

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

DATA SHEET

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Cuyahoga
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 29 1975

1. NAME																												
<p>COMMON: Nela Park</p> <p>AND/OR HISTORIC:</p>																												
2. LOCATION																												
<p>STREET AND NUMBER: <i>entrance @</i> 1901 Noble Road</p> <p>CITY OR TOWN: East Cleveland</p> <p>STATE: Ohio</p>		<p>(See 10-300a)</p> <p>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 21 - Louis Stokes</p> <p>COUNTY: Cuyahoga</p> <p>CODE: 039</p>																										
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY																												
<p>OWNER'S NAME: General Electric Company (Lamp Division)</p> <p>STREET AND NUMBER: 1901 Noble Road</p> <p>CITY OR TOWN: East Cleveland</p>				<p>STATE: Ohio</p> <p>CODE: 039</p>																								
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION																												
<p>COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Cuyahoga County Building</p> <p>STREET AND NUMBER: 1219 Ontario</p> <p>CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland</p>				<p>STATE: Ohio</p> <p>CODE: 039</p>																								
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS																												
<p>TITLE OF SURVEY:</p> <p>DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p>DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:</p> <p>STREET AND NUMBER:</p> <p>CITY OR TOWN:</p>				<p>FOR NPS USE ONLY</p> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>FEB 28 1975</p> <p>NATIONAL REGISTER</p> <p>CODE</p>																								

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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)			
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an office and laboratory complex including twenty major buildings, plus smaller utility structures and an employees' camp, located in a landscaped park and campus-like site of approximately 90 acres. The prevailing style of the buildings is Georgian Revival, all but four of the major buildings having been constructed between 1911 and 1921. All of the buildings have steel frame or concrete structures, faced with red brick, and all are two or three stories in height. The exterior trim of the buildings erected before 1915 is an ivory terra-cotta; the trim of some of the later buildings is sandstone, artificial stone and limestone. The roofs are for the most part flat, and covered with felt, tar and gravel. A great deal of additional construction detail is given in the reference cited.

The earliest buildings are arranged on two axes around a Quadrangle which dominates the architectural scheme of the park. The main axis is almost exactly northwest-southeast, but it is generally referred to as north-south. Four buildings face the Quadrangle. The Engineering Building is on the main axis at the north end, on the brow of the hill facing Nela Avenue and Euclid Avenue. Thus it has two facades, one facing the north entrance lodge and one facing the Quadrangle. Its basic plan is a widened U-shape.

The Advertising Building is at the east end of the Quadrangle on the secondary axis. Six round, light-bluish granite 21-foot Tuscan columns form a portico on the west front. The largest building on the Quadrangle is the Lamp Laboratory, standing at the south end on the main axis. There are three sections, the two ends being slightly angled toward the north. This building has the least stylistic detail of the group.

The newest of the four buildings, and the most elaborately ornamented, is the Institute, closing the west side of the Quadrangle. A bell tower 72 feet high dominates the building. The east wing faces a circular pool. Its three-story facade features four sets of doubled columns above a rusticated first story. Two curved wings embrace the west half of the pool. In 1945-1946 the outside brick wall was moved eight feet closer to the pool and a thermopane glass wall installed, affording a view of the pool. Above the east facade is a bronze statuary group symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness.

The arrangement of these four buildings around an open yard, their pedimented frontispieces, red brick, terra-cotta pilasters and Baroque detail forcefully suggest the country houses and public buildings of Georgian England.

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**2. LOCATION - Nela Park**

The district boundary begins at the corner of Noble Road and Terrace Road, and proceeds northeast along the property line of Nela Park, following the irregular property line to Belvoir Boulevard; East along Belvoir Boulevard to the property line of Nela Park, and then east, southeast, south and west along the irregular property line of Nela Park to Noble Road;

And northwest along Noble Road to the point of beginning.

