

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property Southside Historic District (Boundary Increase)

County and State Jefferson, Alabama

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)  
N/A

1. Name of Property

historic name Southside Historic District (Boundary Increase)

other names/site number Lakeview, Seventh Avenue South, Bear Mash

2. Location

street & number 2208 Sixth Avenue South  not for publication

city or town Birmingham  vicinity

state Alabama code AL county Jefferson code 073 Zip code 35233

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide X local

[Signature]  
Signature of certifying official

May 2, 2011  
Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Title

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

[Signature]  
Signature of the Keeper

4/28/11  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

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

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

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

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	<b>Total</b>

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

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

90

**6. Function or Use**

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

Commerce

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

Vacant

**7. Description**

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

Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Commercial

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Concrete

walls: Brick

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Justification for the Boundary Increase for the Southside Historic District:

In the original nomination for the Southside Historic District, the boundary generally follows the rear lot lines of the buildings on the north side of Sixth Avenue South between 22nd and 23rd Streets South, except for the lot occupied by 2208 Sixth Avenue South and the parking lot directly east of it. Both of these lots are owned by the same owner. The boundary is being expanded to include both of these lots within the perimeter of the Southside Historic District.

When the nomination for the Southside Historic District was listed in 2005, 2208 Sixth Avenue South was clad in metal sheathing and would have been a noncontributing resource if it had been included. This probably explains why it and the parking lot next door were omitted. However, the omission of these properties created a snaggle-tooth in the boundary unjustified by the history of the District or any preponderance of noncontributing properties in the vicinity.

The current property owner recently removed the metal covering from the front façade, revealing a c. 1921 commercial building that retains much of its original architectural character. In terms of its construction date, historic use, architecture and building typology, 2208 Sixth Avenue South would now be a contributing resource in the Southside Historic District.

Plans are underway to rehabilitate the building according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and to seek the Investment Tax Credit. The building perpendicularly abuts the Pennington Auto Building at 517-19 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South (inventory #86), which is scheduled to be rehabilitated by the same owner for associated uses. The lot to the east of 2208 Sixth Avenue South was never developed after its original houses were torn down in the early 1920s. It comprises 50' of surface-level parking.

Corrections/Additions to the Inventory:

The inventory for the Southside Historic District must be amended to include 2208 Sixth Avenue South. In addition, the architectural description for Inventory #87 in the original nomination actually described 2208 Sixth Avenue South as it appeared at that time, although on the original sketch map the noncontributing building on the northeast corner of Sixth Avenue South and 22nd Street South was identified as #87. Therefore, the sketch map is being corrected to reflect that the boundary now includes 2208 Sixth Avenue South and its parking lot, that 2208 Sixth Avenue South is Inventory #87, that the building on the corner is #87A and that the parking lot is marked "P". Accurate architectural descriptions for the two buildings are below. The parking lot is not counted as a resource in accordance with NR guidelines in 2005 when the historic district was listed.

Inv. #87: 2208 Sixth Avenue South c. 1921 Contributing

This is a one-storey commercial building, 50 feet wide and 140 feet deep, built about 1921 for an automobile painting business. In automotive service uses most of its life, it is of load-bearing brick construction on a concrete slab foundation; it is built with Bessemer Gray bricks with a combed red brick on its face laid in a *parquet* pattern that also appears on the bulkheads. All the face brick and some along the sides toward the front was at some point painted or stained a pale gray color.

The building façade retains its double storefront configuration, the two halves separated by a central brick pier. The west half has a pedestrian doorway in a standard storefront dating from 1950; this storefront replaced an earlier large metal-frame window that had no entry into that half. The east half is now completely taken up with a vehicle entry, now boarded,

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that had contained a garage door that was also a later alteration. Covered in metal from c. 1970 until recently, the façade has been revealed by removal of the face screen, showing the survival of the original parapet crenellation, metal-frame pivot-window transom panels, and inset lozenge and dart stone decoration in the piers. Original scuppers and downspouts are intact, having been re-attached over the metal façade. Rehabilitation plans call for them to be put back in their original locations on the side piers.

The interior is, except for an infill office area at the front, essentially in its original utilitarian condition, with concrete floor, structural brick walls, metal truss ceiling and wire-glass industrial windows in the rear wall.

The earliest available photograph of the old 2208 building is from the Board of Equalization file of 1938, showing the double block serving at that time as a carpet cleaning business. A 1950 Board update photo shows the storefront altered but the transom panels and parapet battlements intact. Back in automotive use as Mr. Transmission after its sale in 1970, it is shown in a photograph from that year faced in metal siding, its transom panels obscured by a sign band, and the parapet flattened or, more likely, obscured by the siding material. Two-thirds of the east storefront were converted to a vehicle entry by that time.

