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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION  
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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 West Cedar Street Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number North and South sides of West Cedar Street between North High Street and West Street.  not for publication N/A

city or town Franklin  vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Simpson code 213 zip code 42134

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.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO and  
Executive Director 11-1-95

Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Title State Historic Preservation Office: Kentucky Heritage Council

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: \_\_\_\_\_)

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

1-11-96

West Cedar Street Historic District  
Name of Property

Simpson Co., Kentucky  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
69	13	buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
70	13	Total

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

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ single dwelling  
Domestic/secondary structure  
Religion/religious facility  
Vacant/not in use

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
Domestic/secondary structure  
Religion/religious facility  
Vacant/not in use  
Funerary/mortuary  
Industry/communications facility

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century: Greek Revival, Gothic Revival  
Early Republic: Federal  
Late Victorian: Queen Anne

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Wood  
Brick  
roof Asphalt  
other Stone

**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**

(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)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1850-1945

**Significant Dates**

1850

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

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

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

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

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Ky.

West Cedar Street Historic District  
Name of Property

Simpson Co., Kentucky  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property approximately 28 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	16	537500	4064000
Zone	Easting		Northing
2	16	537490	4063880

3	16	536620	4063920
Zone	Easting		Northing
4	16	536600	4064040

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 Donna G. Logsdon, Historic Preservation Consultant

organization Logsdon & Logsdon Architects date 7/28/95

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**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.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Architectural Classification:

Late 19th & Early 20th C. American Movements: Bungalow/Craftsman

Narrative Description

The West Cedar Street historic district is part of a six block area located on a major transportation route, State Route 100, in Simpson County, Kentucky, on the west side of the downtown commercial district. The district is composed of 54 properties which is comprised of 41 residential buildings, 25 secondary structures, one commercial building, one church, one funeral home, and one site that are contributing and nine residential and four secondary structures that are non-contributing for a total of 82 buildings and one site. All but thirteen buildings contribute to the districts sense of time and place. The historic district begins at North High Street and extends westward to include all of the buildings facing West Cedar Street to one lot west of West Street. The buildings are primarily one- and two-story wood-frame or brick residential structures with gabled roofs on long and narrow lots, and represent the period of significance spanning from 1850 to 1945. The district covers approximately 28 acres.

List of Resources

WEST CEDAR STREET																		
Code	Address	Stories				Plan Type					Materials				Alter		Date	Eval.
		1	1.5	2	2.5	CP	TP	DT	IH	UD	WD	BR	ST	CB	Y	N		
1	301		X			X					X				X		1870	C
2	305		X							X	X	X			X		1922	C
3	307																1950s	NC
4	311		X			X					X						1850	C
5	315			X						X	X				X		1910s	C
6	317			X						X	X				X		1892	C
7	321			X			X				X					X	1890s	C
8	325				X	X						X			X		1892	C
9	331		X							X	X				X		1940s	C

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WEST CEDAR STREET																			
Code	Address	Stories				Plan Type						Materials				Alter		Date	Eval. C/NC
		1	1.5	2	2.5	CP	TP	DT	IH	UD	WD	BR	ST	CB	Y	N			
10	335																	1970s	NC
11	339			X		X							X				X	1900	C
12	341			X			X					X					X	1870	C
13	345																	1960s	NC
14	401			X			X					X					X	1898	C
15	405	X									X		X					1930s	NC
16	409			X							X		X				X	1866	C
17	413	X					X					X					X	1875	C
18	417			X			X					X					X	1890	C
19	421			X			X					X					X	1885	C
20	425																	1950s	NC
21	427			X								X					X	1890	C
22	429																	1980s	NC
23	435	X									X	X					X	1930	C
24	439	X										X					X	1930s	C
25	(441)																	1970s	NC
26	VACANT																		C
27a	445																	1945	NC

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WEST CEDAR STREET																			
Code	Address	Stories				Plan Type						Materials				Alter		Date	Eval.
		1	1.5	2	2.5	CP	TP	DT	IH	UD	WD	BR	ST	CB	Y	N			
27	447			X		X						X	X				X	1910	C
28	453			X							X	X				X		1910	C
29	501				X						X		X				X	1895	C
30	505		X								X	X				X		1870s	C
31	454	X					X					X				X		1905	C
32	450			X							X			X		X		1910	C
33	446																	1950s	NC
34	442		X			X					X	X				X		1900	C
35	436																	1960s	NC
36	432			X							X	X	X			X		1920	C
37	426		X								X		X			X		1910s	C
38	420		X			X						X				X		1875	C
39	416			X					X			X				X		1870s	C
40	410			X			X					X				X		1900	C
41	402				X		X					X					X	1895	C
42	400	X				X						X				X		1910s	C
43	344			X							X	X	X			X		1850s	C
44	340				X	X						X		X		X		1913	C