**KEY to Map on additional form 10-300a:**

1. Quadrangle
2. Engineering (1913)
3. Advertising (1913)
4. Operations, Maintenance, Boiler, Cleveland Trust (1913)
5. Administration (1913)
6. Manufacturing (1913)
7. Lamp Laboratory (1914)
8. Nela Camp (1914)
9. Entrance Lodge (1916)
10. Garage (1918)
11. Printing (1920)
12. East Cleveland Lamp (1920)
13. Institute (1921)
14. Sales (1921)
15. Cuyahoga Lamp (1921)
16. Building "B" (1941)
17. Large Lamp Engineering (1955)
18. Lamp Development (1958)
19. New Building (1960)
20. Reception (1968)



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2. LOCATION

NELA PARK

Key on Continuation Sheet

Scale: 1" = 400'

Approx. 90 Acres

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North

Terrace Road

Belvoir Blvd.

Elm Road

Noble Road

East Cleveland Heights

Nela Park Property Line

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

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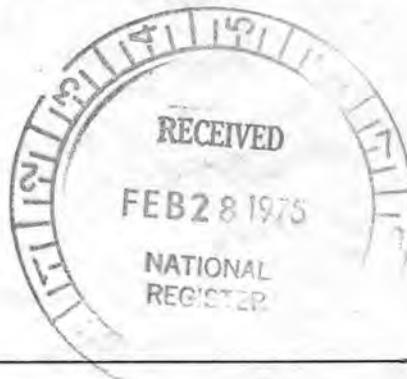
To the east of the Quadrangle and located on a curving drive are three smaller buildings in the same Georgian idiom. These are the Manufacturing Building, which has a coppercovered observatory dome on the roof of the central section; the Administration Building, whose pedimented entrance is approached through a handsome brick gateway; and the Sales Building, which has a hipped roof covered with slate. The ornamental detail on these Georgian buildings, although classically-derived, has endless variations. For example, the Sales Building has a terra-cotta frieze with electric lamps inside Adamesque sunbursts.

To the west of the Quadrangle is a group of attached buildings, the Maintenance, Boiler Room and Operating Buildings connected by a one-story wing facing Noble Road, which was remodeled in 1921 to house a branch of the Cleveland Trust Company.

To the south of Elm Road, the main east-west thoroughfare, eight large buildings for engineering and development were built between 1917 and 1960. In general, they only have hints of the Georgian style of the north buildings, but they are faced with brick and trimmed with stone to harmonize with the others.

All of the buildings are connected by a system of underground pipe tunnels carrying pipe lines for heating, gas, compressed air, steam, and hot and cold water; and some of the buildings are connected by underground pedestrian subways.

The entire area and all the buildings are landscaped according to plans developed from the beginning. All the roadways are lined with trees, and there is a great variety in the species of trees and plants represented. Between the buildings and Belvoir Boulevard runs a steep ravine. A walking path with rustic stairs and rails was developed there, but its use has been discouraged in recent years. The original brick roadways were resurfaced with asphalt in the early 1940s. Various interior alterations have been made to accommodate the changing functions of the buildings, but the original architectural scheme and landscape planning are virtually intact.



## B. 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) 1911-1921

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nela Park makes a strong claim to being the first planned industrial park in the nation. It was conceived in 1910 by Franklin Terry and Burton Tremaine, officers of the National Electric Lamp Company. NELA is an acronym for National Electric Lamp Association. There were many arguments against a plant "way out in the country," and it was referred to as "a fanciful display of extravagance." But the arguments for a more effective working atmosphere, the economic advantages of a suburban location, and the development of a unique morale finally won over the opposition, and of course the concept of the industrial park has since become widespread.

The site was selected in 1910, a small plateau 234 feet above Lake Erie, with some dense woods and a picturesque ravine. Most of the land was acquired in 1911-1913. The building program was entrusted to one architect in order to provide a consistent scheme. The architect for all the buildings begun before 1921 was Frank E. Wallis of New York. Wallis was a student of English and colonial architecture. He was a member of Richard M. Hunt's office at one time, and worked on the drawings for George W. Vanderbilt's "Biltmore" in Asheville, N.C. Wallis practiced in his own New York office from 1895 to 1921.

