

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. WS-81

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Shawnee Elementary School</u>		22. ADD/County <u>JF</u> 0 5 6	
Original Owner		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>New Albany</u> 1 3 3	
2. Present Name <u>Shawnee Elementary School</u>		24. UTM Reference 1 6 6, 0, 3, 3, 0, 6 4, 2, 3, 5, 3, 0, 0	
3. Location <u>4151 Herman Street</u> ✓		Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name <u>Jefferson County Board of Education</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy 	
5. Owner's Address <u>Vanhoose Education Center</u> <u>3332 Newburg Road</u> <u>40218</u>		26. Prehistoric Site _____ Object _____ Historic Site _____ Structure _____ Building <u>X</u> Other _____	
6. Open to Public Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	7. Visible from road Yes <u>X</u> No _____	8. Ownership Private _____ Local <u>X</u> State _____ Federal _____	
9. Local Contact/Organization <u>Landmarks Commission</u>		27. National Register District Name: 	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow Block _____ Lot _____ <u>See continuation sheet</u>		28. Significance Evaluation <u>meets NR criteria</u> D	
11. Architect <u>J. Earl Henry</u>		29. Status _____ Date _____ National Landmark _____ National Register _____ Landmark Certificate _____ Kentucky Survey _____ Local Landmark _____ HABS/HAER _____	
12. Builder		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>architecture</u> 0 3 Secondary _____ Other _____	
13. Date <u>1915</u> A. 6 B. 		31. Endangered Yes _____ No _____	
14. Style A. <u>Jacobean Revival</u> 23 B. 		32. Preservation Project Status 	
15. Original Use <u>educational</u> 9		Actual Cost in \$1,000s 	
16. Present use <u>educational</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO <u>see attached</u>	
17. Condition <u>good</u> 2			
18. Description <u>Shawnee Elementary School is a "U" shaped, two story, scored brick building with a one story central projection. There is a shed roof and a raised basement. Stone is used throughout as a decorative element, including the quoins framing the windows, the entrance surrounds, on the parapet band divisions, in stone panels employing a Tudor</u> (Continue on Back) (over)		No. Stories <u>2</u> c Single Pile _____ NA <u>X</u> Double Pile _____ Floor Plan 0 Structural Fabric <u>brick</u> A. c B. Decorative Fabric <u>stone</u> A. H B. Roof Form <u>Shed</u>	
19. History <u>Shawnee Elementary, like Shawnee High School was named in honor of the neighborhood in which it is located. This "U" shaped building addresses its neighborhood by facing Herman Street and the neighborhood beyond. The school was built in 1915 with additions made in</u> (over)		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
20. Significance <u>Shawnee Elementary plays an important role as an architectural landmark in Louisville's west end neighborhood. It was designed in the Jacobean</u>		34. Prepared by: <u>Joanne Weeter</u> <u>Researcher</u>	
21. Source of Information <u>Caron Annual Directories of the City of Louisville</u> <u>Jefferson County Board of Education, Louisville</u> <u>Kentucky. Vertical File. 1984 (typewritten).</u>		35. Organization <u>Landmarks Commission</u>	
		36. Date <u>March, 1984</u>	
		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	

