

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Cynthiana Commercial District

and/or common Same

**2. Location**

Pike St. from Church to Main Sts., and Main St. from  
Bridge to Pleasant Sts

street & number Multiple - see continuation sheet

NA not for publication

city, town Cynthiana

NA vicinity of

congressional district

6

state Kentucky

code 021

county

Harrison

code

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district 70 bldg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u>NA</u> agriculture
<u>NA</u> building(s)	<u>NA</u> private	<u>NA</u> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<u>NA</u> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<u>NA</u> work in progress	<u>NA</u> educational
<u>NA</u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>NA</u> entertainment
<u>NA</u> object	<u>NA</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>NA</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<u>NA</u> industrial
		<u>NA</u> no	<u>NA</u> military
			<u>NA</u> museum
			<u>NA</u> park
			<u>NA</u> private residence
			<u>NA</u> religious
			<u>NA</u> scientific
			<u>NA</u> transportation
			<u>NA</u> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Multiple - see continuation sheet

street & number

city, town

NA vicinity of

state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harrison County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Cynthiana

state Kentucky

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky has this property been determined eligible? NA yes  no

date 1982

NA federal  state NA county NA local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Division

city, town Frankfort

state Kentucky

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Cynthiana Commercial District consists of the two blocks of South Main Street from Bridge Street to Pleasant Street, and the two blocks of East Pike Street from South Main Street to Church Street. This area comprises the core of the town's late nineteenth century commercial architecture. With a population of approximately 8,000, Cynthiana is the seat of government for Harrison County in the north-central portion of the Bluegrass. Thirty miles to the south is Lexington, the only metropolitan center in the Bluegrass, and fifty miles to the north is the large urban center of Cincinnati, Ohio. The economy of the county is primarily agricultural.

The district is bounded on the south by the Licking River, on the west and north by residential areas, while the east is varied commercial development. South Main Street which is U. S. 27 is the major north-south thoroughfare; while East Pike Street is the primary eastern artery.

Although ranging from the first quarter of the nineteenth century through 1929, the greatest percentage of the buildings were constructed during the last three decades of the nineteenth century and are primarily two and three-story brick structures. Of the 70 buildings included within the district boundaries, only three are considered intrusions and two are deemed non-historic contributing. Intrusions are: the Farmers National Bank, 110 East Pike Street, 1 Market Street, a municipal parking lot on the east side of the 100 block of South Main Street, a vacant lot on the east side of the 10 block of South Main, and a municipal parking lot on the north side of the 100 block of East Pike Street.

The west side of the 100 block of South Main is a densely built row of two and three-story brick and stone buildings constructed from 1820 to 1910, and includes six of the oldest buildings within the district (see photo 1). The National Bank of Cynthiana (see photo 2) is the highlight of the block, being a two-story Neo-Classical style structure of smooth stone surface with a colossal portico in the Ionic Order. A dentilled enriched entablature with an adorned parapet complete the facade. The entrance is accentuated by an embellished pedimented entablature within a segmental rounded arch. Proceeding in a southward direction from the bank, Nos. 108, 110, and 114 are two-story brick structures dating from the 1820s and 1840s which share similar elements. Nos. 108 and 114 feature facades complemented with limestone lintels and sills, bracketed cornices and common bond brickwork. 110 South Main displays a more formal style with Flemish bond brick work, jack arches over all bays and ornate window trim consisting of reeded bull's eye corner blocks. All three buildings are used as offices. The two-story brick structure at 116 South Main incorporates elements of the Italianate and Gothic Revival styles of dual-gabled facade and two second story windows enhanced by limestone pedimented label mold. No. 118 is a three-story brick structure with projecting bracketed and dentilled cornice and limestone lintels and sills. Three two-story brick buildings, constructed ca: 1840-1860, complete the block. Nos 122 and 126 exhibit common bond brick work and limestone lintels and sills, while No. 124, also done in common bond, is accented with limestone hood molds and label molds. Although originally constructed as dwellings for the Wooden family, the buildings were later used as a boarding house, and since 1932 have served as the offices of the Whaley Funeral Home. According to local tradition, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan made his headquarters here during one of the battles in Cynthiana.

