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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gainesboro Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number roughly around the courthouse square N/A not for publication

city, town Gainesboro N/A vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Jackson code 087 zip code 38562

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>28</u>	<u>11</u>	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>28</u>	<u>11</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Herbert L. Harper 9/18/90
Signature of certifying official Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date
Herbert L. Harper Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

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:)

Herbert L. Harper 10/25/90

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: specialty storeCOMMERCE: speciality storeCOMMERCE: department storeCOMMERCE: department storeGOVERNMENT: courthouseGOVERNMENT: courthouseDOMESTIC: hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: 20th Century Commercial Vernacularfoundation stonewalls BRICKroof NOT VISIBLEother STONE TRIM

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Gainesboro Historic District is located in the community of Gainesboro (pop. est. 1,204) in rural central Jackson County in Middle Tennessee. Gainesboro is geographically compact, being located in a small valley surrounded by steep hills which defy construction on their slopes. The western entrance to the town is the Granville Highway (State Route 53) which follows the contour lines around the hills into a valley formed by Doe Creek, which flows into the Cumberland River. When it enters town, it is known as Hull Avenue. At the intersection of Hull Avenue and Union Street, which enters the town from the south, off State Route 56, is the Courthouse Square.

The Square is located in the center of town and is comprised of nine blocks, of primarily commercial usage. The center block contains the Jackson County Courthouse, while the remaining eight blocks are one to two story commercial structures. For the purpose of this nomination, this style is called Twentieth Century Commercial Vernacular. Residential areas are two blocks to the north, two blocks to the west, and the area along Union Street until it joins State Route 56. There is a small amount of commercial development two blocks to the east of the square and along State Route 56.

The Gainesboro Historic District is comprised of commercial buildings, two residences, two churches (one currently being used as a museum), a small cemetery, and a county courthouse. Taken together, the components of the Gainesboro Historic District successfully portray the historic appearance of a small Middle Tennessee town that is centered around a courthouse.

The Courthouse is a three story, yellow brick structure placed on an entire city block, bounded by Hull Avenue to the north, Gore Avenue to the south, Union Street to the west, and Main Street to the east. The structures facing the Courthouse are primarily one-story commercial structures with several two story structures scattered through the district. Of note of these is the Shamrock Hotel Building. This structure is a red brick Classical Revival style building with limestone details. The majority of the one story commercial structures are constructed of red brick and have plain facades with flat or stepped pediments. The store fronts are largely intact and are comprised of central entrances bordered by display windows with thin mullions. The store fronts' transoms are mostly intact and are

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

COMMERCE
GOVERNMENT

1850-1940

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The significance of Gainesboro rests in the fact that this county seat town has been and is the governmental, commercial, and agricultural center of Jackson County since its founding in 1820. The Gainesboro Historic District is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A for Commerce. This location was specifically chosen because it is the center of Jackson County. Architecturally, little remains from the early time period of the towns' history. Most of the structures date from the early twentieth century. In 1887, the south side of the square burned and, in 1904, the north side also burned. The town square was rebuilt during the early twentieth century and continued to be the center of trade for the county until WW II. The town is a good example of a small county seat, containing a courthouse square still laid out as it was in 1820. The structures in the district are largely commercial with the exceptions being the courthouse, two residences, and two religious structures.

Jackson County was formed in 1801 from Smith County and was named in honor of General Andrew Jackson. During the first years of Jackson County, court sessions were held at several locations. The first permanent county seat was Williamsburg, established by an Act of the Assembly which was passed on September 11, 1806.

On November 14, 1815, an act was passed to locate the center of the county and move the seat there. The new town was to be named Gainesboro in honor of General Edmond Pendleton Gaines of the War of 1812. This act did not result in the actual founding of the town. The act that actually relocated the county seat was passed on October 6, 1817, and Gainesboro was established at that time.

