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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001563

Date Listed: 10/25/90

Wylam Fire Station

Jefferson

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Property Name

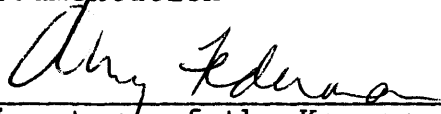
County

State

Historic Fire Stations of Birmingham MPS

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

10/25/90

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

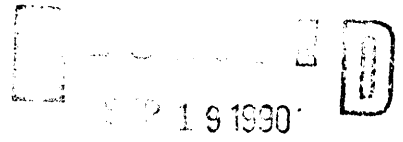
This building is owned by a private organization, and therefore "private" should be checked as ownership category.

Discussed and concurred in by the Alabama SHPO on Oct. 17, 1990.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Wylam Fire Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number NE Corner 8th Avenue and Huron Street NA not for publication
city, town Birmingham NA vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Jefferson code 073 zip code 35224

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<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.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Amy Federman 10/28/90

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)
Commercial Trade/Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Unknown

other Stone - Limestone

Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Wylam Fire Station was built c. 1910 of dark red brick in a utilitarian commercial style. The building is two stories in height, rectangular shaped with a flat roof and a concrete foundation. The building is located close to the street and is situated on a corner lot.

The main facade features the original massive wood garage doors with decorative steel and wood trim, metal hinges and springs. Above the fire door is a band of three six-over-six double hung wood sash windows. There is a corbelled brick cornice with a decorative stone cap. There is also a large decorative stone panel located above the second story windows and a small stone inset below the windows. The east side of the main facade is slightly recessed back one bay and has one small 4-over-4 double hung sash window on each floor.

The east and west side facades are almost identical and both retain the two original brick chimneys. The east side facade has six steel windows on the first floor; all but one remain intact. All six original wood framed windows remain on the second floor. Original brick sills remain intact as do the two original metal vents. The west facade is identical and intact except that instead of one first floor window there is an original doorway and awning supported by chains.

INTERIOR:

The first floor has wood ceiling beams, wood ceiling, brick walls, and a concrete flooring. The second floor residential area has wood floors, plaster walls and ceiling, and wood window trim. The original pole opening and protective bars are intact, though the pole has been removed. There is also a fire place with bracketed wood mantels. The bath and kitchen areas also remain with some modernizations completed in the 1940s.

INTEGRITY:

The Wylam Fire Station has maintained its integrity as an early 20th-century utilitarian fire station. Neither the exterior or interior has experienced any significant alterations. It is one of the most intact of all remaining fire stations in Birmingham, although it no longer functions as a fire station.

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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
Community Development/Planning

Period of Significance

c. 1908-1910

Significant Dates

c. 1908-1910

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 A: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

The Wylam Fire Station is locally significant as a reminder of Wylam's community growth and development. Built in c. 1908-1910, the Wylam Fire Department is one of the best extant buildings in Wylam to illustrate its brief period of growth and independence from the City of Birmingham. Wylam was incorporated in 1900 and was annexed into the City of Birmingham c.1910. The community was built as an industrial town during the first phase of Birmingham's initial industrial boom period. The town of Wylam was built as a utilitarian village with little attention to esthetics or environment. Built during the area's first industrial boom period, it was eclipsed during the 1920s and 1930s by the ICT mining village of Docena, Edgewater, and Bayview. The Wylam Fire Station is the second oldest fire station in Birmingham and the oldest in the Western Industrial suburbs of Birmingham.

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

The Wylam Fire Station is architecturally significant locally as the best preserved example of the early 1900s urban utilitarian fire station type located in Birmingham. Built before 1919, the Wylam Fire Station is a good example of the plain brick utilitarian style and single use functional fire house type which was indicative of the pre-1920s area in Birmingham. After the 1920s the fire stations in Birmingham became more residential in form, style and setting, and often served dual functions.

