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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Tiger Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Tiger Hotel

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

23 South Eighth Street

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

— VICINITY OF

#8 - Hon. Richard H. Ichord

STATE

Missouri

CODE  
029

COUNTY

Boone

CODE

019

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Louis and Carolyn Shelburne

STREET & NUMBER

23 South Eighth Street

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

— VICINITY OF

Missouri 65201

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

City-County Building

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

Missouri 65201

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Downtown Columbia, An Architectural Survey. A Report to the Columbia City Council.

DATE

May, 1979

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

City Manager's Office

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

Missouri 65201

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

## CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tiger Hotel is a ten-story commercial structure at the corner of Eighth and Cherry Streets in the heart of Columbia's central business district. The building, faced with red brick and ornamented with cream-colored terracotta, is the only historic Columbia hotel which has survived in near-original integrity.

The hotel is a reinforced concrete structure with face walls of red brick laid in common bond in Flemish variation. Cream-colored, glazed terracotta provides embellishment at the base and attic levels. The building measures 100' by 102'3" at the first and second stories. The remaining eight stories rise from the eastern half of that area, measuring 49'3" by 102'3". The building has a full basement and a sub-basement which contains the boiler room.

The first floor is entirely faced in terracotta, with stone quoins accentuating the corners. A terracotta cornice marks the transition to the floor above, which is faced in brick and ornamented with terracotta. Large rectangular windows alternating with pilasters define the central six bays of that story. Terracotta keystones embellished with female heads cap the flat brick arches of those windows. Large windows with ornamental terracotta enframements flank the central six bays. Scrolled buttresses and lavish cartouches surmounted by female heads embellish the eared surrounds of those windows.

A projecting terracotta cornice separates the base from the seven-story shaft above. A modillioned cornice tops the central six bays of the shaft, while a shallower cornice trims the remainder of the building. The attic rises one story above and is surmounted by a parapet wall above the central six bays. Large terracotta urns add a crowning touch to the structure.

The interior lobby and ballroom retain much of their original integrity. The lobby is highlighted by twenty-foot ceilings and maple panelling. Large piers with classicizing mouldings and applied tigers heads dominate the lobby space. Several original stained glass lights, including one central chandelier and eight smaller fixtures, remain in the lobby. The mezzanine level contains a ballroom with fifteen-foot ceilings and crystal chandeliers. The original oak parquet floor remains, and the ceiling is bordered with elaborate moulding.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local historical significance
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1928 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Alonzo H. Gentry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tiger Hotel is significant as an historic commercial structure within the central business district of Columbia. The hotel retains its original exterior integrity and continues to serve the community in its original capacity. It has served as a meeting place for influential Missourians for the last half century and should continue to serve Columbia and Missouri for another half century.

The Tiger Hotel is further significant in the development of Columbia. The building was hailed as a symbol of the growth and importance of Columbia to Missouri. As expressed in a 1928 edition of the Columbia Daily Tribune, the Tiger Hotel was "the project of Columbia men who believe in this city's future, and it bespeaks a progress that is characteristic of Columbia's commercial and business world."

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. "Formal Opening of New Tiger Hotel, November 15," The Columbia Missourian, November 14, 1928.
2. "Program for Tiger Hotel Opening," Columbia Daily Tribune, November 14, 1928.

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME "Columbia, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 558180 4311310

B         

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

E         

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H         

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point at the NE corner of the building, proceeding West 100' to a point at the NW corner of the building, turning S and proceeding 102'3" to a point at the SW corner of the building, turning E and proceeding 100' to a point at the SE corner of the building,

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Leslie Murphy Lee and Diane Bashor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Interior Design Associates

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

10 Riviera Drive

314/443-4717

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Columbia

Missouri 65201

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

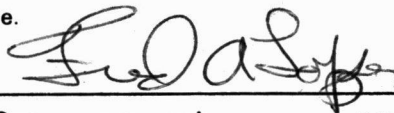
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

for Sally G. Oelke  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/29/80

ATTEST: William H. Brennan  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 2.12.80

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 6 PAGE 1

2. Missouri State Historical Survey  
1979 state  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City Missouri 65102

ITEM NUMBER 11 PAGE 1

2. James Jay Lee  
Glauser Realty September, 1979  
901 E. Ash Street 314/442-0121  
Columbia Missouri 65201

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turning N and proceeding 102'3" along the Eighth Street (primary) facade until the point of beginning.

