

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 #6
other names/site number Homeless Shelter

2. Location

street & number 317 - 15th Street North NA not for publication
city, town Birmingham NA vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Jefferson code 073 zip code 35203

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			Total
			<u>1</u>

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 [Signature] Date 9-13-90
Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or Federal agency and bureau

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:) _____
[Signature] Signature of the Keeper 10/25/90 Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Government/Fire Station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Institutional housing

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Commercial

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Unknown

other Stone - Limestone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #6 is a brick utilitarian fire house constructed in c. 1906. The building is two stories in height with a pedimented roof and stone cap. The main facade was built with two arched garage entrances; one opening has been bricked in, the other replaced with a modern (c.1980) garage door. There is an original arched entrance remaining between the two garage openings. On the second floor there are two sets of three wood windows separated by a single window that is placed over the main entrance.

The east and west facades retain the original two sets of two windows along each floor; all stone sills remain intact. Original window frames have been removed and replaced.

The plain utilitarian style is adorned with decorative bands of brickwork above the second story windows, below the first story windows, and outlining the main facade windows and arched garage openings. Other decorative details include the double parapet roof, stone lintels, and metal vents located below the cornice. A series of capped chimneys remain along the roof.

INTEGRITY:

The building has experienced some insensitive modernization such as painting the brick red, replacing the original windows, and filling in one of the garage openings. Despite these alterations, the building retains much of its flavor as the oldest remaining fire station in Birmingham.

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1906

Significant Dates

c. 1906

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

Fire Station #6 is locally significant as the oldest remaining fire station in Birmingham and is one of the only remaining urban utilitarian-style stations left from the early 1900s. Built before the 1920s, it reflects the simple urban utilitarian style of public buildings typical for fire houses of the period. Its location on a corner lot also suggests its utilitarian usage, peculiar to the fire stations' need for easy exiting.

Built just off the far edge of the not-yet developed black business district and Jewish merchant district prominent during the 1910s and 1920s, Fire Station #6 served these areas in the years after it was built. At the time of its construction it served the small commercial and warehouse development in the area, most of which has been demolished.

Because of its age, style, usage, and historic context, Fire Station #6 is an integral part of the Historic Fire Stations of Birmingham multiple property nomination.

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

Acreeage of property 1/8 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Block 90, Lots 8, 9, 10, Birmingham

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

See continuation sheet

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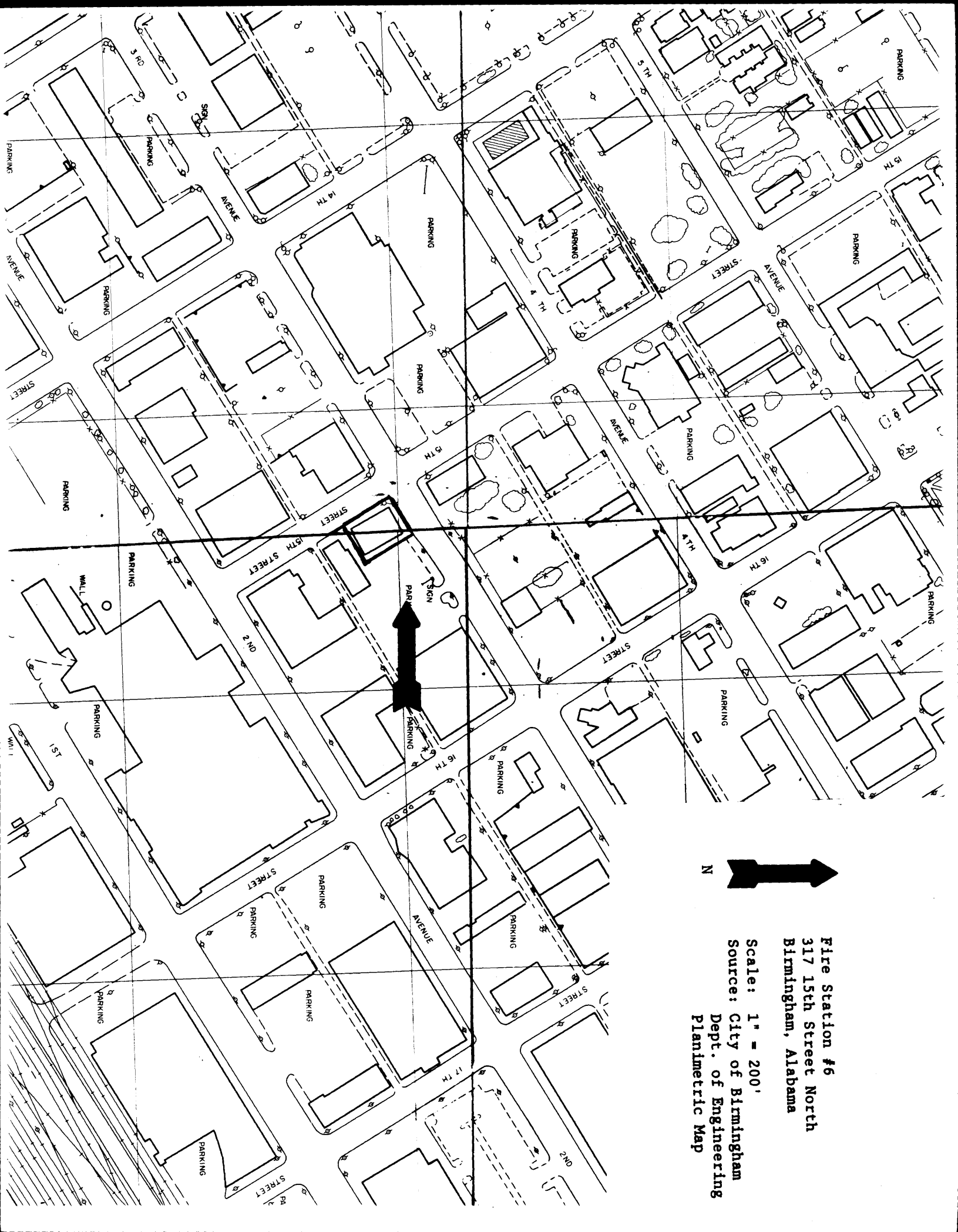
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Fire Station #6

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1. Fire Station # 6
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - P. King
View of facade facing SE.
#1.



Fire Station #6
317 15th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama

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