

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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Wa-B-211

1. Historic Name (s) Health Building / Gymnasium  
 Original Owner Western Kentucky State Normal School  
 Present Name Helm Library

22. ADD/County Barren River/Warren   
 23. Zoning Classification  
 Magisterial District

3. Owner's Name c/o Owen Lawson, Administrator of the  
 4. Owner's Address Physical Plant, WKU, B.G.

24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Bowling Green South  
 25. UTM Reference  
116 54 87 60 410 93 26 10  
 Zone Easting Northing

5. Location Western Ky. University Campus

26. Prehistoric Site  Object   
 Historic Site  Structure   
 Building

6. Open to Public  Yes  No  
 7. Visible from road  Yes  No

27. District Name: Yes  No

8. Ownership  Private  Local  State  Federal

28. Significance Evaluation NR

10. Site Plan with North Arrow  
see Campus map

11. Architect Brinton B. Davis  
 12. Builder Moore Bros., Louisville  
 13. Date 1930  
 14. Style eclectic   
 15. Original Use gymnasium  
 16. Present Use library  
 17. Condition   
 Interior good/altere  
 Exterior excellent/addit'ns.

29. Status  National Landmark  National Register  Landmark Certificate  Kentucky Survey  Local Landmark  HABS/HAER

18. Description 3-story stone; 5-part composition; decorative terra cotta frieze in turquoise and ocher; major openings round headed, cutting through two floors; recent steel + glass entry hall added to projecting central entrance bay.

30. Theme   
 Primary architecture  
 Secondary art  
 Other sculpture  
 31. Endangered Yes  No

19. History Davis a Louisville architect (1862-1952) with major buildings in period 1905-1940; FAIA; Pres. state chapter AIA; 1989 Master Plan of WKU with Henry Wright landscape architect; 12 structures at WKU, Wa-B-203-214, and City Hall, Wa-B-55.

32. ATTACH PHOTO over

20. Significance significant structure in the career of an architect; exhibits qualities of outstanding design and craftsmanship.

Roll No. Ky. Library  
 Picture No. WKU  
 Direction \_\_\_\_\_  
 33. Tape No. \_\_\_\_\_ Negative No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 34. Prepared by: KTG-JCH  
 35. Organization KHC  
 36. Date Spring 1978

21. Source of Information Press Book of Ky., 1916; Courier-Journal obit., 28 June 1952; Riley Handy, Director, Ky. Library, WKU; James P. Cornette, A History of the Western Ky. State

37. Revision Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 38. Staff Review \_\_\_\_\_