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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Henry Vogt Machine Shop is a three-bay brick building resting on a limestone foundation. The center bay is forty feet wide and three stories in height. The ground floor has a double door entry which retains the original wood doors. The doors have diagonal wood strips in the bottom panel and a twelve-light window above. Flanking the entry are two windows which rise for two stories. These are double hung with two-over twenty lights and have stone sills and segmentally arched brick voussoirs. Above the entry on the second floor are two double-hung windows with six-over -six lights and segmentally arched brick corbeling. The bay is articulated vertically by two simple brick pilaster strips which rise for three stories.

Flanking the central bay are two identical one story, 30 foot wide end bays. The bays contain three double-hung windows with nine-over-nine lights and the same sills and vousitors as the central bay. The corners of the end bays are articulated by a brick pilaster strip and capped with the same corbeled brick band. The three bays are cover by a saw-toothed roof with panels of windows.

The west side of the building continues the same style of fenestration in regular intervals as the end bays for the entire 220 foot The south facade is identical to the north. The east side of the building has two additions. A 1917 addition is connected to the north facade and is of a similar treatment. It is the same height as the end bays but has two levels of windows. The fenestration is similar to the main building but has sixover-six lights. The voussoirs of the second level have stepped-back brick bands and the corbeling is set between the windows. A smaller rear addition, c. 1922, is a shed roof area with large multi-paned windows at the rear of the 1917 addition.

The interior of the main section of the building is a three-bay expanse with steel supporting beams on 20 foot centers. The floor is constructed of wood blocks. The canter bay contains a 1907 overhead, top-running crane. The saw-toothed roof allows a large amount of natural light to enter the structure.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry Vogt Machine Co. Shop is an outstanding example of industrial, utilitarian architecture of the turn-of -the-century in Louisville. The structure is also significant as the first building of the Henry Vogt Machine Company at their Tenth and Ormsby plant. The Henry Vogt Machine Company was a major innovator in the artificial ice-making industry in the United States.

The 1902, Henry Vogt Machine Co. Shop was constructued by the company when it outgrew its Main Street location. The company was founded in 1880 as a general machine shop and expanded into the forged steel valves and fittings industry used early in the twentieth century by the developing petroleum industry. The company was a pioneer in the artificial ice industry, developing the absorption refridgeration and ice making machine. The company's perfections in the field lead to the development in 1938 of the Vogt ice machine. This machine was the forerunner of all ice makers now used in restaurants and hotels. The company continues today as a major manufacturing concern in Louisville with a wide diversity of products, including the artifical ice machine.

The Henry Vogt Machine Co. Shop exhibits fine architectural detailing of the late Victorian period, such as brick corbeling and arched windows. The saw-toothed roof and wood block floor are important features which are still intact and add to the vintage quality of the building. The structure was most likely designed by an employee of the Henry Vogt Machine Company as none of the architectural drawings are signed and the main architectural motifs were repeated in some of the later buildings at the plant,

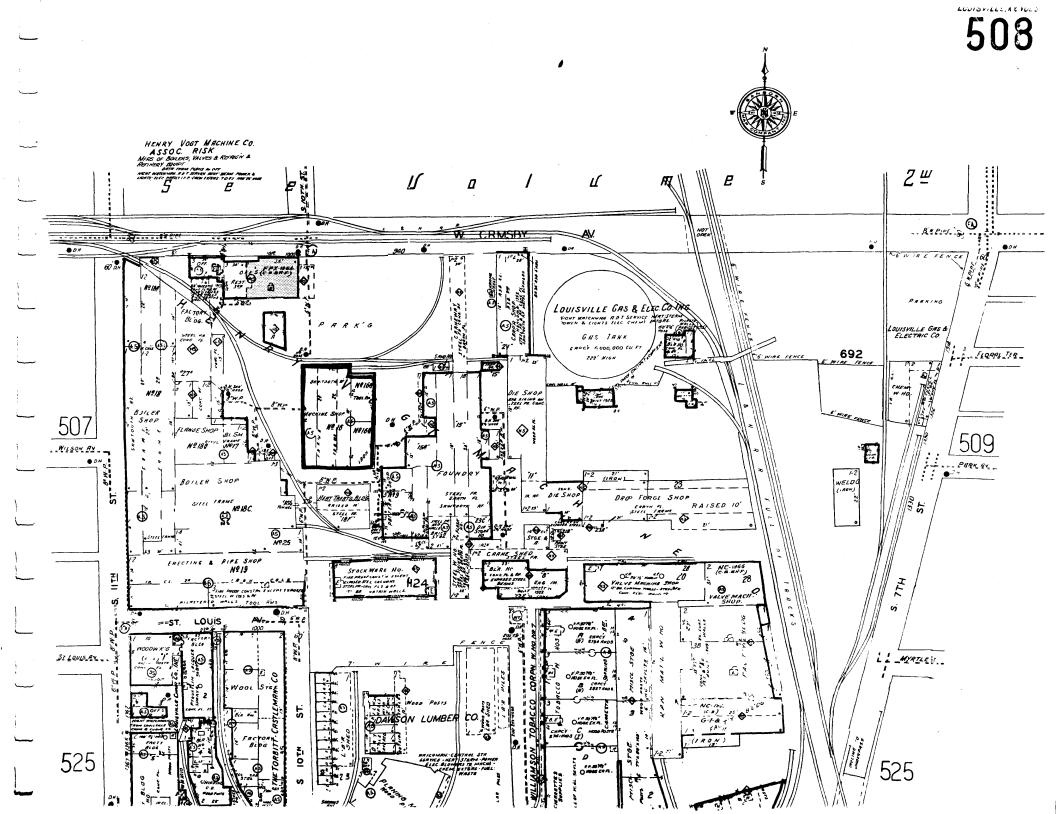
The Henry Vogt Machine Co. Shop is one of the finest and most intact industrial buildings remaining in Louisville. The significance of the building is further amplified by the importance of the company as innovators in American industry.

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