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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Albert S. Brandeis Elementary School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1001 S. 26th St.

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
3 & 4

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

CODE  
021COUNTY  
JeffersonCODE  
111**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jefferson County Board of Education

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3332 Newburg Road

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky 40218

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

6th &amp; Jefferson Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Louisville,

STATE

Kentucky 40202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

1980

—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort, KY 40601

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Alfred S. Brandeis Elementary School is located in the 1000 block of S. 26th St. in the southwestern section of the city of Louisville. It occupies an entire city block in the center of a working-class residential neighborhood. The residential architecture is generally in a frame bungalow design, with corner "mom-and-pop" type commercial activity.

The school is a symmetrical, two-and-one-half-story brick structure on a raised basement. Based in the Neo-Elizabethan style, the entrance projects centrally, and end wings project slightly further. The roof is steeply pitched, and originally had several chimneys evenly spaced at the crest. The entrance bay is gabled, but the end wings have jerkin head gables. This feature and the exposed overhanging eaves are the only architectural features which defy its Neo-Elizabethan prototypes. These have perhaps been incorporated in the design to reflect the adjacent residential architecture.

The first and second floor fenestration is identical. Groups of five windows are flanked by paired windows on the facade and the end wing facades have five-window groupings. Smaller paired windows are situated on the third level in the gables of the wings. All of the windows were originally multi-paned casement windows with fixed, multi-paned transoms. They are now steel frame vent windows, typical of institutional windows, but they are multi-paned and the transoms are fixed and multi-paned. All windows have stone surrounds with quoins. A stone water table delineates the first floor from the raised basement.

The entrance bay on the facade is gabled and has a stone panel on the third level. A decorative scroll reads "L. P. S.", Louisville Public School. The second floor contains a set of triple Tudor Gothic windows encased in stone, and stone quoins. Below the window grouping is a stone panel bearing the name and date of the school. The first floor contains an arched opening with keystone flanked by single classical columns which carry an entablature which is highly stylized. This entire section of the entrance bay is stone. The entrance itself is recessed. An impressive multi-paned fan light radiates above four multi-paned doors.

Finally decorative brickwork on the second floor facade and third floor gables, as well as large cartouches and decorative panels, complete the cohesive design of the Albert S. Brandeis Elementary School.

An addition to the building was made in 1954 in the same material and in a similar but more modest vein, to the rear of the structure. In 1962 the building was renovated. It was probably at this time that the window treatment was altered.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

1913

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J. Earl Henry

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Albert S. Brandeis Elementary School is one of local architect J. Earl Henry's finest works, incorporating the Neo-Jacobean style and some residential elements of the adjacent neighborhood into a cohesive design. Brandeis was one of the first schools built under the newly organized Louisville Independent School District, a system designed to give wealthy and poor neighborhoods equal educational opportunities.

J. Earl Henry was appointed City Architect on schools in 1912. In the years which he held that position, he designed some of Louisville's most distinctive educational structures, including Male High School (National Register, 1979). Henry was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, and was educated at Illinois State University where he graduated with a B. S. in architecture in 1906. Henry worked for several years as a draftsman and designer for the local architect Brinton B. Davis, who also designed local schools.

As in most of Henry's designs, prototypes can be found for the major architectural elements. The massing, proportions and materials are very similar to Charlton House, Greenwich, 1607, a Jacobean residence frequently cited in architectural history. But Henry drew much influence from the works of, and more importantly the drawings of, Robert Smythson, one of the greatest geniuses of English architecture, whose Elizabethan designs were the framework for the major Jacobean mansions.

Henry chose an early Smythson design from which to extract some architectural elements for Brandeis. Wardour Old Castle, Wiltshire, is a 14th century castle which was remodelled in 1576-78 by Smythson. The entrance to Brandeis is very similar to a doorway in the inner court at Wardour, containing the single column rather than the more frequently used double columns, and a similar entablature. It is, however, the use of Tudor Gothic windows in the second floor of the Brandeis entrance bay which suggests that in fact Wardour is Henry's reference. Smythson incorporated Tudor Gothic windows in this remodelling project at Wardour to harmonize with the Gothic castle.

The combination of Elizabethan, Jacobean, Tudor and Bunghaloid elements in the design of Brandeis has produced for the observer a visual catalogue of architectural elements in a cohesive and compatible structure.

Brandeis Elementary School was named in honor of one of several civic-minded businessmen who organized the Louisville Independent Schools, so that schools within the system would receive equal support and funding. Mr. Brandeis was also involved in the laws' formation and assisted in the establishment of the Louisville Board of Education.

