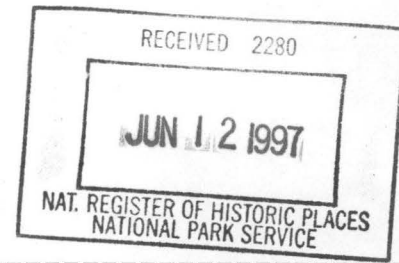


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Railroad Call Historic District

Other Name/Site Number: PU 9977, PU 9978, PU 9979

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 108 - 114 S. Pulaski St.

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Little Rock

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Pulaski Code: AR 119 Zip Code: 72201

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slatu  
Signature of certifying official

5-30-97  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
☐ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall

7.9.97

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Current : Commerce Sub: Professional  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Brick, Concrete roof Asphalt  
walls Weatherboard other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**Summary**

Constructed in 1906, the Railroad Call Historic District consists of three single-story, transitional Colonial Revival-style houses at 108-114 South Pulaski Street in Little Rock. The site is located one block from the Little Rock Missouri Pacific Railroad Station and three blocks from the present State Capitol grounds.

**Elaboration**

Three single-story, transitional Colonial Revival-style houses stand now much as they were when completed in 1906. They are supported on masonry foundations and are wood-framed, clapboard-sided with gabled roofs. There are full-width front porches at 112 and 114 South Pulaski with the east gables detailed with fishscale shingles. The house at 108 South Pulaski is of more modest construction and has a half-width front porch. The original two-over-two, double-hung, wood windows remain, only the entrance windows at 112 and 114 South Pulaski have one-over-one sashes. The porches at 112 and 114 South Pulaski were reconstructed during conversion of the buildings to offices. All of the roofs are now covered with asphalt composition shingles. The original side porches on the south side of 112 and 114 were enclosed at an unknown date with one-over-one windows. The rear porch of 108 was enclosed also. No other structures are on the site.

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The interiors are mostly undisturbed with only minor modifications. Horse hair-reinforced plaster on wood lath remains on approximately fifty percent of the walls. Although modest in size, the interiors have much in common with more commodious residences of the time. Significant features include eleven foot high ceilings, four-panel wood doors with single-pane transoms, molded trim with patera corner blocks. The door hardware is brass plated. The original wood floors, pine at 112 and 114 and chiefly oak at 108, also remain intact.

The site is located one block from the Little Rock Missouri Pacific Railroad Station (NR 6/17/77) and three blocks from the present State Capitol grounds.

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1906

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

**Summary**

The Railroad Call Historic District is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance for its depiction of intact railroad worker housing that developed around the nearby Missouri Pacific Depot at the turn of the century.

## Historical Background

The Memphis and Little Rock Railroad was chartered in early 1853, but construction did not begin until 1857. By the end of 1858, only thirty-eight miles from Hopefield (now West Memphis) to Madison on the St. Francis River were completed. Work on the western section began in 1859, and a section to DeVall's Bluff was completed by 1862. The Civil War halted further development. Construction resumed after the war, and the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad officially opened on August 21, 1871. At this time, service extended to the north side of the Arkansas River at Argenta (present-day North Little Rock). In April, 1873, the Baring Cross Bridge Company was incorporated in order to build a bridge across the Arkansas River from Argenta to Little Rock. The bridge was built and leased to the Cairo & Fulton Railroad Company later that year.

Work began in 1906 for a much larger and grander train station to replace the 1873 building. It was completed in 1909. At the same time, approximately four blocks away, construction was underway for the present Arkansas State Capitol (NR 6/28/74) which was completed in 1915. Transportation to this area of Little Rock was provided by electric trolley, which had reached the Pulaski and Markham Street intersection c. 1893.

Still, due to the limited nature of both private and public transportation at the turn of the century, workers needed to live in the vicinity of their employment. The area surrounding the Missouri Pacific train station supported a community of workers. Large groups of houses were built on narrow lots. Many of the groups had identical floor plans and were generally small and closely placed in the block. Cora Faust, responsible for the house at 108 South Pulaski Street, and J. T. McDonnell, who built the identical-plan houses at 112 and 114 South Pulaski, were two of the developers that produced housing to meet the demand.

The three houses constituting this historic district are typical of several blocks of houses that sprung up around the Missouri Pacific Depot after the turn of the century in an area known as the "Railroad Call District." The name is derived from the railroad company sending messengers to "call" crew members living in the area for work.

