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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

Baker-Hawkins House

AND/OR COMMON

3603 West Market Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3603 West Market Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 & 4

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

111

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John W. and Frances Rucker

STREET & NUMBER

3603 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky 40212

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

531 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Louisville

STATE

Kentucky 40202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

September 1979

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>C1855</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Baker-Hawkins House is located on Market Street in Louisville's west end, about one mile from the Ohio River and about three miles from the heart of downtown. This part of Market Street is largely residential, with a smattering of small commercial structures.

The Baker-Hawkins House is an ell-shaped, brick structure, painted gray. It consists of a one-story pavilion on a raised basement in front and a two-story rear section. The combination of a raised basement and sixteen-foot ceilings brings the front block nearly to the height of the rear portion.

The nearly square pavilion has a five-bay facade, low hip roof, and interior end chimneys. The central entry is flanked on either side by a pair of tall, flat-arch windows with brick voussoirs. Like the entry, the windows are capped by bracketed cast iron hoods. Narrow, three-pane sidelights frame the doorway. The original door was topped by a transom, but a taller, glass-paned door now extends through the transom. A columned, frame porch extends across the facade. Most of the delicately carved wooden brackets of the porch and main cornice have been removed temporarily because of their condition. The current owners plan to repair and replace them. The basement level extends out under the porch and is pierced by several small windows. A one-story, one-room brick addition has been made on the west side.

The original interior plan combined a central hall with four rooms of equal size. The hallway has been altered by adding two walls which divide it into smaller spaces. Door and window trim is plain. One of the original mantelpieces was removed in recent years when the house was vacant.

The rear structure contains tall, narrow windows with simple stone lintels and sills in both stories. Like those of the front pavilion, these windows are double-hung, sash type with six-over-six panes. A side entry with sidelights and a pedimented doorhood has been altered.

A small, detached garage of recent construction is located in the far west corner of the property, which comprises Block 9-K, Lot 118 of the city of Louisville.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1855 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Baker-Hawkins House is significant as one of the last remaining Greek Revival residences in Louisville and one of the few ante-bellum homes in western Louisville. Its one-story, hipped roof pavilion form is an architectural type that is rarely found in Jefferson County.

The recent Jefferson County Multiple Resources nomination identified only six structures having the one-story pavilion form. Only one of these exhibited a raised basement plan similar to the Baker-Hawkins House. Most of the houses in the county, which all date from the mid-nineteenth century, show the same Italianate influence that is evident in Baker-Hawkins. However, the richness of architectural detailing in the latter equals or surpasses any of the others.

The house was built on the western extension of Louisville's Market Street, which led to Fontaine's ferry on the Ohio River. The land west of Louisville was flat and fertile, ideal for farming. Consequently, there were relatively few dwellings in western Louisville until the post-Civil War boom.

Though Louisville is rich in Victorian architecture and even retains numerous examples of the Federal style, precious few Greek Revival residences remain. Most of these were located just east and west of downtown, victims of the Urban Renewal movement of the 1960s and '70s.

There is very little available evidence to determine the exact date of construction of Baker-Hawkins. The original owner, Alberto Baker, acquired the land in 1840, but the earliest record of the house is from an 1858 map. The building also appears in its present shape on a map dating from 1865. Stylistically, the main block could easily date from the early 1850s or before. The rear portion presents a more difficult problem, though often in country homes of this type, the rear structure is older. The two sections were undoubtedly built separately, because the basements and first stories do not correspond in elevation.

Little is known either about Alberto Baker. Early city directories list him as a foundryman or a steamboat blacksmith. Later, he became a partner in a woolen mill. He sold his 17 acre estate in 1872. Florenz Pelle, a merchant tailor, owned the home from 1873 until 1912. From 1929 until the mid-1970s, Dr. Clarence D. Hawkins resided here and maintained his office of general practice in the basement.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Bergman Map, 1858. At Filson Club, Louisville.
- Caron Annual Directories for the City of Louisville, 1870-1910.
- Edwards' Directories in the City of Louisville, 1865-68.
- 1884 Atlas of Louisville, see continuation sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY apprx. 1/3 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME New Albany, Ind.-Ky.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	6,0,4	1,3,0	4,2,3,5	2,9,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C					
E					
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B					
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Louisville City Block 9-K, Lot 118. Beginning at the northwest corner of the intersection of Market and 36th Streets, thence north 160 feet along 36th, thence west 132 feet, thence south 30 feet, thence east
see continuation sheet

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 Hugh Foshee Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Louisville Landmarks Commission DATE May 6, 1980

STREET & NUMBER 727 W. Main St. TELEPHONE (502) 587-3501

CITY OR TOWN Louisville STATE Kentucky

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

Donna C. Hopkins
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 6-20-80

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

W. Ray Luce DATE 8/21/80
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Justin O'Donnell DATE 8/8/80
ATTES

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The Baker-Hawkins House is architecturally significant as an example of an unusual housing style in Jefferson County. Moreover, as one of the surviving Greek Revival dwellings, it is an important vestige of the city's architectural past.

