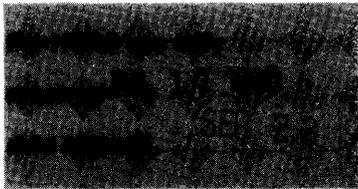


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



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

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

**1. Name**

historic Peter Zinszer's Mammoth Furniture House  
and/or common Beard Furniture

**2. Location**

street & number 2115, 2117, 2119 Second Avenue North not for publication  
city, town Birmingham vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 6th  
state Alabama code 01 county Jefferson code 073

**3. Classification**

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                            | <b>Status</b>   | <b>Present Use</b>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress             | <input type="checkbox"/> educational           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process         | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted              | <input type="checkbox"/> government            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial            |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> no                           | <input type="checkbox"/> military              |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> park                  |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence     |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religious             |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific            |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation        |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                |

**4. Owner of Property**

name 2115 Lucinda Jean Beard Allen W. Haskell Frank B. Yeilding  
street & number 3609 Westbury Rd. 2880 Hastings Road Jefferson Fedreal Building  
city, town Birmingham vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Alabama

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse  
street & number 716 North 21st Street  
city, town Birmingham state Alabama

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1970-present  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission  
city, town Montgomery state Alabama

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## 7. Description

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

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Zinszer Building is a three-story, rectangular masonry structure with a cast-iron facade. It is situated on one-and-one-half lots facing Second Avenue. Although close to the center of the business district, the building is surrounded by two and three story masonry commercial buildings of similar scale. The building is divided into three sections with a common stairway connecting the eastern third with the western two-thirds and incorporated design-wise into the central third. Each section measures approximately 25 feet by 130 feet. The articulated cast iron front is noted for the quality of its classically inspired ornament. Paneled square piers at the ground floor level define the three major bays and support an elaborate cornice enriched with egg and dart molding and acanthus leaves.

Similar piers with Corinthian capitals mark the major divisions of the two upper floors, while fluted Corinthian columns establish the rhythm of the lesser bays (3-4-3). Narrow paired 1/1 windows are topped with a single transom with a border of small square lights. This treatment is omitted in the western third of the building where the transoms are not bordered.

Some of the ground floor piers have been covered with aluminum and the lower part of the store fronts have been replaced with new entrances. The eastern half of the building has suffered some damage due to roof leaks over a period of time.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Lennox, Timothy J. "The Zinszer Family" manuscript to be published in The Journal of the Birmingham Historical Society, Volume VII, Number 2, July, 1980.

# 10. Geographical Data

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Acreege of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Birmingham North 7.51

Quadrangle scale 1:2400

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 101, lot 5 and East half of lot 6; 130' x 75'.

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

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ellen Mertins/Alice Bowsher

organization Birmingham Historical Society

date July 11, 1980

street & number 1425 22nd Street, South

telephone

city or town Birmingham

state Alabama

# 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 Milo B. Howard, Jr.

title SHPO

date July 14, 1980

For HCRS use only

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

John W. Ray Luce  
Keeper of the National Register

date 9/23/80

Attest: Curt Dubois

date 9/19/80

Chief of Registration