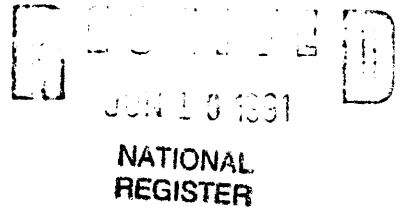


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16).

1. Name of Property

historic name Townsite Historic District of Richard City other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 402-512 Dixie Ave., 102-106 Lee Hunt, 2207 Cumberland n/a not for publication city, town South Pittsburg n/a vicinity state Tennessee code TN county Marion code 115 zip code 37380

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/district/etc categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Cement Construction in Richard City, Tennessee

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

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

5. 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. other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
DOMESTIC: secondary dwelling
LANDSCAPE: street furnature/object

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
DOMESTIC: secondary dwelling
LANDSCAPE: street furnature/object

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Pyramid Cottage

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls CONCRETE
SYNTHETIC
roof METAL: tin
other ASPHALT

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Townsite Historic District is a combination of 1 and 2 story houses built for plant employees by the Dixie Portland Cement Company.

The cement workers houses were built in 1907, and the plant managers house was built around 1918. They are a plaster like cement finish applied to a wire mesh frame. The houses were easily and cheaply constructed since the plant manufactured the cement. Many, but not all, the houses had slate roofs, because of slates longevity.

Most of the houses are 1 story square plan workers houses. These houses had 4 rooms with a centrally located chimney. The chimney was located in the center of the pyramid roof. They have a front porch with a shed roof, and sometimes a rear porch. The entry door is centrally located on the front facade with a 1/1 double hung window to each side.

The plant managers house is also in Townsite. It is a 1 1/2 story Tudor Revival houses constructed the same way as the other houses. It has a cross gable roof, and a gable roofed porch supported by 2 large Tuscan cement columns.

There has been some modern housing built at the West end of Dixie Avenue. These houses post date World War II and do not contribute to the district. They are included because of the cement utility poles and fences on the property.

The concrete fence adds to the uniqueness of Richard City, and Townsite. In 1908 the fence was constructed throughout the Townsite area, the only area of Richard City with these fences. The fences are along the street facing property line of all properties in Townsite and are contributing to the district.

The cement utility poles, which used to belong to the cement company, now belong to the property owner.

After the cement company began to sell the houses in 1984 many have been altered with artificial siding and rooflines being altered.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1907-1940

Significant Dates

1907

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Dixie Portland Cement Company

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

The Townsite Historic District is significant to the development of Richard City because it represents a neighborhood developed by Dixie Portland Cement Company. This area was built primarily for office workers at the plant. The area includes cement utility poles and fences constructed by the company. In fact the street furniture and town plan are very important to the historic district as remnant of the planned community. The street furniture is not found elsewhere in Richard City/South Pittsburg.

Townsite is separated from the cement plant and the other residential development (Putnam/Cumberland Avenue area) by a one lane bridge over the Poplar Springs Branch creek--the only road which historically linked the two areas.

The district is eligible for the National Register under criterion A for its development as office workers homes following the Richard City plan and under criterion C for its significant concentration of cement houses. The district meets the registration requirements for residential historic districts set forth in the Cement Construction in Richard City Multiple Property Documentation Form.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Multiple Property Documentation Form.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately 4.4 acres

UTM References

A 1, 6 6, 1, 8, 0, 8, 0 3, 8, 7, 2, 6, 1, 0
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

Bridgeport, AL-TN Quad. 101 NW

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Verbal Boundary Description

The Townsite Historic District includes all properties on Lee Hunt Avenue, 2207 Cumberland Avenue, all properties on Dixie Avenue west of Cumberland Avenue, and the properties on the east corner of Dixie and Cumberland Avenues (402-512 Dixie Avenue). The district also includes the cement utility poles on these properties and the fence lines on both sides of Cumberland Avenue, Lee Hunt Avenue, and Dixie Avenue.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

These boundaries were chosen to include the cement fence lines, utility poles and a significant concentration of unaltered cment houses that make this residential area distinctive in the community. Altered houses at the west end of Dixie Avenue were included because of the fence lines and utility poles on the properties which are an important component of the district.

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These buildings do not contribute to the district.

Five fence lines are extant in the district, and are counted as five contributing structures. Every street front property line is bounded by a cement fence.

Inventory of buildings:

Cumberland Avenue

1. 2207 Cumberland Ave. Tudor Revival. c 1918. Plant manager's house. 1 1/2 story, stucco, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle gable roof, irregular plan. (c)

Utility pole. northwest corner of the property. (c)

Dixie Avenue

2. 402 Dixie Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, cement, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle hip roof, square plan. (c)

Utility pole. rear of property. (c)

3. 403 Dixie Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, cement, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle hip roof, square plan. (c)

Garage. c 1907. Concrete block. (c)

Utility pole. front of property. (c)

4. 502 Dixie Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, cement, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle pyramid roof, square plan. (c)

Shed. c 1907. Cement, flat metal roof. (c)

Utility pole. rear of property. (c)

5. 503 Dixie Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, weatherboard, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle pyramid roof, square plan. (nc, siding)

Utility pole. front of property. (c)

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6. 504 Dixie Ave. Minimal Traditional. c 1950. 1 story, weatherboard, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle hip roof, irregular plan. (nc)

Utility pole. rear of property. (c)

7. 505 Dixie Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, asbestos siding, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle gable roof, T shape. (nc, siding)

Utility pole. front of property. (c)

8. 510 Dixie Ave. Split Level. c 1970. 2 story, board-and-batten siding, stone foundation, asphalt shingle gable roof, square plan. (nc)

Shed. c 1907. Cement, metal shed roof. (c)

