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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 177
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource:
Coca-Cola Plant

2. Original Owner:
Paul Schmidt

3. Other Names:
None

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
South side of U.S. 60, east of
Shelbyville

6. Owner's Name:
Harold Huber [P]

7. Owner's Address: c/o Huber Tractor Company
P. O. Box 999
Shelbyville, KY 40065

8. Evaluation: National Register [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 8-15-80
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Shelby County []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Industry [160]
Other: []

16. Date:
Original Building 1937 [3]
Addition ? [3]

17. Style:
Art Deco [7D]

18. Architect/Builder:
Arthur Tafel, Sr.

19. No. of Stories: 2 [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
N/A [00]

21. Single Pile _____ Double Pile _____ N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Flat, ? Not Original

23. Structural Material:
Brick []

24. Exterior Material: Brick, common []
bond w/Flemish bonding courses [B]

25. Foundation Material:
Poured concrete [R]

26. Major Alterations: None _____
Moved/Rebuilt _____ Other _____
 Additions

27. Special Features:
Coca-Cola emblem

28. Outbuildings:
Non-contributing [NC]

29. Original Function:
Industrial [10A]

30. Present Use:
Vacant for sale [99V]

31. Condition:
Excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criteria A and C as both an excellent example of Art Deco design and as a highly visible representative of an important 20th century industry in Shelby County. No other structure in the county so clearly reflects the Art Deco influence. [A, C]

33. Attach Photos:

Roll:	Photo Nos:	No. of Slides:
10	7A - 18A	1

14. History:
The Coca-Cola plant was built in 1937 by the Strickrod Construction Co. of Louisville. Arthur Tafel, Sr., brother-in-law of plant owner Paul Schmidt, was the architect. Tafel was a nationally recognized architect, who visited Shelbyville often. The Schmidt family were active in the early Coca-Cola bottling business in this region of the state. Paul Schmidt had brothers who ran similar plants in Louisville and Elizabethtown. The building stands on the site of a former mill on Clear Creek. The land was purchased from E.P. Hall

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
Information supplied by Francis Cottongim, Shelby Co. Hist. Society, 1986. See also NR nomination form for Elizabethtown Hist. Commercial District.

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: March 1986

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey

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UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>Shelbyville</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6 5 7 0 2 0</u>	<u>4 2 3 0 4 2 0</u>	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[]

UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

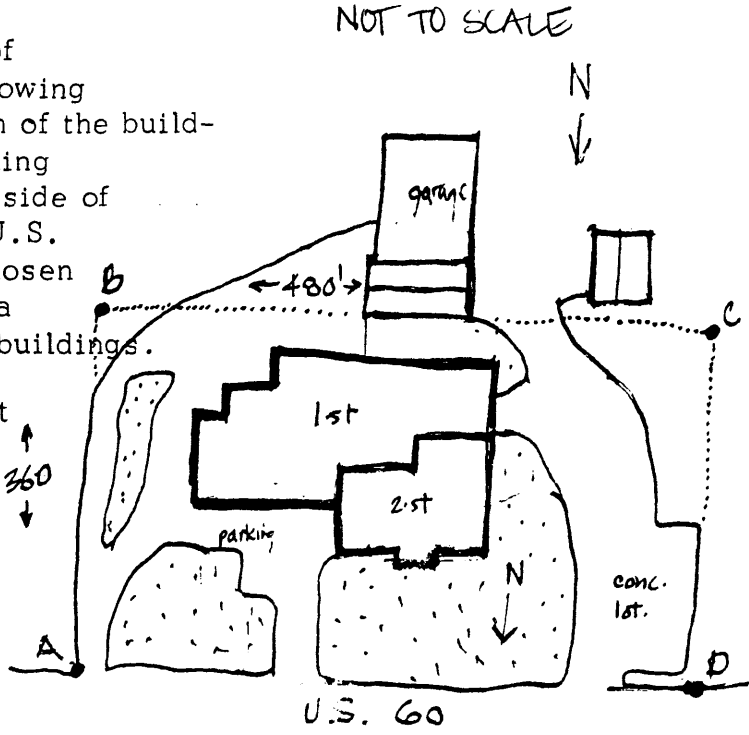
A. -----	D. -----
B. -----	E. -----
C. -----	F. -----

Total Acreage in Present Property: unknown 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 3.7

Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Beginning at A, south 360' along the west edge of a parking lot to B, thence west approx. 480' following the north side of a shed immediately to the south of the building to C, thence north 360' to D in a line projecting from a concrete paved parking area on the south side of U.S. 60, thence east 480' along the south side of U.S. 60 to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to encompass the building which is enclosed by a drive and U.S. 60. There are no contributing outbuildings.

Point A is located at the intersection of the easternmost edge of the parking lot/drive with the southern edge of U.S. 60, and is 216 feet northeast of the northeastern corner of the one-story portion of the building.



Description and House Plan:

2-story, 7-bay brick industrial office with bottling plant facilities located in wings to rear (south) and east side. Principal (north) facade laid in common bond with Flemish bonding course every 7th row, slightly advanced stone entrance bay contains panel with Coca-Cola emblem above the door, identical panels with emblems in east and west end walls of office building, fixed and movable metal sash throughout (original sash replaced in west 3 bays of principal facade). East wing, which housed bottling operation has brick pilaster strips with stone caps dividing the bays and loading doors on south and east, large loading door on west end of rear wing also, conc. block addition to rear appears to have been added during occupation by Coca-cola Co.

The nominated area includes one contributing building.

13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

Coca-Cola was a significant industrial component in the largely agricultural county. The fact that the structure was designed by a nationally recognized architect lends added significance as few buildings in the county can be associated with the work of an architect.

14. History: (continued)

who had operated a greenhouse on the property. Paul Schmidt raised dogwood seedlings in this greenhouse and is remembered today for the numerous gifts of dogwood trees to residents of Shelbyville. Plant closed ca. 1970.