The main conception of the park is a perfect representation of the early twentieth century academic ideal. The functional planning and architectural design of the individual buildings as well as the ensemble are carried out with great consistency and good judgment. This is borne out by the fact that the plant still operates today virtually unaltered.



## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hollis Townsend, A History of Nela Park 1911-1957 (Cleveland, 1957), 1-165.

Withey and Withey, Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Los Angeles, 1970), 627.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

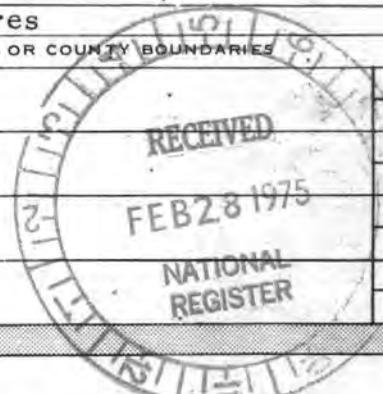
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 90 Acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES											
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	Eric Johannesen, Preservationist		
ORGANIZATION:	Western Reserve Historical Society		
STREET AND NUMBER:	10825 East Boulevard		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Cleveland	Ohio	039	
DATE: August 1974			



## 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 Charles C. Pratt

Title Deputy State Historian

Date 2/26/75

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AB Moerbeek  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/29/75

## ATTEST:

Malvina M. Murphy  
Keeper of The National Register

Date MAY 14 1975

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**TECHNICAL**

Photos 10

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK

Cm  
3.4.75

**HISTORIAN**

I would also like more background on this - How far out of town was this in 1910? How did they solve problems of workers' housing & transport? We should have more on people who came up with this revolutionary idea, more on reactions to it, etc.

Norman  
3-6-75

**TO HAER**

NEED MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING PLAN:  
ARE LATER BUILDINGS PLACED ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL  
PLAN, WHO DESIGNED AND WHAT DO LATER BLDGS LOOK  
LIKE? WHAT WAS SPECIFIC BASIS FOR THIS "ACADEMIC" PLAN?

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

MAYBE SMALLER  
UNIT SHOULD BE  
NOMINATED?

CALL OR RETURN  
LEBOVICH  
3-6-75

GRANTED THERE WAS A PLAN, BUT WHAT WAS RATIONALE?

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

Would be interesting to know more about sociological ramifications of the project. I would imagine that development of complex is based on a master plan devised by the original architects - in so far as a precedent, Th. Johansen mentions it was based on a Georgian campus ideal that was probably originated by Th. Jefferson at Univ. of Va. and I believe was common in vogue during as a ~~new~~ one of the revival styles of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. I'm inclined to accept.

**HAER**

Inventory 7/13/75  
Review Accept  
End 3/13/75

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Very  
interesting Accept  
Cole  
4-11-75

**BRANCH CHIEF**

Accept  
Hung D  
5-12-75

**KEEPER**

Wm  
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National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

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Send-back

Re-submit

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Nela Park  
Administration Building, looking west.

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Nela Park

Institute, Quadrangle facade, looking west.

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Nela Park  
Manufacturing Building from the Southeast.

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Nela Park

Nela Camp, looking north.

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Nela Park  
Cuyahoga Lamp Building, looking southwest.

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Cuyahoga Lamp Building, looking southwest.

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Entrance Lodge, looking south.

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Engineering Building, north facade facing Entrance  
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Nela Park

Cleveland Trust and Operations Building,  
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 Operations and Cleveland Trust Building, Noble Road  
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COUNTY	Cuyahoga	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
MAY 29 1975		

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COMMON: Nela Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1901 Noble RoadCITY OR TOWN:  
East Cleveland

STATE:

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY:

Cuyahoga

CODE

035

## 3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Eric Johannessen

DATE OF PHOTO: August 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Western Reserve Historical Society

## 4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Operations and Cleveland Trust Building, Noble Road facade,  
looking northeast.

