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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23 South Eighth Street — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Columbia — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
#8 - Hon. Richard H. Ichord

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Missouri	029	Boone	019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENC
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Louis and Carolyn Shelburne

STREET & NUMBER
23 South Eighth Street

CITY, TOWN
Columbia — VICINITY OF

STATE
Missouri 65201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
City-County Building

CITY, TOWN
Columbia

STATE
Missouri 65201

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

DATE
May, 1979 — __FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
City Manager's Office

CITY, TOWN
Columbia

STATE
Missouri 65201

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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TIGER HOTEL

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
XGOOD	__RUINS	XALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

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				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) local historical significance	
		__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.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME "Columbia, Mo." QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	558180	4311310
B			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Leslie Murphy Lee and Diane Bashor

ORGANIZATION: Interior Design Associates — DATE: September, 1979

STREET & NUMBER: 10 Riviera Drive — TELEPHONE: 314/443-4717

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia — STATE: Missouri 65201

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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

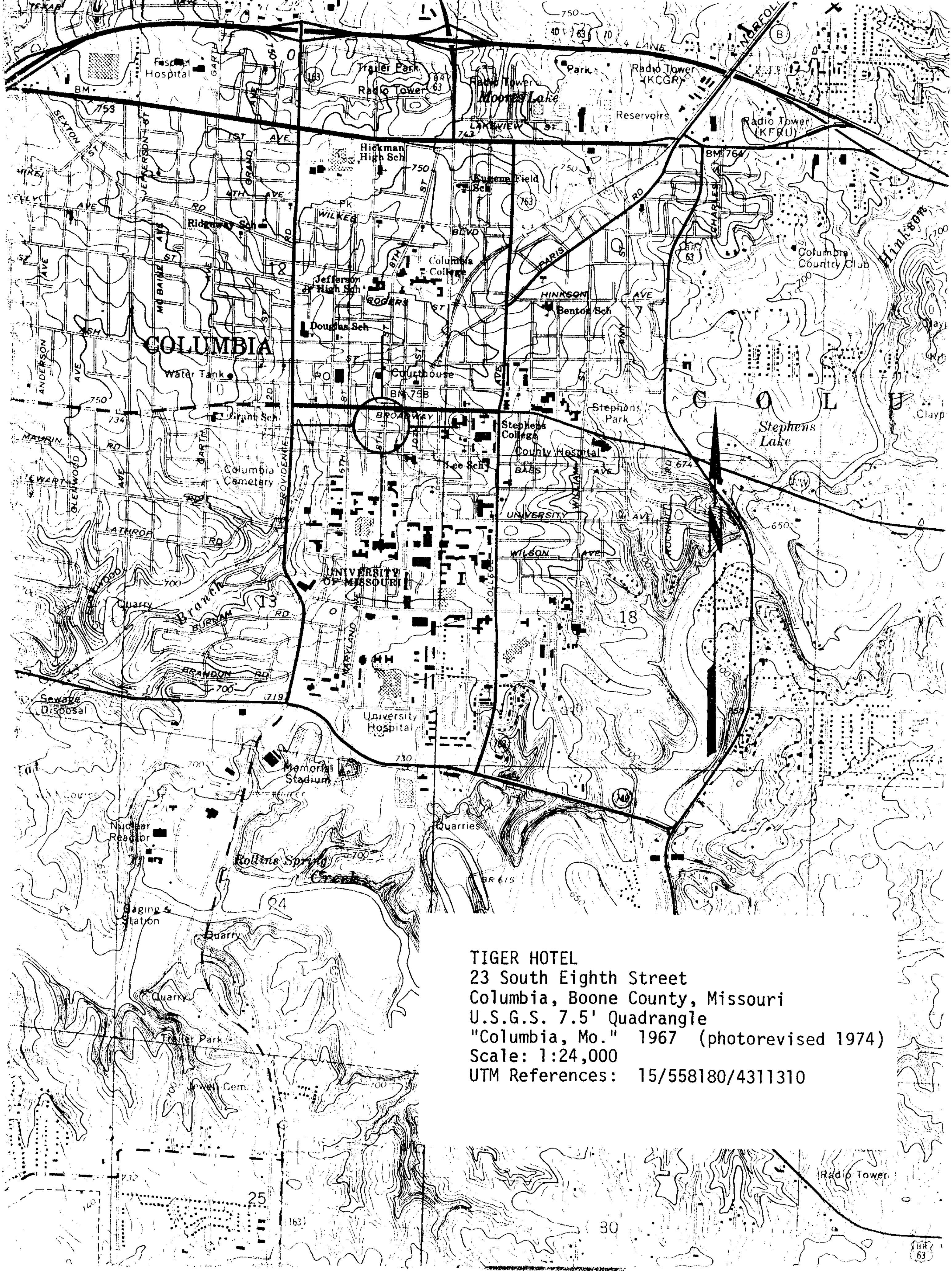
DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

GPO 921-803



TIGER HOTEL
23 South Eighth Street
Columbia, Boone County, Missouri
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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HOTEL
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