

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 George H. Tingley Elementary School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1311-1317 S. Preston Street not for publication

city, town Louisville na vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Jefferson code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> na being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other/vacant

4. Owner of Property

name See Continuation Sheet

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number 517 W. Jefferson

city, town Louisville state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Survey Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date April 10, 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Tingley Elementary School is located in a neighborhood of turn-of-the-century dwellings near Shelby Park in south-central Louisville. It rests in the center of a city block with a cafeteria addition to its south.

Tingley Elementary School is a two story "U" shaped building with a shed roof, an ashlar stone foundation and a stone stringcourse above. The eleven bay building is symmetrically arranged. The three central bays have windows with arched heads, three rows of brick voussoirs and a conforming brick stringcourse. This central portion is flanked by two slightly projecting two-story entrances with an arched multi-light transom, topped by two rows of brick voussoirs. These are in turn, flanked by projections of three bays each. Their window treatment is identical to those in the center. All of the first floor windows have been boarded, but can be assumed to match the second floor windows. The central portion of the second floor has three two-over-two windows with arched multi-light transoms above. The window surrounds are identical to those on the first floor. These windows are flanked by paired six-over-six windows with wide stone heads. Corbeled brick roundels with a basket weave bond in the center, top the building. The three outermost windows have flat arched heads, double rows of brick voussoirs and rest upon a stone stringcourse. Brick corbeling can be found above. Consoles support the cornice in the central portion while dentils line the cornice in the three outer bays with a denticulated pediment above. Corbeled brick roundels can be found in the pediments. Basket-weave brick work adorns the center of each roundel. (see photos 1 and 2)

The rear facade of Tingley Elementary has a shallow bay with five four-over-four windows. The exterior bays have arched windows while the remainder have relieving arches. All have triple rows of brick voussoirs. An exhaust stack centers the rear portion of the building. (see photo 3)

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1892 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Tingley Elementary School plays an important role in the South Preston Street streetscape and is an important neighborhood landmarks. Its architectural design and quality of craftsmanship, evident in the building's facade, create an important addition to the architectural integrity of the surrounding area. Tingley Elementary, built in 1892, is an excellent local example of the Romanesque Revival Style.

Tingley Elementary School exhibits fine proportions, symmetrically arranged in an orderly fashion that please the eye, the typical Romanesque Revival Style. The significance of the building's architecture lies in its simple clean lines. The central bays, forming the inside of a "U", have handsome windows, each with three rows of arched brick voussoirs to define its contour and a conforming brick stringcourse above. Another interesting use of brick as a decorative element can be found in the instances above the second floor windows where the brick is used to form roundels, embellished with a basket weave bond in its center. The consoles and dentils found at the cornice line give a nice finish to the building.

Although the architect for Tingley is unknown, the designer had a clear command of symmetry and proportion. The building's lines are simple and well defined and exhibit a lasting aesthetic quality even today. Tingley Elementary School was named in honor of George H. Tingley, superintendent of Louisville Public Schools from 1863 until 1893. Prior to being named superintendent, Tingley was principal of both the Hope Engine House School originally located on Third Street near Walnut and the old Second Ward School. Tingley Elementary was constructed in 1892 with an addition in 1955. The 1955 addition is not included in this nomination. The school is presently vacant.

Tingley Elementary School is an asset to the surrounding area both as a neighborhood landmark and as an excellent example of the Romanesque Revival Style. George H. Tingley served the City of Louisville as a prominent educational administrator and rightly deserved having a school named in his honor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Carons Annual Directories of the City of Louisville.

Jefferson County Board of Education, Louisville, Kentucky. Vertical Files, 1984 (typewritten)

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Louisville West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tingley Elementary School 1311-1317 S. Preston Street. City of Louisville Block 23 D, Part of Lot 2. The boundary of the site extends ten feet from the foundations of the building as

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

state NA code NA county NA code NA

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joanne Weeter, Reseacher

organization Louisville Landmarks Commission date April 10, 1984

street & number 727 W. Main Street telephone 502-587-3501

city or town Louisville state Kentucky 40202

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Mary Cannon Gysel*

title *State Historic Preservation Officer* date *May 24, 1984*

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

Entered in the
National Register

date *7/2/84*

for *[Signature]*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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George H. Tingley Elementary School, Louisville, Jefferson Co.,

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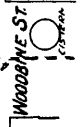
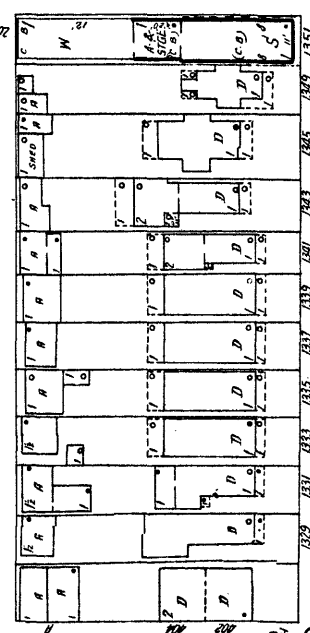
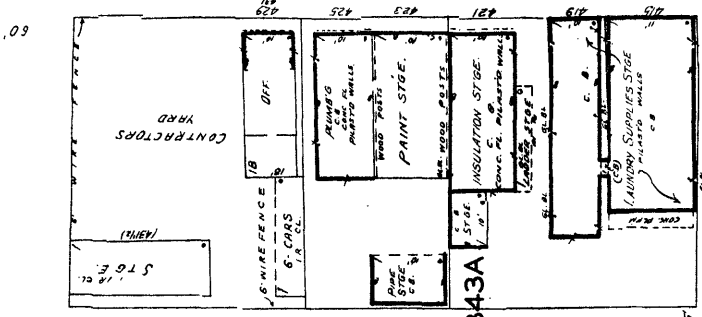
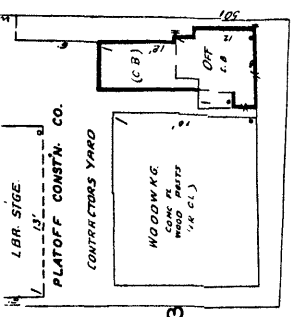
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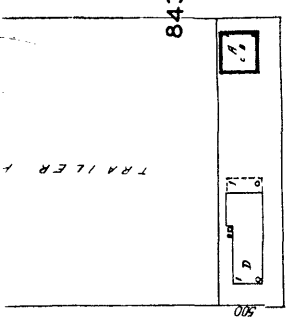