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WEST CEDAR STREET																			
Code	Address	Stories				Plan Type						Materials				Alter		Date	Eval.
		1	1.5	2	2.5	CP	TP	DT	IH	UD	WD	BR	ST	CB	Y	N	C/NC		
45	338		X			X						X	X			X		1939	C
46	334			X		X							X				X	1850	C
47	330-332																	1960s	NC
48	324			X			X					X				X		1895	C
49	320	X					X					X				X		1920s	C
50	316	X					X					X				X		1925	C
51	314	X				X						X					X	1900	C
52	304			X		X						X	X				X	1850	C
53	302	X										X	X			X		1939	C
54	(300)																	1960	NC

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**Building Characteristics**

The West Cedar Street historic district, is comprised of part of six blocks facing West Cedar Street, between North High Street on the east and West Street on the west. Located on one of the earliest major transportation routes, it is the most cohesive group of early single-family residential buildings that form a neighborhood that developed adjacent to the downtown. Beginning one block west from the downtown commercial district, the West Cedar Street historic district is known for the high quality of early residential housing dating from the settlement period, 1819. The district is significant because it represents a residential neighborhood that was constructed during Franklin's development period, between 1819 and 1945. Of the 54 properties in the district, there are 69 contributing buildings: 44 primary and 25 outbuildings; thirteen non-contributing buildings: 9 primary and 4 outbuildings; and one contributing site. The majority of the 44 primary contributing buildings are one- and two-story, wood-frame or brick, single-



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family residences that have remained intact for over 170 years and exemplify a cohesive group of early architectural plan types and building styles. The residential plan types include central passage, T-plan, dog trot, and I-house ranging from one- to two-and-a-half stories, in wood-frame or brick. Architectural styles vary from Mid-19th Century Greek and Gothic Revivals to late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements represented by the Bungalow and Craftsman styles.

The West Cedar Street historic district begins in the second block west of courthouse. The first block of the district begins at the corner of North High Street and heads west to the first 10 foot wide alley where the original town survey ended. In this first wide street block, between North High Street and the alley, the lots range between 75 and 150 feet wide and are 125 to 225 feet long. Two of the original five lots facing West Cedar Street have been divided to include two more houses, one built in 1939 and the other in the 1970s. On the northwest corner of West Cedar and North High Streets is the only commercial building in this district, the old Houchens grocery store (# 54) built in 1960. Although this pivotal building replaces an earlier two-story residence, it is a reminder of the downtown grocery stores which provided food for the growing residential neighborhood and the downtown commercial district. Today, Franklin's newspaper printing press and offices for the Franklin Favorite occupies this one-story brick building.

Two of the oldest houses in the district are in this first block, dating from 1850. The Dr. J. S. Mulloy Residence at 311 West Cedar Street (# 4) is named for a prominent physician. This a one-and-a-half story wood-frame residence has a symmetrical front facade with paired wood columns supporting the central pedimented entry. The one-car garage and well house with wine cellar are still intact behind the house. Across the street at 304 (# 52), is a two-story brick residence with heavy brick columns supporting the wrap-around porch with offset entry. Both residences, however, are early examples of the Greek Revival style.

The street narrows heading west of the alley to John J. Johnson Avenue. This block contains nine lots on both the north and south sides of the street including numerous buildings dating from the late 1890s. These prominent homes visibly portray an affluent neighborhood by the large scale buildings on lots ranging from 50 feet to 150 feet wide. Historically, the depth of the lots on the north and south sides of the street spanned the whole block, however, after 1947 both sides of the street were divided into lots facing West Cedar Street, West Kentucky, and West Madison Avenues. Since then, the lot depth on the north side has remained consistent at 125 feet while the depth on the south side fluctuates from 100 to 200 feet on the east end to 275 feet near the west end of the block. Lot widths on the adjacent streets are consistently narrower at 50 feet wide with an average depth between 75 and 125 feet.