The town was laid off on forty acres of land that been given to the county by David Cox. The land was divided into lots and then put up for sale, with the proceeds used to pay for a courthouse and jail. Gainesboro was incorporated by an act of the legislature on July 7, 1820.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately 9 acres

UTM References

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

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B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

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See continuation sheet

Gainesboro, TN 325 SW

Verbal Boundary Description _____

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification _____

See continuation sheet

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PROPERTY OWNERS

208 S. Main Street	David Shepard Alan Shepard Route 3 Box 33 Big Pine Key, Florida 33043
204 South Main Street	Gregory Byrne Post Office Box 727 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
200 South Main Street 207, 209, 211, & 213 Gore Avenue	Griffin Quarles Harris Quarles 407 Main Street Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
110, 112 Main Street	Herman Smith Post Office Box 421 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
108 Main Street	Harvey Turner 401 East Gore Avenue Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
106 Main Street	Herman Smith Post Office Box 421 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
102 Main Street 209, 211 East Hull Avenue	Harvey Turner 401 East Gore Avenue Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
100 Main Street	Harvey Turner 401 East Gore Avenue Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
200 East Hull Avenue	Tom M. Haynes 5818 Arncliffe Houston, Texas 77088

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Vacant? East Hull between 200-212 East Hull Avenue	David Shepard Route 3 Box 33 Big Pine Key, Florida 33043
212 East Hull Avenue	Elva Meadows Box 127 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
Vacant? North side of North East corner block	Tom Haynes 5818 Arncliffe Houston, Texas 77088
110 East Hull Avenue	Mrs. Sam Anderson Post Office Box 302 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
108 East Hull Avenue	Katherine Anderson Post Office Box 302 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
111, 109 North Main Street	Dr. J.R. Montgomery Meadows Post Office Box 391 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
106 East Hull Avenue	W. V. Brooks Route 2 Whitleyville, Tennessee 38588
104 East Hull Avenue	Michael Turner 1000 Carriage Way Court Hermitage, Tennessee 37076
102 East Hull Avenue	Robert Ellett 9765 Deerfoot Drive Fort Myers, Florida 33919
100 East Hull Avenue 109 North Union Street	Young Wooten c/o Billie Geisendorff 2732 Gallinghouse New Orleans, Louisiana 70131

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103 West Cox Street	Mary Linda Draper 508 Belair Way Nashville, Tennessee 37215
110 West Hull Avenue	Walter Davis Post Office Box 307 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
103, 105 Union Street	Douglas Broyles Post Office Box 248 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
Vacant? lot East side center east block	David Sheperd Route 5, Box 33 Big Pine Key, Florida 33043
107 Union Street	David Sheperd Route 5, Box 33 Big Pine Key, Florida 33043
Cemetery	
110, 112 West Gore Avenue	Mrs. H.L. Page c/o Harry L. Page 1813 Tyne Boulevard Nashville, Tennessee 37215
Vacant, center of block on Union	Gary Garland Jack Smith Post Office Box 214 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
109 Union Street	Robert L. Johnson Post Office Box 278 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
111 Union Street	Bobby J. Ellis Post Office Box 192 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
101 East Gore Avenue	Mrs. W.G. Quarles Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562

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103 East Gore Avenue	Mark Waters Route 1, Box 716 Lynchburg, Tennessee 37352
105 East Gore Avenue 108 Montpelier Street	Therold Richardson Post Office Box 334 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
104 Montpelier Street	W..G. Quarles & Benton Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
107A, 107B East Gore Avenue	Charles Clark Route 1 Granville, Tennessee 38564
Center of South Center Block	Virgil Halfacre Post Office Box 73 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
109-111 East Gore Avenue	Virgil Halfacre Post Office Box 73 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
203, 205, 207A, 207b, 209 South Main Street	Gainesboro Hospital Cent Inc Post Office Box 37 Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562
	Joseph F. Crosby 612A South Congress Boulevard Smithville, Tennessee 37166
302 South Main Street	Gainesboro Methodist Church Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562

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constructed of clear glass, one light in height, and they run the width of the structures. Of special note are 103 East Gore with its decorative brick work of chevron patterns, 104-106 Hull Avenue with its triangular pediments and decorative Greek key brick frieze, and 102 Hull Avenue, which has a stepped pediment facade and a decorative yellow brick, diamond design.

There are two residences in the district. These are a stucco bungalow style structure at 207 Union and a mid-nineteenth century, one story frame structure with Victorian detailing at 106 Montpelier.

There are two religious structures in the district. One is a one story frame building with a front-facing gable roof. This building is currently being used as a local museum by the Jackson County Historical Society. The other building is a yellow brick Classical Revival structure housing the First United Methodist Church.

