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STATE: HABS No. IND-60	
INDIANA	
COUNTY:	
Marion	
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	APR 23 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: L. S. Ayres Annex Warehouse

AND/OR HISTORIC: (14-22 Elliott's Block)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Maryland Street

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

STATE: Indiana

CODE: IN-18

COUNTY: Marion

CODE: 097



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. Riley Adams Daniel Stewart Realty Co.

STREET AND NUMBER: 5870 Sunset Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

STATE: Indiana

CODE: IN-18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City-County Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

STATE: Indiana

CODE: IN-18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey, Indianapolis

DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C.

CODE: DC-11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The L. S. Ayres Annex Warehouse is a brick building, with brick, cast-iron stone, and sheet-metal trim. It is rectangular in shape, with a 72'6" frontage on Maryland Street, and a depth of 49'6" extending toward the main L. S. Ayres Department Store in the block behind, fronting on Washington Street. The Annex, located in an urban area, is connected on the east to a six story building, defined on the west by a parking lot, and on the north by Pearl Street.

The brick walls of the Annex are painted medium gray, as is its sheetmetal work at the roofline. The second and third story window surrounds are of white stone or painted white. The entrance and display arches on the main floor are of cast iron, painted black.

The main floor is higher than the second floor, which, in turn, with its semi-circular arched windows appears to be slightly higher than the third story, whose windows have stilted segmental arches.

The entire face of the building is marked off vertically by flat-faced, incised, cast-iron or brick pilasters into three sections--a central group of five bays, with flanking groups of two bays each. Within the ground-floor bays are cast-iron Corinthianesque columns supporting elaborately ornamented and incised stilted arches beneath a plain metal architrave painted black, and a plain metal spandrel beam painted white. It would appear that there was at one time a decorative awning fastened to the spandrel beam, which has since been removed. The spandrel beam doubles as a continuous sill for the second story windows, as can be seen from viewing it from the under side. At the third floor level the window sills with their supporting wedge-shaped brackets and their stilted segmental window arches are of stone.

The white-painted pilasters which rise throughout the height of the building are of incised metal, through the ground floor level, but of simple painted brick through the second and third stories, up to the diminutive capital which is of brick and stone. Where they continue above the third floor windows, the frieze (or horizontal band), the cornice, and the blocking course (or parapet), are of sheet metal, painted white. Continuing the verticality of the pilasters, sheet metal brackets project slightly in front of the frieze, cornice, and blocking course, thereby carrying the verticals of the pilaster-piers through the entire facade of the building, until they terminate in stylized, anthemion-patterned ornaments which punctuate the skyline.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1875

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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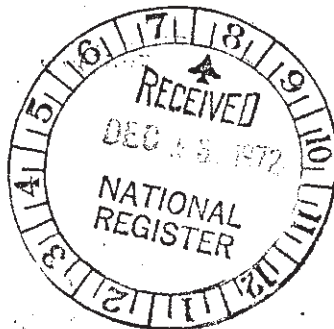
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The facade of the L. S. Ayres Warehouse is in a good state of preservation, and its rich expression of brick, stone, cast iron, and sheet metal provides an excellent example of a late 19th century commercial building in a style designated by Marcus Whiffen as High Victorian Italianate.

Elliott's Block, as the building was originally called, was built in 1875 for Calvin A. Elliott, who was engaged in the wholesale liquor business. While it is quite likely, it is not known if the building was used in connection with the liquor business. The ground level appears to have contained shops, and the upper levels appear to have been loft space.

In 1880 Daniel Stewart and Thomas G. Barry bought the building and used it as a glass warehouse. Stewart had been in the retail and wholesale drug and glass business, a combination customary for the times, which was the forerunner of the present Stewart-Carey Corporation Corporations in Indianapolis, manufacturers of glass and building materials.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

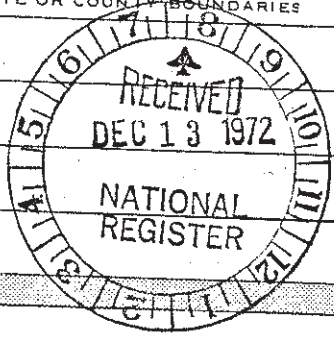
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	°	'	"	86°	09'	30"
SE	°	'	"			
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Slightly less than 1/12 of an acre.
 LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: David R. Hermansen - Supervisor, and Wesley I. Shank, TSU, Ames, Iowa
 ORGANIZATION: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE: August 1971
 STREET AND NUMBER: 224 North College Avenue
 CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis STATE: Indiana CODE: IN-18

