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

1. Name

historic Jackson Commercial Historic District

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 2nd St. between Sheridan and White Sts. N/A not for publication

city, town Jackson N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Jackson code 063

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple - see continuation sheets

street & number N/A

city, town N/A N/A vicinity of state N/A

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jackson County Courthouse

street & number 4th and Sherman Streets

city, town Jackson state MN 56143

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985-86 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Fort Snelling History Center - St. Paul state MN 55111

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 <u> </u> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Jackson Commercial Historic District comprises over three-quarters of the central business district in Jackson, a town of approximately 3,800 people in Jackson County. The district contains 34 buildings and one historic clock located on Second Street (Jackson's main commercial thoroughfare) between Sheridan and White streets, and four buildings on side streets within one block of Second Street. The northern boundary of the historic district corresponds with the central business district's northern limits, while the southern boundary of the historic district is drawn to exclude some ineligible commercial buildings at the south end of the main street. Outside of the historic district's boundaries are commercial buildings which do not fit visually within the district or add to its significance because of substantial alteration or more recent construction dates.

The Jackson district contains 34 buildings and one historic clock which were built between 1880 and 1944. 32 of the buildings were built before 1928. Most of the buildings are faced with brown pressed or textured brick and most have buff colored limestone trim. Several are mildly Classical Revival in style and two have Sullivanesque foliated stone detailing. 25 of the buildings are two stories in height while nine are one story tall. 32 of the buildings are in good condition while 2 are in fair condition. Although most of the buildings have been altered at the storefront level, most are intact above the first floor and many of the alterations are reversible. As a whole, the district contains structures which form a visually cohesive group of nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial structures which retain their overall architectural character.

The historic district contains 30 contributing buildings, 1 contributing object (the Jackson National Bank Clock), and 4 non-contributing buildings (buildings which are less than 50 years old, or whose integrity has been seriously compromised by alterations).

West Side of the District

- 1. Address: 313-315 2nd St.
Historic Name: Hutchinson Building
Present Name: Data File/Anderson's
Built: 1898
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Hutchinson Building is a two story brown brick structure at the southwest corner of 2nd and Ashley Streets. The building retains a brick cornice, four large rectangular windows with limestone sills and lintels on the main facade, ten rectangular windows with limestone sills and lintels on the north facade, and a rear (north) storefront opening. Exterior alterations have been limited to remodeling the storefronts. Built in 1898, the Hutchinson Building was originally owned by M.B. Hutchinson and houses Hoaas Clothing. In later years it housed Mundell Clothing, By-Rite Grocery, and other businesses.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1880-1928 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jackson Commercial Historic District, comprised of 34 buildings and one historic clock concentrated on and near Second Street, is historically and architecturally significant as a collection of largely intact small late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial buildings which form a visually cohesive display of commercial architecture built over a 50 year span. The buildings are significant because they represent Jackson's importance as a regional trade center serving a large rural population and because they present an excellent survey of the type of small businesses which formed the early underpinning of a small railroad town's commercial economy.

Located on the Des Moines River near Minnesota's southern border, the town of Jackson was named the county seat of Jackson County in 1867. Jackson quickly became a center for government, commerce, trade, and the collection and marketing of agricultural products as the surrounding farmlands were settled in the late nineteenth century. After rail service reached the community in 1871, small businesses flourished and commercial buildings were constructed in a four block area along Second Street. Businesses were first housed in woodframe commercial buildings which were often subject to fire and were eventually replaced by more substantial and theoretically fireproof brick structures. Jackson's commercial historic district contains an interesting collection of brick commercial buildings which range from 1880 structures through buildings which were constructed in the late 1920s which represent a peak in the community's commercial prosperity. The district as a whole represents the fruition of the efforts of the pioneer businessmen who first settled Jackson and laid the groundwork for its commercial development.

The buildings in downtown Jackson represent a range of stylistic variations popular in commercial architecture during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Interestingly, none of the buildings are extremely ornate, but rather they are surprisingly compatible in size, design, and materials. The earliest buildings feature intricate Victorian detailing (i.e., foliated carving, heavy cornices, oriel windows), the buildings constructed during the period 1905-1919 display a restrained and handsome Classical Revival influence, and the later structures are more simple in design as stylistic preferences changed after World War I.

The buildings included in the historic district represent many of the forces important to the commercial development of the region. A variety of retail businesses including groceries, clothing and dry goods stores, hardware, and implement dealers are represented in the district. Saloons, cafes, harness shops, fraternal halls, movie theaters, and the offices of early physicians are included. The district contains three bank structures, the Jackson National Bank, the Brown National Bank, and the First National Bank, which contributed to and profited from the development of commerce in the region. The buildings in the district also represent the accomplishments of individuals.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Jackson Pilot, Nov. 2, 1947.

