

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Fire Station #12
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 15 - 57th Street South NA not for publication
city, town Birmingham NA vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Jefferson code 073 zip code 35212

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 of certifying official: [Signature] Date: 9-13-90
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. Entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. [Signature] 10/25/90
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____
Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire House

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Tudor Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

Stone

roof Slate

other Stucco

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #12 was constructed c. 1926-1927 in the Tudor Revival style in the suburban community of Woodlawn. The fire station is an L-shaped masonry building with a two-story residential section with a high hipped roof with multiple dormers and a one-story garage wing with a double gabled roof. Located at the intersection of the two wings is a two-storied tower with a conical shaped roof. The main pedestrian entrance is a small arched opening in the tower, while the double garage entrance is located on the side elevation. There is a chimney covered with stucco with a stone cap.

The tower features three original wood framed windows with staggered placement: two show 2-over-2-over-2 panes; the other is a smaller 2-over-2 pane. There are sets of four wood window frames on each story of the office section of the building, and three single windows on the garage section of the building.

The Tudor Revival influences of the building include: the asymmetrical facade with a dominant tower; the polychromatic mixture of stone, brick and stucco; extensive use of stone for the lintels, chimney cap, and door surround; the wide, rounded garage openings highlighted by a thick band of stone; and the use of multiple bands of windows.

INTERIOR:

The interior has plaster walls and ceilings, wood trim and arched entrances in the second floor residential area, as well as the first floor garage. The original fire pole remains. The garage has its original concrete flooring with brick walls and columns, and an arched entrance.

INTEGRITY:

The building has retained its original integrity as an early twentieth-century fire station. The building has retained its original wood window frames, original garage doors, and original downspouts and drains. Interior modernization includes c.1920 linoleum flooring and dropped ceiling. The building remains in use as a fire station.

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)
Community Planning and Development
Architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1926-1927

Significant Dates
c. 1926-27

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 C: ARCHITECTURE

Built in c. 1926-1927, Fire Station #12 is architecturally significant as the best remaining fire station with Tudor Revival influences, and is one of the best examples of the suburban stations built in the late 1920s. Built in the mid-to-late twenties, it is a fine example of the station type constructed in Birmingham's suburbs. It has a strong residential character prominent for this style of fire stations, and is one of the finest works of architecture of all of the extant fire stations in Birmingham. It is one of only two remaining stations appointed with quarried stone; and is one of five adorned with tower. Unlike nearly all of the other fire stations, it does not occupy a corner lot; rather, it sits next to an alley and its garages have direct access onto 57th Street South while its primary facade sits back from Woodlawn's primary thoroughfare, 1st Avenue South.

CRITERION A: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Fire Station #12 is locally significant as one of the best examples of Woodlawn's community development which planned its commercial areas, public and governmental structures, and residential enclaves as a cohesive unit. Built during the same period of much of Woodlawn's commercial and residential development, it remains important as part of the area's growth as a municipality. It is only a few blocks from Woodlawn City Hall which also fronts 1st Avenue South and is situated just off the main commercial strip of 1st Avenue (Woodlawn City Hall NRHP 6-30-88).

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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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 # _____

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 1/3 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

23-321-018-005-000
Lot 1 Woodlawn Municipal Services Park, Birmingham, Alabama

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

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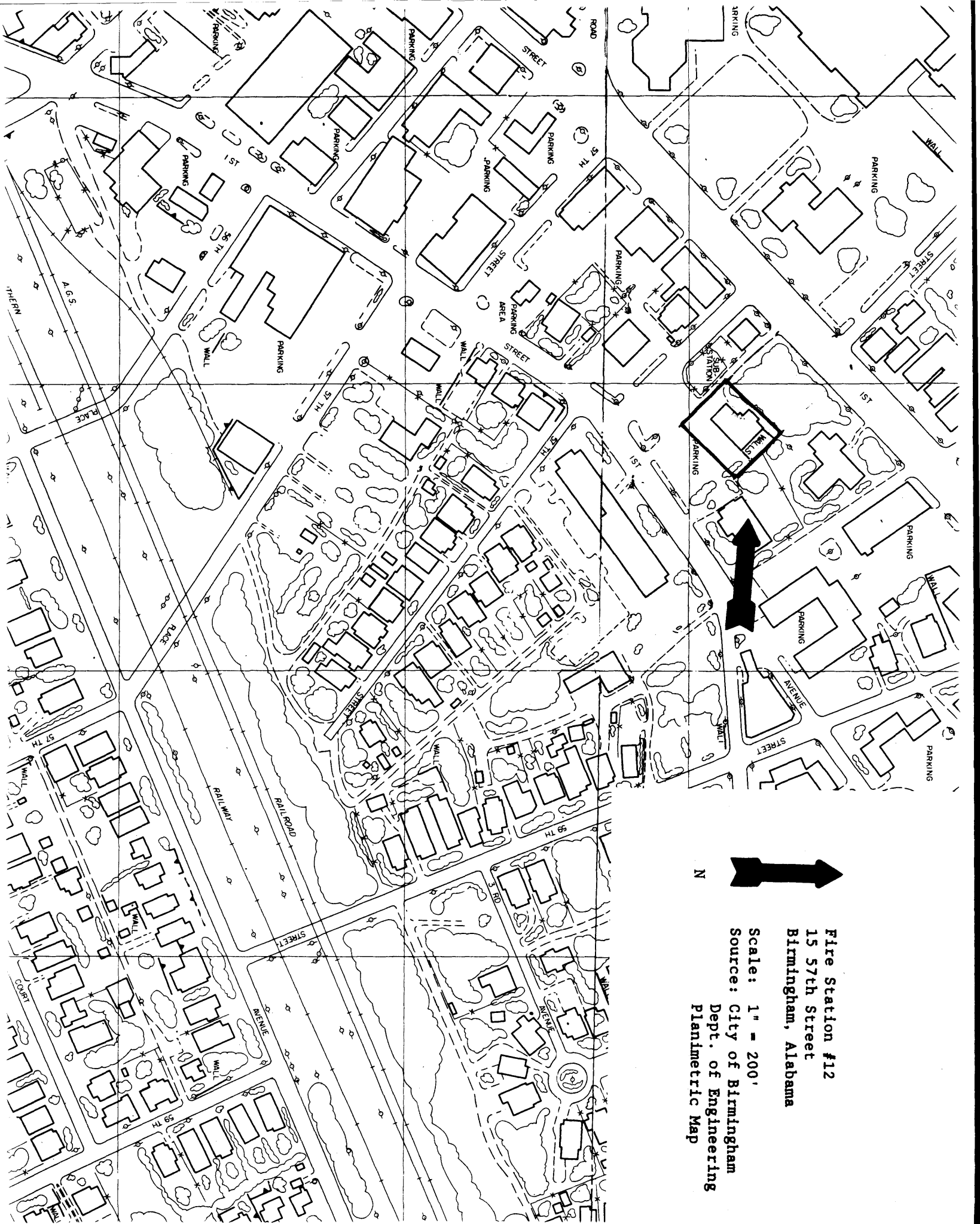
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1. Fire Station #12
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham-Pamela King
View of front facade facing SE.
#1

2. Fire station #12
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham-Pamela King
View of garages facing NE.
#2

3. Fire Staion #12
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham-Pamela King
View of residential area, fire pole, facing SE.
#3.

4. Fire Station #12
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham-Pamela King
View of interior garage facing SE.
#4.



Fire Station #12
15 57th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

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