The parking lot directly east of the building is on an elevated lot that on the sidewalk retains the rusticated stone wall and stone steps of its residential ancestry.

Inv. #87A: NE corner of 22nd St. South & 6th Ave. South c. 1917 Noncontributing  
Now housing Speedy Print, Inc., this building retains none of its architectural integrity. It is clad in a faux brick material and vinyl siding on its street elevations. Both the modern storefront on the 6th Avenue elevation and a large window on the 22nd Street side are shaded by large, rounded canopies. The other two elevations are covered in a residential type of vinyl siding. On the east elevation is a brick barbecue chimney whose construction date is unknown. The original roofline is obscured by a metal vertical parapet panel that resembles a mansard-type roof.

USDI/NPS Registration Form

Property Name Southside Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
County and State Jefferson County, Alabama

**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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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)

Commerce

**Period of Significance** c. 1921-1954

**Significant Dates** c. 1921

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A

**Architect/Builder** N/A

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

- Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A**
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
  - previously listed in the National Register
  - previously determined eligible by the National Register
  - designated a National Historic Landmark
  - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
  - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository  
Birmingham Public Library

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**8. Statement of Significance**

The building located at 2208 Sixth Avenue South now contributes to the Southside Historic District at the local level under Criterion A for commerce. It represents the type of one-story, brick commercial building constructed during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and was occupied by a variety of mixed-used businesses that served the Southside community.

Additional Historical Information:

As documented in the National Register nomination of the Southside Historic District, up until World War I this area of Birmingham's Southside was primarily residential, being home to a population of both black and white working class families and a smattering of small groceries and other family-run neighborhood businesses and churches. In 1917 the northeast corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South contained a small (50' X 40') drug store listed in the 1920-21 City Directory as simply "F J Lee," which upon cross-checking in the alphabetical listing turns out to be "Lee, Frank J (Clara) phys and drugs 2200 6<sup>th</sup> av s," probably shared at 2202 with B.E. Erben, a grocer. All else on the 6th Avenue South block appears to be residential.

By 1922 the City Directory shows a 2208 Sixth Avenue South address, listed as Auto Painting Co. The very next year the building is occupied by an automobile company, and by 1924 it is shown as housing Pryor Motor Company's used car department. The District inventory shows the Pryor Motor Company in a two-storey block (#20) on the southeast corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, directly across the avenue, dated c. 1920s and reflecting the fact that, as emergent automotive dealers located in this developing area, their ancillary facilities and service businesses located near them. When the area was zoned by the City for the first time in 1926, residential uses declined even faster and the march of business buildings picked up its pace.

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** @ 1 acre  
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Zone 16 E 518805 N 3707685

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary is indicated on the attached map by a heavy red line marking property #87.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary of the nominated property includes all land historically associated with the building and its operation as a commercial business.

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**Photographs:**

Submit clear and descriptive black and white photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

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**City or Vicinity:** Birmingham