Jackson County Pilot, Aug. 8, 1985.

"Jackson Celebrates America's Birthday." 1976.

Historic background contributed by property owners within the historic district. 1985-86.

In possession of State Historic Preservation Office

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 2.94 acres

Quadrangle name Jackson, Minn.-Iowa

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Granger - Contract Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 1986
State Historic Preservation Office

street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone (612) 726-1171

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Nina M. Archabal

title Nina Archabal date 11/12/87
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

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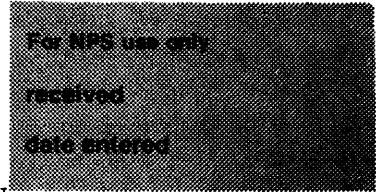
[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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Ownership list

313 Second Street

David and Beverly Rowland
106 Shady Lane
Jackson, MN 56143

314 Second Street

Harold L. Anderson
151 Kimball Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143

Swen Anderson
315¹/₂ Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

401 Second Street

Jerry Rohloff
612 White Street
Jackson, MN 56143

405 Second Street

Lionel A. Gervais
418 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MN 56143

407 Second Street

G. Jerome and Ardess B. Johnson
912 Sherman
Jackson, MN 56143

Neale E. and Jean E. Strom
802 Brown
Jackson, MN 56143

409 Second Street

Neale E. and Jean E. Strom
802 Brown
Jackson, MN 56143

413 Second Street

Burton R. Joul
714 Butler Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143

415 Second Street

Milo Soucek
205 Sherman Street
Jackson, MN 56143

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Clock located at intersection
of Second Street and Jackson

City of Jackson
504 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

509 Second Street and vacant
lot south of bank

Jackson State Bank
509 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

Vacant lot north of bank

Jackson State Bank
509 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

513 Second Street

Susie E. Pletz et al
513¹/₂ Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

Jackson State Bank
509 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

515 Second Street

Alma E. Davies
c/o Verlon Davies
403¹/₂ Grant
Jackson, MN 56143

Stephen A. and Mark L. Leach
805 Brown Street
Jackson, MN 56143

603 Second Street

Maylon G. Muir
603 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

605 Second Street

Robert and Dorothy Lueth
605 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

607 Second Street

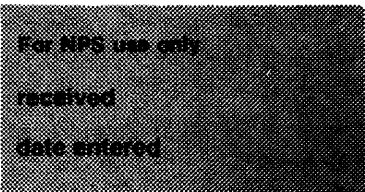
Jack C. Hutchinson
612 Sverdrup
Jackson, MN 56143

607 Second Street

Hutchinson Agency
607 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

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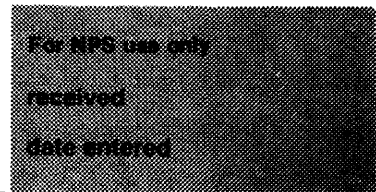
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611 Second Street	Thomas Pribyl 314 Butler Jackson, MN 56143
	Thomas A. Pribyl, Jr. and Lawrence M. Pribyl 611 Second Street Jackson, MN 56143
207-213 Ashley Street	Alan R. Wall Alpha, MN 56111
209 Sherman Street	Richard J. Buechler 207 Sherman Street Jackson, MN 56143
211 Sherman Street	Bob Christianson Bob's Fleet Supply 211 Sherman Street Jackson, MN 56143
312 Second Street	Mier Chozen et al 815 Park Street Jackson, MN 56143
No address: (S ¹ / ₂ of Lot 2, Block 5, Original Townsite)	Mier Chozen et al 815 Park Street Jackson, MN 56143
314 Second Street	Mier Chozen et al 815 Park Street Jackson, MN 56143
402 Second Street	Milt Edlin 402 Second Street Jackson, MN 56143
404 Second Street	Paul and Elmira Esau 216 State Jackson, MN 56143

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406 Second Street

George and Evonne Lusk
1020 White Street
Jackson, MN 56143

408 Second Street

Dale Barber and Sandra Rohloff
R.R. 2
Jackson, MN 56143

410 Second Street

Bruce Owens
415 Albert Lea Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Robert and Linda Voda
89 Maple Street
Jackson, MN 56143

Steven and Patricia Marn
1005 South Highway
Jackson, MN 56143

412 Second Street

Dennis O. Erickson
808 Brown Street
Jackson, MN 56143

Robert and Jan Charnecki
412 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

414 Second Street

Jackson Building and Loan
414 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

502 Second Street

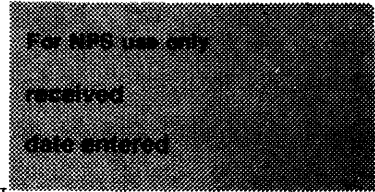
Warren and Rosella Berkner
1208 Springfield Parkway
Jackson, MN 56143

