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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Ehlen, F.B., Livery and Sale Stable other names/site number (He-H 192)

2. Location

street & number 110 First Street city, town Henderson state Kentucky code KY county Henderson code 101 zip code 42420

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked), public-local, public-State, public-Federal. Category of Property: building(s) (checked), district, site, structure, object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0, Total 1.

Name of related multiple property listing: Henderson Commercial Historic District (Not an MPL)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council. Date: 9-10-89.

In my opinion, the property meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official: State or Federal agency and bureau.

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: Entered in the National Register (checked), determined eligible for the National Register, determined not eligible for the National Register, removed from the National Register, other (explain:). Entered in the National Register: Signature of the Keeper: Date of Action: 11/16/89.

Signature of the Keeper: Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN/  
commercial  
vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone  
walls brick (common bond with veneer)  
roof asphalt  
other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The property is located on First Street in Henderson, Kentucky, between Water Street (paralleling the Ohio River) and Main Street, and one block south of the Henderson Historic Commercial District. (The properties surrounding this building have lost significant integrity and were not included in the District. Therefore, the property is being nominated individually.)

The property is a turn-of-the-century, one-story, three-bay, brick masonry commercial building with stone foundation and sloped roof. Side walls are of common bond and the front facade is veneered. The building design suggests its original function as a livery and sale stable. The front is dominated by the center bay, a large, arched, vehicle opening flanked by arch headed pedestrian entries. Multiple rows of header bricks form each arch with raised outline and spring from a raised, brick belt course. All are slightly recessed within a flat arched frame that defines the sides and flat parapet of the facade. Entries are half-light and paneled with semi-circular transoms and the center bay has an overhead, paneled garage door with two banks of glass panes. The property is in good condition and maintains very good historical integrity.

**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

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

CIRCA 1897-1913

Significant Dates

Ca. 1897

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.

A.L. Eblen Livery and Sale Stable is architecturally and historically significant in the commercial history of Henderson, Kentucky.\* The property is an unusually good example of turn-of-the-century service businesses architecture of the time. Although not a highly visible Main Street retail establishment, the property's facade displays a pleasing design of brick arch-work within a recessed plane. The property is in good condition and a high degree of integrity has been maintained.

The property is also a good example of historical commercial trends in Henderson including locational patterns of business types and the gradual transition of service businesses at the turn-of-the-century. A fire in 1896 destroyed all buildings in the block where the property is located. First and Second Streets, between Main Street and the Ohio River, then contained predominantly tobacco, transportation (livery, stables, blacksmiths, etc.) and wholesale businesses. The Gillmore Tobacco Stemmer, at this location, was a casualty of the fire and was never rebuilt. The livery and sale stable, constructed between 1896 and 1906 retained the area's commercial flavor as a service-oriented, transportation-related business. (In 1913, A.L. Eblen is listed in the City Directory as operating a Livery and Sale Stable at this address.) The economic vigor of tobacco declined in Henderson as the century progressed, and most tobacco-related businesses ceased operation. Also, the automobile superseded the horse-and-buggy, but the design of this building was readily adapted to automotive use and has retained that function to the present.

\* For detailed information on significant commercial architectural and historical trends in Henderson see "Henderson Commercial District National Register See continuation sheet Places Registration Form".

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

The Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. "Henderson, Kentucky": 1897, 1906, 1913  
Henderson, Kentucky City Directories, various dates. Henderson County Library Special Collections.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA
- 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:  
Kentucky Heritage Council

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 16 447800 4187960  
 Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone Easting Northing

D \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Henderson KY.-IND. Quad

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries for this property conform to the legal description of the lots on which the property is located, on file at the Henderson County Courthouse, Henderson, Kentucky.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary is justified as including only that portion of the block on which the nominated property is located. That is the extent of the historic resource.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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