

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Newtown Historic District

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 510-521 First, 538-730 Second, 580-730 Third Streets not for publication

city or town Copperhill vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Polk code 139 zip code 37317

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Herbert L. Hays 3/26/92

Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer/ Tennessee Historical Commission

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

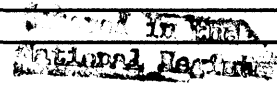
- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Helene J. ...

Date of Action

5/15/92



Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- Ownership options: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- Category options: building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, and Total.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Resources of the Tennessee Copper Basin

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Catslide Cottage
OTHER: Pyramid Cottage

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls ASBESTOS vinyl
roof ASPHALT
other WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations n/a

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning & Development

Industry

Architecture

Period of Significance

1905-1941

Significant Dates

1905

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

Tennessee Copper Company

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (See MPDF Bibliography)

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- 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

Name of repository:

Southeast Tennessee Development District

Newtown Historic District
Name of Property

Polk County, Tennessee
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 18 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Mineral Bluff, GA-NC-TENN

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1	6	7	4	0	2	1	0	3	8	7	5	4	5	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

2

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

3

1	6	7	3	9	7	2	0	3	8	7	5	0	9	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

4

1	6	7	3	9	9	0	0	3	8	7	5	5	7	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Karen L. Daniels/ Historic Preservation Planner

organization Southeast Tennessee Development District date March 1992

street & number 25 Cherokee Boulevard telephone (615) 266-5781

city or town Chattanooga state Tennessee zip code 37405

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

There are more than 50 property owners. The local newspaper is:
name Polk County News

street & number P. O. Box 129 telephone _____

city or town Benton state Tennessee zip code 37307

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The Newtown Historic District outside Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee, was developed by the Tennessee Copper Company in 1905 to provide housing for its workers. The houses built were simple workers cottages in a pyramid cottage style, or a catslide cottage style described in the residential historic districts property type of the Historic Resources of the Tennessee Copper Basin Multiple Property Documentation form.

Newtown developed along three streets on a hill beside a sulphuric acid reclamation plant. The houses are simple in plan and design, they are uniformly set back from the street, which allowed the tenants to have gardens. Historically there was one vacant lot in Newtown, the rest had cottages on them. Outbuildings were not constructed in Newtown until after 1945, and since there are few of them, and they are not obtrusive, they were not inventoried.

Inventory of Buildings:

First Street

1. 510 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, brick foundation, brick siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
2. 511 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
3. 512 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
4. 513 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, brick foundation, brick siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
5. 514 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
6. 515 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, brick foundation, brick siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

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7. 516 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, weatherboard covered foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles. (c)
8. 517 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, brick foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
9. 518 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, brick foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
10. 519 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, brick foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
11. 520 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, stone foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
12. 521 First St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, stone foundation, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

Hill Street

13. 736 Hill St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingles, pyramid roof, asbestos siding, square plan. (c)
14. 738 Hill St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. Wood foundation, asbestos shingles, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)
15. 740 Hill St. c 1980, Mobile Home. One story, concrete block foundation, metal siding, flat roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (nc)

Second Street

16. 538 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

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17. 540 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

18. 542 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

19. 543 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

20. 544 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

21. 545 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

22. 547 Second St. c. 1970, Ranch. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (nc)

23. 548 Second St. c. 1980, Ranch. One story, concrete block foundation, concrete block siding, hip roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (nc)

24. 549 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

25. 550 Second St. 1905. Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

26. 551 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, front porch enclosed with asbestos siding and flat asphalt roof. (nc, alterations)

27. 553 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, stone and concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt

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shingles, rectangular plan, front and side additions. (nc, alterations)

28. 554 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, aluminum siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

29. 555 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, front porch enclosed, side addition. (c)

30. 556 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, wood panel siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

31. 558 Second St. c. 1980, Mobile Home. One story, metal siding, flat roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (nc)

32. 559 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

33. 560 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

34. 561 Second St. c. 1980, Mobile Home. One story, concrete block foundation, metal siding, flat roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, side addition. (nc)

35. 562 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

36. 564 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

37. 722 Second St. c. 1980 Mobile Home. One story, metal foundation, metal siding, flat roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (nc)

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38. 723 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

39. 725 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingles, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

40. 727 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, asbestos covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

41. 728 Second St. c 1970 Mobile Home. One story, metal sided, corrugated metal siding, flat roof, metal roof, rectangular plan. (nc)

42. 730 Second St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, weatherboard covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asbestos sheets shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

Third Street

43. 580 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, weatherboard siding, pyramid roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

