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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old Louisville Residential District (National Register, 1975) is a large Victorian neighborhood, just south of the central business district of Louisville, and is considered the architectural embodiment of Louisville at the turn of the century.

The residential styles incorporated into the fabric of Old Louisville include the Italianate Villa, High Victorian Gothic, Queen Anne, Richardsonian Romanesque, Chateauesque, Renaissance Revival and Colonial Revival. Most of these are best represented in the large homes which line Second, Third and Fourth Streets and St. James and Belgravia Courts. In the large areas surrounding the mansions, however, are abundant examples of the Arts and Crafts and Bungalow styles, as well as the vernacular styles indigenous to Louisville.

The residences located at First and Kentucky Streets are representative of these vernacular styles, dating from 1883 to 1927. (See A on Map #1) 105 W. Kentucky Street, the earliest of these residences, was built in 1883, the year of the great Southern Exposition. It is a simple Italianate residence with decorative detailing. Next door at No. 103, is an 1886 Victorian vernacular structure with equally fine detailing. Apartment buildings flank these residences. The Speed, at 107-109 W. Kentucky, was built in 1912 and the Kentucky, at 101 W. Kentucky was built in 1927. Both buildings are vernacular styles with detailing in stone and brick. (See Photos 1-3).

101 East Kentucky is one of the district 's finest examples of the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Large and multiple stone arches fill the fenestration of this two-and-one-halfstory residence. Its corner location gave the designer an opportunity to fill two facades with Richardsonian motifs. (See Photo 4).

A vacant lot separates 101 E. Kentucky Street from the Engelhard School. Built in 1887 as the Kentucky Street School and designed by D. X. Murphy, this Italianate, three-story brick building is residential in character and blends well with the adjacent structures. (See Photo 5)

Another grouping of residential structures which are representative of the vernacular building styles in Old Louisville is found on Park Avenue in the 600 block, south side. (See B on Map #1 and Photos 6 & 7). This block contains two shotgun cottages and one Princess Anne, one Italianate and one carriage house. The shotguns have identical facade details. The cornices are on a diagonal plane and decorated with cloverleaf designs and small engaged brackets. The door and window hoods of No. 624 were removed upon the ca. 1920 introduction of a simple porch. No. 626, however, retains its decorative hoods. (See Photos 8 & 9)

620 Park Avenue is intact, 1893 "Princes Anne" residence, sheathed in fish scale and shake shingles and beaded clapboard. An Eastlake porch and decorative attic vent grill further embellish the facade of this residence. (See photo 10)

No. 618 is a modest 1889 Italianate residence embellished with stone lintels and a door hood with stylized brackets. A recessed side entrance is clearly visible from the alley. To the rear of No. 618 is a carriage house which has been appropriately renovated into a single family dwelling. (See Photo 11).

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Louisville Residential District (National Register, 1975) is the largest collection of High Victorian architecture in the city of Louisville. The high styles are further complimented by the eclectic, vernacular and generally modest styles which are found throughout the district, and particularly on the edges of the district.

Old Louisville as a prestigious residential area began developing as early as the 1850s. Over the next fifty years, the city's leading architects were commissioned to design dozens of homes for the local merchantile, industrial and professional figures. These homes demonstrate the rich diversity of styles which epitomize the eclecticism, picturesqueness and individuality of the Victorian era. More importantly the buildings illustrate a continuous process of stylistic change which can be traced both chronologically and geographically.

The most modest styles of the residences found in the 600 block, south side, of Park Avenue are examples of the vernacular styles typical of the areas on the edge of the district. This block of residences provides a visual buffer to the district from the encroachment of industry on Seventh Street. The buildings across Park Avenue and across the alley west of Sixth Street are all within the present district boundary. The addition of this block of five structures further strengthens this corner of the district. The structures to be amended reflect the quality of architecture in these same adjacent areas. Their introduction into the district will further the architectural consistency of the district.

