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Planning Division, Historic Preservation Office

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Columbus Register of Historic Properties Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating individual properties and districts. Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented enter "N/A" for "not applicable." Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Jeffrey Manufacturing Company Office Building

Other names Jeffrey Apartments, Metal Works Apartments

2. Location

Address 224 East First Avenue Zip Code 43215

3. Historic Preservation Officer Certification

As the designated authority under the Columbus City Code Chapter 3116 and 3117, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the Columbus Register of Historic Properties and meets the procedural requirements set forth in Columbus City Code Chapter 3117. In my opinion, the property or properties meet(s) does not meet the Columbus Register criteria. I recommend that this property or properties be considered significant locally nationally statewide.

Historic Preservation Officer

Date

In our opinion, the property or properties meet(s) does not meet the Columbus Register criteria.

Historic Resources Commission Chair

Date

4. Columbus City Council Certification

I hereby certify that this property or properties is/are:
 entered in the Columbus Register.
 determined not eligible for the Columbus Register.
 removed from the Columbus Register
 other, (explain) _____

Signature of the City Clerk

Date

I hereby certify that the Franklin County Recorder has been notified that this property or properties has/have been entered into the Columbus Register.

Historic Preservation Officer

Date

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check all boxes that apply)

- private
- public -- local
- public -- State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

Contributing	Non-contributing
2	buildings
	site
	structures
	objects
2	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the Columbus Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Warehouse/Manufacturing
Office

Current Functions

Multi-family residential

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Late 19th and 20th Century Revival: Classical Revival

Materials

foundation: Concrete

walls: Brick, concrete

roof: flat; membrane

other glass, structural steel

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable Columbus Register Criteria

Period or Periods of Significance

A. The design or style of the property's exterior and/or interior is of significance to the historical, architectural or cultural development of the city, state or nation.

1924, 1946

B. The property is closely and publicly identified with a person who has significantly contributed to the historical, architectural or cultural development of the city, state, or nation.

C. The property is identified as a significant work of an architect, artisan, engineer, landscape architect or builder whose individual work has influenced the historical, architectural, or cultural development of the city, state, or nation.

Significant Person or Persons
(Complete if Criterion 2 is marked)

Joseph Jeffrey

Francis Lechner

D. The property demonstrates significant craftsmanship in architectural design, detail, or use of materials.

Architect/Builder

E. The property is closely and publicly identified with an event, or series of events, which has influenced the historical, architectural, or cultural development of the city, state, or nation.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in the box if applicable.)

Property is:

less than 40 years of age or achieved significance within past 40 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

Primary location of additional data

Columbus Historic Preservation Office

University

State Historic Preservation Office

Other

Name of repository

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 12.0631 acres

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property, or properties or district on a continuation sheet.)

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheets

11. Form Prepared By:

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Organization

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Columbus
City

Ohio
State

43215
Zip Code

12. Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Map (A to scale sketch map for individually listed property, or properties or historic district.)

Photographs (Representative black and white photographs of the property, or properties or historic district.)

Additional items (check with the Columbus Historic Preservation Officer for any additional items.)

13. Property Owner

(Use Continuation Sheets to list additional property owners.)

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Jeffrey Manufacturing Company Office Building Name of Property

City of Columbus, Department of Development
Neighborhood Services Division, Historic Preservation Office

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Section Number _____

Zip Code _____

Narrative Description

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The buildings that now are known as the Jeffrey apartments are located on the Northeast corner of North Fourth Street and East First Avenue. The two buildings include the former Jeffrey Corporate Headquarters at 224 East First Avenue which was originally built in 1924, along with the former research and development department which is adjacent to the headquarters immediately to the north at 865 North Sixth Avenue. The former corporate headquarters is divided into two wings with multiple corridors and a main lobby. It is four stories including a floor partially below grade, with a flat roof.

The apartment is situated on an east-west axis, and is oriented with its front side facing First Avenue. The building is separated from the street by a sidewalk and a grass lawn with a concrete walkway leading up to the front entrance. Two wings are located adjacent to the main entrance, creating an enclosed space at the entrance filled with small trees and shrubs surrounding the walkway.

The apartment units are spread throughout the two wings of the building. The apartments are divided out through corridors in each wing and offer the residents sufficient space for living and for personal privacy. The building maintains the historical architectural design within its floor plan and throughout the style and design of both the interior and exterior of the building.

The former executive board room was preserved almost in its entirety, and was converted into what is now referred to as the Penthouse. In this marquee unit, there are stained glass windows that were preserved from the original construction, along with original crown moldings, wood/scroll work, and fireplace. All 78 of the original window openings at the corporate headquarters were preserved as part of the restoration, permanently preserving the buildings original street appeal. The front of the building has 78 window bays; the back of the building has another 54. The Sixth Street and Fourth Street sides of the building have 24 window bays each. Connected to the Jeffrey is the Metal Works building, which has 9 window bays on the side facing the Jeffrey building, two on the side facing Sixth Street, 16 on the side facing Fourth Street, and ten on the back of the building.

The apartment building has preserved the exterior concrete ornamentation at floor and roof levels in its brick façade; large, double-paned glass windows are encased with aluminum framing and span across the building's exterior from floor level to the roof line. The entry door has full glass panels with aluminum framing.

The grand lobby of the Jeffrey headquarters was also preserved and restored as close to possible to its original condition. The grand lobby houses original marble flooring and seating, crown molding, coffered ceilings, and other interior details that have preserved the historical elegance of the building.

Statement of Significance

The Jeffrey Apartments fit the criteria listed by the Columbus Register of Historic Properties, as well as the National Register for Historic Places. For over 100 years the Jeffrey Mining Company was a hallmark of Columbus industrial production. The company employed thousands of people over the years, and at a time was the largest manufacturer of mining equipment in the world.

The Jeffrey Mining Company was founded by Joseph Jeffrey in 1877, and the corporate offices remained open until 1999. At one point the Jeffrey Mining Company's facilities covered the entire 50-acre area between Second Avenue and what is now I-670. Dozens and dozens of buildings were torn down over the years, and the former corporate headquarters and research and development facility are all that remain of one of Columbus' greatest companies.

The Jeffrey Mining Company played a major role in the early development of Columbus by generating millions of dollars in economic activity as well as creating 4,500 jobs throughout almost 100 years of the company's existence.

The design of the building was originally constructed for the Jeffrey Mining Company, which was established in 1877 by Joseph Jeffrey. Jeffrey developed his company around the invention of the air-driven, mechanized, coal-mining machine which revolutionized worldwide mining activity.

Today the building has been repurposed into apartment style housing with 98 units in total.

It is important to note that the Property is already listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Jeffrey Family and their namesake company had a long lasting and profound impact on not just the local area, but on the nation at large. The Jeffrey Company revolutionized the coal industry world-wide, and was known as an innovator and beacon of industrial advancement.

The Jeffrey Manufacturing Company exemplified the American ideals of the early 20th Century. No single event better exemplifies this than the actions of Joseph A. Jeffrey's two sons in 1917 when they formed their own Battalion Battery made up of only "Jeffrey Men" --- a proud moniker bestowed only on those who worked for the company --- and went on to fight as a unit in World War I.