44. 581 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, pyramid roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

45. 582 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, pyramid roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

46. 583 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, pyramid roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

47. 584 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, stone foundation, vinyl siding, pyramid roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

48. 585 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, concrete

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block foundation, asbestos siding, pyramid roof, asphalt shingles, square plan. (c)

49. 586 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

50. 587 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

51. 588 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, side additions. (nc, additions)

52. 589 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

53. 590 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, side addition. (nc, addition)

54. 591 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

55. 593 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, irregular plan. (c)

56. 597 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, severely deteriorated. (nc, deterioration)

57. 598 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, stone foundation, vinyl, weatherboard and metal siding, gable roof, metal and asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, small rear addition. (c)

58. 601 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan, front and side additions. (nc,

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sulphur fumes going into the air. By 1907 construction had begun on acid plant #1, near the company's headquarters in Copperhill. The plant was built just outside the city limits, Smelter Hill was behind the plant and Newtown was to the southeast.

Copperhill had already been experiencing housing shortages because of all the men working for the company. The town had only been founded in 1890. While housing went up quickly it was not sufficient to meet the growing demands. The company responded by building a neighborhood for managers, Smelter Hill, and a workers neighborhood, Newtown. This allowed the company to meet the demands for housing as well as collect the rents that would otherwise be going to other landlords.

Newtown meets the registration requirements set out for residential historic districts in the Historic Resources of the Tennessee Copper Basin multiple property documentation form. It retains its integrity of design, location, feeling and association. The historic boundaries of Newtown are the same as the boundaries for this district, vacant lots and non-contributing resources at the edge of the district are included so that the plan of Newtown is complete.

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additions)

59. 602 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, stone foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

60. 720 Third St. c 1970, Mobile Home. One story, metal foundation, metal siding, flat roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (nc)

61. 721 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, pyramid roof, asbestos shingles, square plan. (c)

62. 723 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, asbestos siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

63. 724 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

64. 725 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, wood covered foundation, pyramid roof, asbestos shingles, square plan. (c)

65. 726 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, stone foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

66. 727 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, board and batten covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

67. 728 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, wood covered foundation, asbestos siding, gable roof, asbestos siding, rectangular plan. (c)

68. 729 Third St. 1905, Pyramid Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, asbestos siding, pyramid roof, asbestos shingles, square plan. (c)

69. 730 Third St. 1905, Catslide Cottage. One story, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, gable roof, asbestos shingles, rectangular plan. (c)

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The Newtown Historic District, Copperhill, Polk County, Tennessee is significant to the development of the Basin for its collection of workers housing, as an example of community planning and development and for its role in industrial history. It is eligible for the National Register under criterion A for its role in industrial development and for community planning and development. It is eligible under criterion C as an excellent example of workers' housing in the Basin.

As one of three neighborhoods, along with Buzzard's Roost, and Smelter Hill, built by the Tennessee Copper Company to house workers, Newtown is a significant example of the workers housing commonly built in the Basin. The houses are simple in plan and form, with few decorative elements. The houses were built from uniform plans and, in the beginning, all pyramid cottages looked alike, as did all Catslide cottages. Over time the houses have changed some. On some the front porches have been enclosed or otherwise altered but the basic form of the houses remains the same. The one other industrial neighborhood in Copperhill, Smelter Hill, was demolished in 1976. Because of this Newtown is the largest extant collection of workers' dwellings in Copperhill.

Newtown was developed according to specific plans, drawn by an unknown civil engineer with the Tennessee Copper Company. It was developed as a distinct neighborhood and as such had uniformity of design materials, and setback. The streets of Newtown were laid out and paved according to the plan, then the houses were built on their lots. The streets run uphill, and all intersect in a hollow between the two sections of town, so that all six roads intersect near the same point.

