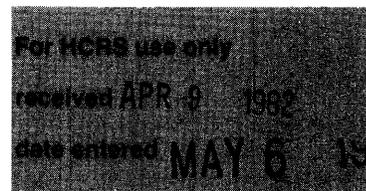


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Montgomery Street School

and/or common Emma Dolfinger School

2. Location

street & number 2500-06 Montgomery Street NA not for publication

city, town Louisville NA vicinity of congressional district 3 & 4

state Kentucky code 021 county Jefferson code 111

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Portland Avenue Church of Christ

street & number 2500 Portland Avenue

city, town Louisville NA vicinity of state Kentucky 40212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County (Ky.) Courthouse

street & number 531 W. Jefferson St.

city, town Louisville state Kentucky 40202

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date August 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Heritage Division, Department of the Arts

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky 40601

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

Montgomery Street School is located on a residential street in the Portland area of Louisville's West End. About one mile west of the school is the Portland Historic District (National Register, February 1980). Most of the houses near the school are modest, one or two-story residences dating from the nineteenth century. Though many of the homes are in poor condition, a concentrated effort has been made recently by the neighborhood to rehabilitate homes in the immediate area.

The school is a two-story, red brick, Renaissance Revival building which was painted brown years ago. All four walls are pierced by round-arched openings with brick voussoirs, evenly spaced and slightly recessed behind the wall surface. They number one per bay in both stories, except above the main entry where there is a pair of arched openings. The original, double-hung windows had wooden frames, rounded upper sashes and multiple panes. These were replaced in 1977 by metal-frame rectangular windows and the arches were covered over. However, the original openings are intact both inside and out.

The main entry is located in the center of the five-bay facade facing Montgomery Street. Originally, tall double doors were topped by a fanlight. Probably in the early 1900s, shorter doors, sidelights and a multi-light transom were added. The fanlight still remains.

Stone belt courses encircle the building below both stories. A simple frame cornice is accented by brick corbeling below it.

A two-story arch on the east side of the building contains a side entry and a fixed, multi-pane window above. The rear wall has two arched entries. A concrete fire escape has been constructed at the rear of the building.

When first built, the school was nearly square, with four rooms of equal size on each floor. Additions made to the rear before 1900 increased the number of rooms to twelve. The new additions closely matched the original building in exterior appearance.

A large addition on the west side dates from 1912. Also two stories and constructed of red brick, this addition is similar in style to the older building, but its arches are somewhat wider and now contain paired windows. It is attached to the original school building by a narrow corridor.

The school underwent extensive renovation in 1977. The original floor plan is largely intact, as are the floors and tongue-and-groove wainscoting. The walls have been stuccoed.

A long, one-story frame building is attached to the rear of the 1912 addition. It is a former World War II barracks that now contains the school cafeteria. (See Map 3.)

There are five other frame buildings and a brick boiler room on the school property, but they are not part of this nomination.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1857; 1912 **Builder/Architect** Zeigler and Seaman-builders

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Montgomery Street School is one of two remaining antebellum schoolhouses in the city of Louisville. Designed in a modified Renaissance Revival style popular during this period, the school is a significant example of the educational facilities in Louisville in the mid-nineteenth century.

Construction of the school began late in 1856 and was completed in the spring or summer of 1857. The fact that a new school was needed so near the Portland School (some ten blocks away) is an indication of the population growth of this area following the incorporation of the town of Portland into the city in 1837. Originally called the High Street (Northwestern Parkway) School, by 1870 it was known by the name of the street where it really stands. The school was renamed for Emma Dolfinger, a teacher in the school system, in the 1920s. Since 1977, it has been used as a private grade school.