504 Second Street

City of Jackson
504 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

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506 Second Street

Emma Thompson
96 4th Street
Jackson, MN 56143

Burton Joul
714 Butler Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143

508 Second Street

Burton R. Joul
714 Butler Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143

514 Second Street

Irene Leach
805 Brown
Jackson, MN 56143

600 Second Street

Joseph E. Matuska
1300 Sherman Street
Jackson, MN 56143

604 Second Street

Allen G. Krebs
R.R. 3
Jackson, MN 56143

606 Second Street

Viggo and Wilma Fredrickson
Jackson, MN 56143

Douglas Haycraft
720 1st Avenue South
St. James, MN 56081

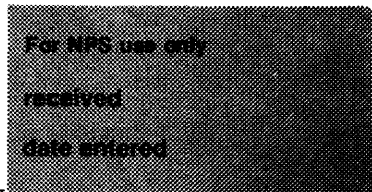
608 Second Street

Janet Dykstra
118 Linden Street
Jackson, MN 56143

David and Beverly Rowland
Data-Team Custom Software Inc.
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612 Second Street

Frank Matuska
Butler Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143

Steven L. Emery
612 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

No address: (18' x 105' part
of Lots 3 and 4, Block 2,
Original Townsite)

Jackson State Bank
509 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

614-616 Second Street

James Jasper
1319 White
Jackson, MN 56143

Ca. 105 Ashley Street

Kauth-Kuchenbecker Builders
Jackson, MN 56143

John Silvenale
124 Second Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143

No address: (W 34' of Lot 1,
Block 5, Original Townsite)

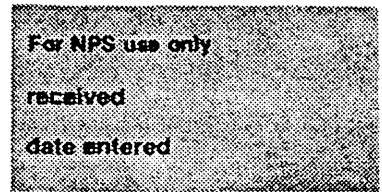
Livewire Printing
312 Second Street
Jackson, MN 56143

Ca. 104 Grant Street

Joseph E. Matuska
1300 Sherman Street
Jackson, MN 56143

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- 2. Address: 401 2nd St.
Historic Name: Berge Brother's Block
Present Name: Ben Franklin
Built: 1894
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

A two story, brown brick building standing at the northwest corner of 2nd and Ashley streets, the Berge Brother's Block originally had a typical Victorian storefront with a canted corner entrance, a heavy metal cornice, segmental arched second story window openings, and a rear (south) storefront. Although the building retains segmental arched windows with stone keystones and sills and a rear storefront opening on the south side, the main facade was altered circa 1940. This facade now features decorative brickwork at the cornice level, rectangular 1/1 sash, and a glass and metal storefront. Alterations to the building have included remodelling the main facade and partially filling the windows and storefront on the south side. The building was constructed in 1894 for use as the Berge Brothers Mercantile Company, Jackson's largest grocery store at the time. The store sold groceries, clothing, and general merchandise, with the second floor used as an opera house. In later years the building housed the National Tea Grocery and the Ben Franklin Store.

- 3. Address: 405 2nd St.
Historic Name: Jack Sprat Grocery
Present Name: Gervais Jewelry
Built: 1917
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

Gervais Jewelry is a small, one story commercial building with a facade faced with brown brick with buff colored limestone trim. The building has a projecting parapet wall with stone coping which rises above a circa 1945 storefront with a permanent metal awning. The remodelling of the storefront is the building's major exterior alteration. The building was constructed in 1917 and first housed the Jack Sprat Grocery operated by Ray Hansen. After housing Norville Carlson's Fairway Grocery, the building eventually became Gervais Jewelry owned by Lionel A. Gervais.

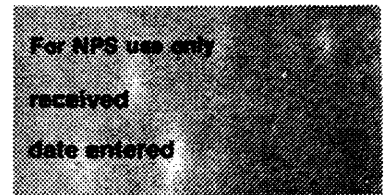
- 4. Address: 407 2nd St.
Historic Name: Garrett's Wonder 5¢ and 10¢ Store
Present Name: Strom's Clothing (south part)
Built: Circa 1910
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

This circa 1910 building, which presently serves as the southern part of Strom's Clothing Store, is a handsome two story structure with a brown brick facade and elegant buff colored limestone detailing. The main facade has a projecting parapet wall with stone coping, stone cornices above the first and second stories, and a circa 1920 storefront with a recessed central entrance. Exterior alterations have included replacement of the rectangular second story windows and remodelling of the

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storefront. Garrett's Wonder 5¢ and 10¢ Store was an early occupant of the building, followed by Jerome's Variety Store.

