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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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 Jefferson County Courthouse Annex  
AND/OR COMMON Jefferson County Courthouse Annex

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 517 Court Place  
CITY, TOWN Louisville VICINITY OF 4 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE Kentucky CODE 021 COUNTY Jefferson CODE 111

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Jefferson County Fiscal Court  
STREET & NUMBER 517 West Jefferson Street  
CITY, TOWN Louisville VICINITY OF Kentucky STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER 517 West Jefferson Street  
CITY, TOWN Louisville STATE Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Kentucky Survey of Historic Sites  
DATE 1978  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL   
DEPOSITORY 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 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		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jefferson County Courthouse Annex is located directly behind the Jefferson County Courthouse ( National Register) in the heart of Louisville's government district.

The annex is a four-story structure of steel construction with brick veneer. The Annex is separated from the Greek Revival Jefferson County Courthouse by a narrow street. A bridge was built over this area and connects the two buildings. It was completed at the time of the construction of the Annex and connects the buildings at the second through the fourth floors. The bridge uses many of the same architectural motifs as the Annex but it has a stucco exterior. The bridge also partially obscures the south facade of the Annex.

The first floor facade of the Annex consists of brick in a rusticated pattern. The facade is pierced by eight rectangular openings, one a door, which are accented by rusticated brick arches.

The second floor has rectangular windows surmounted by stone pediments. The windows are articulated vertically by brick pilasters with simple stone plinths and capitals. A wide stone band separates the second and third stories.

The third floor windows have classical stone surrounds with the same system of fenestration and pilaster design as the second floor.

The fourth story has rectangular windows set in brick arches. The arches are accented by a thin extrados in stone. The arches have stone keystones. The arches spring from brick pilasters and pilasters also divide the windows. The pilasters have Ionic stone capitals. The pilasters and keystones support a simple entablature. Above the entablature is a cornice of modillions and dentils. The pediments of the roof also carry the modillion and dentil motifs into the raking cornice.

# 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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900-1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Kenneth McDonald, Sr.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jefferson County Courthouse Annex is significant as an important part of the Jefferson County government complex. The structure, in the Neo-Georgian style, is the work of the prominent Louisville architect, Kenneth McDonald.

After the 1891 constitutional revision of the Circuit Court system, Fiscal Court decided to erect an annex immediately accessible to the courthouse to accommodate the new system. The annex originally contained a courtroom on the first and fourth floors and offices. The building served the county's court system until 1977 when it moved to the new Hall of Justice.

Kenneth McDonald, architect of the building, was a partner in the prominent regional firm of the McDonald Brothers (1874-1896). The McDonald Brothers firm was one of the most prolific designers of public buildings in the South after the Civil War. After the firm's dissolution, Kenneth McDonald practiced alone until 1901. His major works during the period include the Gaulbert Building and the Kentucky Title Company Building (both destroyed), the Rossmore Apartments (National Register), and the Walnut Street Baptist Church (National Register, Old Louisville).

The Annex is a transition from the Richardsonian structures designed by the McDonald Brothers in the late 1880's and early 90's to the classical influences of the American Renaissance. The classical styles were used extensively by McDonald in his later partnership with William J. Dodd (see National Register form for the Western Branch Library, December 6, 1975).

The Jefferson County Courthouse Annex is an excellent example of the Neo-Georgian style and is an important work of a prominent Louisville architect. The structure is stylistically a handsome complement to the Greek Revival, Jefferson County Courthouse.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Building Activity." The (Louisville) Courier-Journal. 23 December 1900.

Fiscal Court Minute Book (1) 1886-1900, Jefferson County Fiscal Court.

Hedgepeth, Marty. Unpublished thesis material on Kenneth MacDonald.  
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**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 

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ZONE			EASTING						NORTHING									

B 

ZONE			EASTING						NORTHING									

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

City of Louisville Block 14 E Lot 2

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marty Poynter Hedgepeth Research Director

ORGANIZATION

Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission July 23, 1979

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 M. Hutton*

TITLE

DATE 1-8-80

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

*W. Ray Love*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/21/80

ATTEST: *Kristin O'Connell*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
DATE 3/17/80

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Jefferson County Courthouse  
Annex

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Jefferson County Archives and Records; "A Concept for the Jefferson County's Downtown Government Center." Unpublished manuscript, no date.

Western Branch Library, National Register of Historic Places Form, entered December 6, 1975.

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W. MARKET

BEN SNYDER DEPT STORE

PARK'G.

FISCAL COURT BLDG.  
1856-1858  
CONC. FR. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST.  
CONC. & ST. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST.  
WALLS, 7" O. ST. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST.  
100' 100'

COURT

COURT NO ANNEX

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

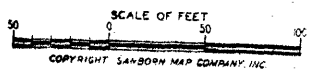
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT NO.