The buildings served their original purpose of rental property until early 1996 when they were vacated in preparation for demolition. Rayjohn, Inc., acquired the property in June 1996 and adapted the buildings for use as offices. Care was taken to preserve the existing historic fabric and reconstruct the porches in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

### Architectural Significance

Under Criterion C, the Railroad Call Historic District is locally significant for its depiction of intact, transitional Colonial Revival-style railroad worker housing in Little Rock at the beginning of this century. Unfortunately, there are few other examples of this type in the surrounding neighborhood that retain their integrity due largely to demolition and insensitive alterations in response to increased commercial usage of the area.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baker, William D., "Railroad Growth and Development in Arkansas, 1870 - 1940." historic context for "Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940," multiple property listing.

Sanborn Map Company, 1913. On file at Arkansas History Commission.

Pulaski County Property Tax Records, Pulaski County Tax Assessor, 1906, 1907.

Roy, F. Hampton, Sr., and Charles Witsell, Jr. with Cheryl Griffith Nichols. *How We Lived: Little Rock As An American City*. Little Rock: August House, 1984.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**  
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>564380</u>	<u>3845320</u>	B	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

The south 25 feet of Lot 9, Block 335, to the original City of Little Rock, Pulaski Co.; the north 25 feet of Lot 9, Block 335, to the original City of Little Rock; the south 38.5 feet of the east 80 feet of Lot 10, and the south 33 feet of the west 65 feet of the east 145 feet of Lot 10, in Block 335, to the original City of Little Rock.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes the houses at 108, 112, and 114 S. Pulaski Street and all of the property historically associated with these houses that retains integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Name/Title: John Jarrard, Architect; Edited by AHPP staff