It is possible that the school was designed by Isaiah Rogers and Henry Whitestone, well known architectural partners who executed numerous works during this period, including the other surviving schoolhouse, the Fifth Ward School. There are certainly enough stylistic similarities between the two structures to suggest a common architect. The recorded minutes of the School Board meetings of 1855-57 refer to plans submitted by Rogers and Whitestone for a number of proposed schoolhouses. But it is not entirely clear from these records that Montgomery Street building was among the Rogers and Whitestone proposals. The minutes do give the carpenters of the project as Zeigler and Seaman, who also worked on the Fifth Ward School about the same time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Caron Annual Directories of the City of Louisville.

First Report of the Board of Education of Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville:
John P. Morton & Co. (1913).

Minutes of the School Board Meetings, 1855-58. (County Board of Education Archives)

10. Geographical Data **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property 0.59 acres

Quadrangle name New Albany, Ind.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	6
---	---

6	0	5
---	---	---

9	6	0
---	---	---

4	2	3	6	4	4	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Zone Easting Northing

B

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

Zone Easting Northing

C

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

D

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

E

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

F

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

G

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

H

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

Verbal boundary description and justification

- see continuation sheet -

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Hugh B. Foshee / Architectural Historian

organization Louisville Landmarks Commission date November 1, 1981

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Mary Herman Appel*

title *State Historic Preservation Officer* date *3/31/82*

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<i>Mary Herman Appel</i> Keeper of the National Register	date <u><i>5/6/82</i></u>
Attest	date
Chief of Registration	

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

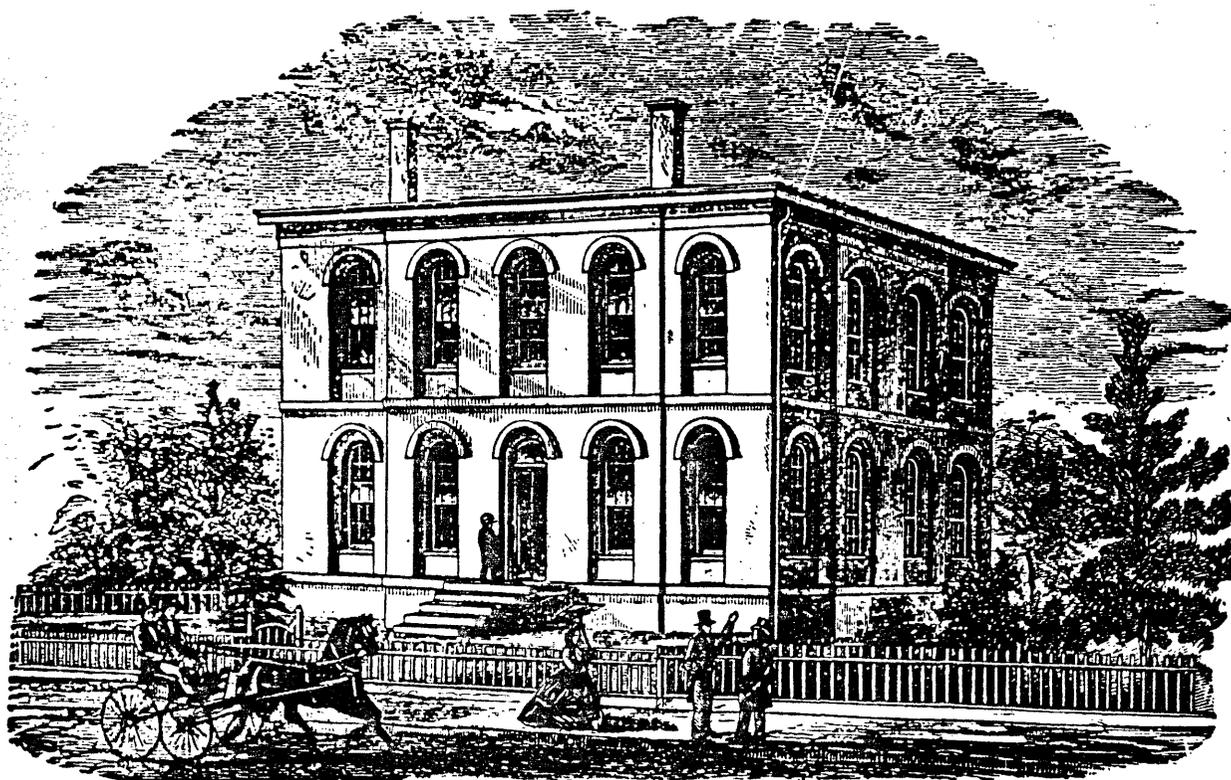
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,