Property Tiger Hotel

80002316

State Mo - Boone

Working Number 1-29-80 343

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 9

Maps 1

**HISTORIAN**

*This is a typical Georgian Revival  
influenced high rise structure - built as a hotel.  
It is the oldest, unaltered hotel in city - ~~not~~ associated  
for commercial and business interests in the city.*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*Accept  
Braham  
2.12.80*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept  
Braham  
2.12.80*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered FEB 29 1980

Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



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23 South Eighth Street

Columbia, Boone County, Missouri

Photographer: James Jay Lee

September 1979

Neg. Loc. Department of Natural Resources,  
P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

View from southeast, showing primary (east)  
elevation.

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**HOTEL**

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Columbia, Boone County, Missouri  
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Detail, primary (east) elevation. View from  
southeast.

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Detail, second story level of primary  
facade. View from east.

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Interior, first floor lobby, view looking  
east.

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September 1979  
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Detail of pier, first floor lobby.

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Detail of stained glass chandeliers,  
first floor lobby.

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Detail showing stained glass chandelier,  
first floor lobby.

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Detail, first floor lobby, showing hotel desk.

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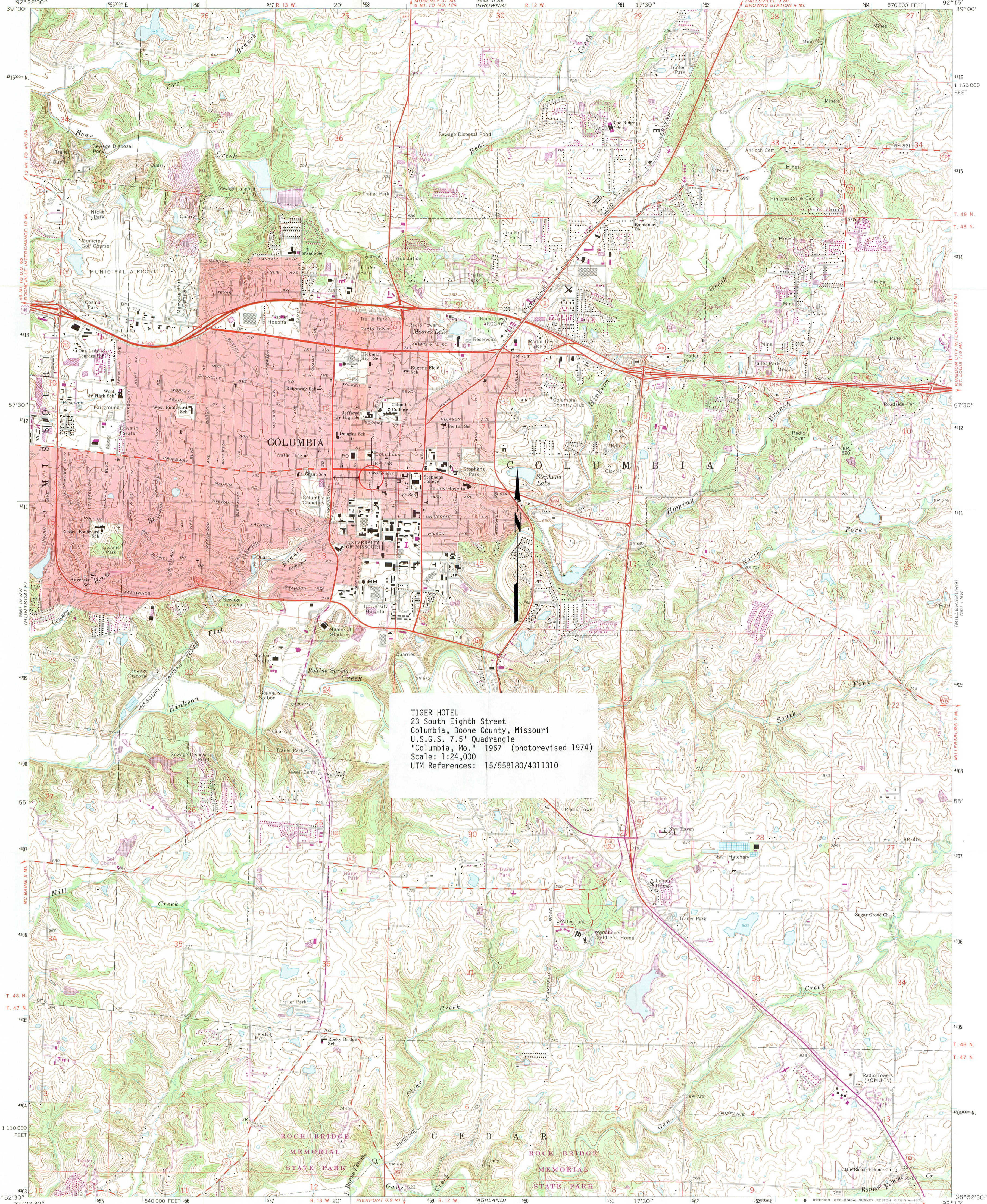
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Interior, view of second floor ballroom.