LONG FL. CONC. FR. ON 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST.  
WALLS. 7" O. ST. 12" O. ST. 12" O. ST.  
FR. ST. F. NONCOMB. CEILINGS

W. JEFFERSON

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Scale 1" = 100'



28 CONGRESS S.

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S. 6 TH

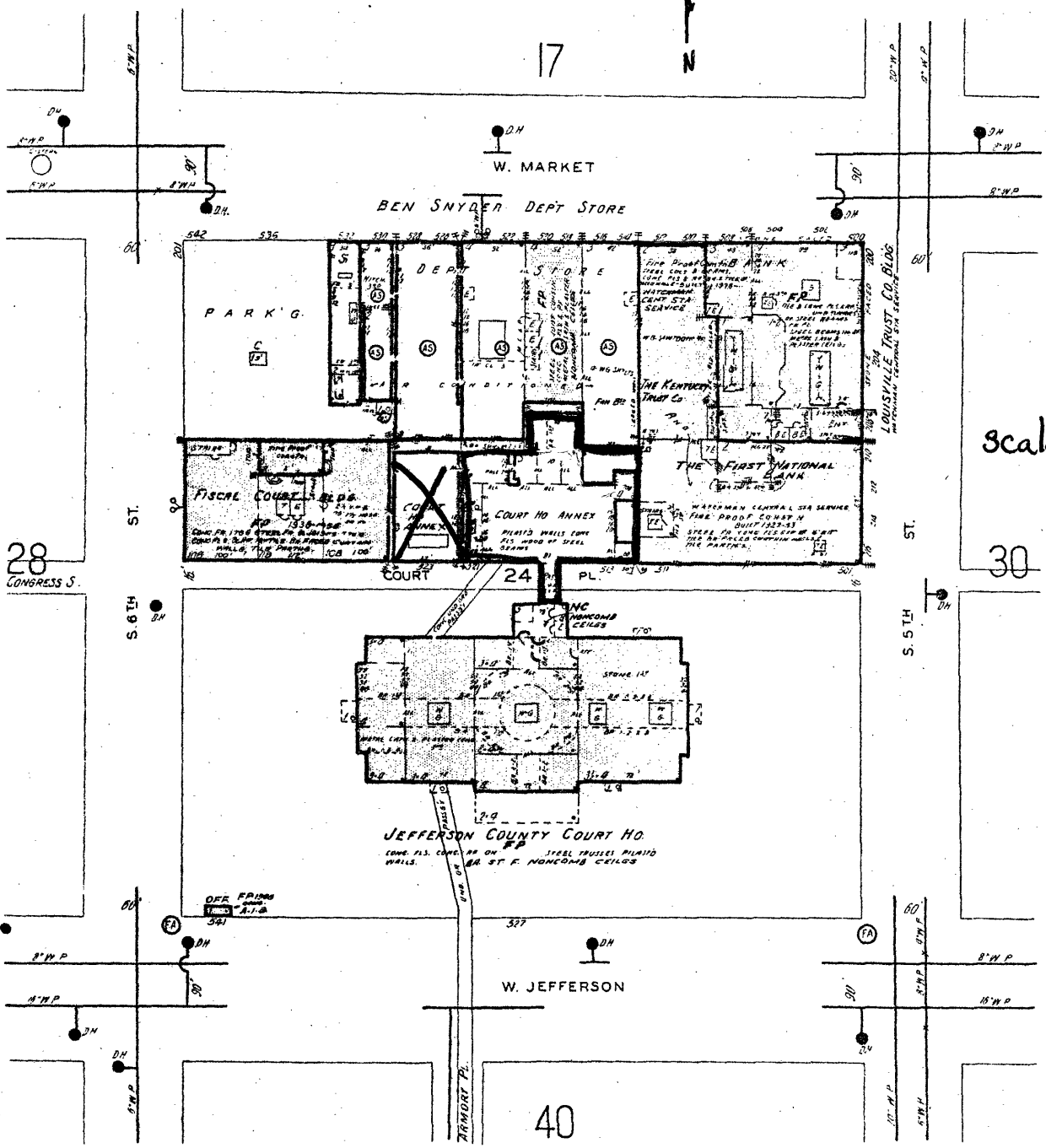
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ARMOUR PL.

10' W. P. 5' W. P.

8' W. P. 15' W. P.

8' W. P. 15' W. P.



Jefferson County Courthouse  
Annex  
517 Court Place  
Louisville, Jefferson, Ky.  
Sanborn Map Co. (1972)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

