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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Hume-Fogg High School, which was begun on July 20, 1911, now stands on property which originally was the site of the first public school in Nashville. It is a four story structure with full basement and subbasement levels and has no outbuildings. The twin octagonal, castellated towers at the entrance make the structure one of the most noticeable in Nashville. The castellation at the roof parapet is repeated at each of the corners of the building.

William B. Ittner of St. Louis designed the building of stone masonry with Robert Sharp acting as supervising architect. It is of Norman Gothic style with Tudor Gothic ornamentation which has a horizontal direction, allowing for ample fenestration. This is a contrasting feature to most Gothic buildings of that time. The severe lines of the building have been softened by the use of small sculptured ornamentation. Among this decoration is a panel of cut stone figures above the main entrance which represents areas of study in the school. These include literature, composition, science, mathematics, domestic arts, instrumental drawing and fine arts.

Each floor of Hume-Fogg High School contains twenty-eight offices, classrooms, and laboratories. There are several interesting features in the building such as marble baseboards and stairs; walls that are all two feet thick; and arched doorways.

Numerous improvements and renovations have been made to the building, including projects from 1910-1921 and 1930-1938, and a current project that is underway. All of these projects have been undertaken to comply with building and educational standards. However, the facade of the original building has never been altered.

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The present Hume-Fogg High School building stands on the site of the first public school in Nashville. This first school was built in 1855 and was named Hume school for Alfred Hume, a councillor and owner of a local classical school. He is now known as the Father of the Nashville Public Schools. In 1875 Fogg High School was built on the same lot and named for B. J. Fogg, the first President of the Nashville Board of Education.

in 1909 a bill was passed allowing a new, larger high school to be built. On JUly 20, 1911, the cornerstone was laid and occupancy began in 1912. It was at that time named Hume-Fogg High School and became the only public high school in Davidson County.

The school offered general education courses including a school of commerce which became a new idea in high school education. In 1940 the school changed to a vocational and technical high school and today remains the only public school of this kind in Nashville.

This history of Hume-Fogg High School demonstrates the importance of the school to local and state history. It is now known to be one of the oldest high schools in the South and has made a great contribution to education in this area. The example of Norman Gothic style architecture with Tudor Gothic ornamentation makes the building an outstanding one in Nashville. It has long stood as a landmark in the history of this area. It is located directly across the street from the Federal Building or Customs House, also an impressive stone building of the late 19th century which is on the National Register. The two buildings constitute a very impressive and important segment of downtown Nashville's architecture.



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