Likewise, the north side of Kentucky Street in the 100 east and west blocks, contains representative examples of vernacular styles of both single family and apartment buildings found throughout the district. The Engelhard School (National Register, 1983) is also within this block and further contributes to the cohesive character of the area. These two blocks provide a buffer to the north end of the district, and are similar to the structures found on the south side of Kentucky Street. The sense of closure to the district is very strong at the intersection of First and Kentucky Streets.

The 1000 block of Fourth Avenue, west side, contains three architecturally and/or historically significant structures; the Bayly-Schroering House (National Register, 1978), the Mayor Jacob House (determined eligible, 1983) and the Lincoln Apartments. Noncontributing elements are located on each corner and in the center of the block, but the boundaries are drawn so as to eliminate both corners. Again, the character of this block in spite of the recent construction, is consistent with that across the street and the sense of district, of time and place, is created by both sides of this block.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Other amenities of this small block include iron fencing, brick walks and sensitive landscaping.

The 1000 block of Fourth Avenue, west side, contains three buildings of architectural character consistent with the Old Louisville District. (See C on Map #1 and Photos 12-16).

The Lincoln Apartments is a handsome, buff brick structure with stone and iron detailing. The three-story, U-shaped structure contains a series of three-sided bays which face the court yard, creating a very rhythmic visual effect. (See Photo 13).

The Mayor Jacob House, 1020 Fourth Avenue, is an exceptional example of the early, affluent housing in Old Louisville. This three-story, brick, Italianate is five bays wide and symmetrical. The entry contains a pedimented hood supported by brackets and all of the first and second floor windows have extended stone hoods. The central third-floor window is very wide and contains leaded glass. (See Photo 14)

The third building in this block is the Bayly-Schroering House,1880. This exquisitely detailed High Victorian residence retains most of its original features including the paired, etched glass doors, and most interior elements. The limestone facade is incised around the windows, and contains banding, quoins and a balconette over the entrance. This is one of Old Louisville's most outstanding examples of the High Victorian period. (See Photo 16)

There is one non-contributing element in this block which is included in the expansion of the district. 1018 Fourth Avenue is a 1960 commercial structure. (See Photo 15).

Ecclesiastical architecture in the district naturally followed the same stylistic tendencies as the residential architecture with Gothic, Richardsonian Romanesque and Renaissance Revival being predominant.

Fourth Avenue Methodist Church is an exceptional example of the Gothic Revival style so frequently used in church architecture. Designed by Dodd and Cobb in 1900-1902, Fourth Avenue Methodist is anchored on the corner by a magnificent tower. The fenestration is comprised of multiple gothic windows with exceptional stained glass. Flamboyant pinnacles and crenelation, also add to the plasticity of the design. (See Photo 17).

Directly south of the church is the Methodist Extension Center, a Neo-Classical structure built in 1915-16 by a design by Brinton B. Davis. The most important and dominent feature of the structure is the tetrastyle portico with Ionic columns which support a simply detailed pediment. The facade is pierced by three windows with classical surrounds on the second floor, and a central door flanked by two windows on the first floor. (see Photo 18).

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Educational structures in the Old Louisville district also followed the building styles of the residential structures. Two schools are proposed for inclusion in the amended district.

Cochran Elementary School, 1899, is located on the southeast corner of Second and Hill Streets. (See D on Map #1). The four-bay structure is two stories in height and blends well with the adjacent residential areas. The simple, classical detail on the building's cornice and the decorative central entry are subtle and elegant architectural elements which add to the building's beauty. (See phots 19 and 20).

Dupont Manual High School, built in 1933 as Reuben Post Halleck Hall, is a massive Collegiate Gothic structure (See E on Map #1). The main facade fronts on Lee Street and is U-shaped. A five-story tower marks the central entrance. Three double doors are set between Gothic pilasters and arched transoms. Lancet windows and blind windows as well as lancet openings in the tower, are some of the most distinctive features of the building. The verticality of the tower is further emphasized by corner buttresses. The fenestration of the main block of the building consists of multi-paned paired windows between buttresses, with modified crenelation at the parapet. Details are executed in stone (See photos 21 and 22).