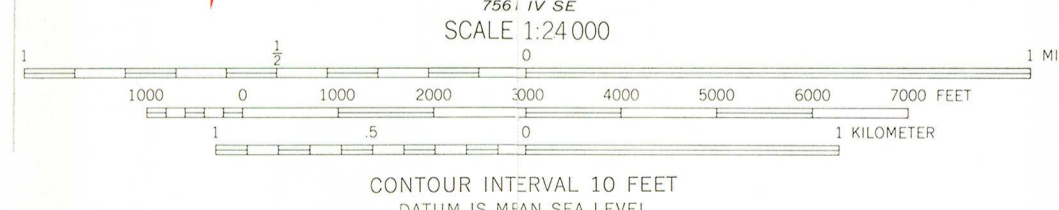
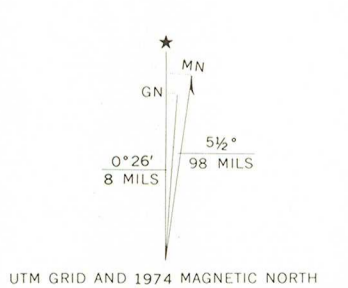
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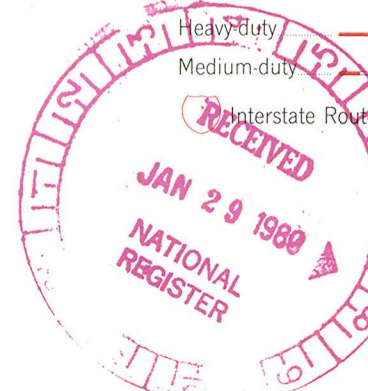
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U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle  
"Columbia, Mo." 1967 (photorevised 1974)  
Scale: 1:24,000  
UTM References: 15/558180/4311310

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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967  
Supersedes map dated 1948  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Missouri coordinate system, central zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1974. This information not field checked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route



COLUMBIA, MO.  
NE 1/4 COLUMBIA 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3852.5—W9215.7/5  
1967  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
AMS 7561 IV NE—SERIES V879  
FEB 29 1980

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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AND BY THE MISSOURI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, ROLLA, MISSOURI 65401  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

The



# TIGER MOTOR HOTEL

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 65201

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

December 4, 1979

RECEIVED

DEC 5 1979

Office of Historic  
Preservation

Ms. Carol Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

As the current owner of the Tiger Hotel in Columbia, Missouri, I am interested in the preservation and recognition of this historic structure. Enrollment of the building on the National Register of Historic Places as soon as possible would aid me in the future rehabilitation of this building.

I understand the significance and extent of the National Register program and am aware of the implications of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the Revenue Act of 1978 as relating to National Register properties. Therefore, I hereby waive my right to notification by the National Register and to the customary thirty-day response period, in order to expedite the enrollment of this property on the National Register.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to the enrollment of the Tiger Hotel on the National Register.

Sincerely,

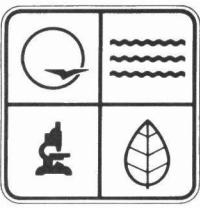
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis W. Shelburne".

Louis W. Shelburne  
General Manager & Owner  
THE TIGER MOTOR HOTEL

LWS:idt



*everything a good hotel should be.*



January 18, 1980



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 (314) 751-2479

Ms. Carol Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
440 G Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed one (1) completed National Register Inventory-Nomination Form for:

TIGER HOTEL

and related data approved by Missouri's review board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The form is signed by Fred A. Lafser, State Historic Preservation Officer, and this site is thereby formally nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. In order to expedite enrollment of this property, a letter from the owner waiving right to the 30-day notification period is also included.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF PARKS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Orval L. Henderson, Jr.  
Program Supervisor

OLH:jk

Enclosures: as stated

cc: Milton Perry

Joseph P. Teasdale Governor  
Fred A. Lafser Director

Division of Parks and Historic Preservation  
John Karel Director

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MISSOURI

Date Entered FEB 29 1980

Name

Location

Tiger Hotel

Columbia  
Boone County

Also Notified

Honorable John C. Danforth

Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton  
Honorable Richard H. Ichord

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Fred A. Lafser  
Director, State Department of  
Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.