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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic Third and Jefferson Streets Historic District

and or common

2. Location

street & number 301-317 South Third Street
232-244 West Jefferson Street — not for publication

city, town Louisville —NA vicinity of

state Kentucky code 021 county Jefferson code 111

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple (see continuation sheets)

street & number

city, town — vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number 6th and Jefferson Streets

city, town Louisville state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kentucky Historic Resource Inventory
(JFCD 223-227) has this property been determined eligible? — yes —X no

date June 1983 — federal — state — county —X local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Third and Jefferson Streets Historic District is situated in Louisville's Central Business District and is within the boundaries of the Market and Jefferson Streets Multiple Resource Area. It encompasses five buildings at the corner of Third and Jefferson Streets, both busy traffic corridors: All of the buildings contribute to the character of the district. Each building was designed for use as both commercial and in some instances residential space, is three to four stories in height, and is constructed of masonry. All share a common setback with the lot size varying from location to location. Thus, the district presents a cohesive pattern in terms of scale, massing, setback and materials. In addition, all of the buildings date from 1883 to 1908. Characteristic details indicative of the Italianate, Romanesque, Chicago School, Classical Revival, and Eclectic movements are scattered throughout the district. Such details distinguish buildings in the Italianate style by their wide eaves and large brackets, narrow vertical windows and doors with pronounced hoods; in the Romanesque style by round arches accentuated by brick or stone trim used as highlights; in the Chicago School by their more modern multi-story appearance in which the characteristic Chicago style windows are arranged into evenly spaced bays and floors; in the Classical Revival style by its decorative panels, brackets, pediments, and cartouche motifs; or in the Eclectic design elements borrowed from many architectural styles. In general the character defining features of the area which contribute to its sense of time and place remain intact. Although some alterations of historic fabric, have occurred especially on the ground floor levels, these buildings exhibit sufficient integrity to convey a sense of commercial Victorian time and place.

Inventory List

[Note: Every building in the district was constructed for commercial use and is now occupied.]

C #1. 232-234 West Jefferson Street (1884)

The first-floor of this two-story Italianate style structure originally had two cast iron and glass commercial storefronts. The cast iron is still in place but the doors have been changed and the windows have been infilled with a wood veneer. These alterations appear to be reversible and do not significantly impair the overall integrity of the structure which displays an

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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	German/Jewish Ethnic History	
Specific dates	1883-1908	Builder/Architect	unknown	

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Third and Jefferson Streets Historic District is locally significant under criterion "A" for its ethnic and social history related to German and/or Jewish commerce and under criterion "C" for its outstanding commercial and residential Victorian architecture. All of the buildings in the area date from between 1883 and 1908, a period in which a substantial number of German and/or Jewish immigrants converged upon the City of Louisville to establish homes and businesses. The Third and Jefferson Streets Historic District became a thriving business district inhabited mostly by this distinct ethnic group. Their businesses and homes in many instances became one and the same because their income level necessitated the ownership or rental of a single piece of property with a multiple use. Many of the two, three, and four-story structures in the district retain the intact residential spaces on the upper floors and all have remained viable commercial structures. Reflective of Victorian commercial architectural styles, these buildings still display, despite first floor alterations, a high degree of architectural integrity. Eclectic, Beaux Arts, Chicago School, Romanesque and Italianate trends are evident throughout the district in features such as window and door configurations, cornice details and applied ornamentation and display a cohesiveness only attained through rapid development.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 10 acres

Quadrangle name New Albany

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code NA county NA code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joanne Weeter, Research Coordinator

organization Louisville Landmarks Commission date 8/87

street & number 609 W. Jefferson Street telephone 502/587-3501

city or town Louisville state Kentucky 40202

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 David C. Meyer

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date January 26, 1988

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

Patrick Andrews date 3/17/88
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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OWNER OF PROPERTY

PROPERTY

301-315 S. 3rd Street &
240-244 W. Jefferson (SE corner)

317 S. 3rd Street

238 W. Jefferson

236 W. Jefferson

232-234 W. Jefferson

OWNER

Crawley, Kathleen M.
2205 Mary Catherine Drive
Louisville, KY 40216

Carl Schmid
1704 Dixie Hwy.
Louisville, KY 40210

Gargotto Anthony J & D
Martin A. Gargotto
201 W. Jefferson
Louisville, KY 40202

Wendell & Faye Snodgrass
236 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Alice Whitlow
702 Camberry Drive
Louisville, KY 40222

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intact upper facade. The upper floors are divided into eight facade bays, all adorned with four-over-four windows within segmental arches capped by terra cotta hoods. The western-most window hoods have been removed. A brick stringcourse runs just under the building's cornice which is adorned with consoles and paired brackets. A gable roofed addition is located to the rear and is consistent with the original building's design. The building was first occupied by a shooting gallery owned by Joseph Browning and by T. Landezwich's saloon (photo # 1 & 5).