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18. motif and in the elaborate carvings adorning the parapet and central portion of the building. The school has a one story projection in the center with a central entrance framed by a Tudor arch which, in turn is enclosed in a rectangular surround. All of the windows in this portion, as well as throughout the rest of the building, have a nine-over-nine light configuration. The major entries into the building are through two portals which flank the central projecting wing. These entries have stone Tudor arches, a stone parapet with a central crest flanked by cut-out quatrefoils, and urns with wings. The crest has crossed keys and is flanked by torches. A band below the parapet has four human characters holding various symbols, all executed in stone. These include: a book, globe, mortar and pestle and an open book with a torch. The projecting ends of the building form the outermost bays. Each has paired, nine-light windows in the raised basement story as well as on the second floor. A stone crest is located just below the second floor windows. The parapets on both this portion and on the sides facing the east and west have stone carvings composed of two affronted consoles with a central circular opening topped by a spire. Elaborate stone carvings are also present above the two main entrances of the parapet. A stone crest is flanked by engaged stone panels topped with globes. Above this is a decorative arched stone coping flanked and surmounted by spires. The two side entrances that face Cecil Avenue and South 42 Street hark back to the days when boys and girls entered the school through separate entrances. Each has a medallion above the entryway with a stone portrait of a boy and girl carved in relief. The rear facade of Shawnee Elementary has simple nine-over-nine windows grouped in twos and fours with a central exhaust stack in the center of the "U". Shawnee Elementary has two 1927 additions to the original building that are to be included in this nomination. The 1954 addition to the building's east side is included in this nomination because it is integral to the structure but it is non-contributing.
19. 1927 and 1954. The school has been vacant for several years.
20. Revival style by J. Earl Henry, and serves as one of Louisville's finest examples of this style. Henry designed it while serving as the city architect for schools, borrowing architectural elements and detailing from historical sources. The two main entries to the building, for example, are framed by stone Tudor arches and surmounted by a stone parapet adorned with a crest flanked by quatrefoil cut outs and urns with wings. Crossed keys flanked by torches add symbolism to the crest. Educational symbols are in abundance throughout the design. Four human characters holding various decorative elements are located in a band below the parapet and include a book, globe, mortar and pestle and an open book with a torch. Elaborate stone carvings also embellish the parapet walls and side entries. Perhaps the most playful of Henry's decorative motifs can be found above the entrances facing east and west that are adorned with cherub-like portraits in stone, framed by a medallion, that remind us of the days when boys and girls used separate entrances. Henry is also responsible for designing both Male High School, (National Register, 1979) and Brandeis Elementary School (National Register, 1979). Indeed, the architect has played a significant role in public and scholastic building architecture in the City of Louisville and has greatly enhanced the areas built environment.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Shawnee Elementary School Site # WS-81

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title West Louisville MRA Amended

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 603306 4235300 D. _____

B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 1.5 approximately

City of Louisville Block 8B, part of lot 80. The boundry of the site extends ten feet from the foundation of the building as indicated on the Sanborn Maps.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)

see attached map

Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Block 8B, part of Lot 80

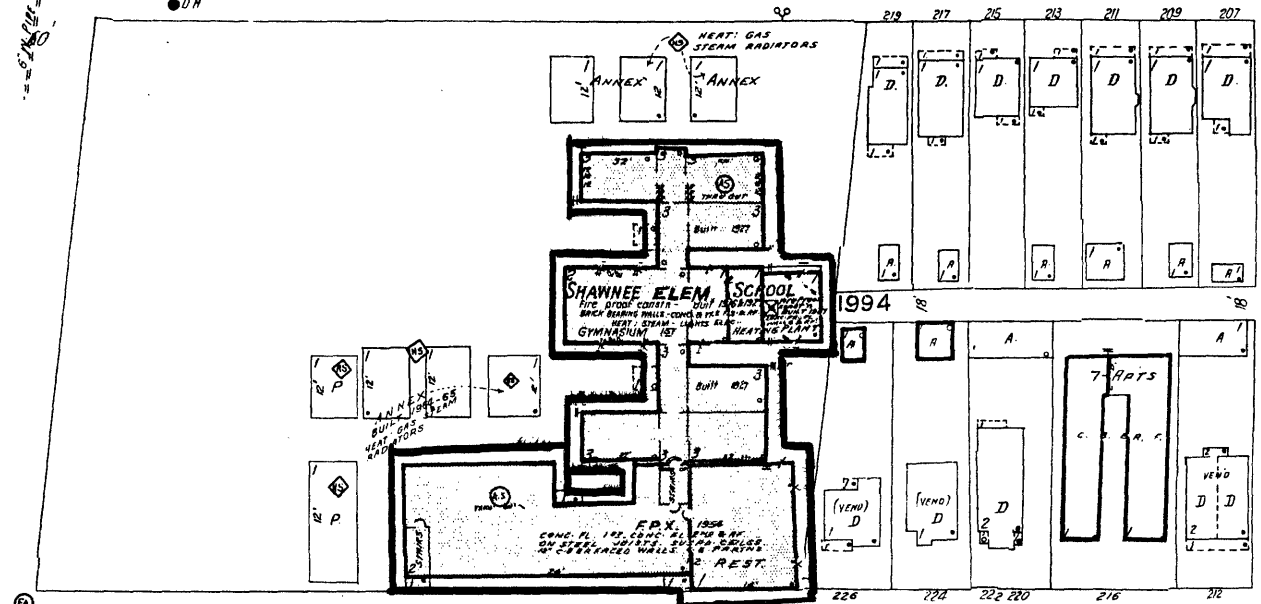
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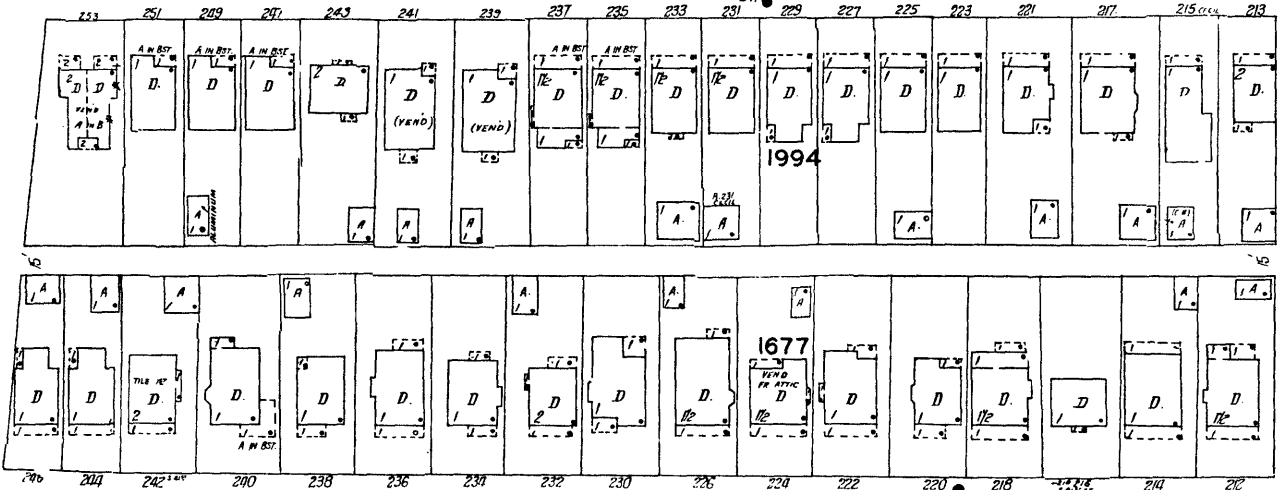