CONTINUATION SHEET Kentucky ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 2

Beginning at a point on the southwest corner of 25th and Montgomery Streets, thence west following the south right-of-way line of Montgomery Street 160' to a point, thence south and parallel to 25th Street 90' to a point, thence west and parallel to Montgomery Street 65' to a point in the west property line of City Block 5-F, Lot 55, thence south following said property line 50' to a point, thence east and parallel to Montgomery Street 225' to a point in the west right-of-way line of 25th Street, thence north following said line 140' to the point of beginning, being a part of City Block 5-F, Lots 55 and 56 of the City of Louisville. (See Sanborn Map 3)

The boundary as described comprises the original schoolhouse, the 1912 addition and the cafeteria building. Three other "portable" classrooms and a brick boiler house, all detached structures, are located on the school property but are not included within the boundary of this nomination.



MONTGOMERY STREET SCHOOL
1870

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

Photo 5. Copy of engraving of
school in 1870,
original source un-
known.

SCALE, 1" = 60'

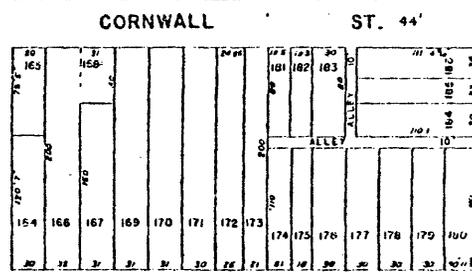
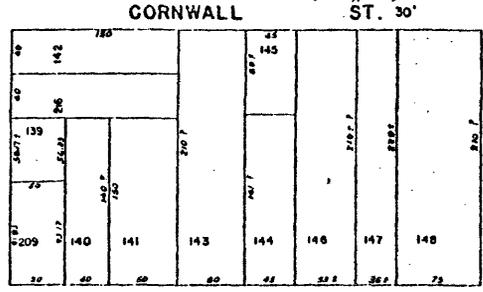
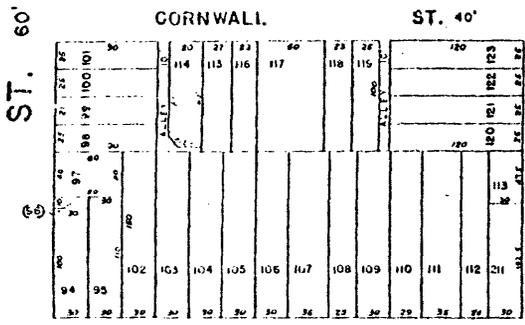
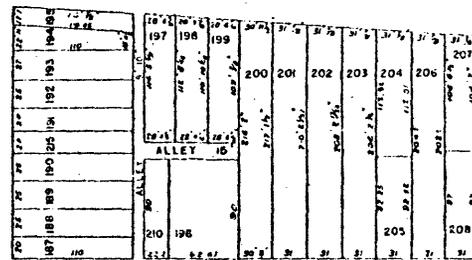
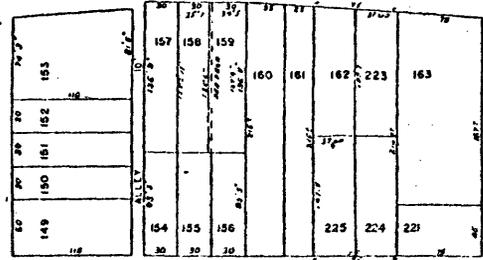
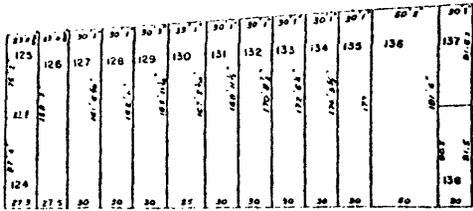
THOS. F. BURKE
JEFFERSON COUNTY TAX COMM'R
R. J. TAPPENHORN - CHIEF DRAFTSMAN
DRAWN 2-20-39