# 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 checked="" 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** 1820-1929      **Builder/Architect** NA

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Representing the core of the business section of one of the oldest towns in Kentucky, the Cynthiana Commercial District comprises a noteworthy concentration of well-preserved late nineteenth century commercial architecture. This distinguished collection of buildings produces a streetscape which evokes an ambience that is clearly distinct from the rest of Cynthiana. As such, the commercial district ranks among the best examples of its type in the Bluegrass region.

Cynthiana was established by an act of the Second General Assembly of Kentucky on December 10, 1793. The same year Harrison County was formed from parts of Bourbon and Scott counties, and named for Col. Benjamin Harrison, a Revolutionary War veteran and member of the state convention which drafted the first constitution of Kentucky. Cynthiana was named for Cynthia and Anna, the daughters of Robert Harrison, who had given the land for the public square. Historically agricultural, the county's major crops throughout the nineteenth century were corn, hemp, oats, rye, tobacco, and wheat. In addition, the breeding and raising of livestock played a significant role in the economy of the county. The Licking River forms the eastern boundary while the South Fork of the Licking River traverses through the center of Harrison County and numerous streams and springs flow through the county.

Cynthiana developed northward and eastward from the Licking River. The present Main Street became the first "Main Street" with the completion of several log, frame, and brick buildings which were situated on the road leading to Cincinnati.

The town was an unfortunate victim of the ravages of the Civil War. During the second battle of Cynthiana on June 11, 1864, half the buildings of the town were destroyed by fire. All the buildings on East Pike Street with the exception of the hotel, which survives today, were burned, as well as most of the buildings on the east side of South Main Street. As a result, most of the existing commercial buildings date from the late 1860s to the late 1890s, so that by 1900 the present streetscape was fairly well established.

Today, the district retains a rich concentration of significant buildings which comprise a relatively unbroken and visually rich streetscape. In addition, the merchants and local government officials have expressed an interest in working to preserve the district.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Beers, D. G. Atlas of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine and Woodford Counties, KY.  
Philadelphia: D.G. Beers and Co., 1877

Clark, Thomas D. A History of Kentucky, Lexington, KY: The John Bradford Press, 1954

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 15 acres

Quadrangle name Cynthiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

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H 

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The Cynthiana Commercial District begins at the south-east and southwest corners of South Main Street and proceeds north up the east and west sides of the 10 and 100 Block of South Main Street to the northeast and northwest corners of South Main Street and east and west Pleasant Street; then from the intersection of South Main

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

state	NA	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title William Gus Johnson, historian and photographer

organization Harrison County Heritage Commission

date April, 1982

street & number P. O. Box 366

telephone (606) 234-3641

city or town Cynthiana

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

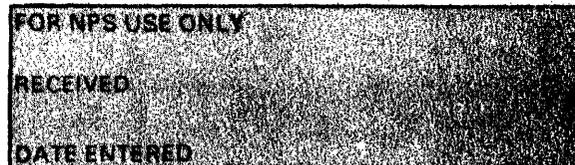
State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Mary Curran Apple*

title *State Historic Preservation Officer*

date *September 7, 1982*

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<u><i>J. Nelson Ryan</i></u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u><i>10/19/82</i></u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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PROPERTY OWNERS

Note: Unless otherwise indicated all addresses are Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031