**County:** Jefferson

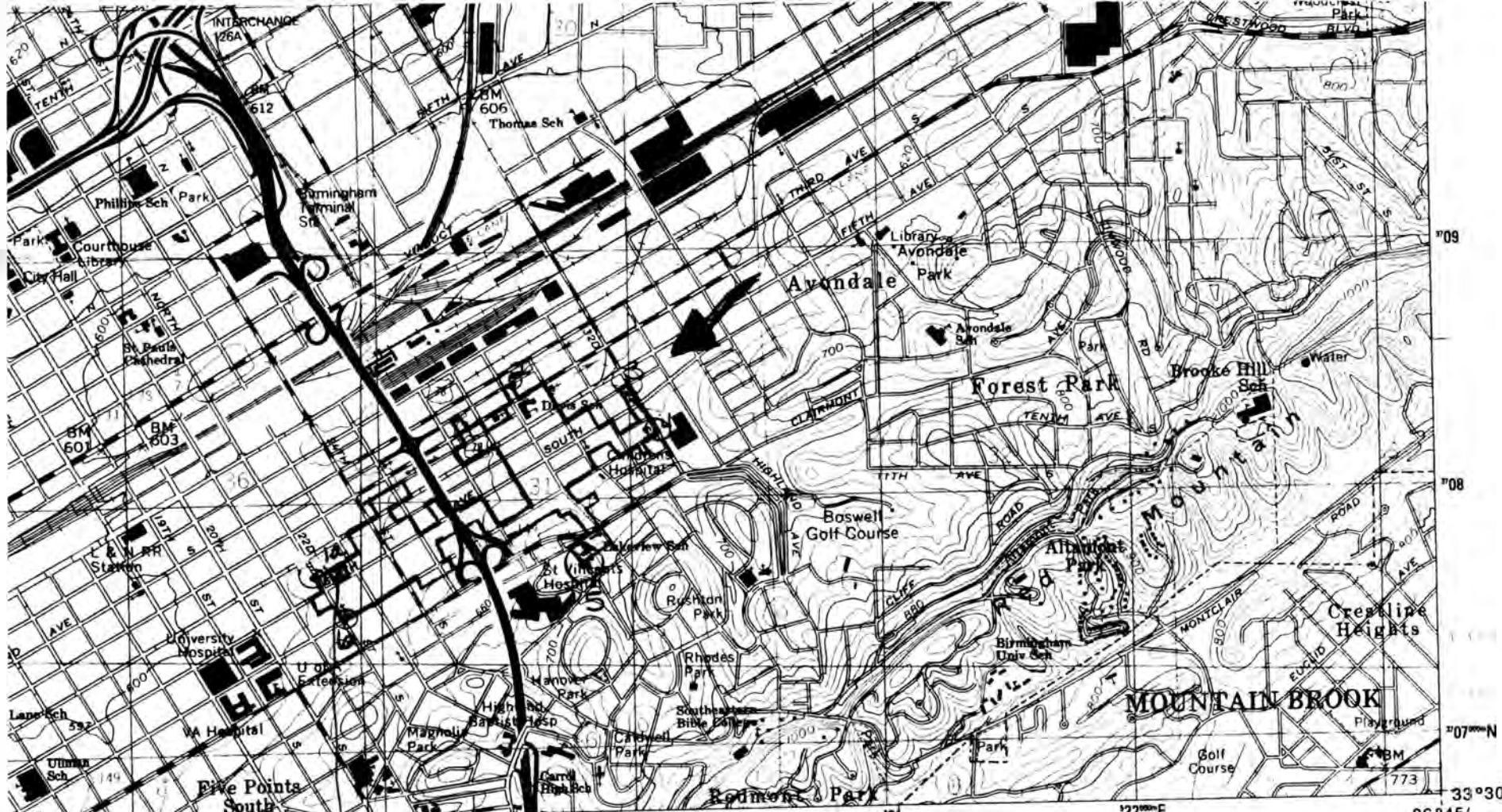
**State:** Alabama

**Photographer:** Susan Enzweiler

**Date Photographed:** October 13, 2010

**Description of Photograph(s) and number:**

1. AL\_JeffersonCounty\_SouthsideHD(BoundaryIncrease)1\_Property87.tif  
Front façade of 2208 Sixth Avenue South (Resource 87), camera facing NW
2. AL\_JeffersonCounty\_SouthsideHD(BoundaryIncrease)2\_Properties87&22.tif  
North side of Sixth Avenue South showing Resource 87, a parking lot and Resource 22, camera facing W
3. AL\_JeffersonCounty\_SouthsideHD(BoundaryIncrease)3\_Properties87A&87.tif  
North side of Sixth Avenue South showing Resource 87A, a parking lot and Resource 87, camera facing NE



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 SOUTH SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT, JEFFERSON CO, AL  
 (BOUNDARY INCREASE)  
 ALABAMA  
 1a.  
 16 518805 E  
 3107685 N

INTERIOR - GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA - 2001

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway hard surface .....
- Secondary highway hard surface .....
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface .....
- Unimproved road .....

Interstate Route      U.S. Route      State Route

SCALE 20 FEET  
 DATUM OF 1983  
 METERS, MULTIPLY BY 0.3048

1	2	3	1 Brookside
			2 Gardendale
			3 Pinson
4		5	4 Adameville
			5 Irondale
			6 Bessemer
			7 Birmingham South
6	7	8	8 Cahaba Heights

