

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oklahoma	
COUNTY: Oklahoma	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.6.40.0005	DATE 6/3/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old North Tower

AND/OR HISTORIC:
"North Building"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
400 East Hurd

CITY OR TOWN:
Edmond

STATE Oklahoma	CODE 40	COUNTY: Oklahoma	CODE 109
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Central State College Campus

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Oklahoma

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN:
Oklahoma City

STATE: Oklahoma	CODE 40
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Oklahoma County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Oklahoma City

STATE Oklahoma	CODE 40
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Oklahoma Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958

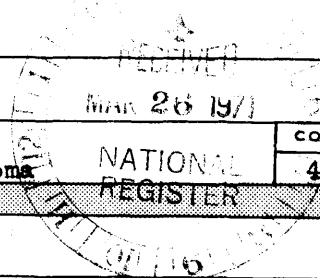
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building presently known as "Old North" or the "Old North Tower," on the campus of Central State College in Edmond, Oklahoma, was originally constructed in the fall of 1892 as a three-story square structure of pressed red bricks, manufactured on the present campus site. In addition to the three stories above ground there was a basement floor in the original configuration. The building was financed by the sale of bonds, which were voted on August 4, 1892, and by the sale of lots from the original 40 acres donated by Anton Classen of Edmond. (Ten acres were retained for the campus of what was then the "Territorial Normal School.")

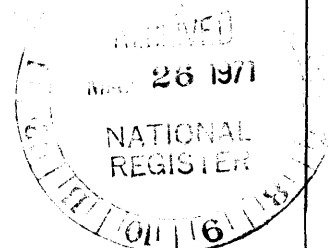
Today Old North is air conditioned and equipped with forced air heating. It contains 98 rooms, including offices, seminar rooms, classrooms, and other utility rooms. Its outside gross square footage is 32,096, and its assignable square footage inside is 21,183. It has a slate roof, which is in need of repair.

The Territorial Normal School was established by the First Territorial Legislature of the Territory of Oklahoma on December 23, 1890, and signed into law on December 24, 1890, by Governor George W. Steele. First classes were held in the North Building on January 2, 1893, under Principal Richard M. Thatcher. During the spring of 1893, the Third Territorial Legislature approved the addition of a tower and wings to the original building. These were constructed the following year of native red sandstone, quarried from a farm five miles northwest of Edmond.

On July 20, 1894, the Board of Regents for the Normal School met at Edmond and formally accepted the building addition. The Report of the Governor of Oklahoma for 1900 states:

The legislature of 1891 enacted that the "normal school for Oklahoma" be located at Edmond, an ideal college town on the Santa Fe, midway between Guthrie and Oklahoma City. Oklahoma County donated \$5,000 in bonds. Edmond gave 40 acres of land and bonds amounting to \$2,000. With this small amount the building was begun in the summer of 1892. The legislature of 1894 donated an additional amount for the completion of the building. In the past eight years many valuable improvements have been made until to-day it is a fine and commodious building of brick and red sandstone, costing upward of \$50,000. With broad halls and well-equipped class rooms, heated by the Smead system, it offers every opportunity to student and teacher.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century
(late) | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1893 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old North Tower is not only the state's first structure erected expressly for "normal school" training, but also the first building built for a state-supported institution of higher learning in Oklahoma. It is, in fact, a monument to teacher education in Oklahoma and signifies the original edifice constructed and dedicated to the purpose of educating the teachers so badly needed throughout the newly settled area of Oklahoma Territory. It was in 1893, and still is, a source of much pride to the city of Edmond, one of the first settlements in Oklahoma Territory, and to the profession of teacher education.

Old North further has the distinction of being the first educational structure of the oldest state-supported school in Oklahoma. The Territorial Normal was the first of the three initial institutions to get under way, holding its first classes on November 9, 1891, while Oklahoma A. & M. College first met on December 14, 1891, and Oklahoma University nearly a year later on September 15, 1892.

Since the first classes were held in the North Building in 1893, the structure has continuously served the cause of teacher education and higher education. A great many of the teachers of Oklahoma and of the nation have received their training and education within the walls of Old North. It is still very much in active use today, housing the Central State College Department of Education and Psychology, Special Education, The Reading Clinic, and the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annual Report, Territorial Officers, "Report of Oklahoma Educational Institutions, 1902," Guthrie, Press of the State Capital.
Edmond Sun and Sun-Democrat, 1889 through 1894, with specific reference to Aug. 31, 1893; March 4, 1894; July 20, 1894.
Jones, Edna, Compiled and Edited by, Sixty Years at Central, Edmond, Central State College, 1951.
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Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1891 ff.