975
976
977
978
979
980

5-F

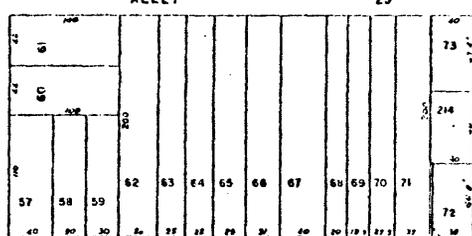
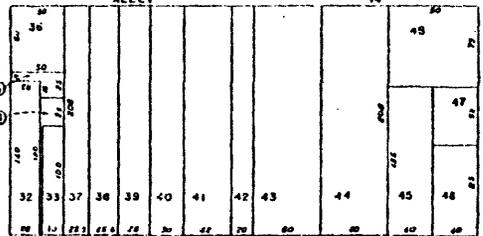
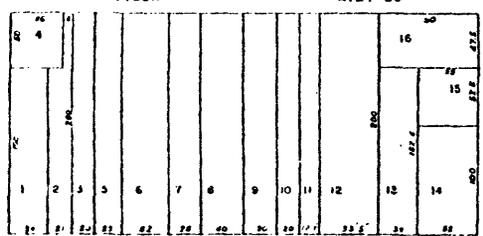
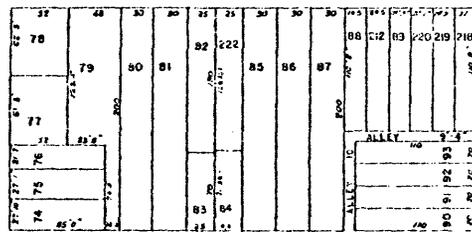
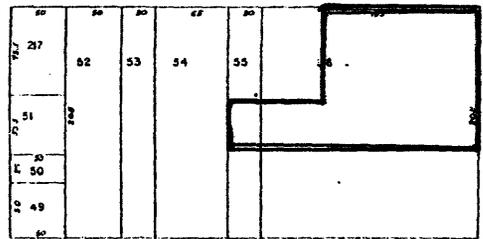
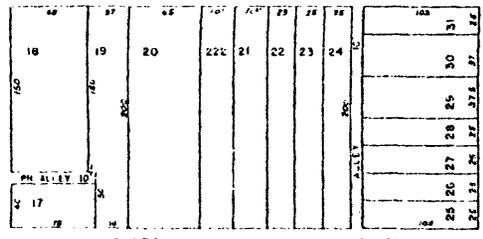
NORTHWESTERN

PKWY. 66'



MONTGOMERY

ST. 60'



PORTLAND

AVE. 60'

PLAN OF PORTLAND - OB V, P-188 - (E 187, 190, 194 & 195)
CHANGED PLAN OF PORTLAND - 11261
PLAN OF HIGH ST (NOW NORTHWESTERN PART) - 1251

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

Jefferson County Real Estate
Atlas (1968)