5. Address: 409 2nd St.
 Historic Name:
 Present Name: Strom's Clothing (north part)
 Built: Circa 1894
 Condition: Good
 Status: Non-contributing

The building which now houses the northern portion of Strom's Clothing Store has been remodeled with ca.1960 alterations which obscure the original main facade. These alterations obscure a two story brick veneered building which between 1894-1900 appears to have combined two frame buildings to form the present structure. The building has housed a variety of businesses including an undertaking and furniture store operated by V.W. Avery. The main facade is presently faced with smooth plaster, rectangular 1/1 sash, and a modern storefront.

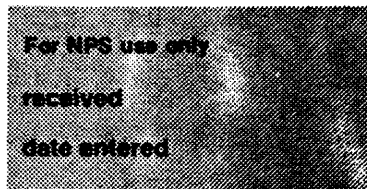
6. Address: 413 2nd St.
 Historic Name: Ashley Drug Store
 Present Name: The Clothes Tree
 Built: 1913
 Condition: Good
 Status: Contributing

The Ashley Drug Store building is a two story structure which is one of two buildings within the historic district which feature second story oriel windows on the main facade. The main facade is faced with brown brick with light mortar joints and buff colored limestone trim. The second story oriel window is flanked by pilaster strips with Ionic capital and the building has a stone cornice, sill, and coping. The storefront was altered ca.1960 and the second story windows have been replaced with new brown framed 1/1 sash. The building constructed in 1913 and housed Ashley Drug Store, operated by O.A. Ashley. Later occupants have included Westby Drug, Joul Drug, and, most recently, The Clothes Tree.

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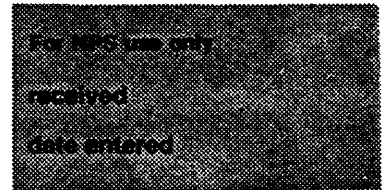
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7. Address: 415 2nd St.
Historic Name: Corner Saloon
Present Name: The Clothes Shop
Built: 1894
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Saloon is a two story, dark brown brick building which features second story rectangular 1/1 windows and small transoms across the main and north facades, and decorative brickwork in a checkerboard pattern at the cornice level on the main facade. While the main portion of the building was constructed in 1894, the 2nd Street facade appears to be a result of a remodeling which dates to ca.1910-1920. The building was purchased by the Heilman Brewing Company in 1899 and operated as a company saloon for 18 years. It later housed a succession of other businesses including Hronicka Hardware, Mundell Clothing, and Sears.

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8. Address: Circa 501 2nd St.
Historic Name: Jackson National Bank Clock
Present Name: Jackson Clock
Built: Circa 1920
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The clock which now stands at the northwest corner of 2nd and Sherman streets was originally installed in front of the Jackson National Bank, built in 1919-1920 just north of this site (now the present Jackson State Bank). The clock, fabricated of darkened cast metal, has clock faces on four sides and colored glass lettering reading "Jackson". The clock was given to the City of Jackson in 1950 and installed in its present location in 1984 after being refurbished by several community residents. It now serves as a visual focal point for Jackson's main street and a symbol of the business community's downtown improvement and promotion activities.

9. Address: 509 2nd St.
Historic Name: Jackson National Bank
Present Name: Jackson State Bank
Built: 1920
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

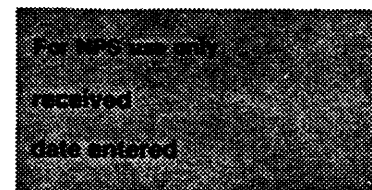
The Jackson National Bank, built in 1919-1920, is a good example of the monumental, Classically-inspired design which was popular for banks and other public and institutional structures nationwide in the early twentieth century. The main facade of the building, which is faced with smooth gray limestone, has colossal, fluted engaged columns and pilasters with simple capitals supporting an simple entablature with dentils. Above the entablature is a blind balustrade with urn shaped balusters. The facade is embellished with shields, garlands, and other relief detailing above and below the first story windows. The main facade is basically intact, although new windows and doors have been installed and lettering reading "Jackson State Bank" has been applied to the frieze. In circa 1983 the side and rear walls of the structure were faced with plaster covered panels and a drive-through teller port was added to the south side. The interior was also remodelled circa 1983. The Jackson National Bank occupied this building from 1920 until the bank closed in 1933. The bank was vacant until 1938 when the Jackson State Bank opened in the building under the leadership of Frank A. Mutuska, President, and Roy Trunk, Cashier. The Jackson State Bank has continued to occupy the building under several different owners.

10. Address: 513 2nd St.
Historic Name: Burnham Grocery
Present Name: Pam's Aerobics
Built: 1899
Condition: Fair
Status: Contributing

The Burnham Grocery building is a two story brick structure faced with reddish-brown brick which has been painted green on the main facade. The second story of the main facade has two oriel windows with foliated stone bases, pilasters with stone bases

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and capitals, and a simple metal cornice. The first story has pilasters and a simple entablature enframing the storefront. Exterior alterations have included facing the south wall with plaster covered panels, installing aluminum combination windows at the second story, and remodelling the storefront. The building was constructed in 1899 as Burnham Grocery, operated by H.M. Burnham. It later housed Jackson's post office.

