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Stuart Building

1. Name

historic

and/or common

Location 2.

601 W. Oak Street street & number

city, town Louisville

na_ vicinity of

Kentucky state

021 code

county Jefferson

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| district X building(s) structure | public _X_ private both | X occupied X unoccupied work in progress | agriculture X commercial educational | museum park _X_ private residence |
| site objéct | Public Acquisition NA_ in process NA_ being considered | Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted | entertainment government industrial | religious scientific transportation |
| | a. | no | military | other: |

4. Owner of Property

| name Mit | tch Henderson | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| street & num | ber P. O. Box 22 | 673 | | |
| city, town | Louisville | <u>na</u> vicinity of | state | Kentucky |
| 5. Lo | cation of L | egal Description | | |
| courthouse, | registry of deeds, etc. | Jefferson County Court House | | |
| street & num | ber | 517 W. Jefferson St | | |
| city, town | Louisville | | state | Kentucky |
| 6. Re | presentati | on in Existing Surv | eys | |
| title Kentuc | cky Historic Reso | arce Inventory has this property bee | n determined elig | gible? yesX_ no |
| date 1983 | | te | ederal Xstate | e county local |
| depository fo | or survey records Kent | tucky Heritage Council | | |
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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Stuart Building is located in a largely commercial area directly adjacent to both the Old Louisville and Limerick National Register Districts in south-central Louisville. This three-and-one-half story Tudor Revival style building is situated on the northwest corner of W. Oak and S. Sixth Streets. The primary commercial space is on the corner with a chamfered entrance. This storefront is largely intact, with a single column on the corner, large display and transom windows and Carrara glass below the sills. The Sixth Street side has been altered by the enclosure of one window. Another small commercial unit, with central entrance, flanking display windows and transom, is intact on the Sixth Street side. (Photo 1)

The Oak Street side of the building is the primary facade. It is here that the entrance to the Stuart Apartments is located. The entrance contains double doors and a transom in a Tudor-arched stone surround. A keyhole-like Tudor motif is located above the entrance within the surround. Large iron lamps flank the entrance. Three commercial units, all intact, are also located on the Oak Street side. Each has large display windows and transoms. (Photo 2 & 3)

The upper floors of the building are apartments. The Oak Street facade is divided into three large bays, each multi-faceted. The Sixth Street corner bay contains a gabled half-timbered section which rises into the roof. Another brick gable with stone coping shadows the first at the roof level and contains a small window. Random patterned windows all six-over-one in configuration, some paired, comprise the fenestration of the second and third floors. A tiny gabled dormer is also located in this bay above the entry. It and all attic-story windows are casement.

The central bay has half-timbering in the central portion on the second and third floors but does not extend into the attic-story. Rather, a copper-roofed hood terminates the half-timbering. A large double-gabled dormer of brick with stone coping is located above and contains three pairs of casement windows.

The end bay also has a half-timbered, gabled section, similar to the corner bay. The wall dormer is shadowed by a brick gable with stone coping. This gabled dormer contains a narrow vent with stone details.

The Sixth Street facade is very similar in treatment to the Oak Street facade, but contains more regularity in the fenestration. Four bays on this facade alternate between brick and half-timbering. One of the half-timbered bays rises into a gabled wall dormer. All windows are six-over-one in configuration.

Typical of Tudor Revival style buildings, the Stuart Building displays a steeply pitched slate roof, steeply gabled wall dormers, casement windows and irregular fenestration, all of which combine to create a cohesive design which adapts well to the commercial/residential mixed use.

8. Significance

| 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 | agriculture agriculture architecture art | community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settleme | law literature military music | re religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify) |
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| Specific dates | 1929 | Builder/Architect | nknown | |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stuart Building is one of the finest examples of the Tudor Revival Style in Louisville. It is strategically located on a prominent corner and displays all of the major architectural features which dominate the style.

