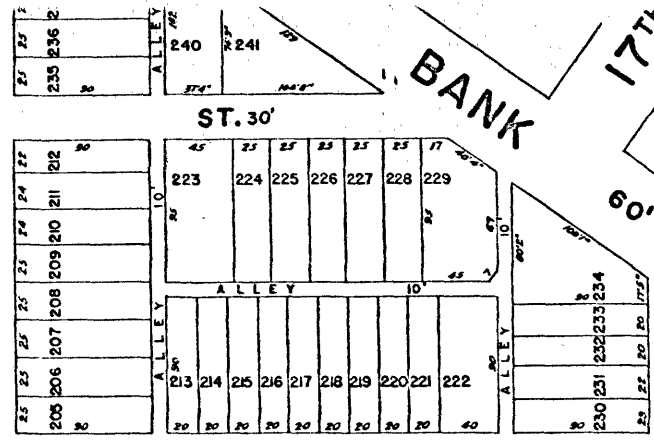
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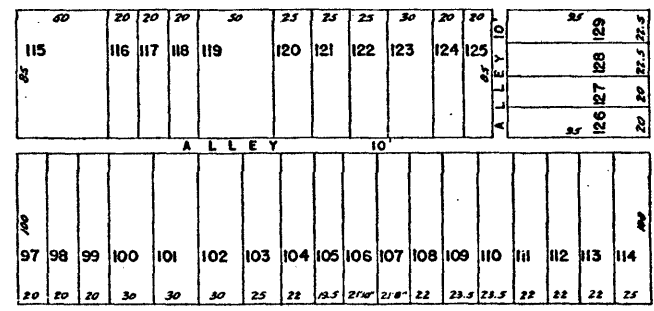
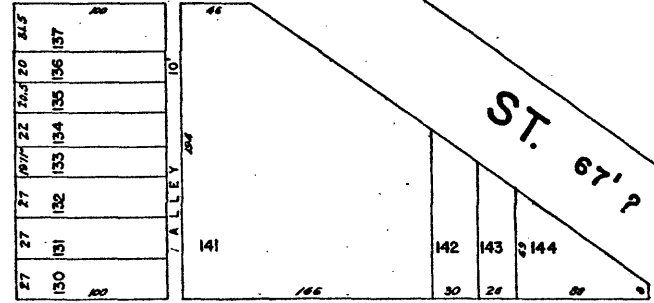
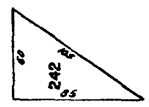
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17TH



ST. 67' ?

ST.60'

16TH ST.60'



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Louisville, Jefferson,
Kentucky
Jefferson County Real Estate
Atlas (1968)

Map 2. Real Estate Atlas