11. Address: 515 2nd St.
Historic Name: Burnham Clothing
Present Name: Leach Decorating Center
Built: Circa 1900
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Leach Decorating Center building at the southwest corner of 2nd and Grant streets is a two story, brown brick structure with a rounded second story corner, rectangular 1/1 sash with transoms at the second story, and an intact metal cornice with modillions and dentils. The building is basically intact at the second story level. The main storefront and a rear storefront on the north facade have been recently altered, and three small square first story windows on the north facade have been filled with brick. The building was constructed circa 1900 and housed a clothing store operated by H.M. Burnham as one of its first occupants. The building later housed Davies' Store and is now Leach Decorating Center.

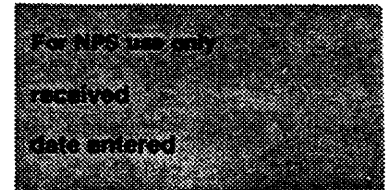
12. Address: 603 2nd St.
Historic Name: Catholic Foresters' Hall
Present Name: Muir, Meyer, Simons, and Costello
Built: 1916
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Catholic Foresters' Hall is a large two story building at the northwest corner of 2nd and Grant streets. The building is mildly Classical Revival in style and faced with dark brown brick with sparse, buff colored limestone trim. The six bay south facade has an altered rear storefront and second story rectangular double hung sash. The main facade has a central entrance flanked by storefront windows, and rectangular double hung sash at the second story. At the top of the main facade is a date stone within a simple triangular parapet. The exterior of the building has been altered with new windows and shutters and remodelled storefronts. The building was built as the Catholic Foresters' fraternal headquarters, with a large meeting hall in the second story and four storefronts in the first story which have housed a succession of small businesses. The building is now the home of Muir, Meyer, Simons, and Costello law offices.

13. Address: 605-607 2nd St.
Historic Name:
Present Name: Bob's Cleaners/Dunlavey Dentist/Hutchinson Agency
Built: Circa 1928
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

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The building which now houses Bob's Cleaners, Dunlavey dental office, and the Hutchinson Agency is a one story building with four small storefronts which was constructed circa 1928. The building is a good example of simple, 1920's commercial design with a main facade faced with light brown brick of various shades, buff colored limestone trim, and handsome dark brown brick detailing at the cornice level. The building was constructed for original owner Frank A. Matuska and has housed a variety of businesses including the Hutchinson Agency, located here since 1939.

14. Address: 611 2nd St.
Historic Name: Pribyl Plumbing
Present Name: Gay Foster Barber Shop/Pribyl Plumbing
Built: 1944
Condition: Good
Status: Non-contributing

The Pribyl Plumbing building is one of a group of one story buildings which comprise the northern portion of Jackson's central business district. Built in 1944, the building is a simple, intact commercial structure with a north wall constructed of hollow tile and a main facade faced with dark brown brick. The storefront is intact. The building has been owned by Tom Pribyl, Sr., since its construction and is occupied by Pribyl Plumbing and Gay Foster's Barber Shop.

15. Address: 207-213 Ashley St.
Historic Name: Hansen's Store
Present Name: Hansen's Store
Built: 1914
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

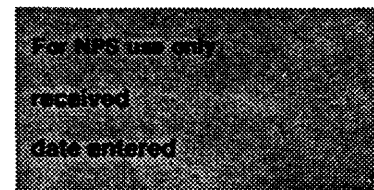
Hansen's Store is a two story brick building located on the south side of Ashley Street one-half block west of main street. Hansen's is one of the most intact buildings in the historic district and is faced with dark brown brick, with buff colored limestone trim and a simple metal cornice. The main facade has three storefronts on the first story and six rectangular double hung windows with transoms at the second story. Exterior alterations have been limited to easily reversible changes made in the storefronts. The building was constructed in 1914 and housed Hansen's Store.

16. Address: 207-211 Sherman St.
Historic Name: Lindsley and Anderson's Block
Present Name: Bob's Fleet Supply/Dick's Place
Built: 1897
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

Lindsley and Anderson's Block is located on the south side of Sherman Street one-half block west of main street. The two story brick building is faced with reddish-brown brick, with rounded arched window openings with keystones across the second story of the main and west facades. The structure is further ornamented with a buff colored

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limestone cornice, springing blocks, coping, belt courses, name and date stones, and small brick circles above the second story windows. The building has three storefronts on the main facade and a rear storefront opening on the west facade. Exterior alterations have included remodelling and filling the storefront openings and partially filling the windows with wood and brick. The building was constructed in 1897 at an estimated cost of \$11,000. It originally housed a hardware and implement business. A roller rink was located in the building in 1910.