All areas proposed for expansion are architecturally consistent with the Old Louisville National Register District.

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Fourth Avenue Methodist Church (National Register, 1979) and the Methodist Extension Center (National Register, 1983), Cochran Elementary School and DuPont Manual High School, are institutional structures all of which are located on the edge of the district and which contribute to the character of the Old Louisville district.

The Old Louisville National Register District was listed in 1975, one of Louisville's first National Register Districts. In 1974, it was designated as a local Preservation District. The neighborhood has stabilized significantly in the past ten years, and the local awareness of the intrinsic value of the neighborhood has heightened.

The areas proposed for inclusion in the district all lie on the edge of the district and are locally considered integral parts of Old Louisville as a neighborhood and as a National Register District. In several cases, the architectural significance of individual buildings has been demonstrated by the individual listing of those structures. But more importantly, the sense of neighborhood, of time and place, is consistent and cohesive in every example.

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Beginning at a point in the north right-of-way line of Kentucky Street where it intersects the west right-of-way line of Fourth Street, thence extending east along the north right-of-way line of Kentucky Street, to a point in the west right-of-way line of the first alley west of S. First St., thence north following said right-of-way to the north right-of-way line of the first alley north of Kentucky St., thence east following said right-of-way line to the west right-of-way line of I-65, thence extending south and southeast along the west right-of-wayline of I-65 to the point where it intersects the south right-of-way line of Burnett Avenue, thence extending west to the point where it intersects the east right-of-way line of Brook Street, thence extending south to the point at which it intersects the south right-of-way line of Hill Street, thence extending west to the point at which it intersects the east right-of-way line of the first alley east of S. Second Street, thence south250' to a point, thence west following the south property line of City of Louisville Block 33D Lot 96 to a point in the east right-of-way line of S. Second St., thence south to a point in the north right-of-way line of Lee St., thence east to point in the east right-of-way line of S. First Street, thence south to a point in the south right-of-way line of Avery Ave., thence west to a point in the west right-of-way line S. Second St., thence north to a point in south right-of-way line of Bloom Ave., thence west to the point at which it intersects the east right-of-way line of the first alley east of Third Street, thence extending south along the east right-of-way line of said alley to the point at which it intersects the south right-of-way line of Avery Ave., thence extending west to the point at which it intersects the extension of the west right-of-way line of the first alley west of Third Street, thence north along the west right-of-way line of said alley to the point at which it intersects the south rightof-way line of Bloom Ave., thence west to the point at which it intersects the extension of the west right-of-way line of Riley Ave., thence extending north to the point at which it intersects the south right-of-way line of Gaulbert Ave., thence west to the point at which it intersects the west right-of-way line of Fifth Street, thence extending north to the point at which it intersects the south right-of-way line of Hill Street, thence extending west to the point at which it intersects the extension of the west right-of-way line of the first alley west of Sixth St., also known as levering Alley, thence extending north along the west right-of-way line of said alley to the point at which it intersects the south right-of-way line of the first alley south of Park Avenue, thence west to a point in the west right-of-way line of the first alley east of S. 7th St., thence north to a point in the wouth right-of-way line of Park Avenue, thence extending west to the point at which it intersects the west right-of-way line of Seventh St., thence extending north along the west right-of-way line of Seventh St., to the point at which it intersects the extension of the north right-of-wayline of the first alley north of Ormsby Ave., thence east along the north right-of-way line of said alley to the point at which it intersects the west right-of-way line of the first alley east of 7th St., thence extending north along the west right-of-way line of said alley to the point at which it intersects the north right-of-way line of Oak St., thence extending east to the point at which it intersects the west right-of-way line of the first alley east of Fourth St., thence north along the west right-of-way line of said alley to the point 213' south of the south right-of-way line of W. St. Catherine St., thence west following the south property line of City of Louisville Block 29K Lot 89 to a point in the west right-of-way line of Fourth Avenue, thence north to a point 58' north of the north right-of-way line to W. St. Catherine St., thence west 173' to a point in the east right-of-

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