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: May 16, 1997

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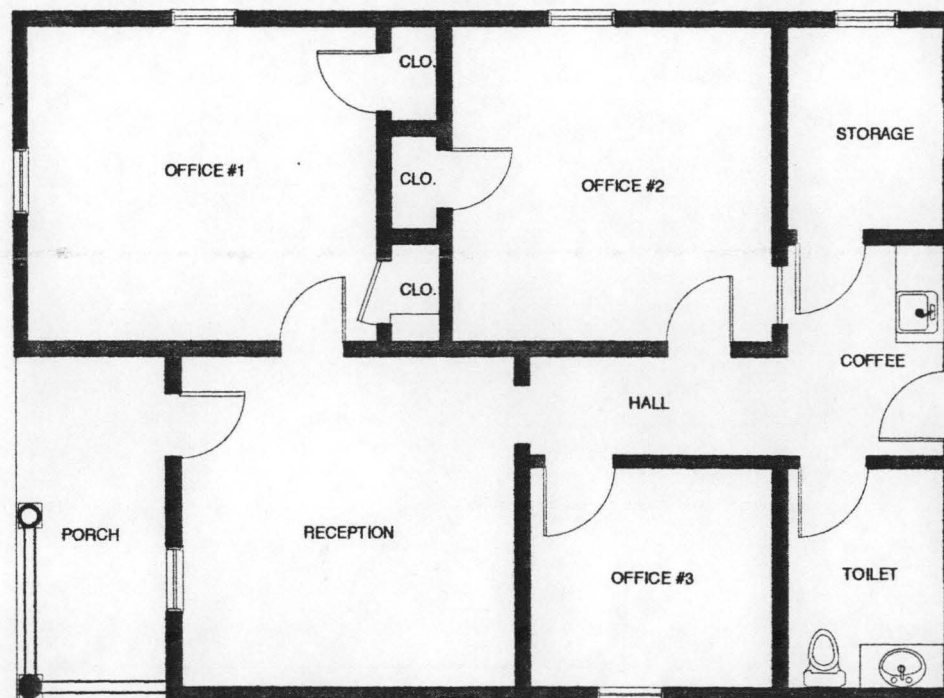
City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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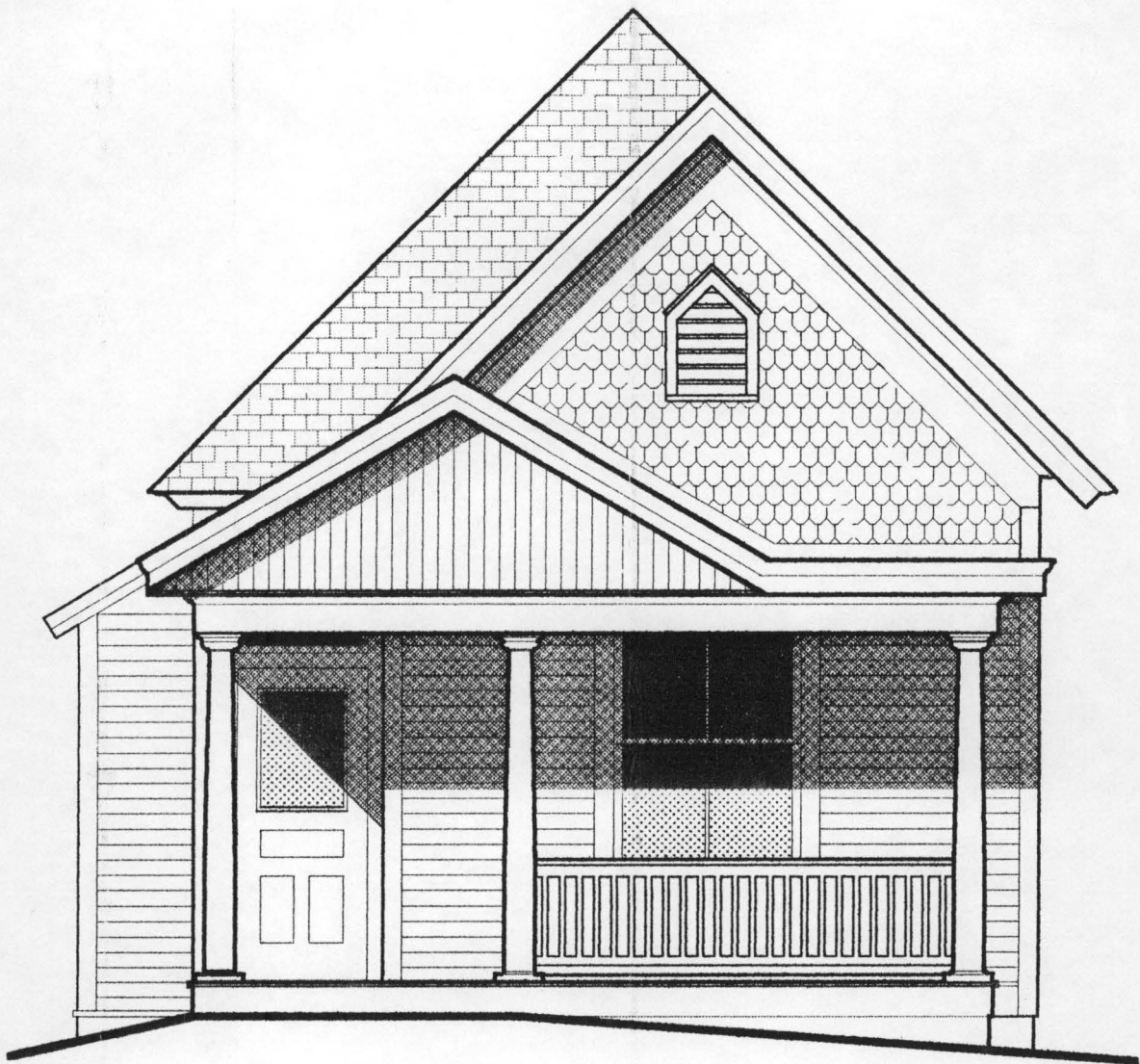


WEST ELEVATION - 108 SOUTH PULASKI  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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FLOOR PLAN - 108 SOUTH PULASKI SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