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
 National State Local
 Name: [Signature]
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: 12-6-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: 4/23/73
 ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register
 Date: 4/16/73

Form 10-300a
(July 1969)

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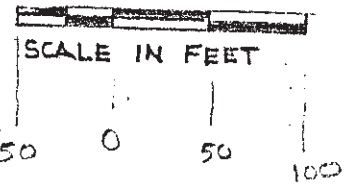
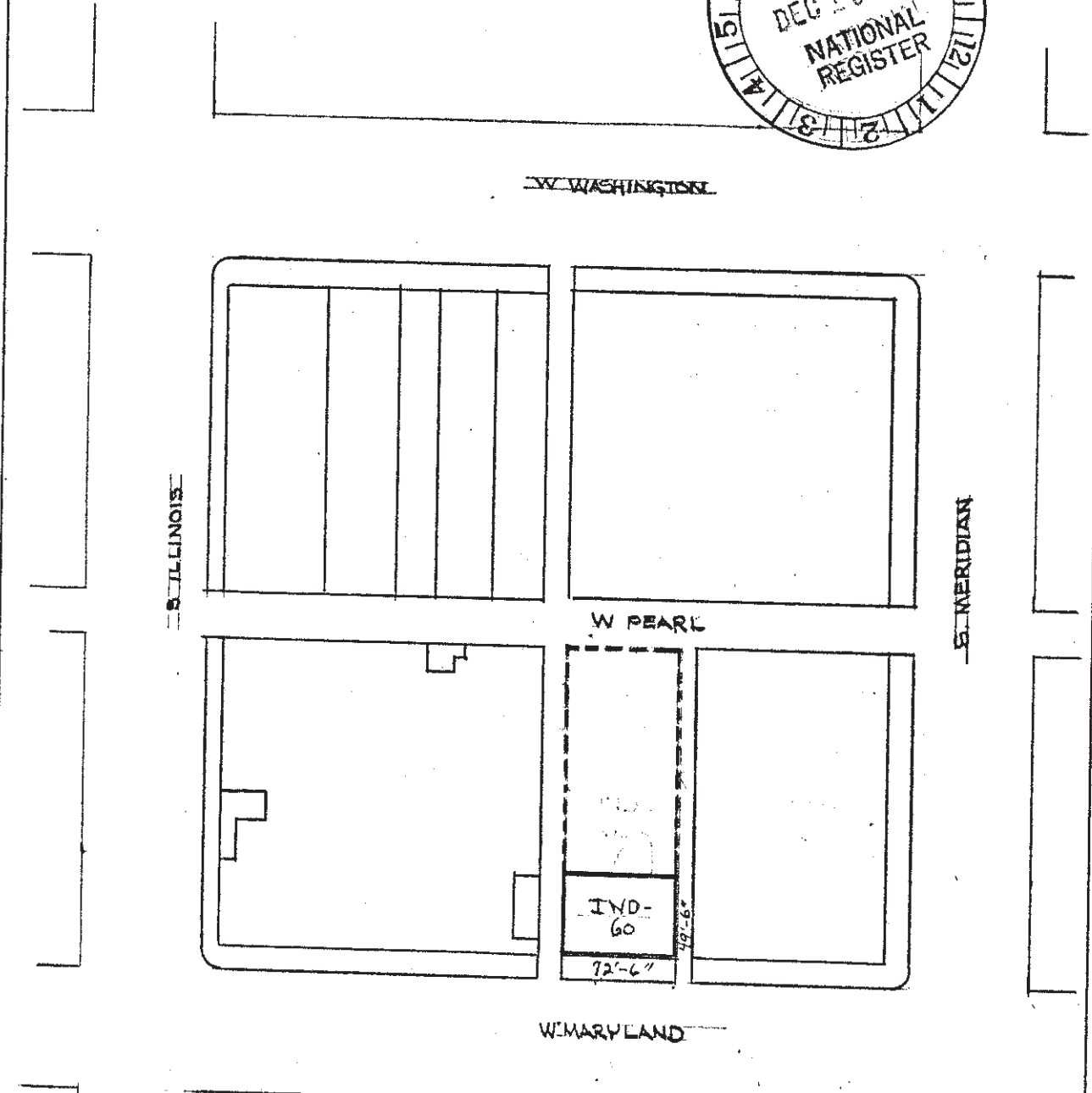