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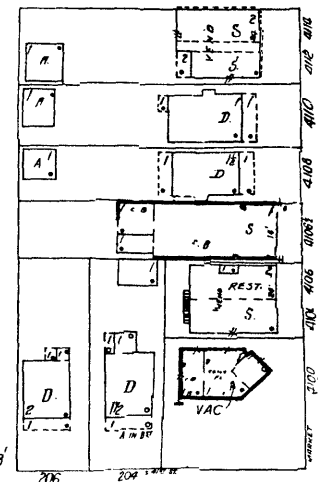
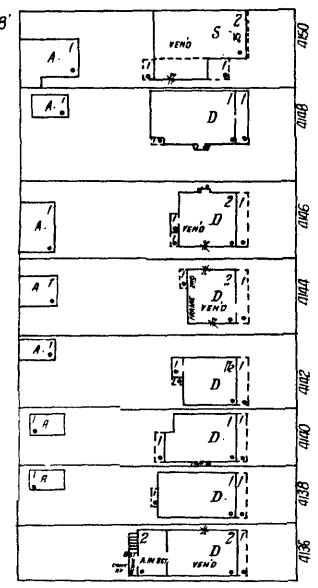
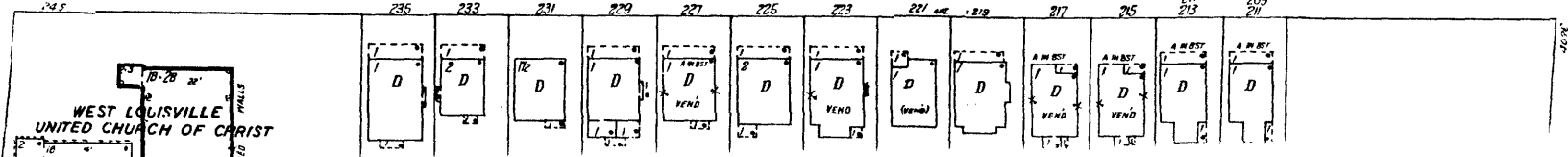
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S. 41 ST.



S. 42ND ST.

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W. MARKET

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Shawnee Elementary School
4151 Herman Street
Louisville, Jefferson, KY
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629 Fifth Avenue
Pelham, New York