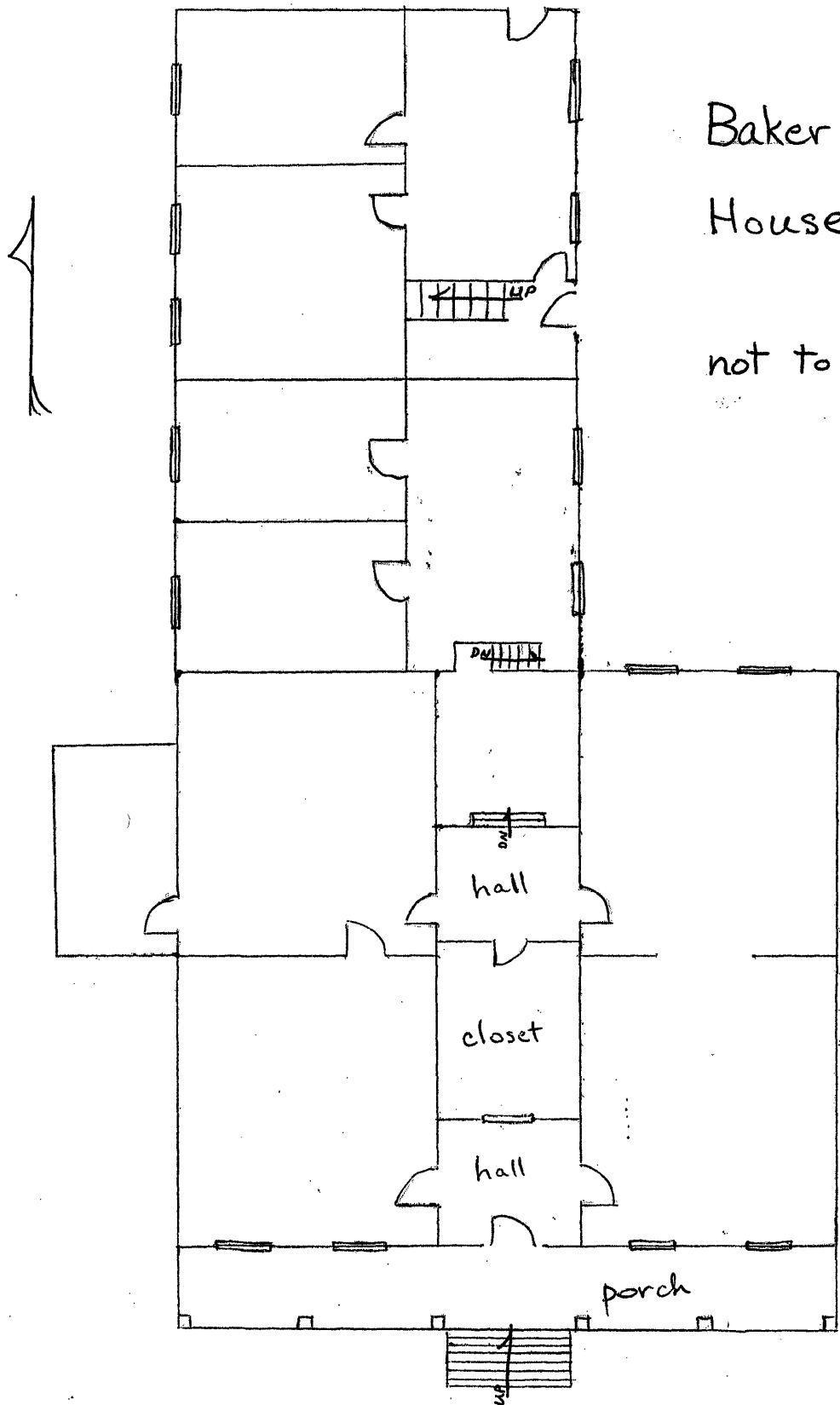
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50 feet, thence south 130 feet, thence east 82 feet to the beginning.