C #2. 236 West Jefferson Street (1883)

The ground floor of this three-story brick structure originally consisted of a commercial display window and door arrangement framed by a cast iron facade. The upper floors of this structure have a number of unusual features. These include two tripartite windows, one of which is capped by a full arch and sunburst, diagonally set courses of brickwork flanking the arch and a corbeled, dentilled parapet cornice featuring a central gable embellished with three globes. The year in which the building was constructed is embossed on a panel in the gable. Despite ground floor alterations, this building is one of the finest examples of eclectic architecture in the district and is noted for its cornice and outstanding brickwork. To the rear is a gable roofed addition that is stylistically similar to the original building. The Columbus Saloon was the first occupant (photo # 1, 3, & 5).

C #3. 238 West Jefferson Street (1902)

This is one of the later buildings constructed in the district. It is also its only example of the Chicago School of architecture and is distinguished by two-story pilasters terminated with Sullivanesque style terra cotta capitals defining the upper facade window bays. The building was constructed of buff colored brick. It housed the Stege Manufacturing Company, specialists in brass work, and the offices of the Crystal Springs Distillers. The commercial first floor arrangement had large glass display windows and a door. This has been reconstructed in a manner incompatible with the original design. Additionally, the second-floor windows have been replaced with shorter, newer ones and the third-floor windows have been painted to blend in with the buff brick exterior. Despite these changes, the building's columns and Sullivanesque capitals, which are its most character defining features, dominate the facade and counteract the alterations (photo # 1 & 5).

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C #4. 240-244 West Jefferson Street (1908)

Occupying the group's only corner site, this three-story brick structure with stone trim is the largest building in the district. Both the Jefferson Street and Third Street elevations are symmetrically organized; the Third Street frontage is the longer, primary facade. The intact Third Street entrance is stone and consists of a pediment adorned with bas relief designs and the word Coleman inscribed below. The ground level display windows have been filled in with wood veneer and one of the doors has been changed. The upper stories have one-over-one windows and interesting stone details which include medallions, window frames, and coping on the building's stepped parapets. The building is topped by a shed roof. The integrity of the architectural detail has not been significantly affected by ground level alterations. This building is an excellent example of a turn-of-the-century commercial structure embellished with Classical details. Its first occupants were the Taylor-Issac Drug Company and a merchant tailor by the name of Jacob Mattmiller (photo # 1, 2, & 5).

C #5 317 South Third Street (1892)

This four-story brick Romanesque style structure originally had a typical ground floor door and window arrangement. Above this first floor level most of the windows, arranged three to a floor, are either fully or partially arched, and are topped with stone trim. The wide metal cornice and parapet that tops the building emphasizes the central bay and is adorned with brackets and rosettes. A shed roof caps the structure. Despite ground floor alterations which include a reconstructed facade with new doors and windows, the intact upper stories exhibit high quality architectural details. The building was first occupied by the dyehouse, drycleaning and offices of Fred Hosch and Sons (photo #2, 4, & 5).

Structures, of course, are closely related to the surrounding environment. Archaeological remains, such as trash pits, wells, and structural remains, which may be present, can provide information valuable to the understanding and interpretation of the structures. Information concerning use patterns, social standing and mobility, as well as structural details are often only evident in the archaeological record. Therefore, archaeological remains may well be an important component of the

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significance of the structure. At this time no investigation has been done to discover these remains, but it is probable that they exist, and this should be considered in any development of the property.