<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>
122-126 S. Main St.	Edward A. Whaley & Chas. C. McCarty, Jr.	122 S. Main St.
118 S. Main St.	Jack Arnold	117 Court St.
116 S. Main St.	Mr. Russell T. Arnold	116½ S. Main St.
114 S. Main St.	Mrs. Lula Harney	114 S. Main St.
110 S. Main St.	Mr. John L. Cummins	110 S. Main St.
108 S. Main St.	Rodney Haggard Estate (c/o The National Bank of Cynthiana)	104 S. Main St.
104 S. Main St.	The National Bank of Cynthiana	104 S. Main St.
109 S. Main St.	Mr. Taylor Cason, Jr.	103 Meadow Lane
107 S. Main St.	Mr. C. F. Tussey	316 E. Pike St.
105 S. Main St.	Mrs. J. W. Rider Mrs. Sam Arnold, Jr.	516 E. Pike St. Edgewater Pike
47 S. Main St.	Mrs. Betty Perkins	47 S. Main St.
45 S. Main St.	Mr. Ed Smith	Republican Pike
43 S. Main St.	Mr. Russell Whalen	43 S. Main St.
41 S. Main St.	Mrs. Robert Estep & Mrs. James Gray	41 S. Main St.
Masonic Lodge		
39 & 37 S. Main St.	Masonic Lodge	39 S. Main St.
27 & 25 S. Main St.	Mr. Garnett Bell	25 S. Main St.
23 & 19 S. Main St.	" " "	" " " "
17 S. Main St.	Mr. Rick Chasteen	17 S. Main St.
11 S. Main St.	I. O. O. F Lodge # 127	11 S. Main St.
9 S. Main St.	Mr. Gerald Whalen	43 E. Pike St.
5 S. Main St.	Mr. Joe Fitzgerald	R. R. # 6
3 S. Main St.	" " "	" "

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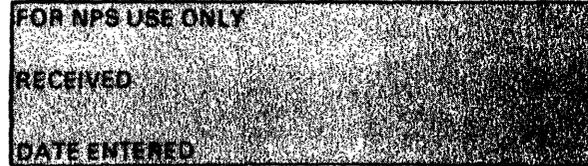
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<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>
15 S. Main St.	Mr. Wilson Palmer & Mr. Doug Hampton	15 S. Main St.
10 S. Main St.	Harrison County Farm Bureau	10 S. Main St.
6 S. Main St.	Mr. T. F. Monroe	P. O. Box 156
Harrison Co. Courthouse	Harrison County Fiscal Court	S. Main St.
8 E. Pike St.	Mrs. Opsa Guthrie	548 E. Pike St.
12 E. Pike St.	" " "	" " " "
14-16 E. Pike St.	Mr. John Lair	16 E. Pike St.
20 E. Pike St.	Mr. Shearle J. Hicks	20 E. Pike St.
22 E. Pike St.	Mr. James Brown	111 Grandview Dr.
26 E. Pike St.	Mr. Bonny Dailey	26 E. Pike St.
30 E. Pike St.	Mr. William E. Warner	R. R. # 4, Paris Pike
36 E. Pike St.	Mrs. Betty F. Smith	135 Taylor Drive
40 E. Pike St.	Mr. John Swinford	106 S. Elmarch Ave.
44 E. Pike St.	" " "	" " " "
46 E. Pike St.	" " "	" " " "
48-52 E. Pike St.	Mr. Wilburn Carrington	Box 355, Stour, OH 43684
5-9 E. Pike St.	Mrs. J. W. Rider Mrs. Sam Arnold, Jr.	516 E. Pike St. Edgewater Pike
Lerman Bros. Dept Store		
11-13 E. Pike St.	Mr. Harry Lair	13 E. Pike St.
15-17 E. Pike St.	Mr. Darl W. Feix	115 N. Elmarch Ave.
21 E. Pike St.	Mr. Russell Currans	Woodland Terrace
25 E. Pike St.	Mrs. Berniece Eads	Paris Pike
27-29 E. Pike St.	Mr. Taylor Cason, Jr.	103 Meadow Lane
31 E. Pike St.	Mr. William McKee	R. R. # 1, Old Lair Rd.
35 E. Pike St.	Mr. James Brown	111 Grandview Drive
37 E. Pike St.	Mr. John P. Lair	109 Grandview Dr.
39-43 E. Pike St.	Mr. Gerald Whalen	43 E. Pike St.
45 E. Pike St.	Mrs. J. W. Rider	516 E. Pike St.