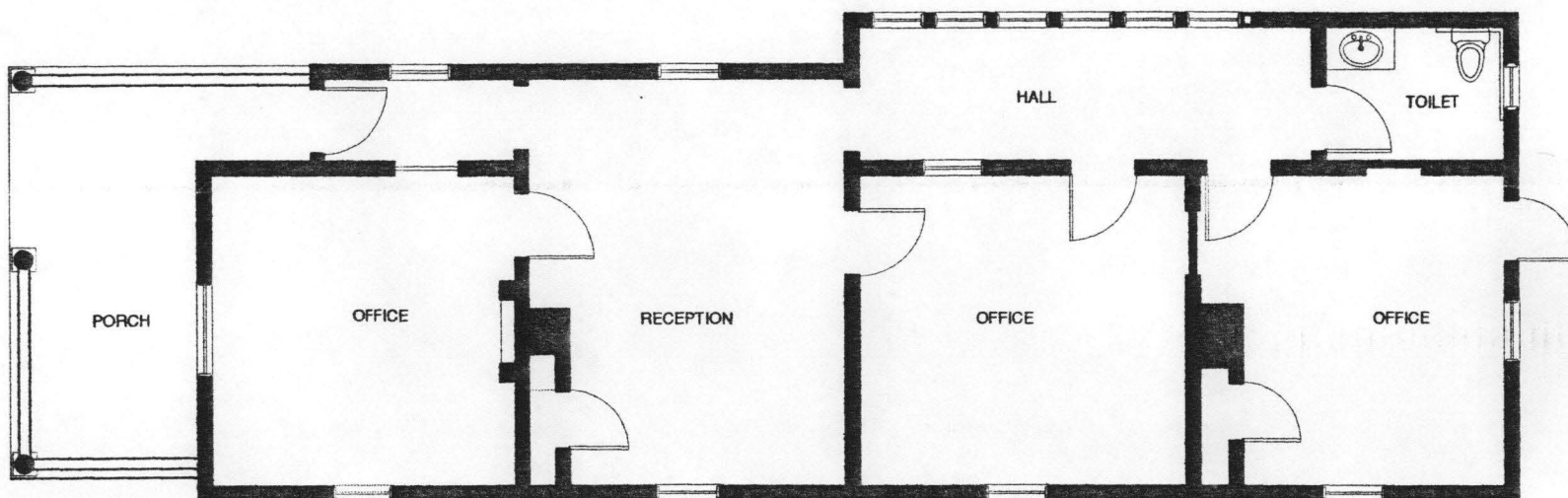
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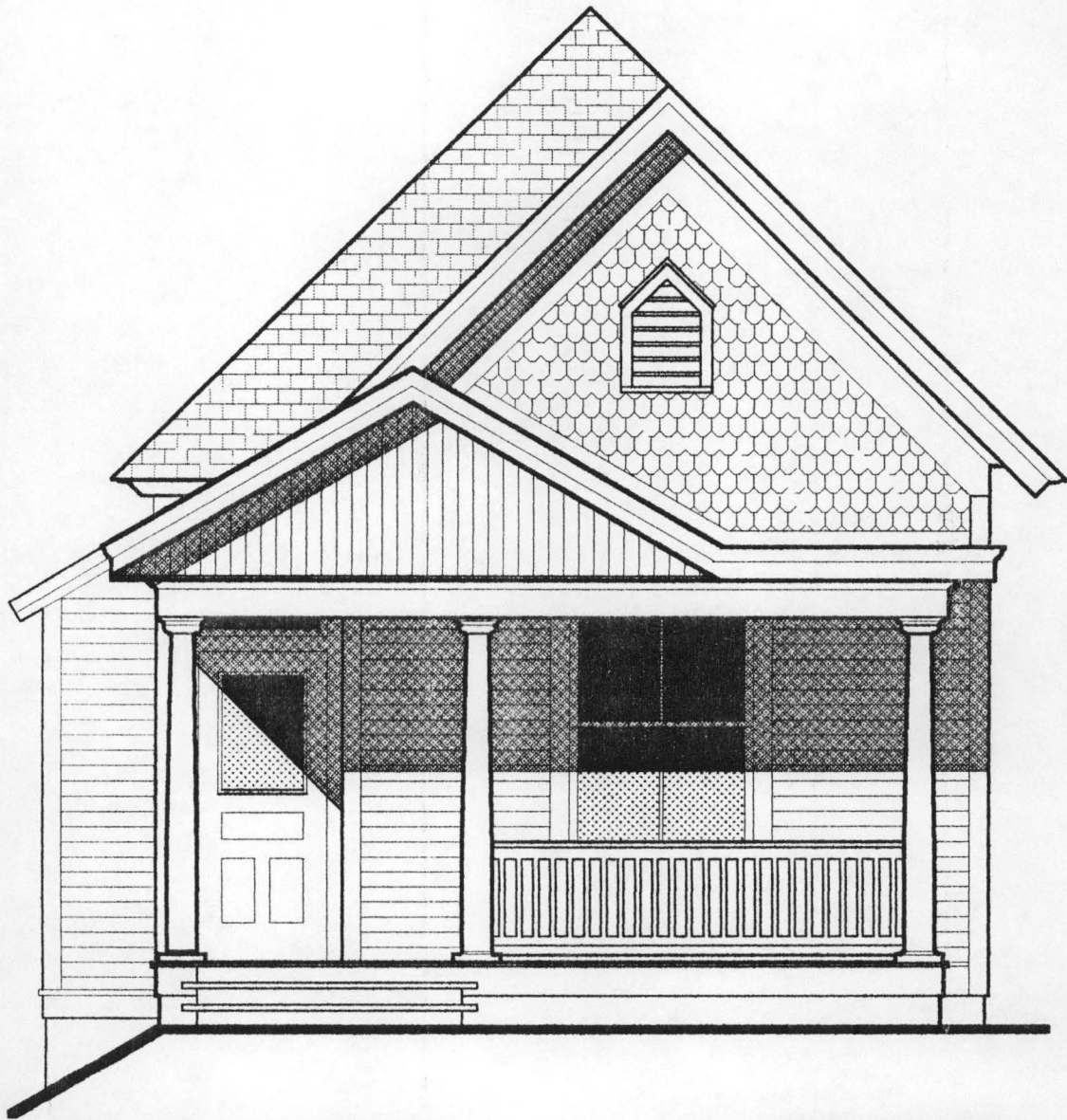
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FLOOR PLAN - 112 SOUTH PULASKI SCALE: 1/16=1'-0"