Utility pole. rear of property. (c)

9. 511 Dixie Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, stone veneer siding, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle pyramid roof, square plan. (nc, siding)

Shed. c 1907. Concrete block, metal shed roof. (c)

10. 512 Dixie Ave. Minimal Traditional. c 1965. 1 story, vinyl siding, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (nc)

Lee Hunt Avenue

11. 102 Lee Hunt Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 2 story, stucco, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (c)

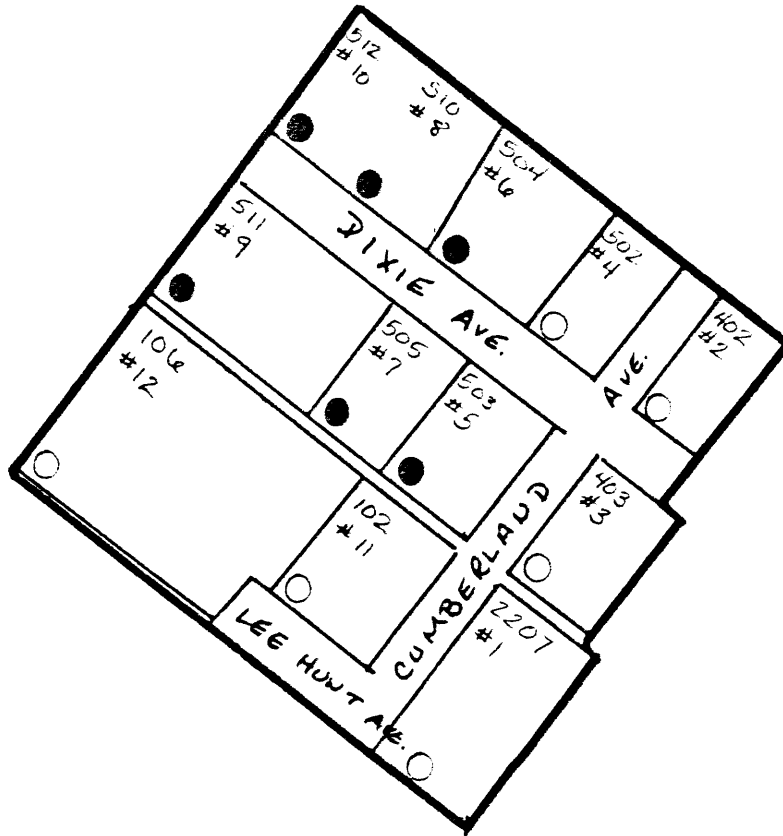
Garage. c 1907. Cement, asphalt shingle gable roof. (c)

12. 106 Lee Hunt Ave. Pyramid Cottage. c 1907. 1 story, stucco, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle hip roof, irregular plan, cement wrap-around porch. (c)

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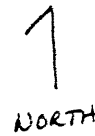
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Scale: 1" = 200'

Boundary **—**

- Contributing Primary Buildings
- Non-contributing Primary Buildings



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South Pittsburg, Marion County, Tennessee
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Date: May 1990
Neg: Tennessee Historical Commission
Nashville, TN 37203

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Looking East along Lee Hunt Avenue at site #1.

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Looking East along Dixie Avenue, South side of street.

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Looking East along Dixie Avenue, North side of street.

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Looking Southeast down Cumberland Avenue from alley north of Dixie Avenue.

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Looking West down alley North of Dixie Avenue.

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Looking West along Dixie Avenue, South side of street.

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Looking South along Cumberland Avenue.

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Looking Southeast along Cumberland Avenue.

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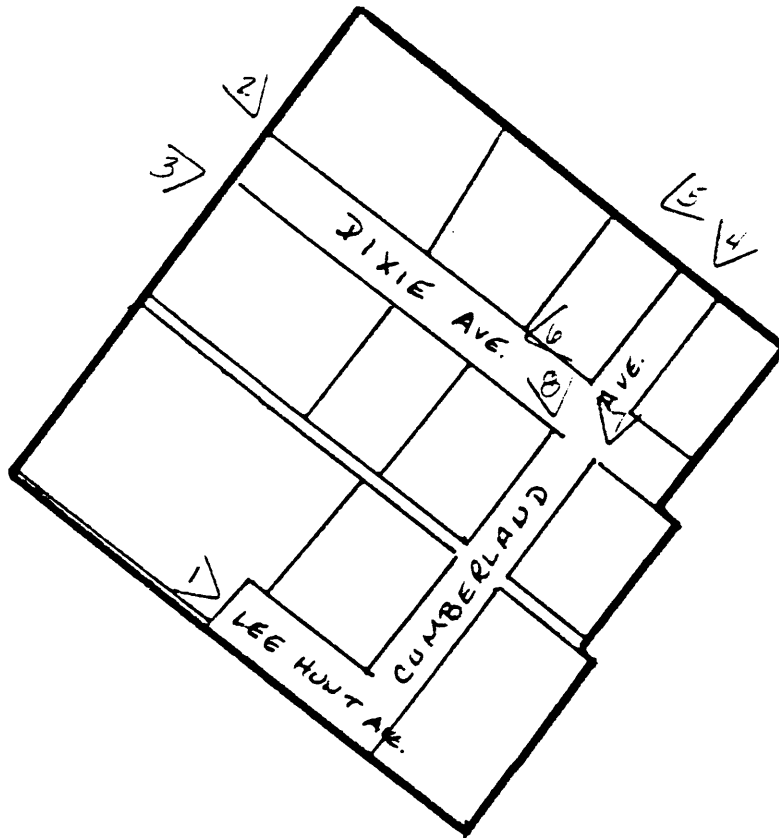


Photo Key Map
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 Boundary **—**
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