Map 2. Real Estate Atlas

399

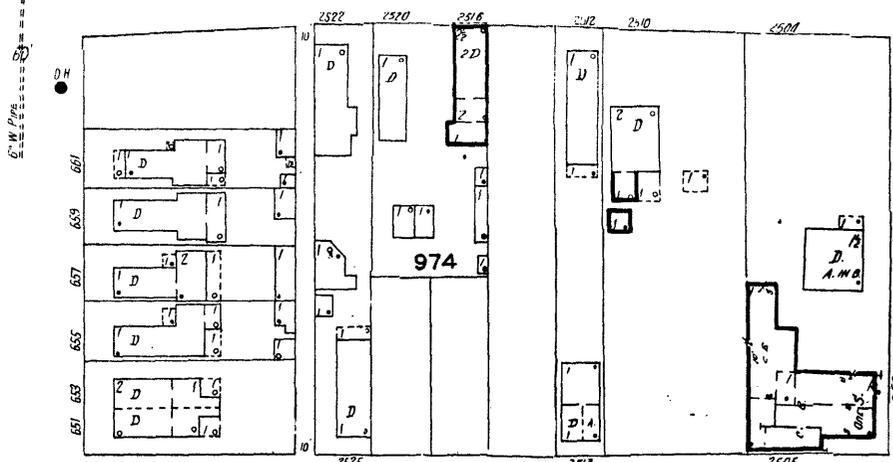
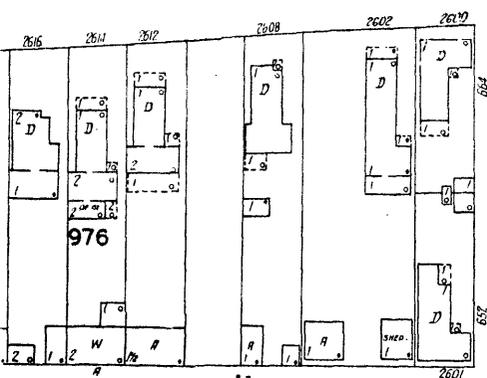
372

1050

N. 26th ST.

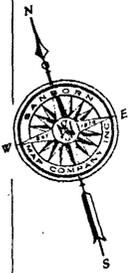
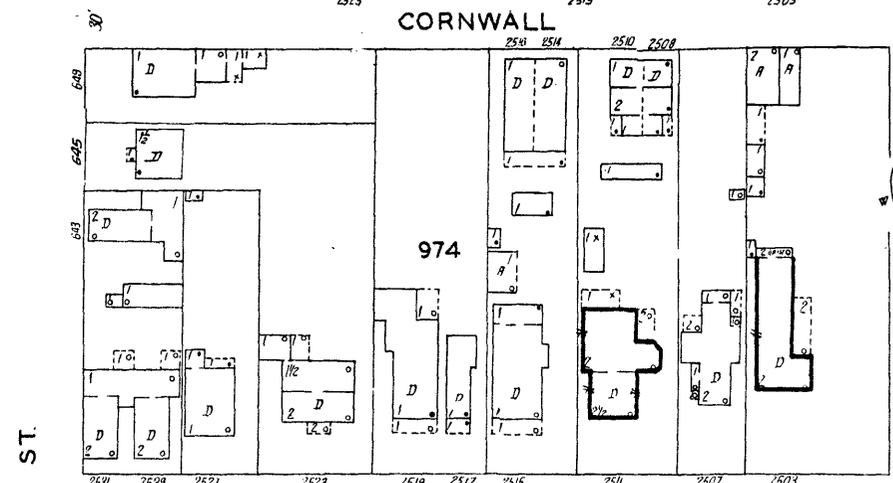
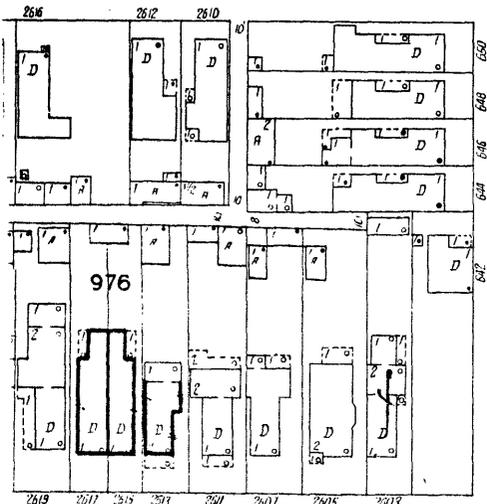
N. WESTERN PWY.

(NORTHWESTERN PWY.)