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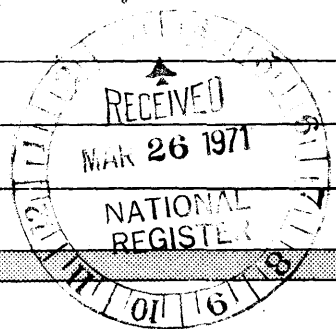
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Stan Hoig and Kent Ruth

ORGANIZATION: **Oklahoma Historical Society** DATE: **February 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Oklahoma** STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Stan M. Hoig*

Title *Leaven Office for arch*

Date _____

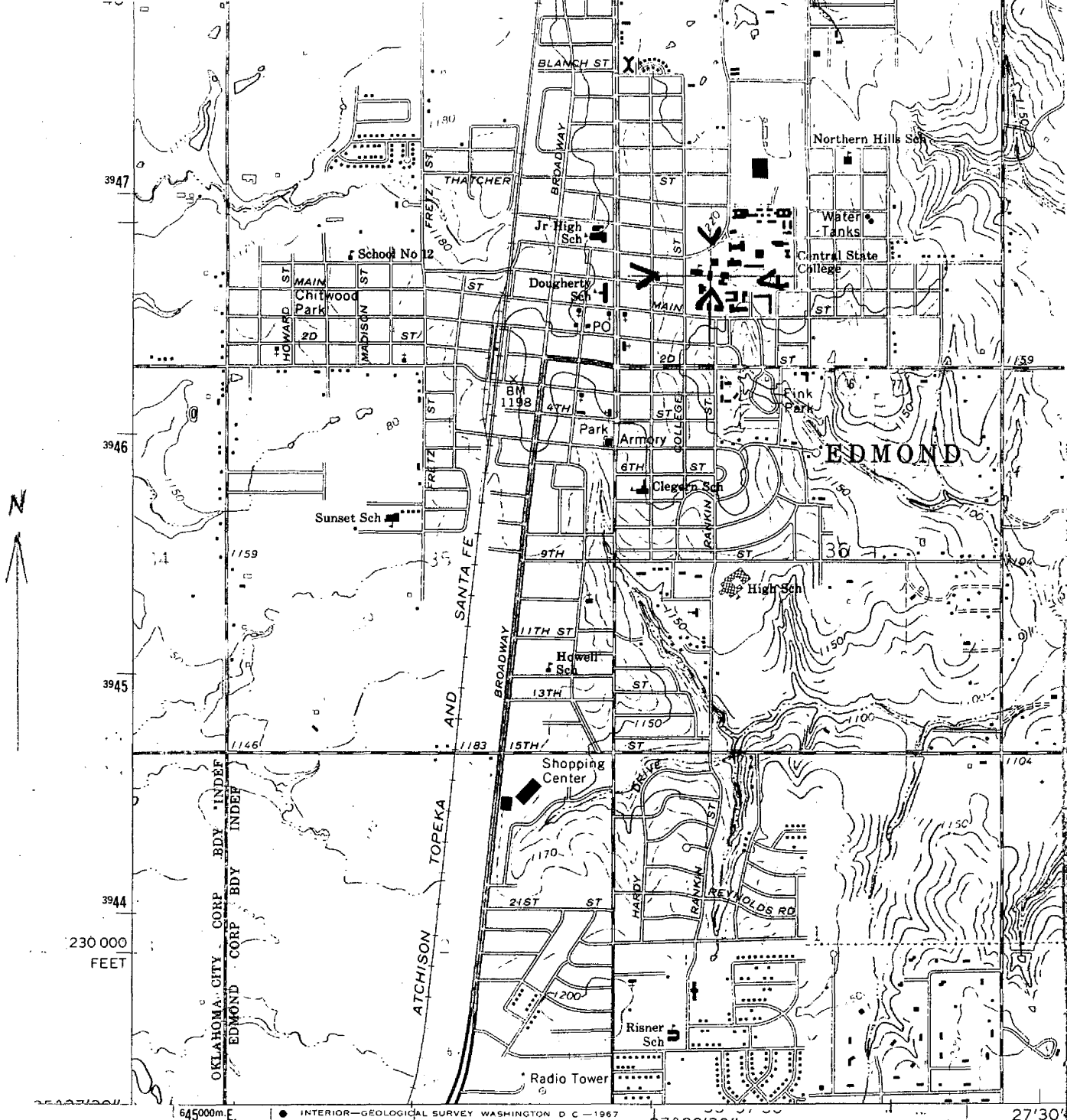
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
JUN 21 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William H. Stutz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **MAY 3 1971**