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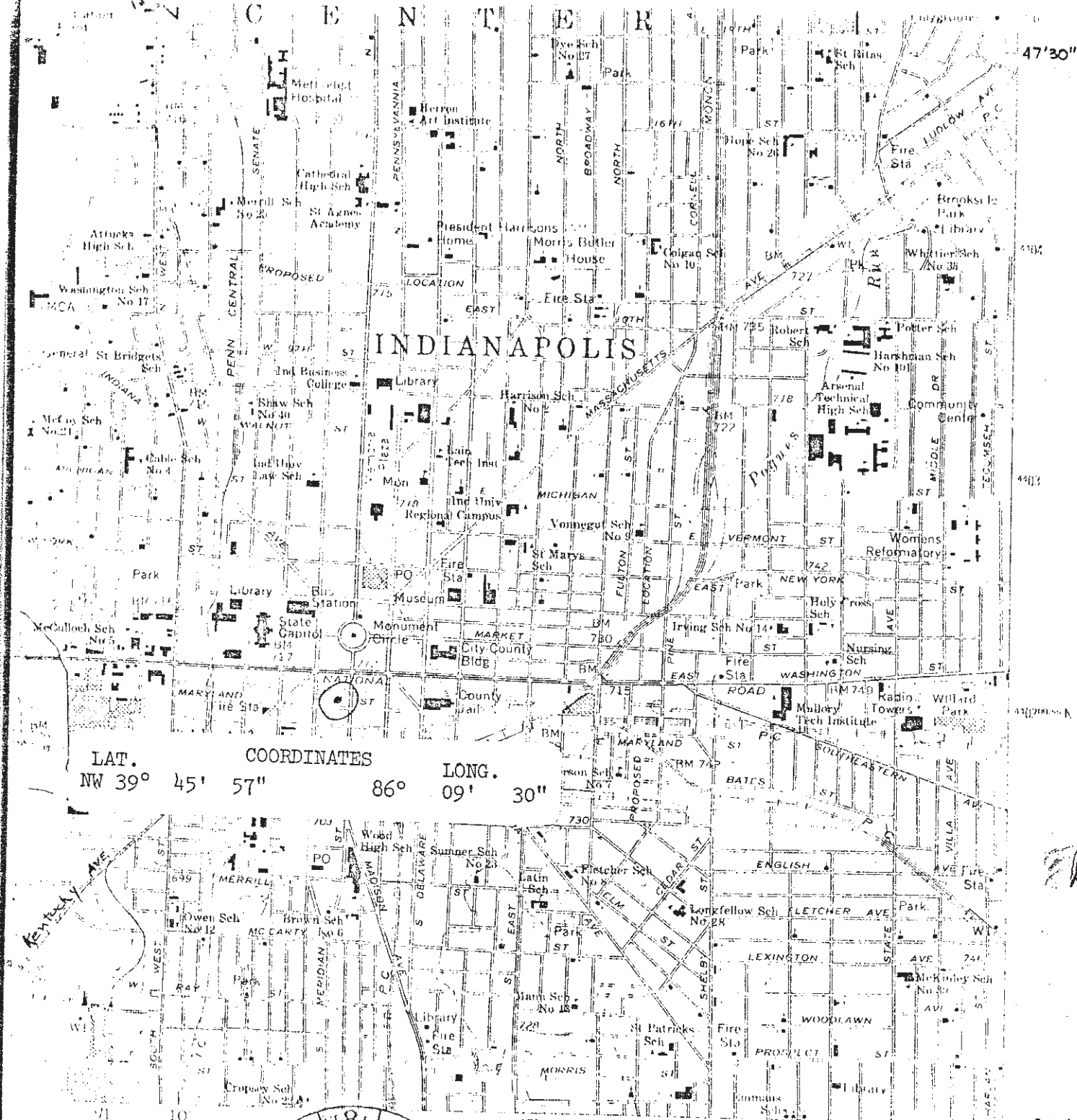
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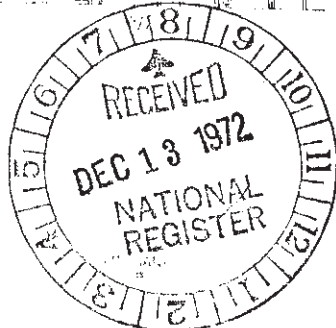
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
 Light duty road, all weather, improved surface
 Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
 Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

INDIANAPOLIS WEST, IND
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29°45'
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