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Within this block is the Dr. Venable home located at 321-323 West Cedar Street (# 7), built in the 1890s. This large scale T-plan residence has fish scale shingles and decorative circular attic vents in the gabled ends portraying the Queen Anne style. Next door, at 325 (# 8), is a 1892 residence that was converted to the Red cross Headquarters, then Booker Funeral Home in 1945. This Greek Revival structure that has a carport addition and exterior stair on the east side that has been added to accomodate undertaking services, altering its appearance. The Francis Harris House at 340 West Cedar Street (# 44) is a two-and-a-half story Federal style residence constructed of quarry limestone and wood shingles. Built in 1913 it displays a unique combination of materials. An example of an I-house with a one-story rear ell, is located at 334 West Cedar Street (# 46). The Neo-Classical style is emphasized by the front porches on the first and second floors, with recessed central entry arched doorway with sidelights and transom above. One of the most impressive Federal buildings in the district is located at 314 West Cedar (#51). Built in 1900, the porch is supported by doric columns and is enhanced with dentilwork along the roof edge. The central entry door has an arched transom that is surrounded by elaborate carved framework, portraying a high level of detail and workmanship. Between John J. Johnson Avenue and West Street, 100 foot wide lots continue to line both sides of the street with several continuing to span the depth of the block on the north side to West Kentucky Avenue. Dating from the late 1800s, several lots have been divided and now include a few homes dating from the 1950s. There are 28 properties including the West Cedar Church of Christ (# 24) which is a one-story wood-frame Gothic Revival Church built in the 1920s. This one-story building is covered with weatherboards and has paired central entry doors with a pointed arch transom flanked by paired windows with pointed arches. The Bungalow is represented by the residence located at 450 West Cedar Street (# 32), built in 1910. The broad front porch is supported by colossal stone columns, wood knee braces visually support the gabled ends, and exposed rafter ends dot the shed dormer eaves, displaying details in workmanship.

The western boundary of the district extends to include one property west of West Street on the south side since it is the last building in the contiguous group of structures that embodies the characteristics of the 19th and early 20th century through the Colonial Revival style. This one-and-a-half story residence (# 30), built in the 1870s, has a flat hipped roof with a dormer and paired wood columns supporting the front entry porch enhanced by dentil work.

Several one-story brick or stone ranch houses dating from the 1950s were built on sub-divided lots. Only a few buildings have been covered with asbestos shingles, aluminum or vinyl siding. Although most buildings have typical alterations which include small one-story additions, new windows, or wrought iron columns replacing original wood columns, these modifications are non-obtrusive and are compatible in materials and design.

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**Integrity**

The West Cedar Street historic district is being considered for nomination under National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The buildings within the district have been identified as having an overall high level of integrity since they are the best representation of a residential neighborhood with buildings dating from 1850 to 1945 adjacent to Franklin's downtown commercial district. It has been determined that the historic associations of the district are conveyed through an integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling.

The buildings within the district are an excellent collection of historic resources that have remained in their ~~their~~ original location and setting since they were constructed adjacent to the downtown commercial district and along a major transportation route. The integrity of location has played an important part in the development of the neighborhood and the growth of Franklin since these buildings form an impressive visual gateway to the town. The overall building design and site configuration combined with a high level of workmanship displayed in the choice of materials and finely crafted details, is significant because they have remained intact with little modifications over the years. These modifications include the addition of carports, small side or rear one-story additions, covering the exterior with aluminum or vinyl siding, infilling existing window openings with new aluminum windows, and replacing wood porch posts with wrought iron columns. The majority of buildings in the district have retained their original character defining features. Relatively few buildings have had all five components altered. Therefore, the integrity of location, setting, design, materials, and workmanship of the buildings within the district collectively express the feeling of an historic period of time spanning between 1850 and 1945.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

The West Cedar Street historic district is being considered for nomination under National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The buildings are locally the best representation of an early nineteenth to mid-twentieth century upper middle class neighborhood and was evaluated within the context Architecture in Franklin, 1819-1945, focusing on the built environment and the people who made contributions to the growth and development of Franklin and Simpson County. This context was developed as part of the survey of Franklin in 1995 and is included in the "City of Franklin Survey Summary Report" on file at the Kentucky Heritage Council in Frankfort, Kentucky. Excerpts from the context Architecture are included in the text below.

The West Cedar Street historic district meets the registration requirements of the property type dwelling due to the high number of original building forms on their original sites which have retained integrity from the period of significance 1850-1945. Building setbacks, street patterns, lot size, use, and architectural style have also been retained making this the best collection of historic resources representing the development period of Franklin. This district is distinguished from other residential neighborhoods in Franklin by the density of development, relationship of dwellings to one another, and the configuration of the area as a whole.

**Architecture in Franklin 1819-1945**

Franklin, designated the county seat in 1819, is located near the intersection of U.S. 31-W and State Road 100. Downtown Franklin was established on a sixty-two acre site purchased from William Hudspeth in 1819. In 1820, the town was incorporated and surveyed by John B. Smith, Sr. of South Carolina. Mr. Smith was a representative of this district in the Kentucky Legislature and was one of the most influential men of his day in Simpson County. The town was named in honor of American statesman and inventor, Benjamin Franklin. That same year the courtsquare was laid out 297 feet square with a well on the northeast corner and a log courthouse built in the center.