Contributing resources (C) are significant to the historic and architectural development of the district, possess compatible design elements, and maintain the scale use and texture of the district. Non-contributing resources (NC) have little or no architectural significance or do not fall within the period of significance of the district. In the inventory, buildings' current names are listed first with the historic names, when known, following.

Cox, West

1. 103 West Cox
Post Office
ca. 1960
1 story, brick and aluminum siding, flat roof, rectangular plan,
aluminum and concrete storefront (NC)

Gore, East

2. 101 East Gore
ca. 1935
2 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof rectangular
plan, stone facade on first floor, Gore Street elevation, concrete
capping (C)

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3. 103 East Gore
Cedar Creek Home Health
ca. 1915
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular plan, stepped pediment facade with pilasters, original store front with two decorative brick string courses and three decorative chevrons, modern door (C)
4. 105 East Gore
Richardson Realty-Richardson Attorney
ca. 1950
remodeled ca. 1980
1 story, foundation not visible, weatherboard siding, flat roof, rectangular plan, colonial revival facade with pilasters and dentil course, recessed entrance covered by a gable roof, asphalt shingles cover the upper portion of the facade (NC)
5. 107A-107B East Gore
ca. 1940
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, parapet roof, rounded facade pediments, has concrete capping, rectangular plan (C)
6. 109-111 East Gore
(corner East Gore & South Main)
Shamrock Hotel
ca. 1928
2 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular plan, both elevations have decorative brick string courses; Gore Street elevation is one bay, second floor has 8/8 double-hung sash windows, first floor original store front intact, ornamental limestone pilasters with simple capitols, stepped parapet, limestone coping; similar architectural details on 203 South Main elevation, rest of South Main elevation is plain with limestone coping, first floor has intact storefronts, second floor 6/6 double-hung sash windows (C)
7. 209-207 East Gore
ca. 1930
Video Store
1 story concrete slab foundation, vinyl siding over original concrete block, flat roof, tile coping, square plan (NC)

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8. 211-213 East Gore
ca. 1930
1 story, concrete block foundation, concrete block siding, flat roof,
square plan, storefront has original transoms, facade plain with tile
coping (C)

Gore, West

9. 101 West Gore - 205 Union
Anderson & Hale Drug Company -- Donna Raglands Making Waves
ca. 1935
2 story, brick foundation, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular plan,
concrete capping covered with tin (C)
10. 107-109 West Gore
ABC Home Health Service
ca. 1950
1 story, foundation not visible, yellow brick siding, flat roof,
rectangular plan, limestone and glass facade (NC)
11. 110-112 West Gore
Doctor's Office-Izell's Beauty salon
ca. 1950
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular
plan, concrete capping covered with tin, transom-style windows (NC)

Hull, East

12. 100 East Hull
Sheron Forkum Drugs
Wooten Building
ca. 1930
2 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular
plan, plain facade with flat pediment, concrete capping, 1 bay carrara
glass storefront, rear of building is 109 Union, 2 story brick, plain
facade, concrete capping, pressed tin ceiling (C)

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13. 102 East Hull
Family Funland
ca. 1915
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular plan, facade has a stepped pediment with pilasters and concrete capping, decorative yellow brick diamond design, yellow brick string course over sign panel, original storefront, original tin ceilings (C)
14. 104-106 East Hull
Turners
ca. 1920
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular plan, facade is 2 bays with triangular pediments with pilasters, decorative brick work, Greek key frieze, original storefronts, transoms altered (104), original transoms (106), original tin ceilings (C)
15. 110-108 East Hull
ca. 1915
2 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, parapet roof, rectangular plan, 1/1 double-hung sash windows, original storefront and transoms covered by tin, similar storefront on North Main elevation, arched windows in rear (C)
16. 200 East Hull
ca. 1915
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, parapet roof, rectangular plan, original storefronts, transoms and pressed tin ceiling (C)
17. (208) East Hull
Adjacent to 210, toward square
ca. 1940
2 story, brick foundation, brick siding, parapet roof, rectangular plan; left portion of building has new brick ca. 1989, now vacant, altered (NC)
18. 210 East Hull
Gainesboro Market
ca. 1940
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, parapet roof, rectangular plan (C)

