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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: <u>90001561</u>	Date Listed: <u>10/25/90</u>	
<u>Fire Station No.19</u>	<u>Jefferson</u>	AL
<u>Property Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>

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.

Dary Ledner
Signature of the Keeper

10/25/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Since the property is significant in the community's development, Criterion A should also be checked.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th century Revival;
Romanesque Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Stone-Limestone

Terra Cotta

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #19 was built in c. 1925 and is an exquisite example of a stylized utilitarian building designed in the Romanesque Revival style. Fire Station #19 is an irregular-shaped building constructed of honey-colored brick with stone detailing. The main body of the fire house containing the office and residential area is two stories in height with a low pitched, hipped roof and is located behind the smaller one-story, flat roofed garage wing which faces the main street. The main pedestrian entrance is located in a one-story, conical-shaped vestibule situated between the garage and the two-story body of the fire station. There is a massive octagonal-shaped tower with a low pitched, conical roof located on the side elevation.

The main pedestrian entrance features an arched opening with pronounced stone quoins framing it. Inscribed in stone above the arch entrance is "Station Number #19." The original recessed arched wood door and screen with a simple fanlight window remains intact. Two steps lead to the porch area.

The garage portion of the building features two recessed garage door openings highlighted by stone brackets and door surrounds. The garage wing also features stone quoins along the corners of the building and stone lentils and sills.

The main two-story office area features a massive tower with decorative brick work and cut stone details. There are randomly placed slender arched windows with original steel casements.

INTERIOR:

Some of the interior features original wood floors, plaster walls and ceilings. The original pine fire pole remains intact. Modernization has occurred in the kitchen and bathroom areas.

INTEGRITY:

Fire Station #19 has retained its integrity as an early twentieth-century residential type fire station. The exterior has undergone few alterations that adversely affect the integrity of the building.

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. 1925

Significant Dates

c. 1925

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: ARCHITECTURE

Fire Station #19 is architecturally significant as a good example of the suburban residential fire station type construction in Birmingham in the 1920s. Fire Station #19 is one of the best examples of Romanesque Revival style fire stations built in Birmingham during this period. Fire Station #19 is a strong reminder of Birmingham's desire in the 1920s to construct fire houses as protective residential oasis. Its exotic style and landscaped residential qualities hide its often dangerous mission.

CRITERION A: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Fire Station #19 is a good example of Birmingham's desire to meet local needs and good community planning. Fire Station #19 was erected in the East Lake community in c. 1925 after a devastating fire in East Lake. The City of Birmingham found it necessary to move the old fire department at Highland Avenue and Linden Street to this present East Lake location to meet this area's growing needs. The present location of Fire Station #19 next to the almost identically designed East Lake Library illustrates the City of Birmingham's interest in planning the development of its new growing suburban communities.

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East Lake Fire Station #19

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Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - Owner
View of facade, library next door facing SE.
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2. East Lake Fire Station #19
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - Owner
View of interior, fire pole facing SE.
#2.
3. East Lake Fire Station #19
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham - Owner
View of interior garage facing NE.
#3.
4. East Lake Fire Station #19
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - Owner
View of interior stairs, windows facing NW.
#4.
5. East Lake Fire Station #19
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - Owner
View of facade, facing SE
#5

Fire Station #19
7713 Division Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Scale: 1" = 200'
Source: City of Birmingham
Dept. of Engineering
Planimetric Map