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<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>
Harrison Deposit Bank & Trust Co.	Harrison Dep. Bank & Trust c/o Melvin Hampton, V-pres.	E. Pike St.
104 E. Pike St.	Mr. W. G. Wiglesworth, Jr.	Pugh's Ferry Road
106-108 E. Pike St.	Adams and Moore, Inc.	107 E. Pike St.
126 E. Pike St.	Mr. Robert Poindexter	c/o Poindexter Lumber E. Pleasant St.
101 E. Pike St.	Mr. E. H. Withers	109 S. Walnut St.
105 E. Pike St.	Mrs. Eugenie Moss	875 Hiawatha Drive Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
107 E. Pike St.	Mr. William S. Stewart	107 E. Pike St.
111-115 E. Pike St.	Mr. Dennis Tussey	316 E. Pike St.
123-125 E. Pike St.	Mr. Robert Poindexter	c/o Poindexter Lumber E. Pleasant St.
127 E. Pike St.	" " "	" " "
111-129 So. Main Street	Harrison County Fiscal Court	
29-31 So. Main Street	Harrison County Fiscal Court	
14-16 So. Main Street	Harrison County Fiscal Court	
101 So. Main Street	Farmers' National Bank	
118-120 East Pike Street	Harrison County Fiscal Court	
132 East Pike Street	George Philips	510 East Bridge Street
134 East Pike Street	Harold Worrell	601 East Pike Street

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Three-and four-story buildings dating from the 1870s to the 1880s comprise the east side of the 100 block of South Main (see photo 3). There are two intrusions in the block, a municipal parking lot now occupies the site of where several three-story brick commercial buildings once stood; and the Farmers National Bank, a ca: 1960 structure, on the corner of South Main and East Pike Streets. Most of the buildings are three and six bays wide and display projecting cast-iron cornices, cast-iron storefronts and a variety of window treatments. No. 109 is a four-story brick structure with a projecting bracketed and dentilled cast-iron cornice. The building is accented with limestone quoins and ornate cast-iron window heads. The original cast-iron storefronts, manufactured in Cincinnati, Ohio remain intact. No. 107 presents a smooth stone facade with a projecting bracketed cast-iron cornice. Three tall rounded headed windows with segmented hood molds supported by columns pierce the second floor while round arched bays accentuate the third story. The building was originally constructed to house a dry-goods business. The Lerman Brothers Department Store building features a projecting bracketed cast-iron cornice and round-headed windows with limestone bond molds. The first floor interior retains the original pressed tin ceiling. As with Nos. 109 and 107, the cast-iron storefront survives today.

The west side of the 10 block of South Main from West Pike to Market Street comprise the courthouse square. The present building, the third courthouse to occupy this site, is a two-story Greek Revival style brick structure constructed in 1853 and is listed in the National Register.

Two two-story brick buildings which are two of the oldest buildings in Cynthiana complete the remainder of the west side of the block(see photo 5). No. 10, built ca: 1839, is a three-bay, side passage structure with Flemish bond facade, and windows enhanced by jack arches. The gabled roof is set off by a boxed cornice and interior gable and chimney. For several years this building has been used as the offices of the Harrison County Farm Bureau. No. 6 is a six-bay structure and displays a projecting bracketed and dentilled cornice. The common bond facade is enhanced with round-headed windows on the second floor and a limestone belt course. A dry-cleaning establishment, CPA's and attorney's office now occupy the building. The side of the one-story frame commercial building facing onto Market Street and a vacant lot used as parking area for Harrison County Court officials constitute intrusions on this block.

Two and three-story brick and stone buildings dating from the 1860s to the early 1900s and a structure built in 1812 comprise the east side of the 10 block of South Main Street (see photo 6). The only intrusion is the municipal parking lot located between Nos. 37 and 27. Most of the buildings are

*Remon-  
square*

*(original)  
revival*

*Greek  
Revival*

*100 block / New Commercial / 1812 / 1860s / 1900s / Revival*

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three and four bays wide and display embellished projecting cornices and a variety of window treatments. The three-story brick building located on the corner of South Main and East Pike exhibits straight-headed windows with limestone head molds and a projecting bracketed cornice. Tall round-headed windows with limestone head molds pierce the facade of No. 45, and the building is complemented by limestone quoins and projecting bracketed and dentilled cornice. This building once served as the offices of the Farmers Bank. Other buildings of interest are No. 43 a brick structure with straight-headed windows capped by ornate label molds and displaying an elaborate projecting cornice accented with brackets and dentils. No. 41 features windows set off by Corinthian columns and an equally impressive projecting bracketed and dentilled cornice. The upper story of this building once housed the first horse boot factory in Kentucky.

