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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001562

Date Listed: 10/25/90

Fire Station No. 22

Jefferson

AL

Property Name

County

State

Historic Fire Stations of Birmingham MPS

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Feduma
Signature of the Keeper

10/25/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

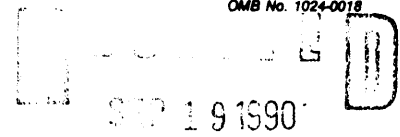
Since the property is significant in architecture, Criterion C should be checked.

Discussed and concurred in by Alabama SHPO on October 17, 1990.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Registration Form

NATIONAL
REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fire Station #22

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 3114 Clairmont Avenue

not for publication

city, town Birmingham

vicinity

state Alabama

code AL

county Jefferson

code 073

zip code 35205

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Fire Stations of Birmingham, Alabama, 1906-1929

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

NA

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)

State or Federal agency and bureau

9-13-90

Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Amy Tederman

10/25/90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Spanish Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Stucco
Brick
roof Asphalt
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #22 is an irregular shaped, one-story masonry building constructed in the Spanish Revival style in c. 1927-1928. The fire station sits at an angle at the corner of what is now Clairmont Avenue (formerly Lower Highland) and 31st Street South. The main body of the building has a front gabled roof. Located at the corner of the main body, facing the intersection, is a dominant square tower with a low pitched hipped roof. At the other corner is the original one-story garage projection with a shed roof. There is a gabled roof projection on the east side facade and a modern garage addition at the rear.

The Spanish Revival details include: the square tower which features a second story door and iron balcony, a decorative Spanish-style arch with scrolled columns and capitals on the gable projection, a decorative octagonal vent and arched window adorns the front facade, and several decorative arched stone insets.

INTEGRITY:

The building has experienced several insensitive modernizations including replacing all original windows with aluminum, resurfacing the original stucco, replacing the original tile roof, closing many window openings. The original garage opening has been enclosed with a large aluminum framed window. A modern one-story garage addition was added to the rear of the building. The interior has been mostly modernized to include vinyl flooring throughout, modern kitchen, remodeled locker and bathrooms. The original pole has been removed and the opening has been closed. Despite these alterations, the building has retained its integrity as a 1920s suburban fire station. The building still continues to function as a fire station.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

c. 1927-1928

c. 1927-28

Community Development/Planning

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

NA

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

CRITERION A: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Fire Station #22 is one of the best fire stations to illustrate how the City of Birmingham developed in the mid-to-late 1920s. During this period, Birmingham's public buildings, specifically the fire stations, became more stylistic and their locations responded to neighborhood planning and definition. The Highland Avenue area of Birmingham is a suburban middle- and upper-middle-class residential neighborhood that began developing in the early 1900s and ended its period of growth in the 1930s. Fire Station #22 is situated at the northern most boundary of the Highland Avenue neighborhood. The southern boundary of the Highland Avenue neighborhood is marked by Fire Station #3, erected in 1927.

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

Fire Station #22 is architecturally significant for demonstrating the typical residential type fire house built in Birmingham's suburbs in the 1920s. Fire Station #22 bespeaks the strong residential tone and stylistic qualities of fire stations of that era. Its lawn is small but indicative of the landscaped motif for fire houses and the beautification campaign which swept Birmingham during the Progressive era.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1/8 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 13 and East 13' of Lot 12, Block 716, Birmingham

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Fire Station #22

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1. Fire station #22
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham-Pamela King
View of front facade facing NW.
#1.
2. Fire Station #22
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham-Pamela King
View of turret facing NW.
#2.
3. Fire Station #22
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham -Pamela King
View of locker room facing East.
#3
4. Fire station #22
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham-Pamela King
View of residential area facing East.
#4.

Fire Station #22
3114 Clairmont Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Scale: 1" = 200'
Source: City of Birmingham
Dept. of Engineering
Planimetric Map

