

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

National Foundry and Machine Company

AND/OR COMMON

Vogt Brothers Manufacturing Company

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1402 West Main Street

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 &amp; 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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

V B M Corporation

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1402 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

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

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

STATE

Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

March 6, 1979

—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort,

STATE

Kentucky

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Vogt Brothers Manufacturing Company is located at 1402 West Main Street, five blocks west of the West Main Street Preservation District (National Register- March, 1974). The complex occupies nearly a one-half city block area bounded by Main Street on the north, Pirtle Street to the south, Monon Avenue on the east, and to the west by Fifteenth Street.

The two earliest buildings originally housed the National Foundry and Machine Company. The main factory building, dating from 1895, is a three-story, brick structure consisting of five bays articulated by pilasters. Each bay contains two windows with six over six panes on the first two stories and two, smaller windows with three over three panes in the upper story. The windows are accentuated by brick relieving arches. The central bay has a large vehicle entrance. The structure is capped by a band of decorative corbeling.

Attached to the west of this structure is another building of similar design, dating from 1900. This three-story, brick building also has five bays which are only articulated by a wider wall space. Each bay contains two windows with six over six panes. A wooden door is in the westernmost bay. A simple parapet caps the building.

The other buildings in the complex are one to two stories in height and were constructed at various times in this century by the Vogt Brothers Manufacturing Company. There is also an interior, open courtyard.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vogt Brothers Manufacturing Company is an excellent example of a turn-of-the-century manufacturing complex, situated in the West Main Street area-- the center of Louisville's commercial and industrial development.

The firm was established in 1915 when Adam Vogt bought out the National Foundry and Machine Company, which was located on this site. National Foundry made cast-iron pumps under the brand name of Reilly. Named for Adam Vogt's three sons, the Vogt Brothers firm became a nationally-known supplier of pumps, fire hydrants, and metal valves and fittings. The Vogt name has long been associated with manufacturing in the city. A Vogt Brothers machine shop existed as early as 1833. In 1880, Henry Vogt, Adam's brother, founded the Henry Vogt Machine Company, which became a leading producer of drop forged steel valves, as well as such varied products as elevators, refrigeration equipment, and oil refining machinery.

In the mid- and late-nineteenth century, the Main Street area west of Ninth Street was an important tobacco warehouse center; in fact, for many years, it was the world's largest leaf tobacco market. In addition, there were numerous manufacturing concerns, many of them agriculture-related, such as a wagon works, plow factories, paper and planing mills, and engine and boiler works. Attracted initially by the proximity of the Ohio River, the area later developed as the hub of a vast rail network that radiated to markets in every part of the country. With the decline of the tobacco trade after the turn of the century, the area gradually shifted to light industrial manufacturing. The site on which the Vogt Brothers Manufacturing Company stands illustrates this transition very well.

Before 1895, the property was occupied by a lumber yard and by B.F. Avery and Sons, the world's largest plow manufacturer. In 1895, the National Foundry and Machine Company purchased the site and built its two factory buildings for the manufacture of cast-iron pumps. The location was ideal, being immediately adjacent to the Fourteenth Street rail lines. After Vogt Brothers bought out National Foundry in 1915, they expanded the physical plant and the line of products to include a wide range of metal valves and fixtures.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1 1/2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	6,0,7,2,4,5	4,2,3,4,9,8,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

City Block 14-B, Lot 80

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

Hugh B. Foshee- Researcher

November 1, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Louisville Landmarks Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

727 West Main Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 587-3501

CITY OR TOWN

Louisville

STATE

Kentucky

# 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Edward W. Minton*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 1-8-80

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

*W. Kay Price*

DATE

5/1/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*[Signature]*  
 CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