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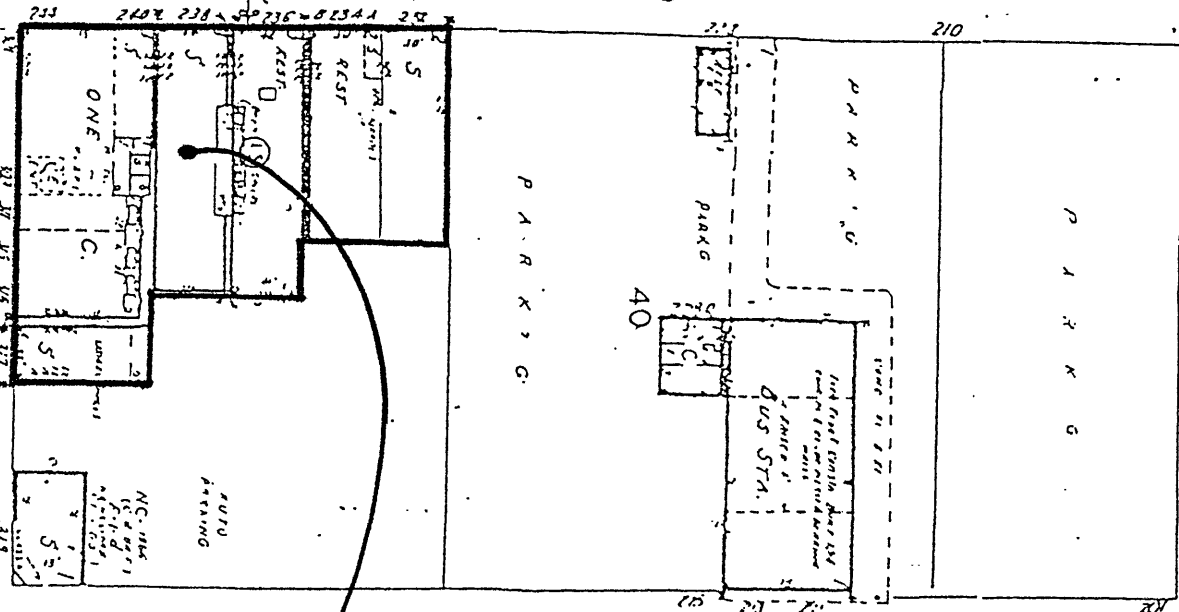
Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The boundaries chosen for this nomination are based on the lots historically associated with these buildings but include only the buildings and not any undeveloped property or surface parking on the site. The nominated area includes all of Block 1F, Lots 100, 102, and 103 but only part of Lot 95. The property immediately adjacent to these boundaries are parking lots that do not contribute to the character of the district.

JEFFERSON ST.