At that time a log courthouse was built in the center of the courtsquare and four dirt or gravel streets surrounded the square eighty feet wide that was lined with commercial buildings. Between the late 1880 to the 1920s the paving around the courthouse was brick and constantly required repair. Pavements in front of residences were brick or gravel and the owners were required to keep the walks in usable condition. Adjacent to these were four streets that ran perpendicular to each other sixty feet wide with alleys ten feet wide. Of the four streets, Main and Market ran in the north-south direction, with Cedar Street and Kentucky Avenue in the east-west direction. Main Street, the Louisville and Nashville Turnpike, became the major north-

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south transportation route, later known as 31-W. Cedar Street became the major east-west transportation route with East Cedar Street, State Route 100, heading east to Scottsville and West Cedar Street, State Route 73, heading southwest to Russellville from downtown. The Louisville and Nashville railroad, which was completed with a stop in Franklin in 1859, laid the foundation for future growth boosting this small crossroads village into a sophisticated town. Farm produce, livestock, and tobacco, as well as passengers could be transported by the train. By the early 1900s a few cars travelled on county roads and city streets and by the 1920s bus service began between Franklin and nearby towns.

In 1860, the log courthouse was torn down and a brick structure was erected on the same site. On May 17, 1882 the courthouse burned and later that year another courthouse was erected with a bell and clock tower. Historically, jails occupied one or two rooms in a courthouse, however, the Simpson County Jail, built in 1879, was located on the southeast corner of College and Washington Streets. This unique two-story grey stone structure has walls two feet thick, metal straps on the exterior, and narrow slot-like openings for windows. These two buildings are a part of the central business district.

Commercial development around the courthouse began as early as 1819 with the establishment of both negro and white businesses. The first stores in Franklin were located on the east side of the public square, however, grocery stores, general merchandise stores, barber shops, hotels, and hardware stores, also surrounded the courthouse. Although the town has also increased in size and population, the original grid street pattern and many of the two-story, brick and wood-frame commercial buildings dating from the mid-1800s remain in existence today. The number of commercial buildings has increased around the courthouse in the downtown commercial district on narrow and long lots with buildings touching each other.

The Franklin Downtown Commercial District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in February 1983, encompasses the core of the downtown area and contains buildings dating from 1822. Of the fifty-three buildings in the district, fifty-one are commercial structures and two are multi-family residential structures. Only thirteen buildings were designated as non-contributing. The Simpson County Courthouse, built in 1822, is the focal point of the district and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places March 18, 1980.

The West Cedar Street historic district, is comprised of part of six blocks, including only the lots facing West Cedar Street, between North High Street and West Street. Located on one of the earliest major transportation routes, it is primarily a single-family residential neighborhood that developed adjacent to the downtown commercial district. Beginning one block west from the downtown commercial district, the West Cedar Street historic district is known for the high quality of early residential housing dating from the

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settlement period, 1819. The district is significant because it represents a residential neighborhood that was constructed during Franklin's development period, between 1850 and 1945. Of the 54 properties in the district, only twelve are non-contributing based on age. The majority of the 42 contributing properties have one- or two-story, wood-frame or brick, single-family residences that have remained intact for over 95 years and exemplify a cohesive group of early architectural plan types and building styles. The residential plan types include central passage, T-plan, dog trot, and I-house ranging from one- to two-and-a-half stories, in wood-frame or brick. Architectural styles vary from Mid-19th Century Greek and Gothic Revivals to late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements represented by the Bungalow and Craftsman styles.

Although the West Cedar Street historic district is primarily a residential neighborhood, there are three non-residential properties in the district; a non-contributing commercial building on the east end of the district built in the 1950s, a funeral home constructed in 1892, and the 1920s West Cedar Street Church of Christ, both in the middle of the district which are contributing. All of these structures represent basic needs of a community; a grocery store provided subsistence for the body, a church offered spiritual sustenance, and for the preservation and remembrance of our physical bodies, a funeral home.

One of the earliest undertakers in Franklin was located on the north side of the square in 1867. In the early days a messenger would ride a horse to the homes of friend and relatives with a black bordered invitation stating who was dead, the time and place of the funeral. The bodies were embalmed by an undertaker and returned to the home where friends and family members paid their respects, brought food and stayed up all night. Many funeral services were conducted in the home and family members were buried on the home farm in the early 1800s in Simpson County while others were held in the church of which the deceased was a member. By the 1930s families left the casket at the funeral home until funeral services. By 1975 the funeral home took care of all the necessary arrangements and provided for the comfort of the bereaved family.