Situated on the northern side of the municipal parking lot is a two-story brick, three-bay vernacular building constructed in 1812 (see photo 7). Displaying a Flemish bond brickwork facade with first floor facade enhanced by rounded jack arches with keystones while the second floor bays are accented by jack arches with keystones. A gabled roof with dual interior chimneys and a boxed cornice adorned with dentils complete the building. From 1879 to ca: 1945, the structure housed the Faerber, Hamilton, Columbia, and Central hotels, and presently is used as a commercial and residential building. The Kehoe Brothers Building, constructed in 1897, retain its original cast-iron storefront, and displays straight-headed windows delineated by Corinthian order columns and a projecting cornice embellished with brackets and dentils (see photo 8). Nos. 21 and 9 exhibit projecting bracketed and dentilled cornices, and the bays on No. 9 are adorned by bracketed cornices, while the five upper bays the Resall Drug Store are accented by limestone label molds. The three-story building at No. 11 features straight windows with limestone lintels and sills and completed by a dentilled cornice.

The most impressive building on the east side of the 10 block of South Main is the Jett Building or Masonic Building as it is known today (see photo 9). Constructed ca: 1900, the lodge is a two-story, seven bay, smooth stone building in the Classical Revival mode. The main entrance is enhanced by an entablature supported by reeded pilasters, while a triangular pediment with pilasters with Corinthian capitals delineates the upper level central bays and the remaining bays are accented by bracketed cornices. A projecting modillioned cornice with central segmental pediment and corner pilasters complete the building.

The north side of the 10 block of East Pike Street is comprised of two and three-story brick buildings dating from the 1870s to the 1910s (see photo 10).

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The facade of No. 10 exhibits windows delineated by Corinthian Order columns, similar to 41 South Main, and a projecting bracketed and dentilled cornice. No. 14 features straight-hooded windows with pedimented label molds while displaying a projecting cornice with embellishments. The two-story brick building at 20 East Pike reveals straight-headed windows accented by architrave trim and a dentilled cornice. Straight-headed windows accented by jack arches pierce the upper level of No. 22 while a projecting modillioned cornice completes the building. The First Federal Bank once occupied this building. Proceeding in an eastward direction the next five buildings are two-story brick structures which exhibit straight-headed windows with various treatments and dentilled cornices. The Pressman Building, a three-story brick structure, displays tall straight-headed windows with limestone sills separated by pilasters and complemented by a corbelled cornice.

By far, the most interesting building on the north side of this block is the two-story rough-faced stone Romanesque style building, constructed in 1897, at 8 E. Pike St. (see photo 11). The first floor displays two entrances, one with compound arch and tympanum accented by columns with enriched molding, the other with transom enhanced by pedimented frontispiece. Five round-headed windows with rounded arches pierce the second story, and a projecting cornice enriched with dentils complete the building.

An equally impressive collection of two and three-story brick buildings constructed in the 1870s to the early 1900s comprise the south side of the ten block of East Pike (see photo 12). Six of the buildings retain their original cast-iron storefronts, manufactured in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Lerman Bros. Department Store, who have been in the same location since 1919, occupy three of the buildings at the western end of the block. The two-story brick buildings are three and four bays wide and display round-headed windows, cast-iron storefronts and projecting bracketed cornices. The interiors of each building retain the original pressed tin ceilings. Three lancet windows with arches and jack arches puncture the facade of No. 21 which retains the cast-iron storefront manufactured by Schreiber and Sons Iron Works Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio. The two-story brick building at 77 East Pike displays round-headed windows with limestone segmental hood molds and completed by a cast-iron projecting bracketed cornice. No. 29, a three-story brick structure features straight-headed windows with limestone lintels and sills, cast-iron storefront manufactured by Stewart Iron Works Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a cast-iron projecting cornice embellished with brackets. Other buildings of interest in this block are No. 31, a brick structure with paired windows adorned with pedimented label molds and displaying a cast-iron projecting bracketed cornice, and No. 45

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which exhibits straight-headed windows and projecting cornice accented with brackets and dentils.