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17. Address: 312 2nd St.
Historic Name: Chozen Block
Present Name: Jackson County Livewire
Built: Circa 1912
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Chozen Block is a two story brick building constructed circa 1912. The building is faced with dark brown brick with a buff colored limestone belt course, cornice, coping, and other detailing. The main facade has been remodelled with a new storefront and brick infill at the second story window level. The building housed Chozen's Bargain Store on the first floor and the offices of Dr. W. G. Portmann, the first physician to practice in Jackson, on the second floor. It became the home of the Jackson County Livewire printing office in 1980.

18. Address: 314 2nd St.
Historic Name: Hunter Store
Present Name: Gambles
Built: Circa 1900
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

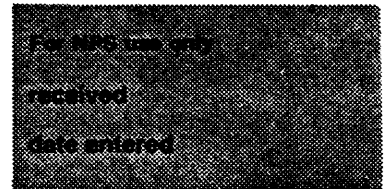
The building at the southeast corner of 2nd and Ashley streets is a two story reddish-brown brick structure with rounded arched windows with stone keystones at the second story and a brick cornice with corbels and other patterning. Exterior alterations have included filling the second story windows with brick and glass block and remodelling the storefront circa 1950. An early occupant of the building was the Hunter Store. More recently the building housed the Jackson Food Center and Gambles.

19. Address: 402 2nd St.
Historic Name: Fiddes Building
Present Name: Jackson Drug
Built: 1890, 1899
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Fiddes Building at the northeast corner of 2nd and Ashley streets was built in two stages, with the southern portion constructed in 1890 and the northern half built in 1899. The reddish-brown brick building has rounded arched window openings with

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stone keystones and sills at the second story and a massive pressed metal cornice along the south side wall. Exterior alterations have included filling the window openings with wood and brick, remodelling the main facade's storefront circa 1971, and altering the cornice level on the main facade. The southern portion of the building originally housed Fiddes Drug Store, followed by Sward-Kemp and Jackson Drug. The northern portion, which once housed Gillespie Hardware, became part of Jackson Drug circa 1971.

20. Address: 404 2nd St.
Historic Name: Koranda Meat Market
Present Name: Paul's Studio
Built: 1920
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

Koranda Meat Market is a one story brick building constructed in 1920 that is faced in brown brick. The main facade has simple pilaster strips flanking a triangular pediment with limestone coping at the center of the main facade. The only exterior alteration to the structure has been the circa 1980 remodelling of the storefront. The building originally housed a meat market operated by John and Mary Koranda.

21. Address: 406-410 2nd St.
Historic Name: Kiesel Block
Present Name: Gym Dancer Studio/Barber's TV/Christian Books and Gifts
Built: 1899
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

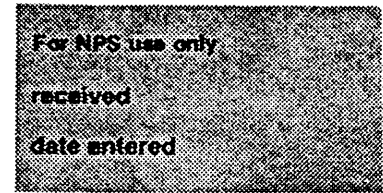
The Kiesel Block, built in 1899, is faced with brown brick and has two unusual oval windows with stone keystones on the second story of the main facade. The second story has three groups of rectangular double hung windows with transoms, each topped by a stone belt course and a small cornice, and a projecting parapet with coping. The first story has three storefronts beneath a storefront cornice with dentils. The northern storefront is one of the most intact storefronts in the historic district. Among the early occupants of the Kiesel Block were the Jackson Cigar Factory, Louis Kiesel's Saloon, Albertus Clothing, Doyscher's Pool Hall, Bartosch Harness Shop, Clark's Cafe, and the Mayflower Cafe.

22. Address: 412 2nd St.
Historic Name: Klimesh Bakery
Present Name: Bob and Jan's Family Restaurant
Built: Circa 1910
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

Unlike most buildings within the district which are faced with dark red or brown brick, the building which now houses Bob and Jan's Family Restaurant is faced with tan pressed brick, with yellow brick trim and limestone coping and sills. The building has a parapet wall with coping, a decorative brick cornice, and brick

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corbelling above paired second story rectangular window openings. The first story storefront was remodelled circa 1970 and the second story windows have been replaced. Among the former occupants of the building were Klimesh Bakery, the J. Shay Restaurant, and Pizza Hut.

23. Address: 414 2nd St.
Historic Name: First National Bank
Present Name: Jackson Federal Savings and Loan
Built: Circa 1895
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The First National Bank building at the southeast corner of 2nd and Sherman streets has some of the most ornate detailing found in the historic district. The main facade and the outer bays of the north facade feature second story windows enframed by stone Sullivanesque carving which is repeated in the capitals of small brick engaged columns which separate the windows. The north facade has additional rectangular double hung windows with stone keystones at the second story and rounded arched windows at the first story. The building has been altered with a circa 1970 storefront and some of the window openings have been partially filled. The second story of the building has housed Jackson's telephone office and the offices of several attorneys, while the first story housed the First National Bank.