Baker - Hawkins
House

not to scale

36th
St.

— Market Street —

N. 37TH ST.

S. 37TH ST.

N. 36TH ST.

S. 36TH ST.

ROWAN

N. 35TH ST.

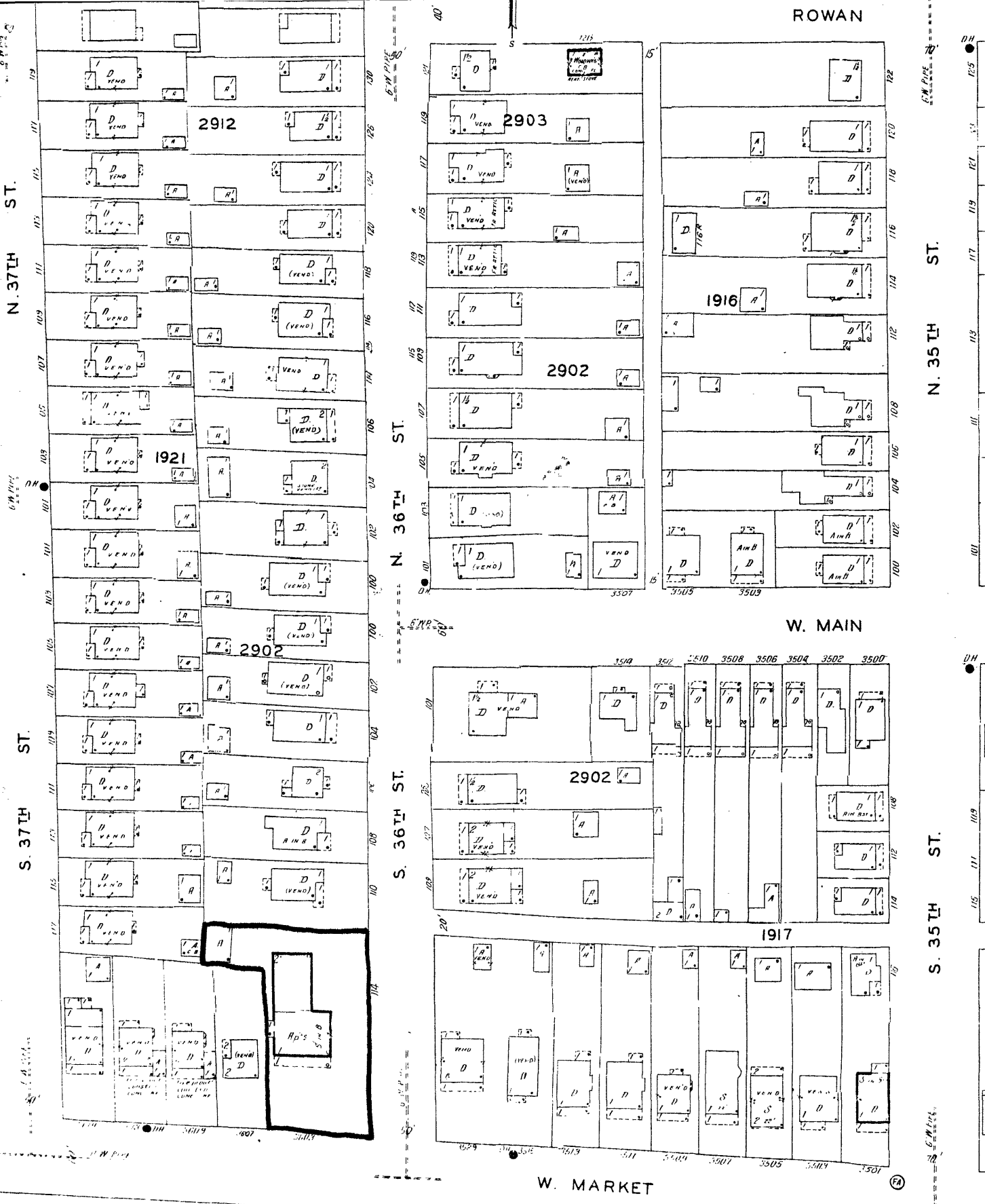
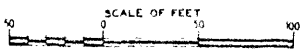
W. MAIN

S. 35TH ST.

W. MARKET

323

324



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3603 West Market Street
Louisville, Jefferson,
Kentucky

Sanborn Map Co. (1974)

Peiham, New York

Map 1. Sanborn Map, Vol.3,
p. 341.

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3603 West Market Street
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Map 3. Jefferson County
Real Estate Atlas

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