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19. 211 East Hull
H & R Block
ca. 1920
2 story, brick foundation, brick siding, parapet roof, rectangular plan, 2nd floor windows have brick infill, recessed front door (C)

Hull, West

20. 110 West Hull
Jackson County Farm and Garden Supply
ca. 1930
2 story, concrete block foundation, stuccoed siding, flat roof, rectangular plan, 3 bay facade, flat segmental arched pediment with pilasters, steel windows on the second floor (C)
21. (109) West Hull, southeast corner of Mark Twain and Hull
General Tires
Bowman's Tires
ca. 1935
1 story, foundation not visible, stuccoed siding, arched roof of tin material, arched building shape, like a Quonset hut (C)

Main, North

22. 100 North Main
Echo Enterprise
1917
1 story, partial basement, foundation not visible, concrete siding (original probably brick), flat roof, rectangular plan, concrete pilasters on facade, simplified concrete cornice; Hull Avenue elevation brick, stepped toward rear; basement address 209 East Hull, facade altered ca. 1950 (NC)
23. 102 North Main
Dollar General Store
ca. 1910/1930
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding with aluminum store front, flat roof, rectangular plan, storefront transom filled in with aluminum, left half of building built at different time, probably ca. 1910 altered (NC)

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24. 106 North Main
Smiths Department Store
ca. 1920
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, small stepped pediment on facade, rectangular plan (C)
25. 108 North Main
Gainesboro Florist
ca. 1920
2 story, foundation not visible, L- shape plan, brick siding, flat roof, metal casement windows, second floor decorative stepped pediment with pilasters, Gore Avenue elevation also similar, concrete capping (C)
26. 109-111 North Main
ca. 1920 small
1 story, brick foundation, brick siding, flat roof, square plan, stepped pediment with concrete capping, storefront altered (C)
27. 110 North Main
City Cafe
ca. 1950
2 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, concrete capping, rectangular plan, metal casement windows on second floor (NC)

Main, South

28. 200 South Main
Yvonne's Florist & Fabrics Vacant
ca. 1930
2 story, foundation not visible, brick siding, flat roof, rectangular plan; rear portion's first floor is on East Gore Street elevation, simple stepped pediment facade with brick capping, store fronts possibly intact behind existing aluminum covering, original doors and pressed tin ceiling, Gore Avenue elevation stepped toward rear (C)

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29. 204 South Main
Family Medical Clinic
ca. 1900 remodeled 1970
Western Colonial Revival, two story, foundation not visible,
weatherboard siding, parapet roof, rectangular plan, facade has one
story porch supported by aluminum columns (NC)
30. 208 South Main
ca. 1870
1 story, stone foundation, brick siding (painted blue), parapet roof,
rectangular plan, modern store front ca. 1920, slightly stepped
pediment with pilasters, tile coping (C)
31. 302 South Main
First United Methodist Church
1924
1 story sanctuary, two story rear addition, rectangular plan, brick
siding, brick covered foundation, hipped roof, monumental gable
portico supported by two columns and pilasters, large double-door
entrance with fan light, stained glass windows on either side of
entrance and on side elevations (C)

Montpelier

32. 104 Montpelier
ca. 1930
2 story, foundation not visible, stuccoed siding, flat roof, square
plan, tile coping, 6/6 double hung windows with concrete sills (C)
33. 105 Montpelier
Fred Lucas Haile Museum
Sentinel Building
Old First United Methodist Church
1890
Southwest corner of Main and Montpelier
1 story, cut stone foundation, front facing gable roof with asphalt
shingles, weatherboard siding, 4/4 windows, rectangular floor plan
(C)

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34. 106 Montpelier
residence
ca. 1850
1 1/2 story, concrete block foundation under porch, weatherboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingle roof material, 4/4 double-hung windows, sawn porch balusters, stone chimney on Mark Twain elevation (C)