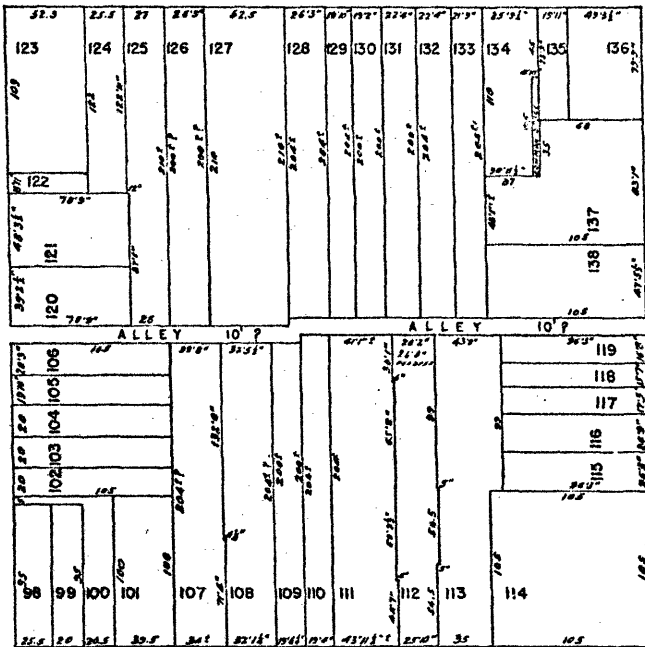
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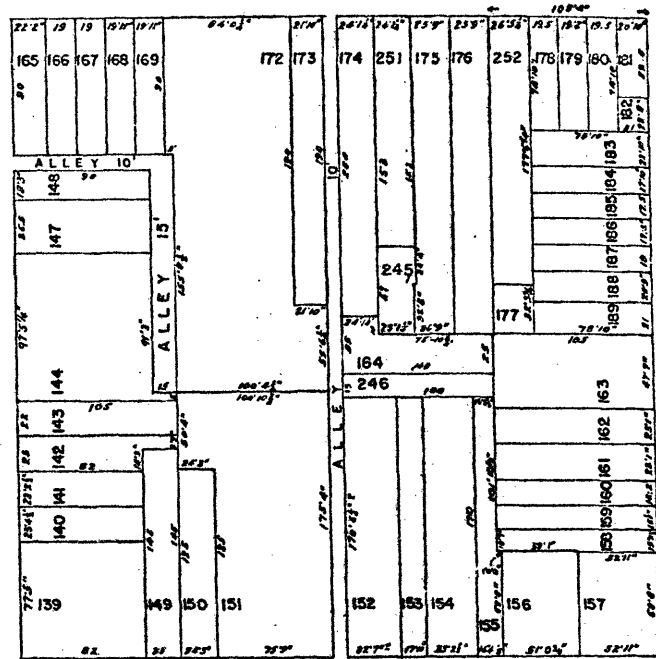
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# MAIN

ST. 60'



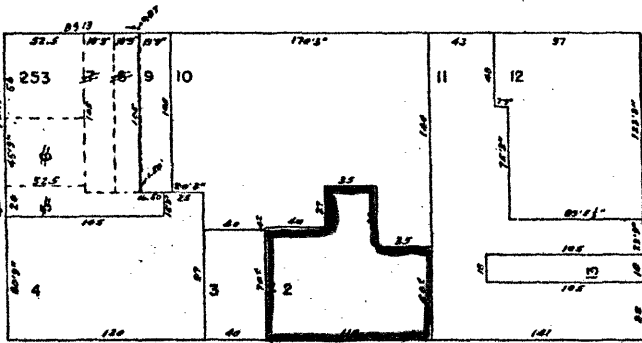
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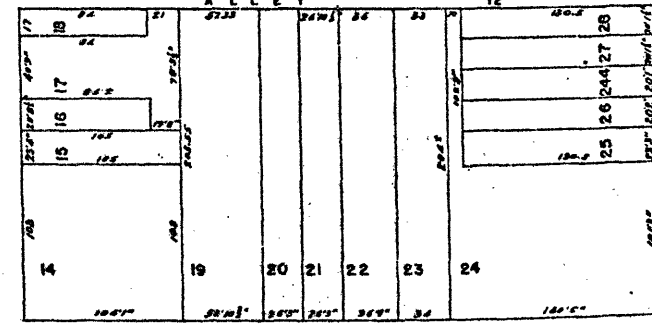
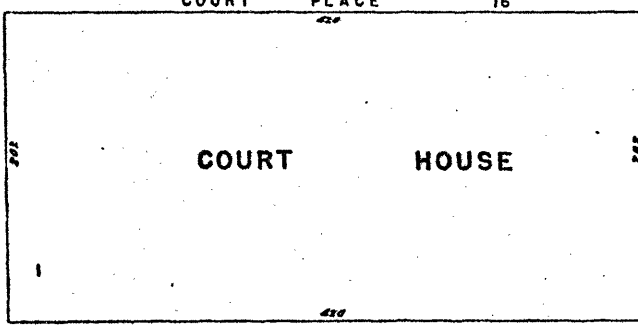
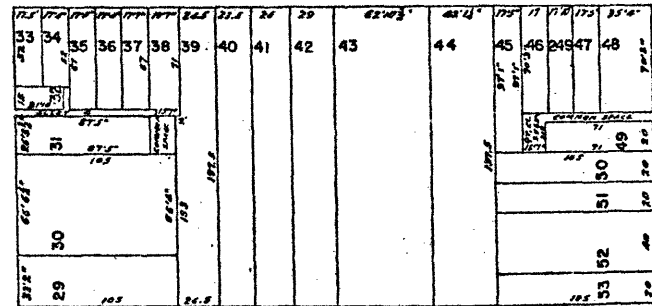
# MARKET 90'

98'

6TH



5TH



# JEFFERSON



Jefferson County Courthouse Annex  
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Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky  
Jefferson County Real Estate Atlas

Map 3.

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