24. Address: 502 2nd St.
Historic Name: People's Cooperative Store
Present Name: Coast to Coast
Built: Circa 1887
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Coast to Coast building at the northeast corner of 2nd and Sherman streets was built circa 1887 and brick veneered in 1920 by Prokes Construction. The building is a two story structure faced with light brown brick, with rectangular window openings and very little detailing. The main facade storefront has been altered and the windows on the south facade have been filled. This building once housed the People's Cooperative Store, also known as the People's and Farmers' Store, which was comprised of four separate businesses selling produce, groceries, clothing, and dry goods. The southern portion has housed a Coast to Coast store since 1936 and the northern portion housed Montgomery Wards from 1956-1969.

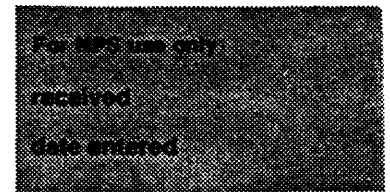
25. Address: 504 2nd St.
Historic Name: Brown National Bank
Present Name: Jackson City Hall
Built: Circa 1919 or 1920
Condition: Good
Status: Non-contributing

The Jackson City Hall building was constructed circa 1919 or 1920 as the Brown National Bank. The main facade of the brick building was remodelled in 1962 when

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blue glazed metal panels were installed, obscuring the original design. The Brown National Bank, founded in 1905, occupied the building from its completion circa 1920 until the bank folded in 1933. The City of Jackson acquired the property in 1933 and used the building as a municipal liquor store until it was remodelled in 1962 for use as a city hall.

- 26. Address: 506 2nd St.
- Historic Name: Olson Saloon
- Present Name: Joul Drug (south part)
- Built: Circa 1910
- Condition: Good
- Status: Contributing

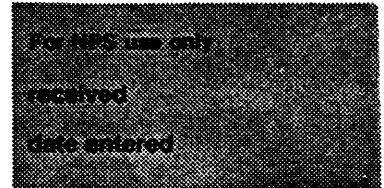
A two story commercial building faced with reddish-brown brick, this building has Classically inspired detailing including contrasting brickwork simulating quoins, a pressed metal cornice with modillions and dentils, and a second story window surround with three pilasters with simple capitals separating the windows. The building retains rectangular 1/1 sash with transoms at the second story. The first story storefront has been altered considerably. An early occupant of the building was Olson Saloon, operated by M.J. Olson. The storefront is now the southern part of Joul Drug.

- 27. Address: 508 2nd St.
- Historic Name: Grand Theater
- Present Name: Joul Drug (north part)
- Built: 1913
- Condition: Good
- Status: Contributing

The Grand Theater building is a three bay, two story building faced with tan pressed brick. The main facade has Classical Revival style features including a cornice with dentils, large stone keystones (with the numbers "1913") above the windows in the central bay, brick corbelling above the windows of the outer bays, and pairs of brick pilasters with stone capitals and bases flanking the windows of the outer bays. A stone band reading "Theatre" is located at the top of the central bay. The second story has rectangular double hung windows and the first story storefront has been altered considerably. The Grand Theater was built in 1913 for original owners Frank A. Matuska and Emil J. Skalicky and was sold to new owners in 1923. The Matuska family then built the State Theater (see number 29 below) in 1926. The storefronts in the building housed a number of businesses including P.C. Nelson Jewelry and the City Meat Market.

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28. Address: 514 2nd St.
Historic Name: Matuska and Skalicky Building
Present Name: Leach Furniture
Built: 1919
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The Matuska and Skalicky Building, located at the southeast corner of 2nd and Grant streets, is similar in design to the Grand Theater adjacent to the south, which was also built for owners Frank A. Matuska and Emil J. Skalicky. The Matuska and Skalicky building is faced with painted brick and has cornices with dentils on the west and north sides, brick pilasters with stone capitals and brick corbelling enframing the second story windows of the outer bays, stone keystones above the windows in the central bay, stone coping and a name plate above the cornice, and large brick pilasters supporting the storefront level. The building's rectangular double hung windows have been filled partially, the brickwork has been painted, and the storefront has been altered. The Matuska and Skalicky Building originally housed E. J. Skalicky Hardware. An early hospital operated by Doctors Benson and Brandon was located on the second floor.