See continuation sheet

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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Verbal Boundary Description

South 33' of Lot 3 Block 10, Pratt Land and Improvement

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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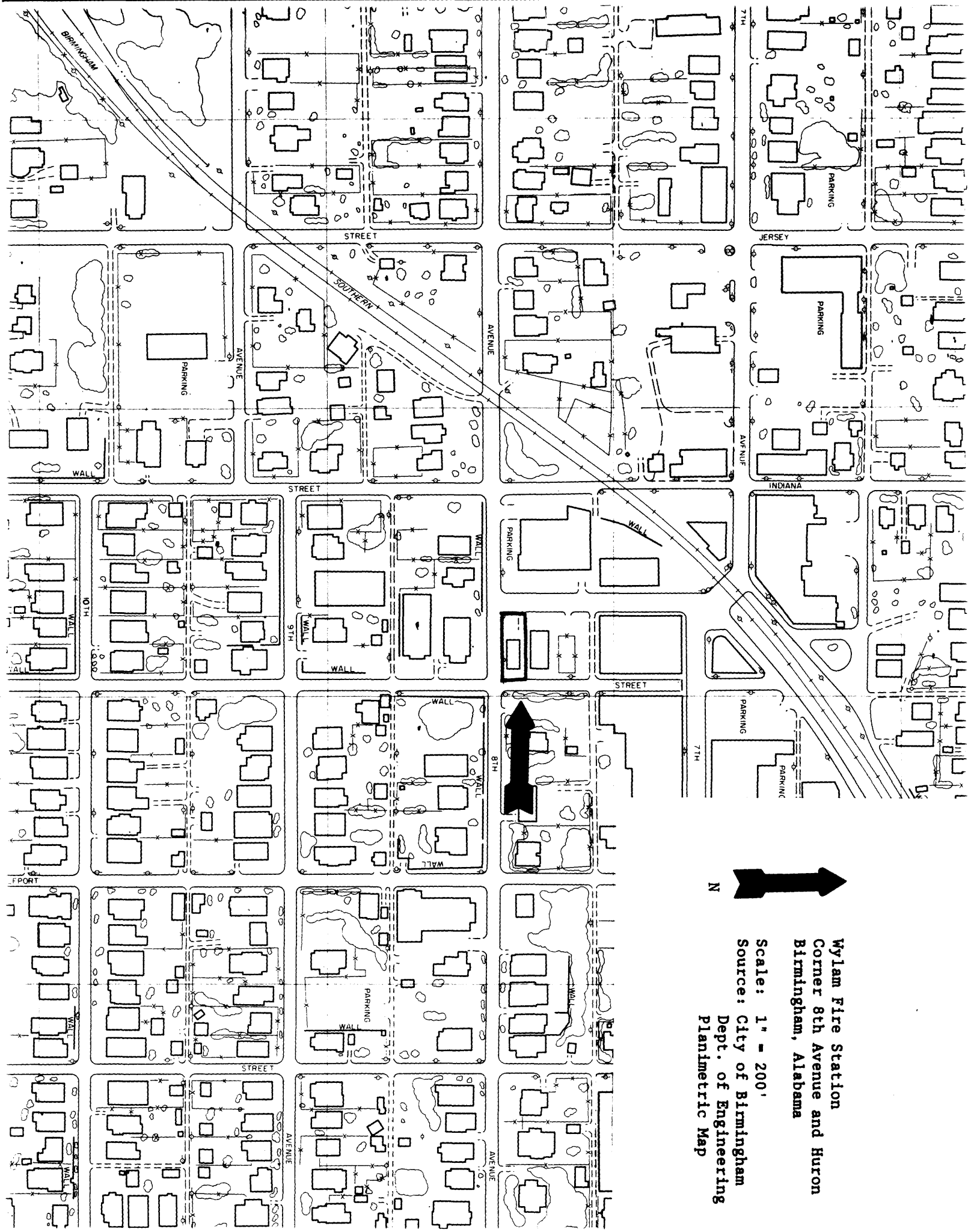
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Wylam Fire Station, NE corner 8th Avenue Huron Street, Wylam, Alabama

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1. Wylam Fire Station
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham - Pamela King
View of front facade facing NE.
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2. Wylam Fire Station
Birmingham, Alabama
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Birmingham - Pamela King
View of interior garage facing SW.
#2.
3. Wylam Fire Station
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham - Pamela King
View of fire pole opening facing NE.
#3.
4. Wylam Fire Station
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - Pamela King
View of 2nd floor residential area, fire place facing SW.
#4.



Wylam Fire Station
 Corner 8th Avenue and Huron
 Birmingham, Alabama
 Scale: 1" = 200'
 Source: City of Birmingham
 Dept. of Engineering
 Planimetric Map