In the late 1890s V.N. Booker purchased the funeral home of Meador and Saunders on the north side of the square in the Masonic Building. Booker graduated from embalming schools and held diplomas from Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee and served as the President of the Kentucky Funeral Directors Association. Booker Funeral Home (# 8) moved to 325 West Cedar Street in 1945 and occupied the two-and-a-half-story residence built in 1892. The building was remodeled and enlarged in 1954 and again in 1961. In 1975 the Booker Funeral Home was one of two funeral homes that served the funeral and ambulance needs of the city and county.

After early settlers built their homes their thoughts turned to places to

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worship God. Many of the early churches were held in brush arbors, barns, or private homes. The St. James Episcopal Church was originally used by the Sulphur Spring Baptist church who built it after their church burned in 1936. They worshipped here until the 1960s. Today, it is owned by the West Cedar Street Church of Christ (# 24).

Grocery stores first appeared around the courthouse in the late 1800s and early 1900s. However, one of the earliest was the W.H. Bogan Grocery, located on the corner of Hale and Jefferson Street in the late 1800s in the Harristown historic district. Houchens, located on the northwest corner of West Cedar Street and North High Street was built in 1960 replacing an earlier historic two-story dwelling. When Houchen's grocery store moved out of downtown, the building was occupied by Franklin's newspaper printing office, the Franklin Favorite (# 54). Previously known as the Franklin Sentinel newspaper, it was established in 1867, moved to this location in 1975.

Although there are only a few non-contributing buildings in the district, this district is distinguished from other residential neighborhoods in Franklin by the high density of closely related residential buildings; their location near the downtown commercial district; their setting along a major transportation route; materials such as brick, wood, and stone; the workmanship displayed in the details including fish scale shingles in the gabled ends, carved wood door and window trim; and the feeling they convey as a cohesive unit representing the period of significance from 1819 to 1945.

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Alice Bailey  
Sarah Smith  
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Mary Lanier Wilson  
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**10. Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the West Cedar Street historic district is bounded on the east by North High Street and extends three blocks west to West Street including all the properties fronting West Cedar Street and one lot west of West Street on the south side. The site is delineated on Property Identification Map 13, block 12, lots 19-30; block 11, lots 1-13; block 3, lots 1, 3-18; block 7, lots 14,15; and block 2, lots 2-10-21, in Franklin's Property Valuation Office. The district consists of approximately 28 acres.

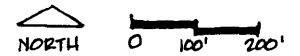
**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries for the West Cedar Street District were chosen to designate the most contiguous group of residential buildings that have the highest degree of integrity representing the period of significance from 1850-1945. The decision was made to include all properties fronting West Cedar Street with the boundary along the rear lot line. The properties to the east were not included since they are commercial structures and those buildings to the west are excluded based on age and lack of integrity. Those properties that back up to the properties fronting West Cedar Street were not included since they are either non-residential buildings or are part of another neighborhood.



- — — DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- ① PROPERTY NUMBER
- 324 ADDRESS
- ⓪ PHOTO #

WEST CEDAR STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY



- THIS MAP SERVES AS THE VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION -

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6. South, front elevation and  
detail of front entry door  
Dr. Joseph Garnet Gray House  
314 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 1

6. North, front elevation  
Dr. J.S. Mulloy Residence  
311 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 11

6. South, front elevation  
304 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 2

6. North elevation,  
Dr. J. S. Mulloy's wellhouse  
311 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 12

6. North, front elevation  
409 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 3

6. North, front elevation  
315 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 13

6. North, front elevation  
W. Cedar Church of Christ  
439 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 4

6. North elevation, detail of  
fish scale shingles in gabled end  
317 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 14

6. North, front elevation  
501 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 5

6. North, front elevation  
Booker Funeral Home  
325 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 15

6. North, front elevation  
453 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 6

6. North, front elevation  
Baird House  
339 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 16

6. South, front elevation  
450 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 7

6. South, front elevation  
Francis Harris House  
340 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 17

6. South, front elevation  
420 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 8

6. South, front elevation  
334 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 18

6. South, front elevation  
416 W. Cedar St.

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6. South, front elevation  
400 W. Cedar St.

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6. North, front elevation  
Kinney-Smith House  
301 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 21

6. South, front elevation  
302 W. Cedar St.

Photograph # 22

6. South elevation,  
Franklin Favorite  
300 W. Cedar St.