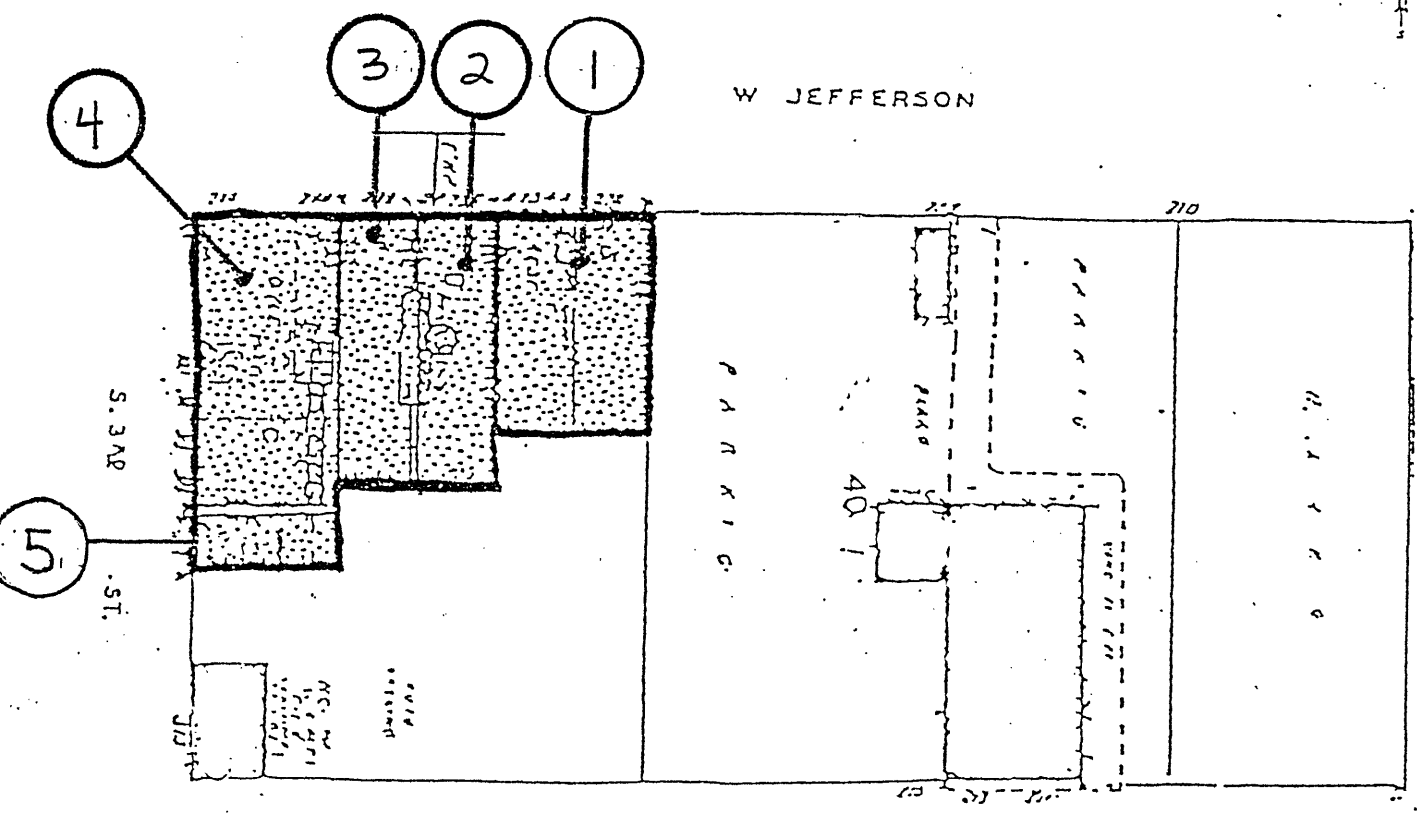
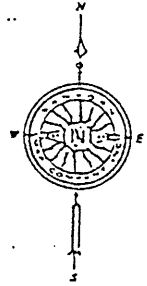
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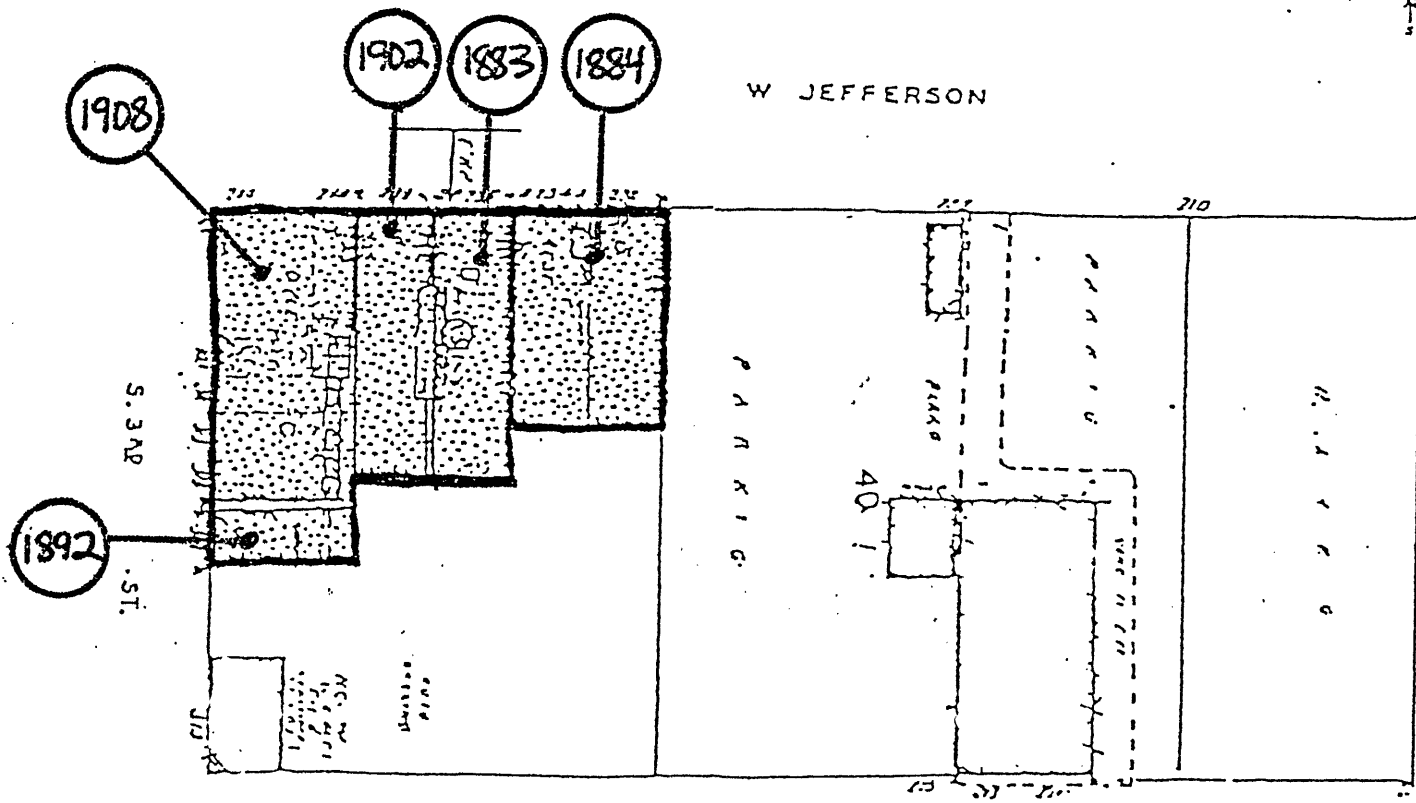
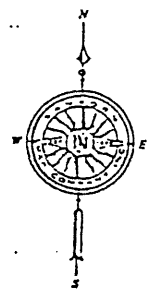
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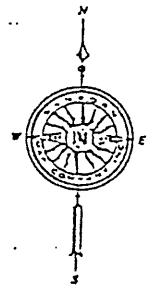
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BUILDING INVENTORY NUMBERS