Oak Street is a major east-west arterial in south-central Louisville. The architecture on this corridor is diverse in both style and use. In this section of the Oak Street corridor, the use is mixed commercial and residential. At the time that the Stuart Building was constructed, in 1929, the corridor was predominantly residential, with "mom and pop" establishments on some corners. The Stuart Building was an impressive and compatible addition to the streetscape in 1929. Considerable larger than adjacent buildings, the Stuart Building retained the corner commercial use and created a denser residential population with the Stuart Apartments.

The Tudor Revival Style is used frequently in Louisville in residential construction, but is not commonly found in commercial areas, especially on such a large scale as the Stuart Building. This three-and-one-half-story structure is one of the best local examples of the Tudor Revival style, with excellence of craftsmanship evident in each of its many architectual features.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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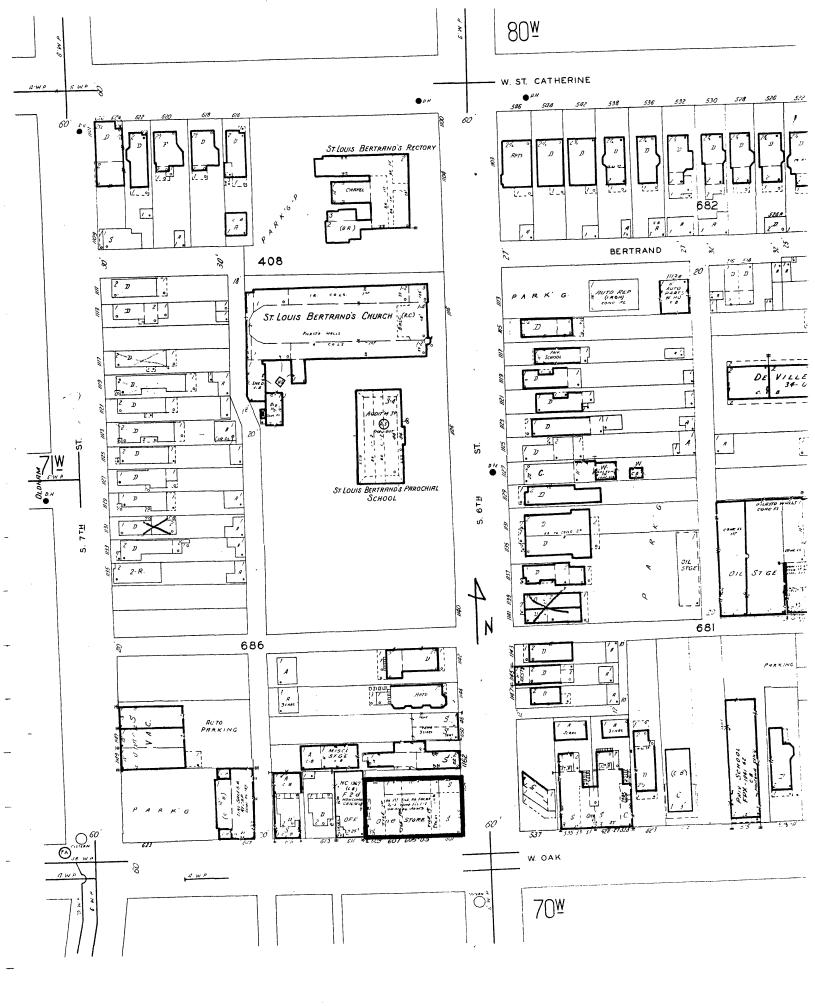
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10. Geographical Data

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| Verbal boundary description and City of Louisville Block 29J | Lot 76 | | | |
| The Stuart Building occupies | the entire 10 | | · | |
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| 11. Form Prepar | ed By | <u> </u> | | |
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| organization Louisville Land | marks Commissi | on date | December, 1984 | |
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| city or town Louisville | | state | e Kentucky | |
| 12. State Histor | ic Preser | vation O | fficer Certification | |
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| 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 sign | nature Deve | L.M | ngan | |
| title State Historic Preserv | vation Officer | 6 | date February 5, 1985 | |
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| Keeper of the National Register | yes | National Regi | a date <u>3-14-85</u> Iter | |
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