When completed in 1913, Brandeis was considered a showplace, "one of the most beautiful schools in the city," as described by a 1922 article in The Louisville Post.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Summerson, John. Architecture in Britain, 1530-1830. New York: Penguin Books, sixth edition, 1977.

Girouard, Mark. Robert Smythson. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1967.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 21

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately

QUADRANGLE NAME Louisville West

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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B         

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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G         

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet.

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. A. Allgeier, Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Louisville Landmarks Commission

DATE

7/14/80

STREET & NUMBER

727 W. Main St.

TELEPHONE

502-587-3501

CITY OR TOWN

Louisville,

STATE

Kentucky

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL ✓

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Donna C. Hopkins*

TITLE

*Acting State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*10/23/80*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*John W. Ray*

DATE

*12/8/80*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Emma Jane Saff*

DATE

*12-5-80*

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Brandeis also had the first school garden, with a shelter house and greenhouse. The children planted and tended the vegetable and flower gardens. Brandeis became a model for other school gardens throughout the system. The garden and outbuildings did not survive the changes in the school system over the years.

Albert S. Brandeis Elementary School is an important element and source of pride to the California and Parkland neighborhoods. It is an architectural delight and an historical reference for educators and architectural historians alike.

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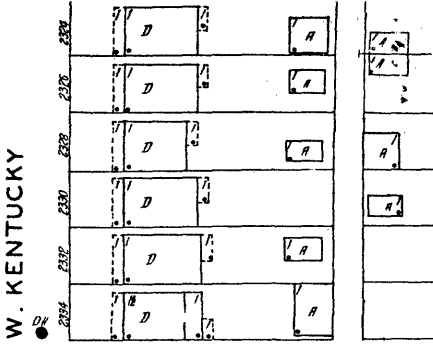
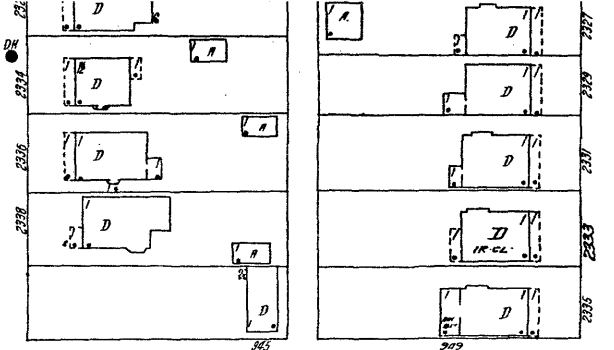
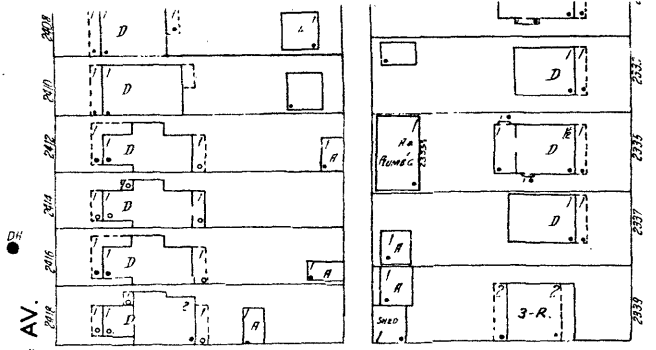
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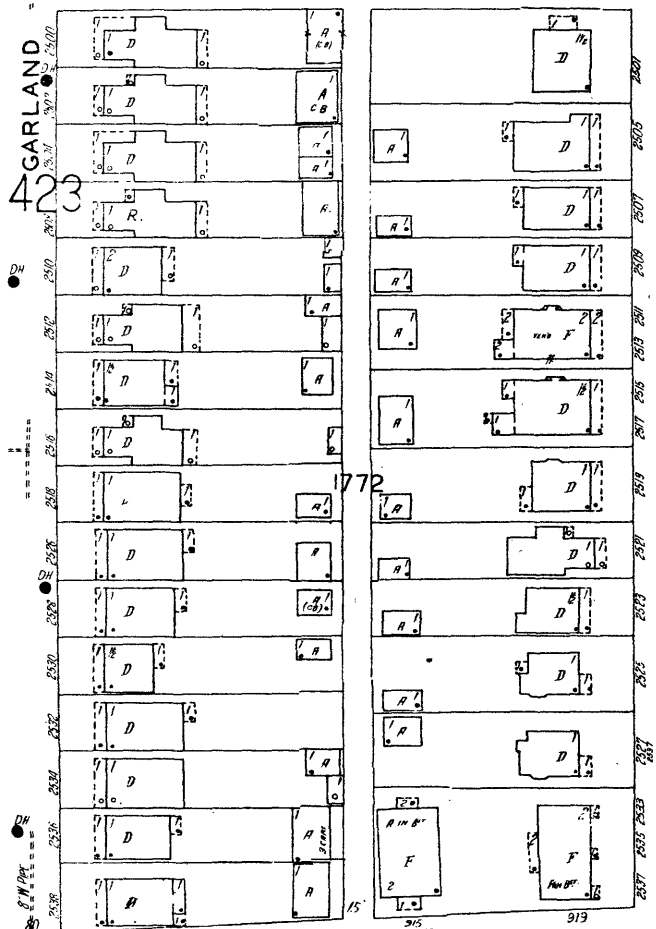
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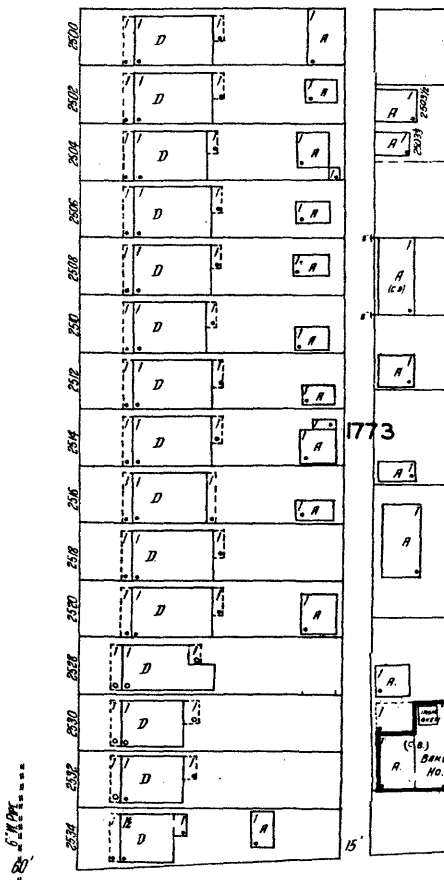
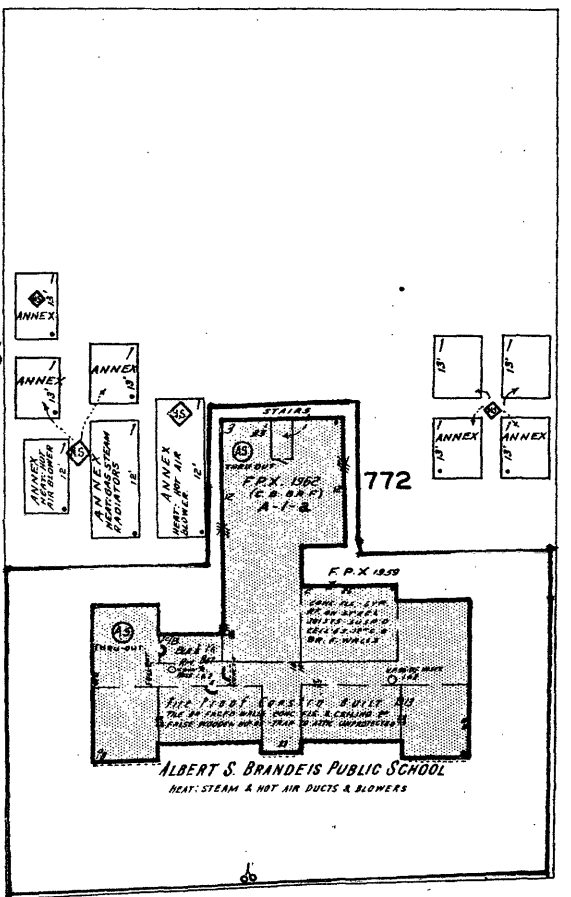
Beginning at the far northwest corner of the lot on which the school sits (Block 38A, lot 62)--located at the intersection of Date and South 26th Street--the boundary proceeds eastward approximately 170'; turning due south, and extending 100'; turning eastward and extending 80' (or 10' from the north-east corner of the rear wall of the center section of the building); the line turns southward; running 75', (10' from the near wall of center section); turning westward, running 75'; then turning southward, extending 100' to the south side of the lot bordering W. Kentucky; turning westward following the south lot line (40' from south wall of building) and running 170' to the southwest corner of the lot; turning northward, following the west lot line (70' from west wall of building) and running to the northwest corner of the lot and point of beginning.



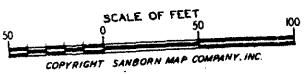
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Map 2 - Sanborn Map  
Nominated area in red.