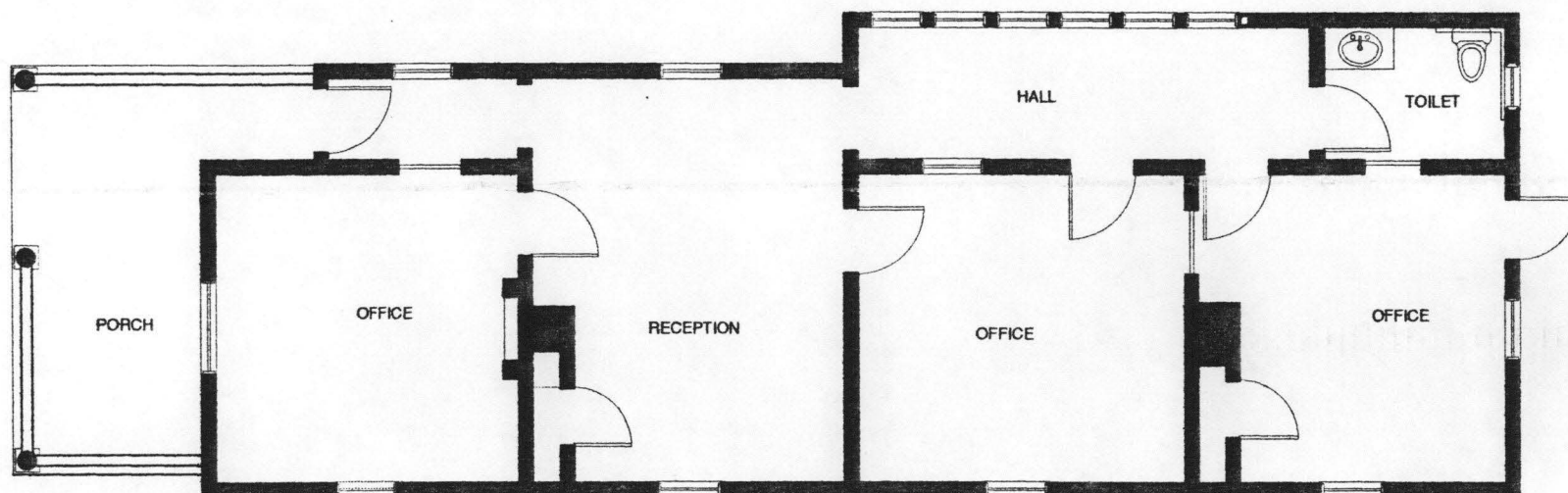
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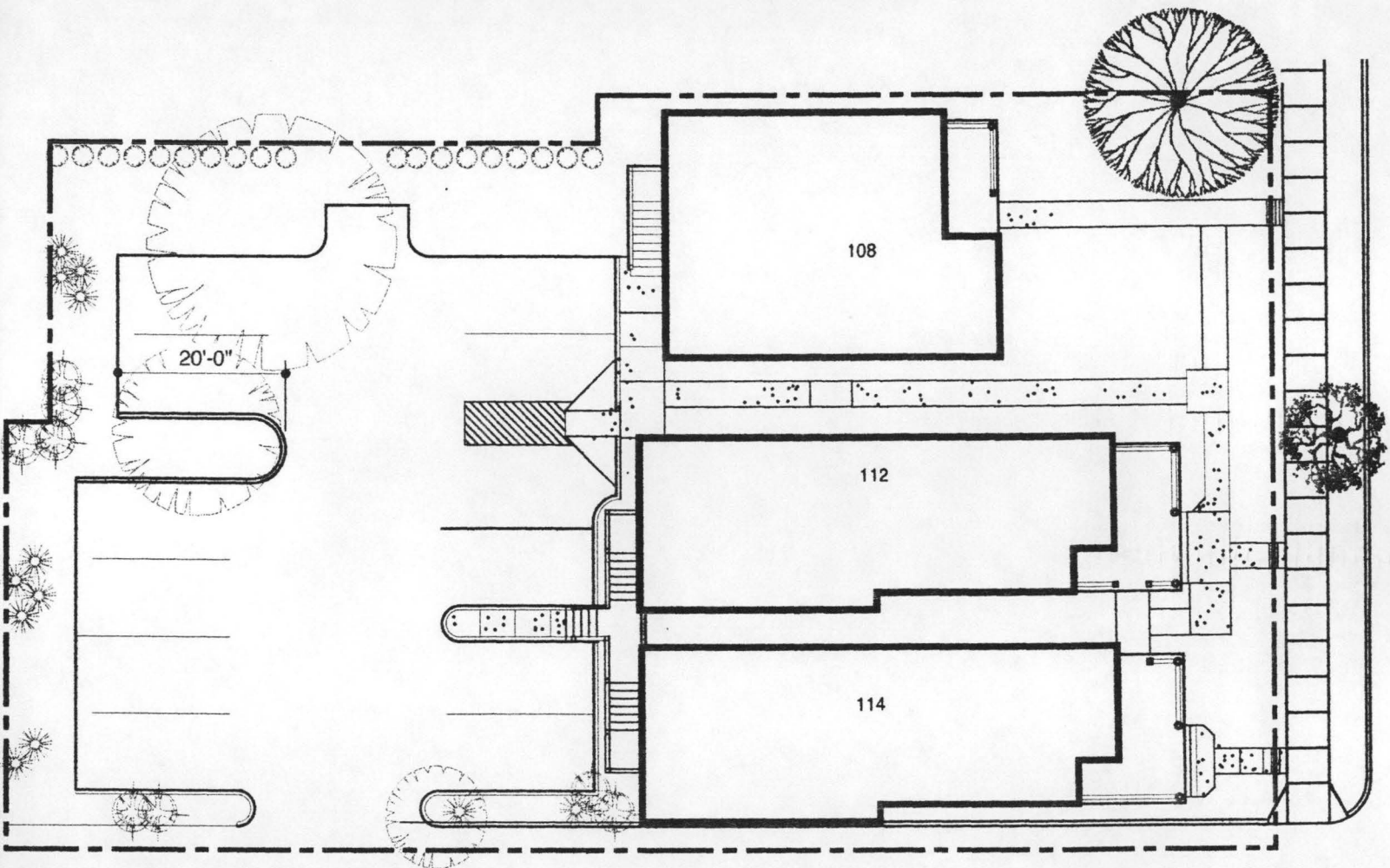
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FLOOR PLAN - 114 SOUTH PULASKI SCALE: 1/16"=1'-0"