Union, South

35. 103-105 South Union
ca. 1925
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding parapet roof, rectangular plan, stepped pediment facade with concrete capping and a frieze containing a decorative blue Chevrolet emblem, original 3 bay storefront is intact with transoms, south bay garage entrance, the two north bays are display windows with thin mullions (C)
- 107 South Union Vacant Lot
36. 109 South Union
ca. 1930
1 story, concrete block construction, concrete block foundation, stuccoed concrete block storefront, flat roof, rectangular plan; storefront remodeled by the addition of a modern asphalt shingle mansard-style storefront (NC)
37. 111 South Union
Bobby Joe Ellis Attorney
ca. 1915
1 story, foundation not visible, brick siding with sides stuccoed, flat roof, rectangular plan, stepped pediment facade with concrete capping, original arched opening now contains modern stone infill (C)
38. 207 South Union
ca. 1930
residence
1 1/2 story, bungalow, foundation not visible, stucco siding, gable roof, asphalt shingle, square plan, front facing gable porch, window-door-window-window pattern (C)

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39. Cemetery
Center of block sided by Union, Hull, Gore, and Mark Twain. There are no visible markers in this plot. Listed as a cemetery on Tax Map. Could be contributing with more research. (unevaluated)

Courthouse Square

40. Jackson County Courthouse
1927
3 story, masonry construction, cut stone foundation, sided with yellow bricks, 8/8 double-hung windows, roof hidden by parapet wall, parapet wall has triangular pediments decorated limestone swags and urns (C)

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During the 1830s, the first hotel in Gainesboro was operated by John Clemens, father of Samuel Clemens. Their residence is thought to have been on the southwest corner of the square; the Anderson and Hale Drug Company is currently in that location.

Civic improvements in Gainesboro were noted as early as 1849 when the streets were paved and an open drainage ditch, running through the center of town, was replaced by a drain installed by Andy and Jim Poston.

In 1850, the town was afflicted with a cholera epidemic. It is reported that most families were directly or indirectly affected by this dreaded killer. Those who could left town until the first frost, when the epidemic was thought to have passed.

After the War Between the States, there was a great demand for lumber for construction. The Upper Cumberland region, until this time, had been ignored. Timber close to the river was felled and then was floated down to the Nashville market. Logging was so active that by 1874 most of the good timber by the river was gone. When the timber accessible to the river was gone, the timber industry in this area slowed down because of economic infeasibility.

On August 14, 1872, a fire destroyed the first Jackson County Courthouse. Construction was completed on the second one in 1874. This structure was demolished in 1903 to be replaced by a new building constructed in the same year. This structure, like the first, burned on November 5, 1926. Until the next (current) structure was built, the courthouse activities and jail were temporarily located in a store at 200 East Hull. The current courthouse was built in 1927 and was designed by Tisdale, Pinson and Stone of Nashville.

Jackson County, because of its terrain, did not have good overland transportation until road construction occurred after World War II. There was no railroad transportation in Jackson County. Gainesboro, being the center of the county, was also located near the Cumberland River, so the city became a commercial center for the county. The river was essential to the people of Gainesboro for transportation due to the fact that Jackson County did not have the benefit of the railroad. This prominence lasted until the demise of steamboat traffic in the 1930s, due to the advent of the automobile.

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Gainesboro continued to appear prosperous until the period after World War II, when modern road construction made Gainesboro and Jackson County accessible to the rest of the state. This also made the rest of the State accessible to Gainesboro citizens. Young people left to find jobs and make their lives elsewhere. Roads also made it easier for people to shop and trade in nearby Cookeville, a city of 21,512.

Gainesboro was the agricultural center for Jackson County. The total acreage for Jackson County is 194,560 acres with 172,650 being listed as farmland, in 1940. The major crops were corn, wheat, and tobacco. In the past, timber had been a source of economic benefit to Jackson County.

Gainesboro is the eleventh oldest town in the State of Tennessee. From the 1820s until present, this town has been the center for commerce and government in Jackson County. While the town is old, the architecture is that of the early twentieth century, this being the period when the city had it's last period of growth. The population of Jackson County stayed relatively stable until after World War II when there was an 18.1% decrease in the population. The isolation, due to the topography of Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee, has preserved a good example of an early courthouse square town.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Gainesboro Historic District is comprised of nine square blocks, three wide and three deep. The central block contains the courthouse. The district boundaries are the property lines bounded by Cox Street to the north, Mark Twain Street to the west, Minor Street to the east, and Montpelier Street to the south. The district extends to the southeast to encompass the property on the southeast and the southwest corners of the intersection of Main and Montpelier streets.