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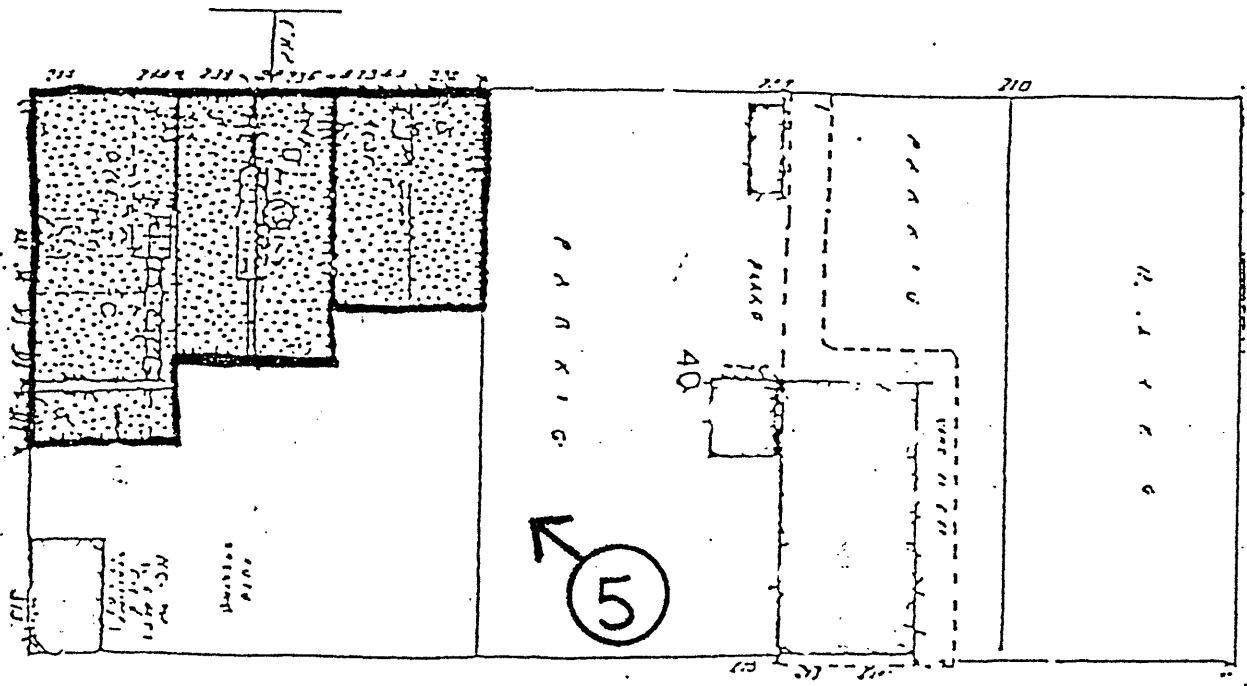
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S. 3RD ST.



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