PULASKI STREET



SITE PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



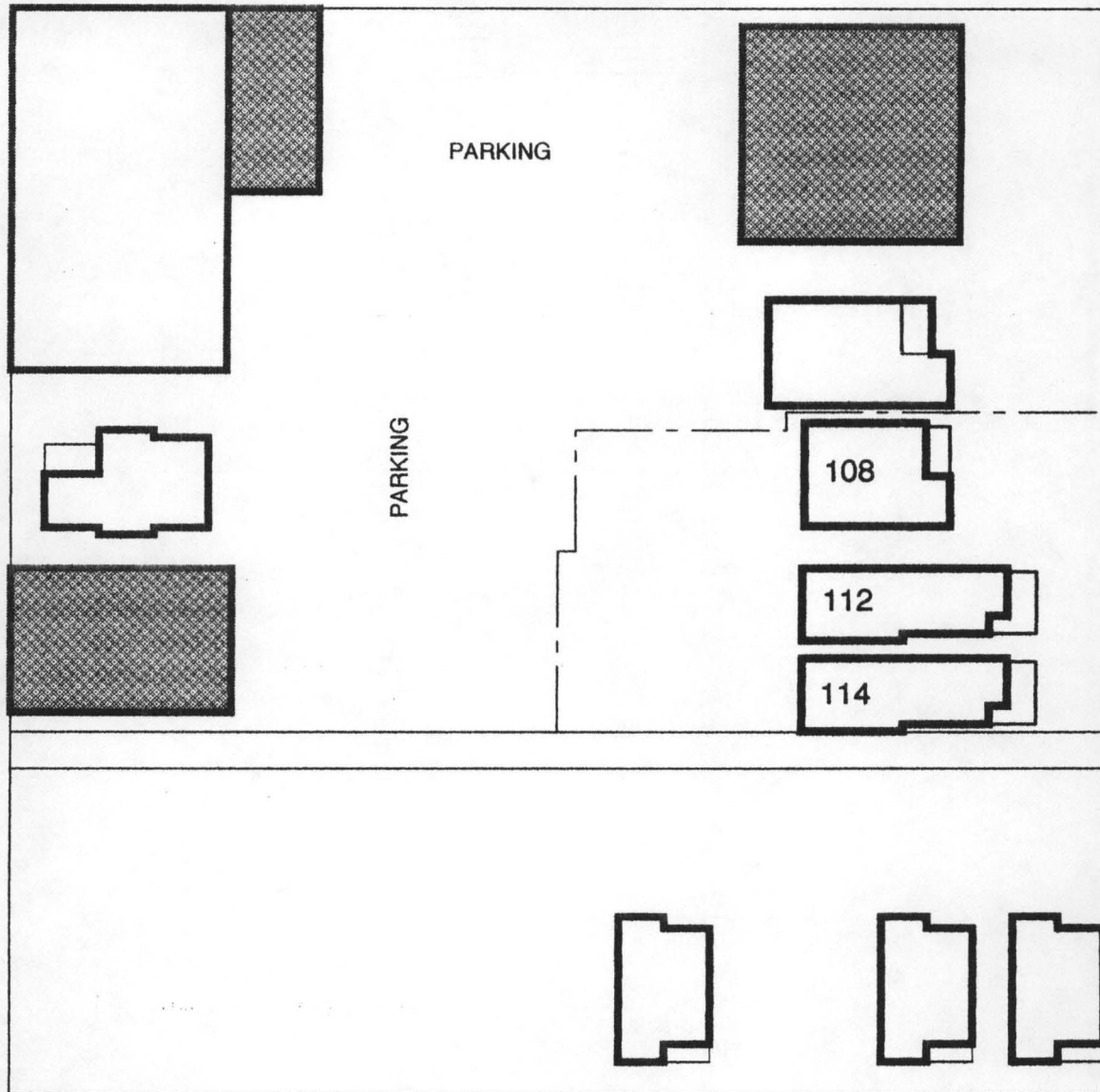
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PULASKI