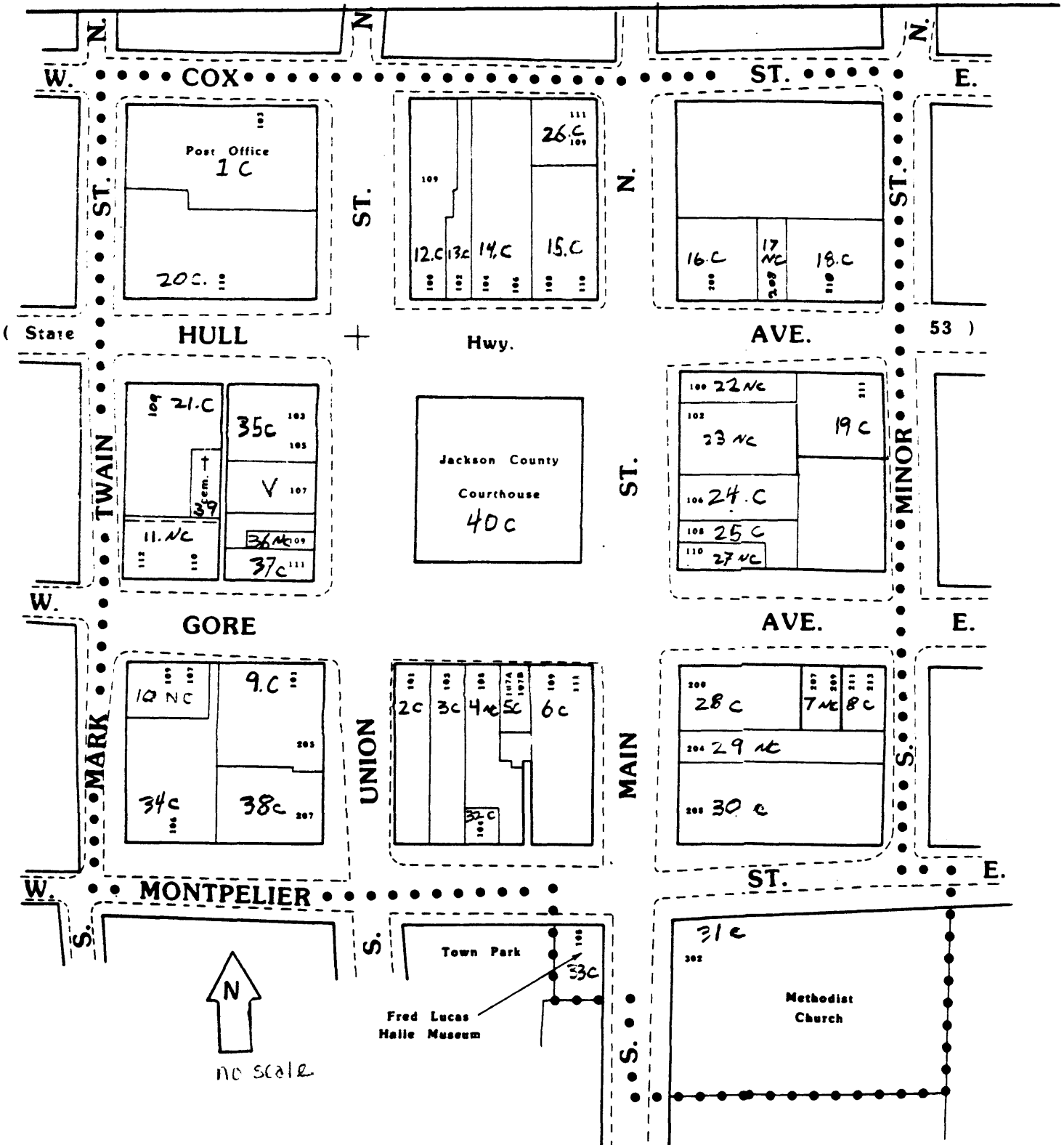
BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries are justified in that they include a cohesive grouping of extant historical buildings of Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee.

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