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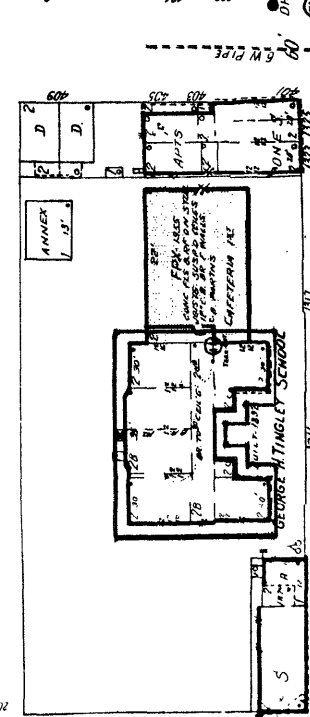
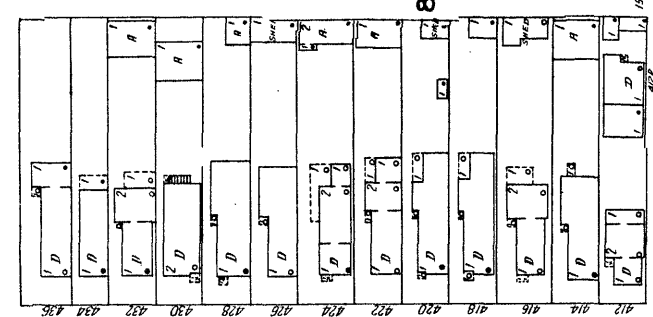
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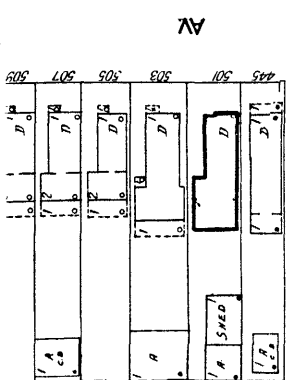
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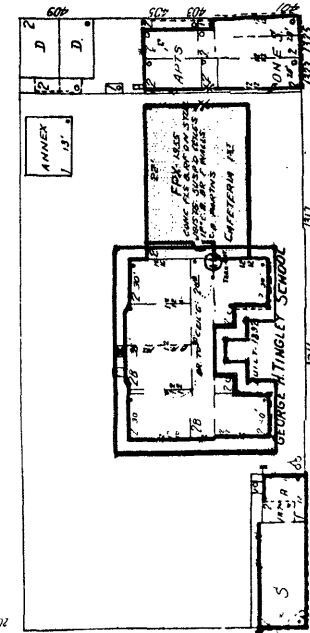
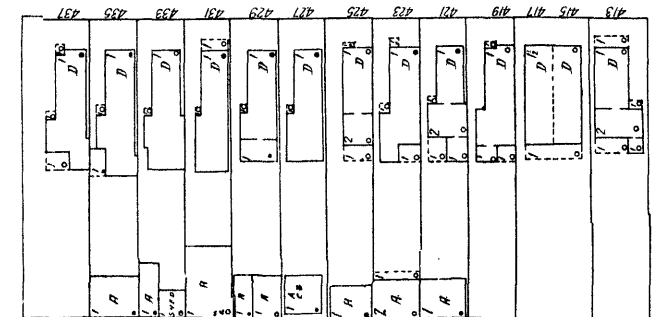
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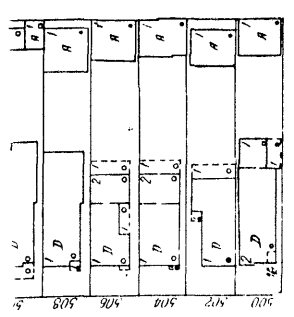
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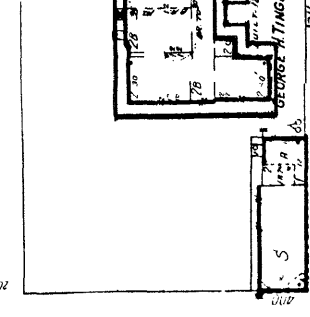
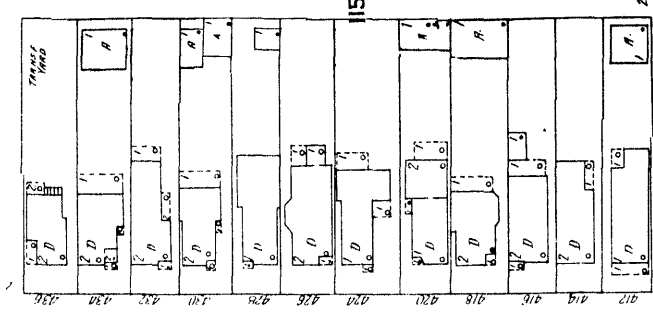
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