SECOND

**BLOCK PLAN - EXHIBIT "B "** SCALE 1"=60'-0"



SHADED BUILDINGS ARE BUILDINGS BUILT AFTER 1913 SANBORN MAP, OUTLINED BUILDINGS ARE SHOWN IN 1913 SANBORN MAP

DATE: 20 JUNE 1996

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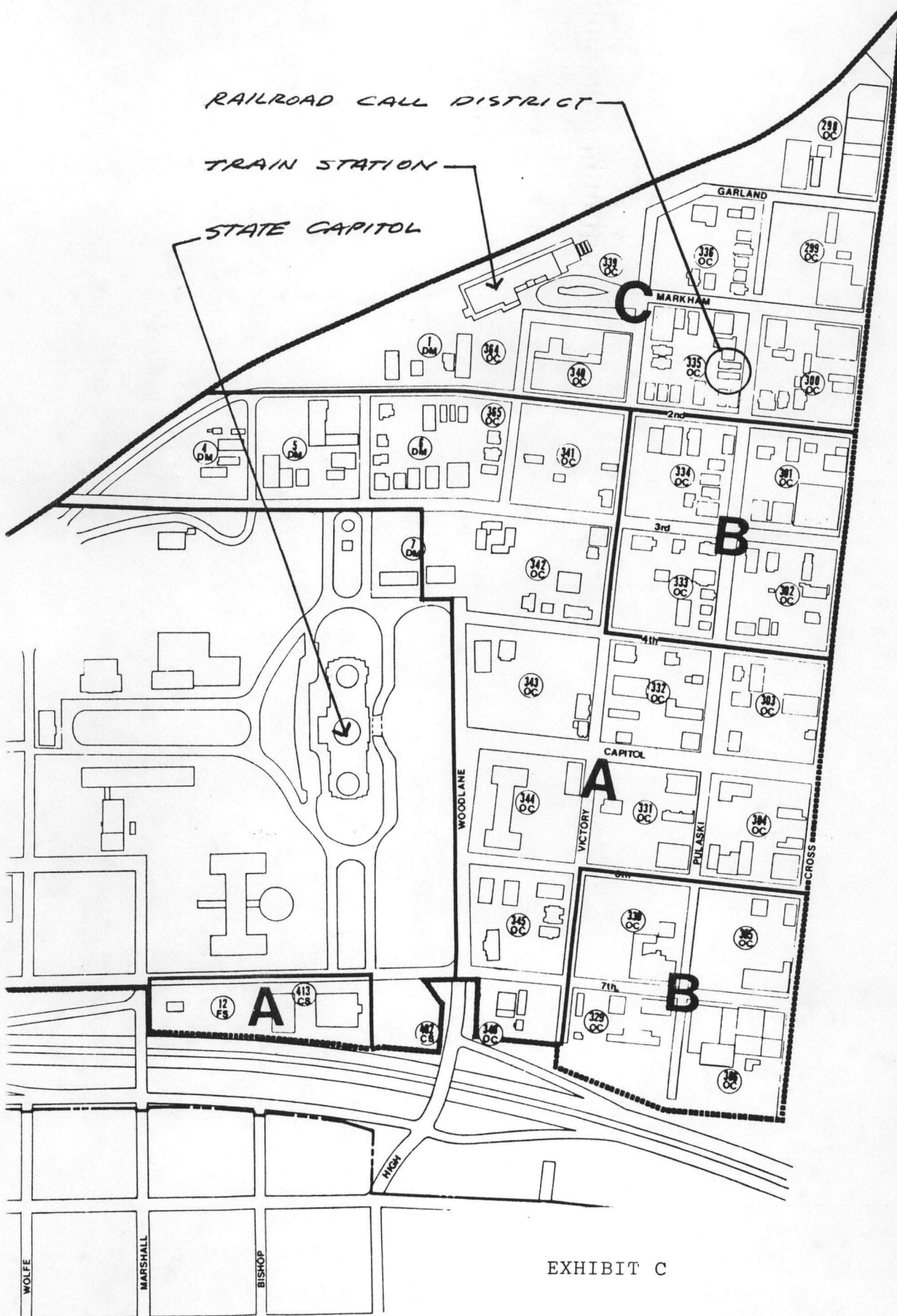


EXHIBIT C

date 8/1/79

# **ZONING MAP** **CZD Master Plan** **Amendment No. 2**



**CAPITOL ZONING DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
 State of Arkansas  
 MANIES & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
 Planning and Management Consultants

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Railroad Call Historic District  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 6/12/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/23/97  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/09/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/27/97  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000749

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7/9/97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Railroad Call Historic District

Pulaski Co., Arkansas

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February 1997

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View of 108 S. Pulaski from  
the east



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Polaski Co., Arkansas

February, 1997

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View from the southeast



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View of district from  
the southwest



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Pulaski Co., Arkansas  
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View of 108 S. Pulaski  
from the west



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View of 112 S. Pulaski  
from the northeast



Railroad Call Historic District  
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View of entrance hallway, 114 S. Polaski,  
from the west



Railroad Call Historic District

Pulaski Co., Arkansas

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View of living room & front bedroom,  
114 S. Pulaski, from the southwest

(currently known as reception room &  
office, respectively)



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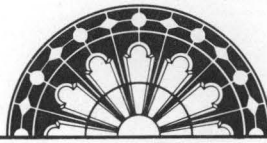
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View of mantel piece, 114 S. Pulaski,  
living room (reception), from the  
northeast





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May 30, 1997

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United State Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: Railroad Call Historic District  
Little Rock, Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:rm

Enclosures