CORNWALL

CORNWALL

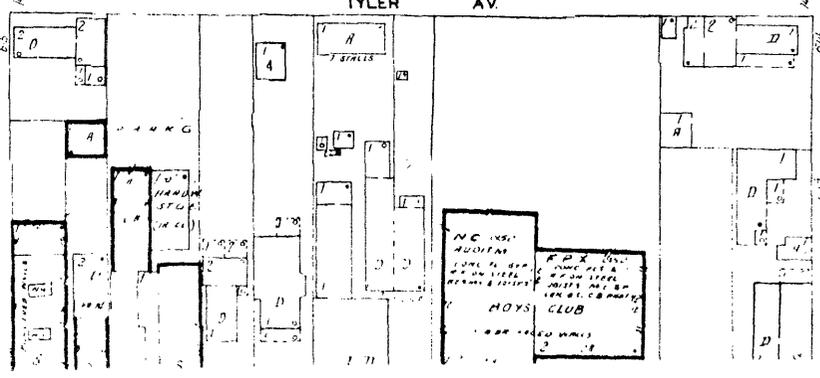
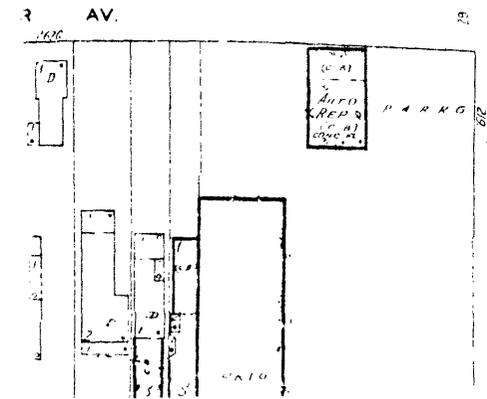
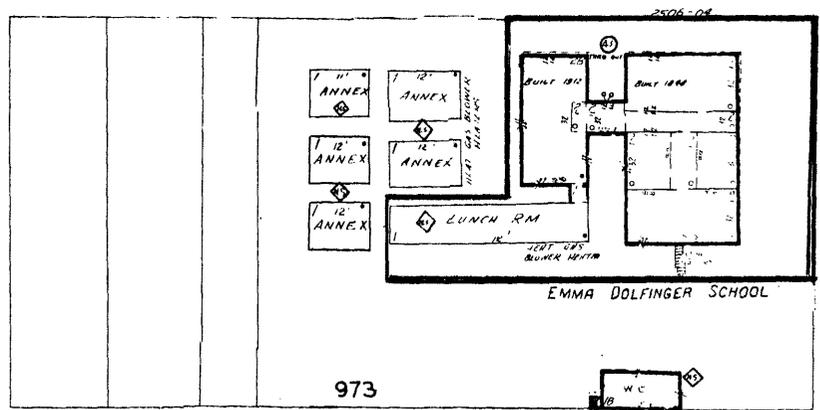
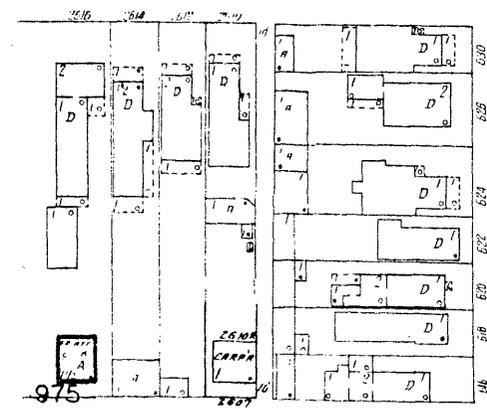


MONTGOMERY

373

N. 26th ST.

N. 25th ST.



AV.

TYLER AV.

Montgomery Street School
Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky

Sanborn Map Co.
Pelham, N.Y. (1974)

Map 3. Sanborn Map, vol. 3,
p. 372.

Scale: 1"=100'
Nominated area shown in
red.