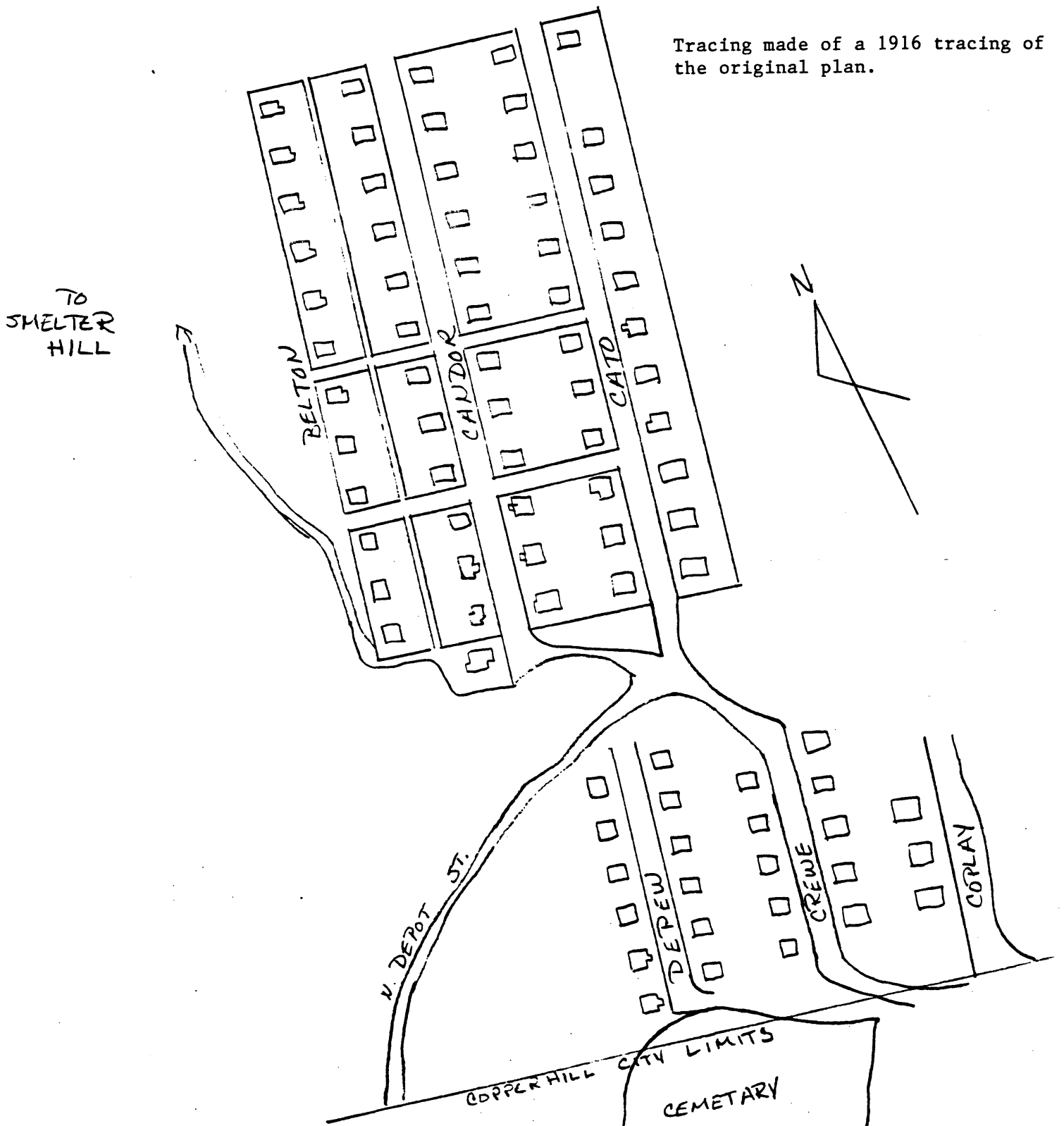
A paper copy of the original plan does not appear to be extant. The company which has control of the Tennessee Copper Company papers does not have a copy of the plan, and the Ducktown Basin Museum, which has many of TCCs papers does not have the plan. A 1916 tracing of the plan exists, showing the location and type of house which was built on the lot. The tracings have the initials of the original planner (C. B. B.), but his name does not appear.

Newtown is also significant for its role in the development of industry in the Basin, and in Copperhill in particular. At the time of the development of Newtown, in 1905, the Tennessee Copper Company knew it was going to have to develop plants to contain the

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The boundary of the Newtown Historic District is the boundary of the area planned as Newtown. It includes vacant lots and non-contributing buildings to include the original elements of the plan, even though the original dwellings do not exist. This boundary was chosen to protect the original plan which defines the district as well as to include the buildings which compose the district.

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Copperhill vicinity, Polk County, Tennessee
Photo by: Karen L. Daniels
Date: May 1991
Neg: Tennessee Historical Commission
Nashville, Tennessee

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Looking west from Hill St.
- # 2 of 9
Looking West at Second from Hill St.
- # 3 of 9
Looking south along Second from intersection.
- # 4 of 9
Looking at intersection, facing west.
- # 5 of 9
Looking south at First from intersection
- # 6 of 9
Looking north at Second from intersection.
- # 7 of 9
Looking north at Second.
- # 8 of 9
Looking north along Second at rooflines
- # 9 of 9
Looking north along First.