

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: King	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 16 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Colman Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
811 First Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Seattle, 98104

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: King CODE: 033

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Colman Building Company

STREET AND NUMBER:
238 Central Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Seattle, 98104

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
King County Auditor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Seattle, 98104

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Municipal Art Commission List of Historic Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Municipal Art Commission

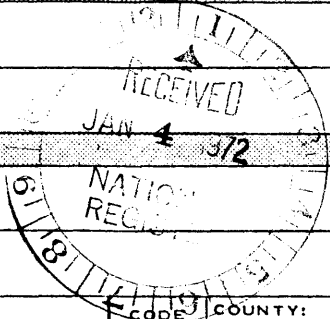
STREET AND NUMBER:
Seattle Municipal Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Seattle, 98104

STATE:
Washington

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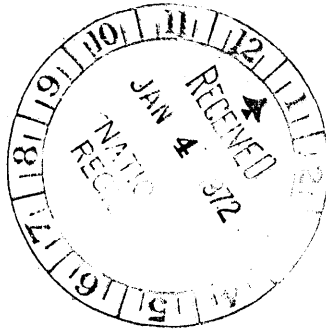
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Colman Building is a concrete and brick office building with marble trim. It is a six story building on First Avenue, with another story in the rear, toward the water. It has seen some remodeling but none in recent years. The building is distinguished by the metal and glass awning along the east, front side of the building.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1904 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

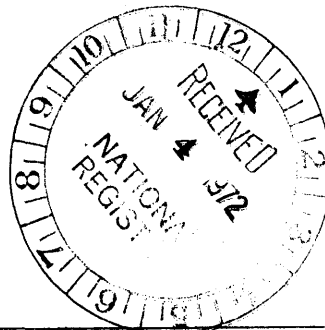
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Colman Building, a concrete and brick office structure, was built in 1904 by James Colman. The building was remodeled in 1930. It was designed by architect John K. Shand.

James Colman, Scotsman, a machinist and engineer by training, came to Seattle in 1861. He was a manager and owner of various sawmills in the Puget Sound area, weathered several fires, and leased the Yesler Mill in the 1870's until it burned. Mr. Colman was a major promoter of the railroad to the Renton coal mines, then later pushed the line on to the Newcastle mines on his own. He conducted the railroad for 1½ years, and then Henry Villard purchased the line from him. He continued working and managing his mill for 2½ years more. Then, after an extended trip to Europe, he came back to coal mining enterprises. He built the Colman Building and also built the Court Building on Main Street. In 1884, he built a fine mansion on Fourth Avenue. He built steam yachts for his own use and for profit. Mr. Colman had two sons who became partners in his enterprises. Mr. Colman was one of the largest property owners in the city and county.

The Colman Building today stands among modern and aging structures. It remains an outstanding piece of architecture. With its large windows, brownstone base, lack of ornamentation, and absence of classic details, the Colman Building both recalls an earlier era of architecture as well as mirroring the modern. Yet its cast iron canopy, street-level facade, and ornament-rich lobby and bank interior expose it as a child of its time. Its upper simplicity combined with its street level warmth make the Colman Building a welcome older citizen of First Avenue.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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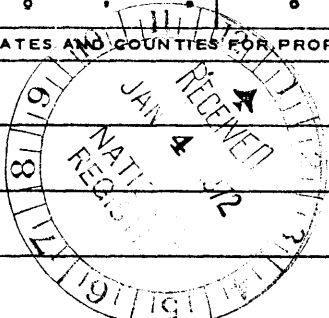
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Margaret A. Corley, King County Liason

ORGANIZATION: Seattle Historical Society DATE: Sept., 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 2161 East Hamlin Street

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98102 STATE: Washington CODE: 53 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Charles H. Odegaard
 Charles H. Odegaard
 Title: Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 16 1972

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAR 7 1972

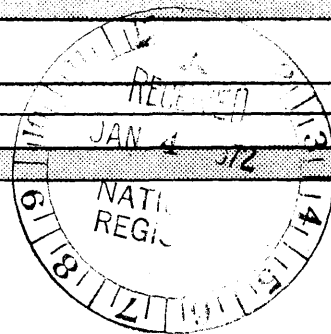
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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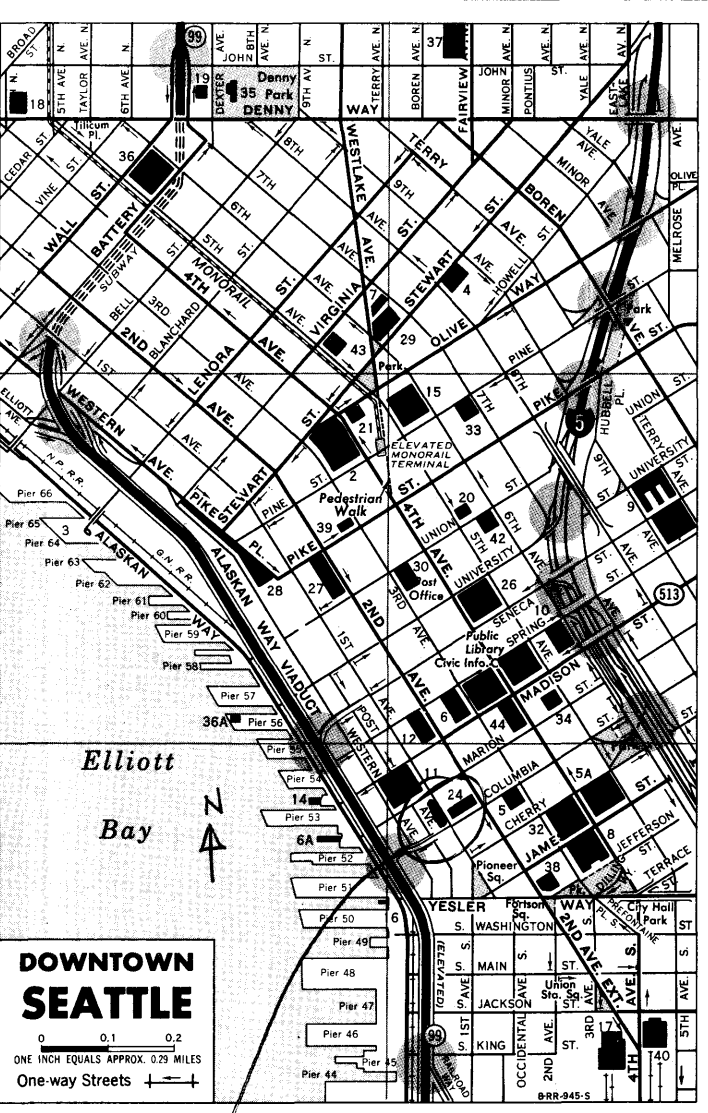
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Standard Oil of California			
SCALE: one inch equals ca. 0.29 miles			
DATE: 1970			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



- 28. Pike Place Market
 - 29. Plaza 600 Building
 - 30. Post Office
 - 31. Public Library and Civic Information Center
 - 32. Public Safety Building
 - 33. Roosevelt Hotel
 - 34. Seattle General Hospital
 - 35. Seattle Park and Recreation Administrative Bldg.
 - 36. Seattle Post-Intelligence Building
 - 36a. Seattle Public Aquarium
 - 37. Seattle Times Building
 - 38. Smith Tower
 - 39. Transit Service Office
 - 40. Union Station
 - 41. Virginia Mason Hospital
 - 42. W. Washington Athletic Club
 - 43. Washington Plaza and Tower Hotel
 - 44. Y.M.C.A.
- RR-945-S-X

RICHMOND BEACH



BLUE RIDGE

