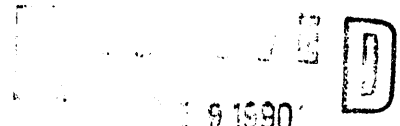


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Registration Form



NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fire Station #16  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 1621 Avenue G NA not for publication  
city, town Birmingham NA vicinity  
state Alabama code AL county Jefferson code 073 zip code 35218

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Fire Stations of Birmingham, Alabama, 1906-1929 Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register NA

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 9-13-90  
Date

Signature of certifying official  
Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

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

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] 10/25/90  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Entered in the National Register

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

Government/Government Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th- and 20th-Century Revival

Spanish Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Terra Cotta

other Stone-Limestone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #16 is a massive U-shaped brick and stucco fire and police station constructed in c. 1925-1926 in the Spanish Revival style. The fire station is located on a corner lot with a spacious lawn. The main body of the building is a two-story rectangular block that housed the municipal police station and jail. There are two one-story wings that housed the fire station that project out from the front facade of the main block, creating a courtyard.

The main block of the complex has a parapet roof capped with terra cotta tiles. There is a thick stucco band below the roof line. There is a row of six-over-six double hung sash windows located on the second floor of the main facade and identical rows of windows on the first and second floor of the rear and two side facades. There is a stuccoed chimney and slender stuccoed tower with an arch opening rising above the top of the main two-story block.

The main facade of the building features the two one-story wings that housed the fire station. One wing contains the garage with two garage openings topped by a decorative terra cotta tile shed roof supported by brackets. The other wing housed the fire station office and features a pair of arched entrances and loggia leading to the office area. On the courtyard side of the office wing were arched openings that have been bricked in. A cartouche adorns the courtyard area.

**INTEGRITY:**

Fire Station #16 has retained its integrity as a 1920s Birmingham suburban residential fire station type. The exterior has undergone few alterations, including the bricking in of several of the arched window openings.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
c. 1925-1926

Significant Dates  
c. 1925-26

Cultural Affiliation  
NA

Significant Person  
NA

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

Fire Station #16 is a fine example of the suburban fire house type built in Birmingham in the 1920s and is the best example of the multi-use historic fire station extant in Birmingham. Built in c. 1925-1926, Fire Station #16 was designed in the Spanish Revival style that was a popular residential style in suburban Birmingham in the 1920s, giving the municipal complex a residential scale and style. Located off the main commercial district the fire station is hidden from the more urban bustling commercial strip along 19th street.

Fire Station #16 is also significant as the best example of the multi-use fire station type, a popular form associated with fire houses in Birmingham's suburbs in the 1920s. Fire Station #16 functioned as the community of Ensley's police station, jail and fire station complex. This practice is adopted in other fire stations in the City of Birmingham, but this is the most obvious example.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See continuation sheet.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 1/4 acre

**UTM References**

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Lots 7 thru 12, Block 16-8

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

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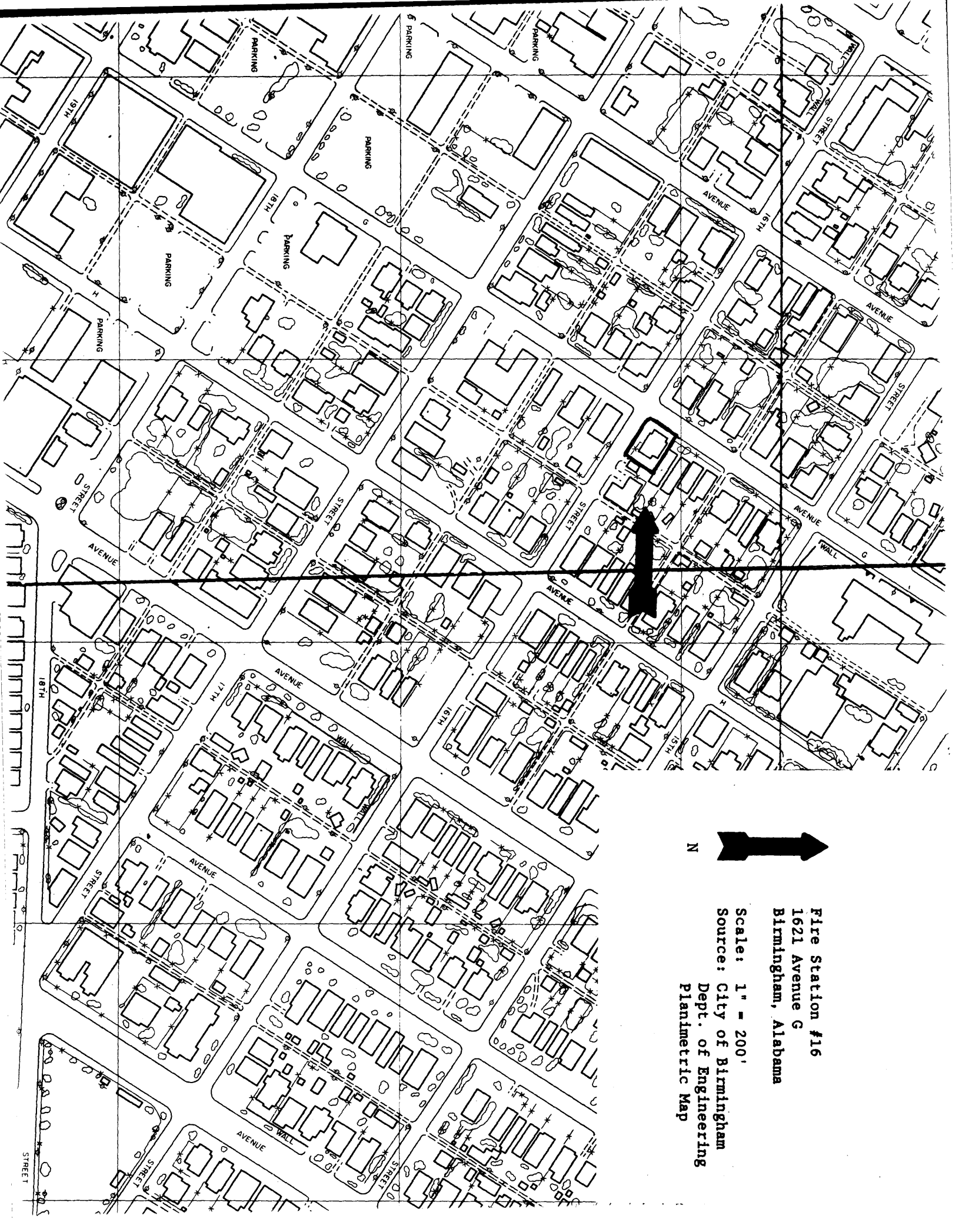
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1. Fire Station #16  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham - Pamela King  
View of facade, garage facing SE.  
#1.
2. Fire Station #16  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Pamela King  
View of facade, main entrance facing South  
#2.
3. Fire Station #16  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Pamela King  
View of garage facing SE.  
#3
4. Fire Station #4  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Pamela King  
View of offices facing SW.  
#4
5. Fire Station #5  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Pamela King  
View of jail area facing SW.  
#5.



**Fire Station #16**  
1621 Avenue G  
Birmingham, Alabama

Scale: 1" = 200'  
Source: City of Birmingham  
Dept. of Engineering  
Planimetric Map