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National Register of Historic Places  
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hope Worsted Mills

other names/site number Cundiff Moving & Storage / JF-CG-3

2. Location

street & number 942 East Kentucky Street N/A  not for publication

city or town Louisville N/A  vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Jefferson code 111 zip code 40204

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director 11-20-95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office: Kentucky Heritage Council  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Edson A. Beall  
Signature of Site Keeper

Date of Action

1-19-96

Entered in the  
National Register

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Contributing Noncontributing
1 buildings
sites
structures
objects
1 0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Textile Mills of Louisville TR

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Industry/manufacturing facility

Vacant/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and early 20th century

American Movements: Commercial

Style

foundation stone and brick

walls common brick

roof D.P. composition on timber trusses

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

The Hope Worsted Mills is located at 942 East Kentucky Street, Louisville, KY. The building is a two story brick, industrial structure with a partial basement and an attached machine/shipping building.

The Hope Worsted Mills building was erected in 1904 at the corner of Swan Street and Kentucky Street, which runs east-west from downtown Louisville. The east side of the property is edged by the L&N rail line. Beyond it, to the east, is an urban mix of commercial and residential properties. Surrounding the property on the south and west are residential neighborhoods of small "shotgun" style

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Industry

Period of Significance

1904-1917

Significant Dates

1904

1909

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Murphy, D.X. (Architect)

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

University of Louisville

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.72 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

UTM grid for reference 1: Zone 16, Easting 610520, Northing 4232500

UTM grid for reference 3: Zone, Easting, Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carole Yocum, organization Weyland Partnership, date 3/30/95, street & number 1516 Hepburn Avenue, telephone 502-584-5523, city or town Louisville, state KY, zip code 40204

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location. Louisville East 087
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Frank Foundation, street & number 942 East Kentucky Street, telephone 502-339-1771, city or town Louisville, state KY, zip code 40204

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homes, typical of the nearby Germantown area. The Hope Worsted Mills sits between this residential area and the urban commerce as part of the industrial band along the rail line.

Along Kentucky Street, the building runs 400 feet, taking up the entire block to Swan Street. The main building is rectangular in plan, with 38 bays spaced 10'-6" apart on center, down its length. Each bay is articulated by 13" x 26" pilasters. Its exterior shell is constructed of brick with a bowed roof structure supported by heavy timber trusses on the 2nd floor. The first floor, 16' high, is supported by two rows of 10"x10" hardwood columns. The floor is 4½" thick maple on 12"x14" timber beams. On each floor, between each bay, are 14' x 6' segmentally arched, wood frame, pivot windows. The stone sill extends downward at a 45 degree angle into the interior space to meet the thickness of the brick wall. Presently, the windows are all covered on the exterior with fiberglass panels to eliminate further deterioration. Of particular note is the second floor heavy timber truss system. At a 10'-6" interval that allows for a clear span of over 80 feet, the second floor has little constructed within its expanse. The first floor has had some office additions to it, consisting of modest wood paneling and a dropped ceiling, but they have done nothing to alter the original structure of the building. There are also two 4000 lb. freight elevators with counter balance doors.

On the south side of the main building is a tower piece, approximately 12' x 14' and 50 feet high that appears it was intended as an entrance or possibly a stair tower. There is no evidence that it was ever implemented, however, it is apparent that it was part of the original construction by the configuration of its connections to the main building. Tying in to the structure at this tower, which is roughly centered on the main building, is an added machine/shipping structure with a loading dock that obscures the ground floor of the tower. This two story brick addition still contains some large textile machinery, including a large press and ceiling mounted turnshafts. There was also a boiler building that was attached to the west of the machine rooms and was razed in the early 1980's. On the south edge of the site is a circular, brick smokestack that is approximately 17 feet in diameter at its base, and rises about 100 feet.

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### Statement of Significance:

The historic Hope Worsted Mills Company (JF-CG-3), on the corner of East Kentucky Street and Swan Street, is historically significant and meets National Register eligibility criterion A. The building and site was once the center of the worsted, woolen and cotton fabric industry of Louisville. The mill was originally established in 1896 at Logan and Mason streets but in 1904 the new mill was constructed on Kentucky Street to facilitate easier access to the Louisville & Nashville rail system. The Hope Worsted Mills has been evaluated as significant within the historic context "Textile Industry in Louisville, 1880-1917."

That historic context was developed for the thematic nomination "Textile Mills of Louisville," whose individual properties were listed in the National Register on October 6, 1982, and include the Bradford Mills at 1034 E. Oak Street, Falls City Jeans and Woolen Mills at 1010 S. Preston Street, Louisville Cotton Mills at 1008 Goss Avenue, and Eclipse Woolen Mill at 1044 E. Chesnut Street.

### Textile Industry in Louisville, 1880 - 1917:

In the years following the Civil War, the steam boat operations and expansion of the rail system in Louisville developed quickly, with an opportunistic eye to securing the Southern market that had been decimated by the war. With the L & N Railroad, Louisville succeeded in gaining contact with every city within 300 miles. The textile industry was a growing business enmeshed in this expansion.

By November 1866, three cotton firms were conducting daily sales. The market grew steadily, and during the 1867-68 cotton season more than 100,000 bales were shipped via the L & N rail line (*Rail Routes South*, pg. 25). Especially significant as an export from Louisville was the production of Kentucky jeans and jeans cloth. The 1880 Census reported that Kentucky was the nation's second largest producer of jeans cloth. The line of the L & N adjacent to the Hope Mills site was the one finally approved in the 1870's to serve as the connection through Louisville, linking both the southern markets and the northern markets serviced by Cincinnati's LC & L rail line. Other proposals for the connection included those that would have bypassed the city entirely to the south, an obviously undesirable option to the economic development of Louisville.