*Kristen J. Connell*

DATE

4/28/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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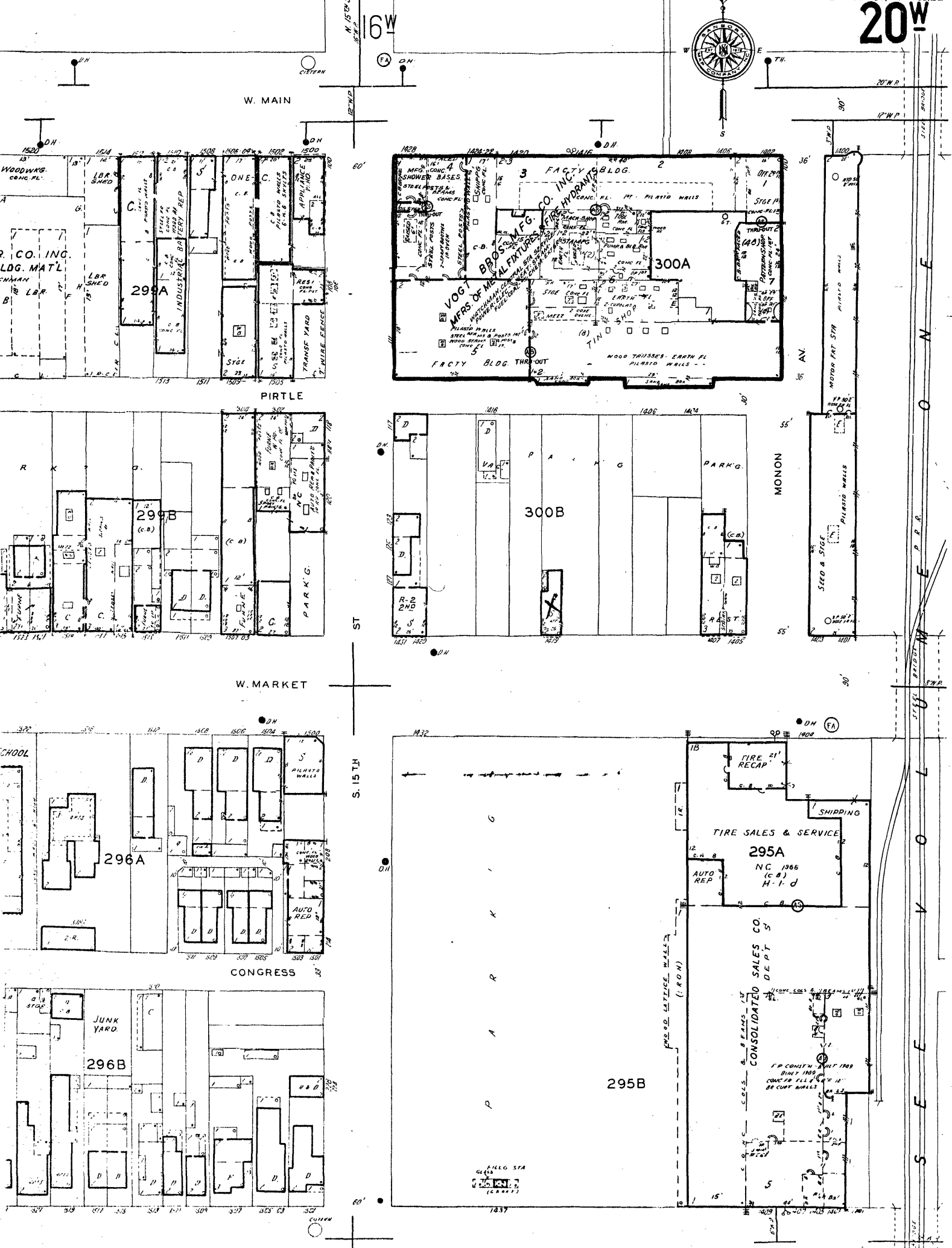
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

**CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Built during a significant era in Louisville's industrial growth, the old National Foundry is one of only a handful of early manufacturing complexes remaining in the West Main Street area.



Vogt Brothers Manufacturing Co.  
1402 West Main Street  
Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky

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