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Nela Park

Quadrangle, showing Engineering and Advertising  
Buildings, looking north.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. East Cleveland Quadrangle

SCALE:

1:24,000

RECEIVED

DATE:

1970

FEB 28 1975

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO  
Date Entered MAY 29 1971

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wadsworth, Frederick, House	Edinburg vicinity Portage County
Davey, John, House	Kent Portage County
Windsor Mills Christ Church Episcopal	Windsor Mills Ashtabula County
Amherst Town Hall	Amherst Lorain County
Old Washington Historic District	Old Washington Cuyahoga County
Peerless Motor Company Plant No. 1	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Nela Park	East Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Stoneman, Joseph, House	Chagrin Falls Cuyahoga County
Westerville High School-Vine Street School	Westerville Franklin County

Also Notified

Hon. John H. Glenn, Jr. State Historic Preservation Officer  
Hon. Robert Taft, Jr. Dr. Thomas H. Smith  
Hon. J. William Stanton Director  
Hon. Samuel L. Devine The Ohio Historical Society  
Hon. Charles A. Mosher Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue  
Hon. Wayne L. Hays Columbus, Ohio 43211  
Hon. Louis Stokes  
Hon. Charles A. Vanik  
Regional Director, Midwest Region

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Nela Park		② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: 5-22-75	④ county code: 035		
⑤ LOCATION street & number Entrance at 1901 Noble Rd. East Cleveland		city / town East Cleveland	vicinity of	state OH	county Cuyahoga		
⑦ OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		⑥ NPS REGION: Midwest					
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		⑩ FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 21	⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL if state who prepared form? Eric Jahnansen	⑬ ADMINISTRATOR: <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION		
⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME: <u>None</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	⑮ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME:	⑯ ACREAGE 90.			
⑯ CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> reconstructed <input type="checkbox"/> excavated	⑰ original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved <input type="checkbox"/> unknown	⑰ features: <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-4 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-7	⑰ features: <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-5 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-8	⑯ CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated	⑰ features: <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-6 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-9
⑯ ACCESS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES-Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No Access <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		⑯ ADAPTIVE USE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	⑯ SAVED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES	⑯ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
⑯ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE-3 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE-4 <input type="checkbox"/> ART-5		<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING-11 <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCH-15 <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOV'T-21 <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION-28 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE-6 <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT-26 <input type="checkbox"/> LAW-16 <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION-22 <input type="checkbox"/> SETTLEMENT-29 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS-7 <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION-12 <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE-17 <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE-23 <input type="checkbox"/> URBAN PLANNING-31 <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION-8 <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH-27 <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY-18 <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS-9 <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY-13 <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC-19 <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION-10 <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION-14 <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY-20 <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION-25	⑯ dates of initial construction: 1911-21, 1941-68	⑯ dates of major alterations: 1941-68	⑯ dates of historic events: 1941-68	⑯ CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'	
⑯ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Industrial Area CURRENTLY: Industrial Area		⑯ architect: <u>Frank E. Wallis</u>	⑯ master builder: <u>Frank E. Wallis</u>	⑯ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
⑯ architectural style(s): Georgian Revival		⑯ interior decorator: <u>Frank E. Wallis</u>	⑯ artist: <u>Frank E. Wallis</u>	⑯ artisan: <u>Frank E. Wallis</u>	⑯ engineer: <u>Frank E. Wallis</u>		
⑯ landscape architect/garden designer:		⑯ interior decorator:	⑯ artist:	⑯ artisan:	⑯ builder/contractor:		
⑯ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: Frank E. Wallis, architect for all buildings begun before 1921 EVENTS: Franklin Terry + Burton Tremaine, officials who conceived industrial park idea, worked for National Electric Lamp Area. INSTITUTIONAL:							

## NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

Industrial office and laboratory complex, includes 20 significant structures built between 1911-21 and 1941-68, support facilities, and an employees' camp in a park-like setting; predominantly of brick construction in the Georgian Revival style. One of nation's first planned industrial parks; conceived in 1910 by officials of the National Electric Lamp Association as a means of creating an effective, economic and morale-building working atmosphere.