The Rohs Building, a three-story brick building at the eastern end of the block, is quite an impressive structure exhibiting a facade of segmental rounded horseshoe arches and a handsome projecting bracketed cornice (see photo 13). The second and third floors of the building, originally housed the Opera House which operated for many years and later the first movie theater in Cynthiana. Completing the block is the Harrison Deposit Bank, a three-story brick structure featuring a variety of window treatments (see photo 14). The central bays on the second and third floors facing E. Pike are enhanced with a label mold and a cornice. A dentilled cornice with a segmental pediment, a balustrade and a cupula with metal roof complete the building.

Two and three-story brick buildings constructed from ca: 1870 to 1929 make up the north side of the 100 block of East Pike (see photo 15). The Louisville and Nashville railroad track divides the block, and the only intrusion is a two-story concrete block building on the east side of No. 108. The Reister building, a three-story brick structure was constructed ca: 1917-1920 on the site of McMurtry's Livery Stable. Paired straight-headed windows with limestone sills pierce the East Pike facade while pilasters delineate the paired bays on the Walnut Street facade. No. 106 has suffered severe alterations by the application of a metal facade to the original brick facade; however, the original cast-iron hood molds and cast-iron projecting bracketed cornice remain intact behind the new facade. The two-story brick building at 108 East Pike has been slightly altered, but the original second floor facade displaying an embellished pressed metal bay window accented by columns remains intact. An ornamental pressed metal projecting cornice complete the building. No. 126, a two-story brick structure, built ca: 1929, exhibits a cast-iron storefront and a plain cornice (see photo 16). A ca: 1850 two-story brick vernacular building, considered a contributing element to the district, finishes up the block (see photo 17). The structure, now used as apartments, displays common bond brick work and completed by a gable roof.

The south side of the 100 block of East Pike consists of two and three-story buildings constructed from 1853 to 1915 (see photo 18). The most impressive building on the block is a two-story, three-bay brick structure exhibiting an ornate cast-iron storefront and upper story bays capped by rounded arches and limestone hood molds, and completed by an embellished cast-iron

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bracketed cornice. The facade of No. 105 is punctured by straight-headed windows with limestone lintels and sills and finished by a dentilled cornice. No. 107 was heavily damaged by a fire in 1955 which resulted in the alteration of the original facade; however, the pressed tin ceiling of the interior remains intact. The three-story brick building, constructed in 1853 as a hotel on the west side of the L & N track is the oldest commercial building on East Pike. During the Civil War, all the buildings on both blocks of East Pike Street were destroyed by fire with the exception of the hotel. The old hotel displays a common bond facade pierced by tall straight-headed windows with limestone lintels and sills and accented by a center gable.

Two brick buildings on the east side of the L & N track complete the block (see photo 19). No. 123 is a two-story brick structure, constructed in 1911 exhibiting a cast-iron storefront, straight-headed windows with limestone lintels and sills and finished by a cast-iron bracketed cornice. The two-story brick building at 127 East Pike features a cast-iron storefront, straight-headed windows and an unadorned cornice.

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and East Pike Street proceed east along the north and south sides of the 10 and 100 block of East Pike Street to the southeast and northeast corners of East Pike Street and South Church Street.

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East Bridge St.

East Pleasant Street

North

100 Block of South Main St.

10 Block of South Main St.

Photo 9

Photo 8

Photo 5

Photo 10

Photo 11

10 Block of East Pleasant St.

Photo 12

Photo 13

Photo 14

Photo 15

100 Block of East Pleasant St.

East Pleasant St.

Walnut St.

Walnut St.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad

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