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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 KLee Funeral Parlor
other names/site number HE-H-52

2. Location

street & number 13-17 South Main Street NA not for publication
city, town Henderson NA vicinity
state Kentucky code KY county Henderson code 101 zip code 42420

3. Classification

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

Name of related multiple property listing:
Henderson Commercial Historic District
(not an MPI)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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 David L. Morgan Date Oct. 10, 1989
David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau Kentucky Heritage Council

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:) _____

Entered in the National Register
Albena Byrum 11/16/89
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/mortuaryCOMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/professional**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH and 20TH CENTURY/commercial
/ecclectic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stonewalls brickstone (dressed limestone)roof asphaltother terra cotta, pressed steel,
wood siding**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The property is located on South Main Street in Henderson, Kentucky, one block south of the Henderson Historic Commercial District. (The area between the District and this nominated property has lost significant integrity and was not included in the District. Therefore, the property is being nominated individually.)

The property is a two-story, four-bay, commercial building, built with eclectic design features from the late-Victorian period. The left three bays with center, square turret was probably built in 1892-3 for the William H. Klee Funeral Directors/Undertakers. The similarly-styled right bay was built between 1906 and 1913. Both sections are of brick masonry with veneer front, have decorative, terra cotta coping and corbelled tables and terra cotta tiles in the frieze. The square turret is capped with a pyramid hip roof with decorative asbestos shingles and finial, has a bracketed, metal cornice, and an arched vent with stone and molded brick architrave. The second floor of of both sections is defined by continuous stone sills and lintels, and window openings are framed with round, molded brick piers. A Half-round window with stone arch top surmounts the second floor windows in the newer portion. The first floor of the undertaker's building is faced with rusticated, limestone and features a large, segmental arch vehicle bay, a basket arch central entry beneath the turret, and a square surround to the storefront to the left. Limestone quoins define the ends of each section. The storefronts have been recently renovated. The far left bay has an aluminum-framed front with plate glass windows and entry, and the right bay has wood siding, a bracketed, wood pent in the cornice area, a wood entry door, and multi-pane, fixed window.

The integrity and condition of the property are excellent. The alteration of the two storefront bays do not compromise the overall integrity.

 See continuation sheet

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
COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1892-1930

Significant Dates

1892

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.

The Klee Funeral Parlor is architecturally and historically significant. Built in two stages in 1892-3 and between 1906 and 1913, the property is one of the best examples of commercial eclectic architecture in downtown Henderson*. It is one of very few commercial properties that display, dressed limestone, finely-molded brick, terra cotta, and pressed metal in such a compact facade. The condition of the property is excellent and a high degree of integrity has been maintained.

The property is also a good example of historical commercial trends in Henderson including locational patterns of business types and the stability of local businesses over time. It is located opposite (west) of the Henderson County Courthouse and downtown park. This row of shops contained service, entertainment, and lodging businesses during the late nineteenth century. The location was convenient to retail and manufacturing interests but slightly removed from the activity that characterized those areas. The William H. Klee Funeral Directors and later the Klee-Morton Co. (undertakers in 1923) operated their businesses here until at least 1931, attesting to the stability of the business and its satisfactory location. The right bay, built between 1906 and 1913 first contained the paint shop of S.H. Hutchen. A paint shop was located here until at least 1931.

* For detailed information on significant commercial architectural and historical trends in Henderson see "Henderson Commercial District National Register of Historic Places Registration Form". See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, LTD. "Henderson, Kentucky": 1892, 1897, 1906
1913, 1923, 1931.
Henderson, Kentucky City Directories, various dates. Henderson County Library Special
Collections.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): na

- 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 less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Henderson KY.-IND. Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries for the property conform to the legal description of the lots on which the property is located, on file at the Henderson County Courthouse, Henderson, Kentucky known as Lots 1-6-3-7 and 1-6-3-8.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary is justified as including only that portion of the block on which the nominated property is located. That is the extent of the hisotric resource.

See continuation sheet

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