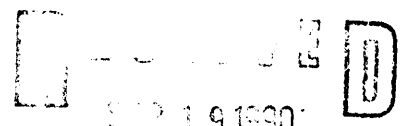


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 #15  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 1345 Steiner Avenue, S.W. NA not for publication  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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	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  
Signature of certifying official Date  
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. Entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet. [Signature] 10/25/90  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/Civic

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Renaissance Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Unknown

other Iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #15 was built c. 1928-1929 as a two-story honey brown brick building with a Renaissance Revival influence. It has a parapet roof highlighted by stone roof caps and with brick capped chimneys. The main facade has a single fire garage opening. There is a large second floor window opening located above the garage door and, it is highlighted by a highly decorative bracketed iron balcony. Highly ornamental vents frame the fire door and front window. There are also two false small iron balconies which adorn the front facade and remain intact. Stone insets further decorate the facade. An arched entrance adorned with brackets also remains intact.

The west facade has a false decorative arched entrance and a series of six vents along the roof line. Six wood framed windows remain on the second floor, and five remain along the first floor. A first floor door also remains. The east facade is nearly identical. Jail bars on the windows also suggest its double-usage as a police station.

**INTERIOR:**

The interior has retained the original first floor garage space which features brick walls throughout, double arched entrances into the rear of the building, and massive wood ceiling beams. The steps leading to the second floor are intact; the second floor plan remains mostly intact with the bathroom, locker, and gathering room areas in place. Original wood floor and window trim remain as do the walls and ceilings. The original fire pole has been removed but the opening remains.

**INTEGRITY:**

The exterior and interior of the building has retained its integrity as an early twentieth-century fire station. The exterior is virtually intact except the original second story window on the main facade has been replaced with bronze aluminum, and the original garage door has been replaced.

See continuation sheet

**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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

c. 1928-1929  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c. 1928-29  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 #15 is architecturally significant for representing a unique blending between the utilitarian urban station with that of the suburban residential location. Fire Station #15 has many of the elements commonly associated with the downtown urban stations, such as: a two-story brick utilitarian building with a flat facade; and its location close to the street without the presence of a lawn. Unlike the other Birmingham fire stations located in a suburban residential area, Fire Station #15 does not have the typical residential form; residential style such as Spanish and Tudor Revival styles; or the residential lawn. Fire Station #15 does have elements of the Renaissance Revival style, a style used on another fire station located downtown (Fire Station #4 - located within the Downtown Birmingham Historic District, NRHP 2-11-82).

**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 1/16th acre

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

No. 70' Lot 13, Block 6, West End.

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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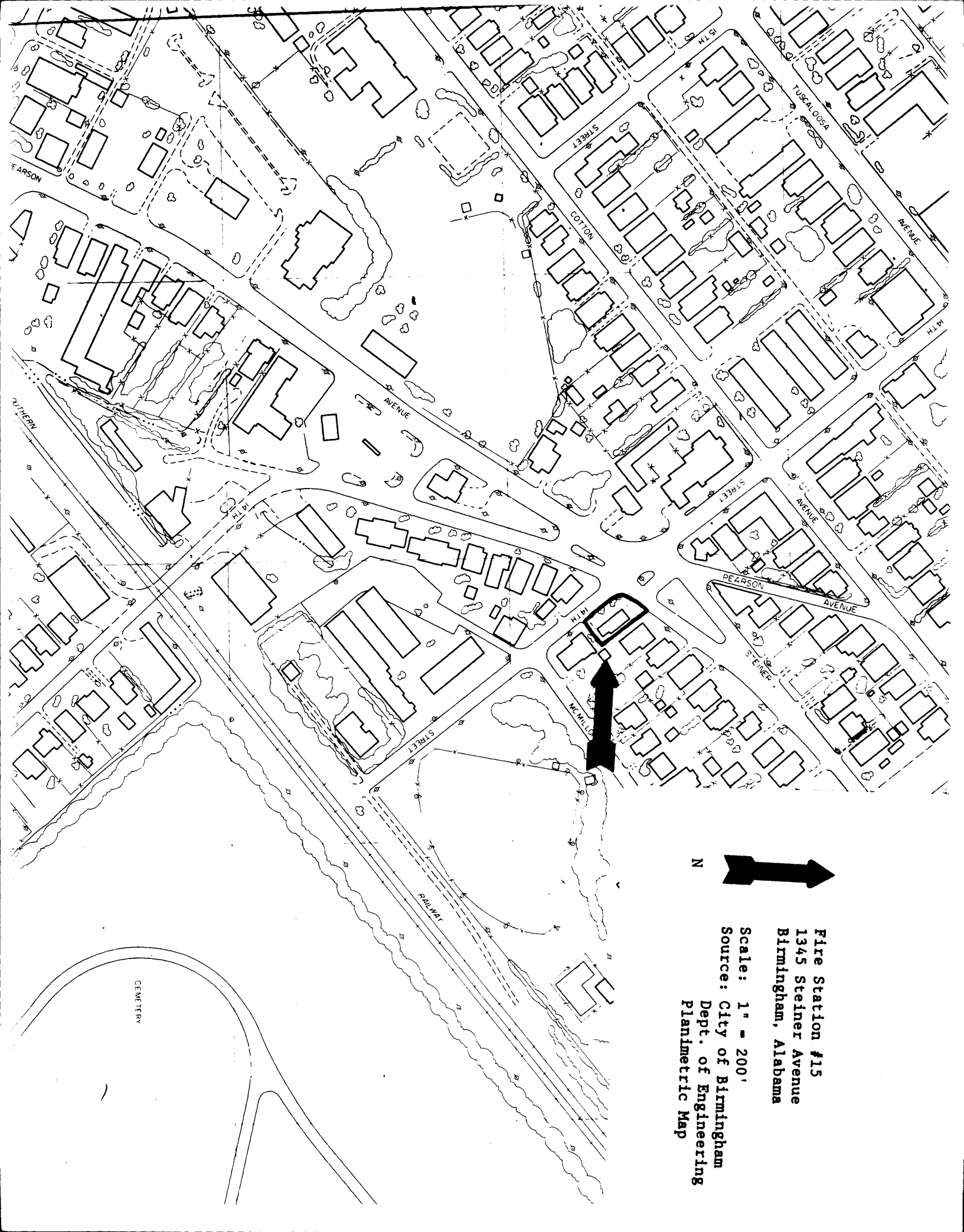
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Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of facade facing NW.  
#1.
2. Fire Station # 15  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of interior garage area facing NW.  
#2.
3. Fire Station # 15  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of conference room facing NW.  
#3
4. Fire Station # 15  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of conference room facing NW.  
#4
5. Fire Station # 15  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of bathroom facing NW.  
# 5
6. Fire Station #15  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of stair rail facing SE.  
#6.
7. Fire Station #15  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Pamela King  
3/90  
Birmingham-Owner  
View of original fire hole area facing NE.  
#7.



**Fire Station #15**  
1345 Steiner Avenue  
Birmingham, Alabama

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