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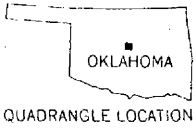
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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| Heavy-duty | ————— | Light-duty | - - - - - |
| Medium-duty | ————— | Unimproved dirt | |
| Interstate Route | ————— | U. S. Route | ————— |
| | | State Route | ————— |

(JONES)
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

EDMOND QUADRANGLE
OKLAHOMA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 EDMOND 15' QUADRANGLE

645

1218000 FEET

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97°22'30"

25°45'

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U. S. G. S. Edmond Quadrangle 7.5' Series

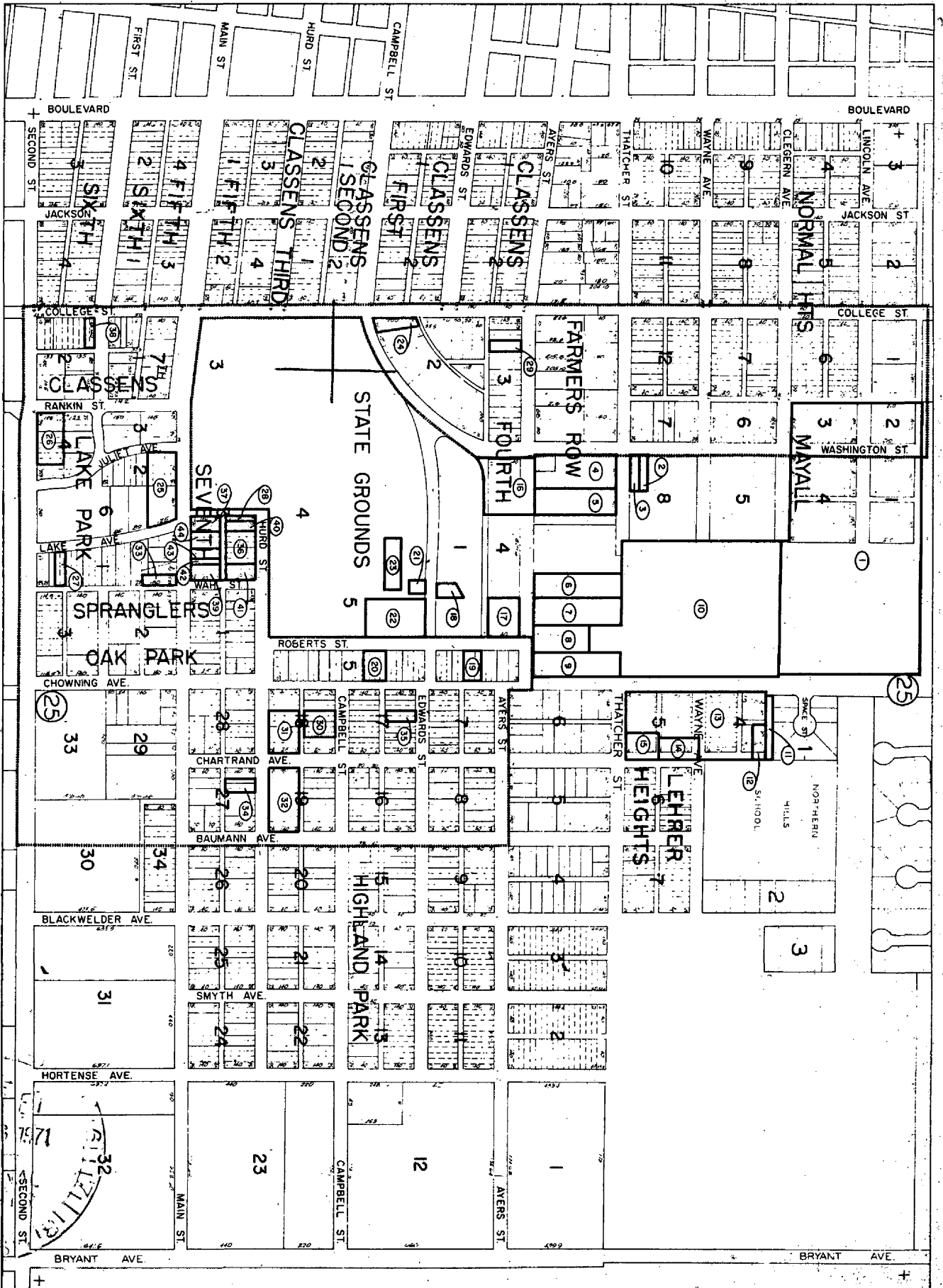
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference. Lat.: 35° 39' 21" Long.: 97° 28' 25"



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