In 1877 Louisville's textile manufacturing was a 2.25 million dollar industry involving almost 7.5 million yards of cloth. By 1887 the industry experienced a ten fold increase. In Carl Kramer's chapter "The Triumph of Industry, 1890-1917" (*Two Centuries of Urban Development in Central and South Louisville*), he points out that "not only did packet boats and freight trains facilitate local imports and exports, but the railroads opened up considerable land for much-needed factory sites" (pg. 93). The Hope Worsted Mills Company is a clear example of this new urban development, being part of the strip of manufacturing industries that followed the L & N rail line through town.

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### Property Type: Significant Characteristics of Louisville's Textile Mills

The four textile mills in Louisville which are listed in the national Register share certain characteristics. These characteristics were proposed in the thematic nomination cover form to define how a property would meet National Register Criterion C, that is, how it could be significant in the area of Architecture. The cover form proposed no physical characteristics as to how to define how a Louisville textile mill could meet National Register Criteria A, B, or D. Thus, the assemblage of physical features allowing us to identify a textile mill as important in the history of the industry must be conveyed on the individual registration form.

The characteristics of mills eligible under Criterion C include:

1. location on the eastern part of the historic city, all about 1-1/2 miles from the city center.
2. red brick construction
3. two or three stories tall
4. walls forming large planes, punctured by rows of arched windows
5. prominent entry tower; this serves as an identifying feature which distinguishes it from other industrial architecture in the city

### Hope Worsted Mills evaluated within the Textile Mills property type:

The Hope Worsted Mills shares many of these characteristics: location, red brick construction, two stories in height, long planar wall massing. Its entry is not marked by a tower, although the present entry is a later addition and not original. There is a tower element with the building, centrally located on the rear (south) facade, approximately 50 feet high. It is not apparent if it was ever fully utilized as the main entry, as its detailing is not as decorative as the other four mills' and later additions have altered the ground floor space. This difference of the entry tower may account for its not being nominated in the original thematic submission, which focused on architectural significance. Even without the prominent entry tower, its features clearly allow its identification as one of Louisville's textile mills. Hope Mills' other features, high degree of integrity remaining, and known historic associations, allow it to be seen as historically significant and meeting Criterion A, as a significant resource that played an important role within Louisville's textile industry.

### History of the Hope Worsted Mills:

In 1904, when the mill moved to its present location, there were five other woolen mills operating in Louisville. They included Beargrass Woolen Mills (529 W. Main), Eclipse Woolen Mills (1128 Garden), Falls City Mills (332 E. Kentucky), Hamilton Woolen Mills (1183 Hamilton), and Louisville Woolen Mills (833 West Main). By the next year, two additional mills were listed in Caron's Annual Directories, the Mayfield Woolen Mills Clothing Co. (1492 Story Ave.), and Ohio Falls Woolen Mills (1102 W. Main), but by 1907 only four mills were still in operation (Falls City,

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Louisville Woolen, Mayfield and Hope Worsted). Hope Worsted Mills' new building not only located the company as one of the most accessible mills to the L & N rail line, but when coupled with its physical size, of over 68,000 square feet, Hope Mills stands out as one of the largest textile facilities in Louisville.

Architect D. X. Murphy, one of Louisville's most prominent early 20th century architects, designed the Kentucky Street structure. Murphy's design stands as a model of turn of the century construction techniques for industrial space. Stretching 400 feet along Kentucky St., Hope Mills' brick pilasters adorn the exterior facade and segmentally arched casement windows, 14'-0" high, decorate all three of its exposed facades. Interior elements of note include 4-1/2 inch thick wood floors and the second story barrel-vaulted roof structure, supported by laminated timber trusses clear spans the width of the structure, extending over 80 feet. It is in this use of the second story clear span that the mill stands out as a model for new techniques in building, allowing for large expanses of open floor space for machinery and storage.

Hope Worsted Mills is one of the only existent structures of woolen mills from the early 1900's left in Louisville. Beargrass Woolen Mills and Mayfield Woolen Mills have been torn down for modern urban developments. This remaining edifice stands as an architectural testament to this era and unique industrial movement in Louisville's historic past.



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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning on a point on the Southwest corner of Kentucky and Swan Streets; thence running Westwardly along the South side of Kentucky Street 50 feet; thence Southwardly in a line parallel with the West line of Swan Street 150 feet to an alley, being a line parallel with the South line of Kentucky Street, 500 feet to the West side of Swan Street; thence Northwardly along the West line of Swan Street 150 feet to the beginning.

Verbal Boundary Justification:

The property proposed for nomination is the acreage which has historically been associated with the significant resource. This acreage maintains an integrity of setting and location, and so, is appropriate for nomination.

PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Same information for all photos

Property: Hope Worsted Mills (part of *Textile Mills of Louisville*, KY, Thematic Resources  
Location: 942 East Kentucky Street, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky  
Photographer: attributed to Carole Yocum  
Date of Photograph: 1995  
Location of Negatives: Weyland Partnership, 1516 Hepburn Avenue, Louisville

Specific Information per photograph:

- Photo 1: Southeast corner of building, view to northwest
- Photo 2: North facade of building, view to southeast
- Photo 3: South facade of building, view to west
- Photo 4: South facade of building, view to east