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

BIRMINGHAM NORTH, AL

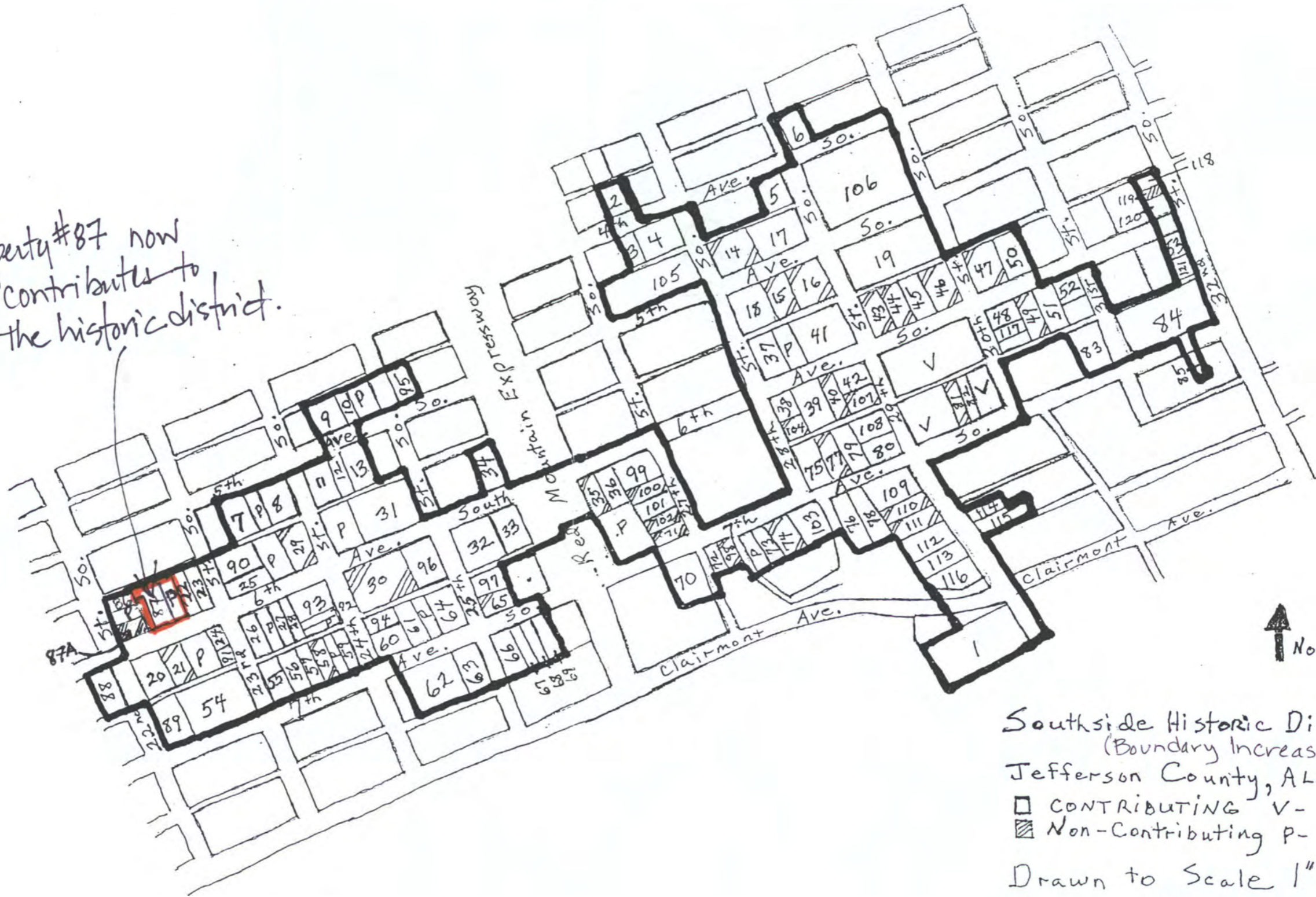
1997

NIMA 3651 III SE-SERIES V844



MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 BOX 25286, DENVER, COLORADO 80225  
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Property #87 now  
 contributes to  
 the historic district.



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 □ CONTRIBUTING V- Vacant  
 ▨ Non-Contributing P- Parking  
 Drawn to Scale 1" = 300'  
 2011

Recommendation: SLR\_Return      Action: SLR\_Return None

Documentation Issues-Discussion Sheet

State Name: AL County Name Jefferson Resource Name Southside H.D. BI

Reference No. 11000374 Multiple Name \_\_\_\_\_

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Problem: Incomplete nomination: BI needs to stand on its own  
Count incorrect. Should be BI only  
Needs Functions, Appl. Cont, UTM's, Acreage, USGS Map  
No photo disk

→ pending 6/23/11

Resolution:

SLR: Yes No

Database Change:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Southside Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED: 5/13/11      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/08/11  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/23/11      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/28/11  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000374

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: Y    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    6/28/11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*one property added to the current Southside NR district.*

RECOM./CRITERIA A

REVIEWER Lisa Bellini

DISCIPLINE Historic

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 6/28/11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



**LEASE**  
CALL BILLOR  
JEMISON  
283-0018

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AL - Jefferson County - Southside HD (Boundary Increase) 3 - Properties 87A+87.tif



AL - Jefferson County - Southside HD (Boundary  
Increase) 2 - Properties 87+22.tif



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June 24, 2011

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Washington, DC 20005

Dear ~~Ms. Shull~~: *Carol*:

Enclosed please find additional supplemental documentation as requested by Lisa Deline for the amendment to the:

Southside Historic District  
Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama  
Reference No.: 05000647

The original nomination for this historic district was listed on July 6, 2005. The amendment to the nomination and its supplemental documentation was sent to you on May 2, 2011. Your consideration of this additional supplemental documentation is appreciated.

Truly Yours,

Elizabeth Brown  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures