

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 Park City Junior High School  
and/or common Park Junior High School (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 523 Bertrand Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Knoxville N/A vicinity of  
state Tennessee code 047 county Knox code 093

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Knoxville City School Board  
street & number 101 East 5th Avenue  
city, town Knoxville N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37917

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. City/County Building, Registrar's Office  
street & number 400 Main  
city, town Knoxville state Tennessee 37901

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date N/A N/A  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records N/A  
city, town N/A state N/A

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Built between 1926 and 1927, the Park Junior High School is an unaltered two-story Georgian Revival masonry structure with a concrete joist and slab system. The building is located in a residential area of Knoxville, Tennessee (pop. 174,587) approximately one mile east of the downtown. The exterior materials are brick in Flemish bond with stone quoins, parapet balustrade, parapet coping, lintel keystones and cornice. The two main (east) doorways have aedicule entrances with Doric stone columns and broken pediment. Between these entrances is a projecting bay containing the three large, arched windows of the auditorium. Despite some vandalism since the school closed in 1981, the building substantially retains its architectural integrity.

The school is situated on an approximately six-acre lot which slopes down from the front (east) side of the building to the rear (west), allowing a full basement story on that side. The neighborhood surrounding the building is composed of early-twentieth-century houses, primarily bungalows. The integrated, working-class area is about one-and-a-half blocks north of Magnolia Avenue, a major commercial street, and about one mile east of the downtown.

The plan of the building is rectangular with an open courtyard in the middle, which includes modest landscaping and walks. Double-loaded corridors with classrooms on each side comprise the south and north wings, connected by a cafeteria and gymnasium on the west side and an auditorium on the east side.

The auditorium includes a balcony, accessible from the second floor, sloped floor, and large arched proscenium stage. The gymnasium has a high steel-trussed roof.

Interior wall and ceiling finish materials are plaster over masonry. The paint finish is in a poor condition but the plaster appears sound. Floor and base material is concrete, with resilient tile flooring as a replacement for the original linoleum material.

## 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"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1926-27

**Builder/Architect**

Baumann and Baumann, Knoxville  
William Ittner, St. Louis

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Park Junior High School is being nominated under National Register criterion C for its architectural significance in Knoxville. The building is architecturally important for the refinement of its Georgian Revival design and the unaltered condition of its original exterior, as well as for being an excellent example of the work of the locally prominent Knoxville architect Albert B. Baumann, Jr.

The chief architect of the Park Junior High School was Albert B. Baumann, Jr. (1897-1952) of Baumann and Baumann of Knoxville, with William B. Ittner (1864-1940) of St. Louis as consulting architect. The principal architects in the prolific Baumann and Baumann firm were Albert B. Baumann, Jr., and his father, Albert B. Baumann, Sr. The firm's most notable work was the monumental Knoxville Post Office which was begun in 1935. Albert, Jr., was personally responsible for the designs of the Andrew Johnson Hotel, the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, the Elks Club, Austin High School, Cherokee Country Club, and Central High School.

William Ittner of St. Louis was a nationally known architect of educational buildings and in 1897 was the Commissioner of School Buildings for St. Louis and the architect for the Board of Education from 1910 to 1916. He designed more than 500 schools, many in St. Louis, but also in 115 other communities and 29 states. In addition to being the consulting architect for the Park Junior High School, Ittner was responsible for the design of the Hume Fogg School (NR 10-16-74) in Nashville.

The school contained grades seven through nine throughout its history. Because of re-districting and decreasing enrollment in the city school system, the building was closed in 1981. There are plans for the school to be sold to a developer for conversion to an alternative use, possibly housing.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

East Tennessee Historical Society, Heart of the Valley, History of Knoxville, Tennessee, pp. 250. Edited: Lucile Deaderick. Published 1976.  
Tomlan, Michael Andrew. Joseph F. Baumann, (1844-1920) Architect of the First Knoxville Thesis. University of Tennessee, August, 1973.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 6 acres

Quadrangle name Knoxville, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	7	2	3	7	8	6	0	3	9	8	5	5	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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state Tennessee

## 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.

Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Herbert L. Hayden*

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 5/19/83

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

date 6/30/83

*J. Allares Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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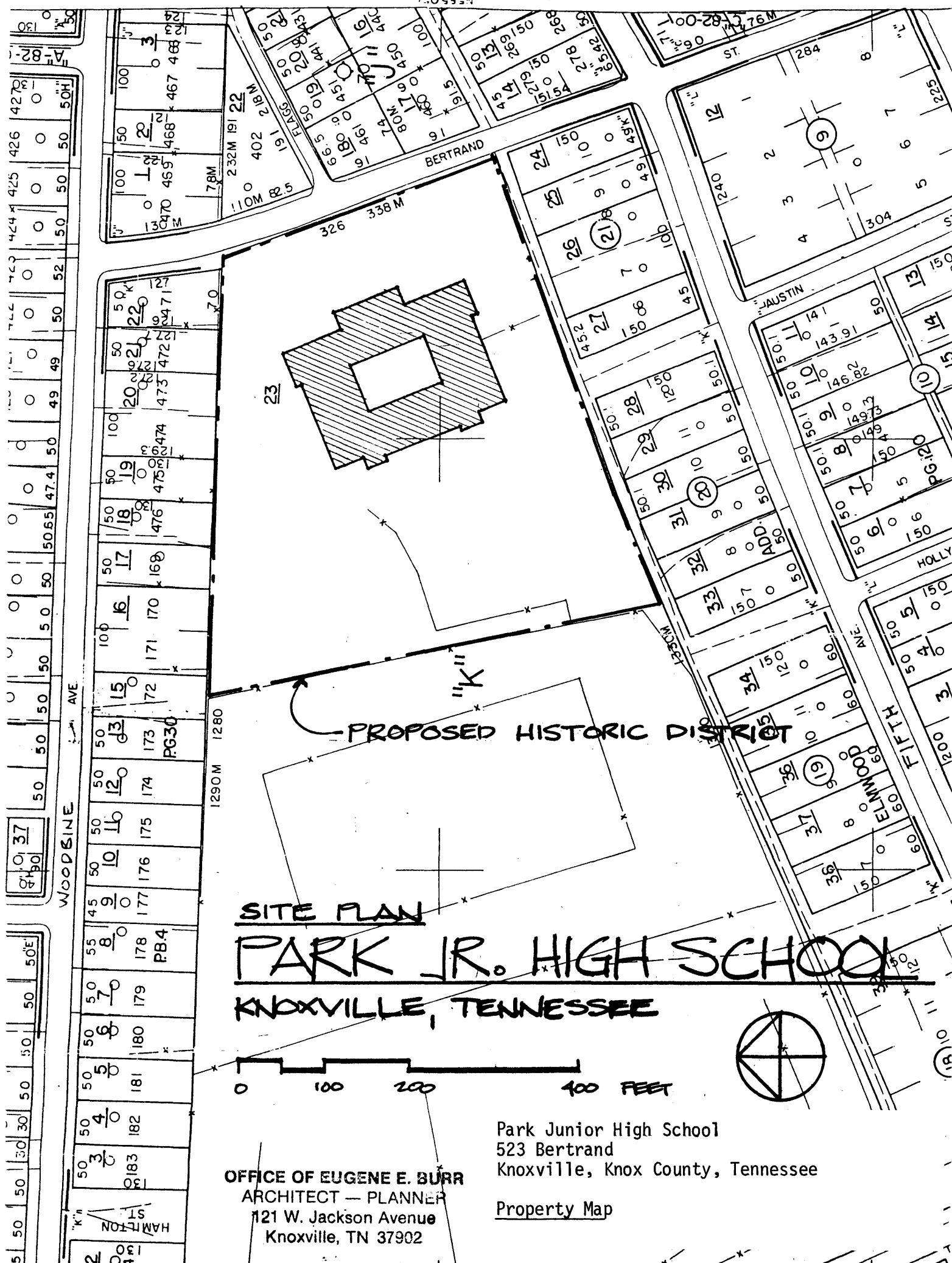
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Continuation sheet Park  
Junior High School

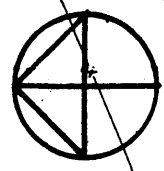
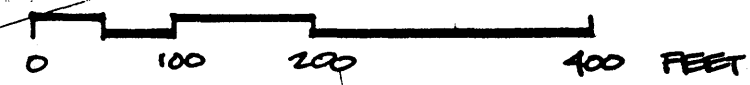
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The nominated property is bounded on the east by Bertrand Street, on the north and south by adjoining rear property lines of buildings facing Woodbine Street and Fifth Avenue, and on the west by an arbitrary line eliminating a later football stadium from the nomination. The site includes enough property to protect the architectural and historical integrity of the school.



**SITE PLAN**  
**PARK JR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**



**OFFICE OF EUGENE E. BURR**  
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 121 W. Jackson Avenue  
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Park Junior High School  
 523 Bertrand  
 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Property Map