29. Address: 600 2nd St.
Historic Name: State Theater
Present Name: State Theater
Built: 1926
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The State Theater, built in 1926, is located at the northeast corner of 2nd and Grant streets. The building is faced with brown glazed brick with darker contrasting brick trim which forms window surrounds, simple pilasters, and brick bands at the cornice level. The theater has a large Streamlined Moderne marquee with rounded corners, horizontal bands of color, and neon lighting. The main entrance to the theater, recessed beneath the marquee, consists of two sets of original double doors flanking an Art Deco-inspired ticket booth. Small storefronts are located in the outer bays of the building. The interior of the theater is basically intact and contains 1920's-era murals flanking the stage. The State Theater was built for the Matuska family, which previously operated Jackson's Scenic Theater from 1910-1913 and Grand Theater from 1913-1923. Western Electric sound equipment was installed in the State Theater in 1930. It is still owned by the Matuska family.

30. Address: 604 2nd St.
Historic Name:
Present Name: Krebs/Rogow Dentists
Built: Circa 1925
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The building which now houses the dental offices of Doctors Krebs and Rogow is a small one story structure faced with brown brick. The building has a simple, early

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twentieth century commercial design with brick pilasters with stone bases and capitals and simple decorative brickwork. The storefront has been altered with wood panelling.

31. Address: 606 2nd St.
Historic Name: Strom and Strom Insurance
Present Name: H and R Block
Built: Circa 1925
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

The H and R Block building is one of a group of one story 1920's commercial buildings which comprise the northern portion of the historic district. The building is faced with brown brick with a band of checkerboard patterning at the cornice level, and has buff colored limestone trim. The building's storefront is basically intact. This building was constructed for original owner Frank A. Matuska.

32. Address: 608-612 2nd St.
Historic Name: Watcher Plumbing/Basta Meat Market
Present Name: First Response/Pavelko Cafe
Built: 1924, 1926
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

This one story brick building was constructed in two stages. The northern portion, now housing Pavelko Cafe, was built in 1924 and the southern portion, now housing First Response, was built in 1926. The building is faced with brown brick with buff colored limestone trim and is simple in design. The storefronts have been altered. The building was constructed for original owner Frank A. Matuska. Its former occupants have included a meat market, grocery store, Clover Farm Store, Watcher Plumbing and Heating, and Iverson Hardware Store.

33. Address: 614-616 2nd St.
Historic Name: Sabatka and Company
Present Name: Trade In Post/Jackson Supply
Built: 1919
Condition: Good
Status: Contributing

This one story brick building stands at the northeastern corner of the historic district and is approximately 165' deep, extending eastward to 1st Street. The main facade is faced with brown brick, with buff colored limestone trim and a name and date stone reading "Sabatka and Co. 1919" above the central entrance. Originally designed to house one business, the building has been remodelled to include two storefronts with a central entrance. The building was constructed for Louis Sabatka who owned and operated Sabatka Oil Station and Garage. The building later housed M. and J.R. Hakes Wholesale Grocery.

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- 34. Address: Circa 105 Ashley St.
- Historic Name:
- Present Name: Kauth-Kuchenbecker Builders
- Built: Circa 1880
- Condition: Fair
- Status: Contributing

The building which now houses Kauth-Kuchenbecker Builders is a two story structure at the southwest corner of Ashley and 1st streets, one half block east of Jackson's main street. The building is probably one of the oldest structures in the district and is faced with soft brick painted white. It has a corbelled brick cornice, tall segmental arched window openings which have been partially filled in, and segmental arched door openings. A car port was added to the west side circa 1980. The building probably served an early wholesale or warehouse function.

- 35. Address: Circa 104 Grant St.
- Historic Name: M and H Electric
- Present Name: Flowers Unlimited
- Built: 1941
- Condition: Good
- Status: Non-contributing

The M and H Electric building was constructed in 1941 at the northwest corner of Grant and 1st streets, one half block east of main street. The building is attached to the State Theater (1926) and was built for the theater's owner, Frank A. Matuska, to match the theater in design. It is faced with brown brick with darker brick and buff colored limestone trim. The storefront is basically intact.

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important to the economic growth of the town. One early businessman in particular, Frank A. Matuska (1872-1947), had a substantial impact on the development of Jackson's commerce. He served as president of the Jackson National Bank (included in the district), was the original owner of six of the other buildings in the district, and is recognized locally as one of Jackson's most important early businessmen.

The buildings which comprise the Jackson Commercial Historic District were included in a historic sites survey of Jackson County conducted recently by the State Historic Preservation Office. The survey staff determined that the commercial buildings in Jackson are an unusually intact, consistent collection of structures which as a group retain their late nineteenth and early twentieth century architectural character. Jackson's commercial district was found to be much more intact than the commercial districts found in surrounding towns in Jackson and nearby counties. In addition, the buildings create an important visual link to Jackson's commercial development as a southern Minnesota railroad community and regional trade center. By representing the development of commerce and commercial architecture in Jackson, the buildings contribute to an understanding of the Agricultural Development and Railroad Construction Context of the State Historic Preservation Office's preservation planning framework.

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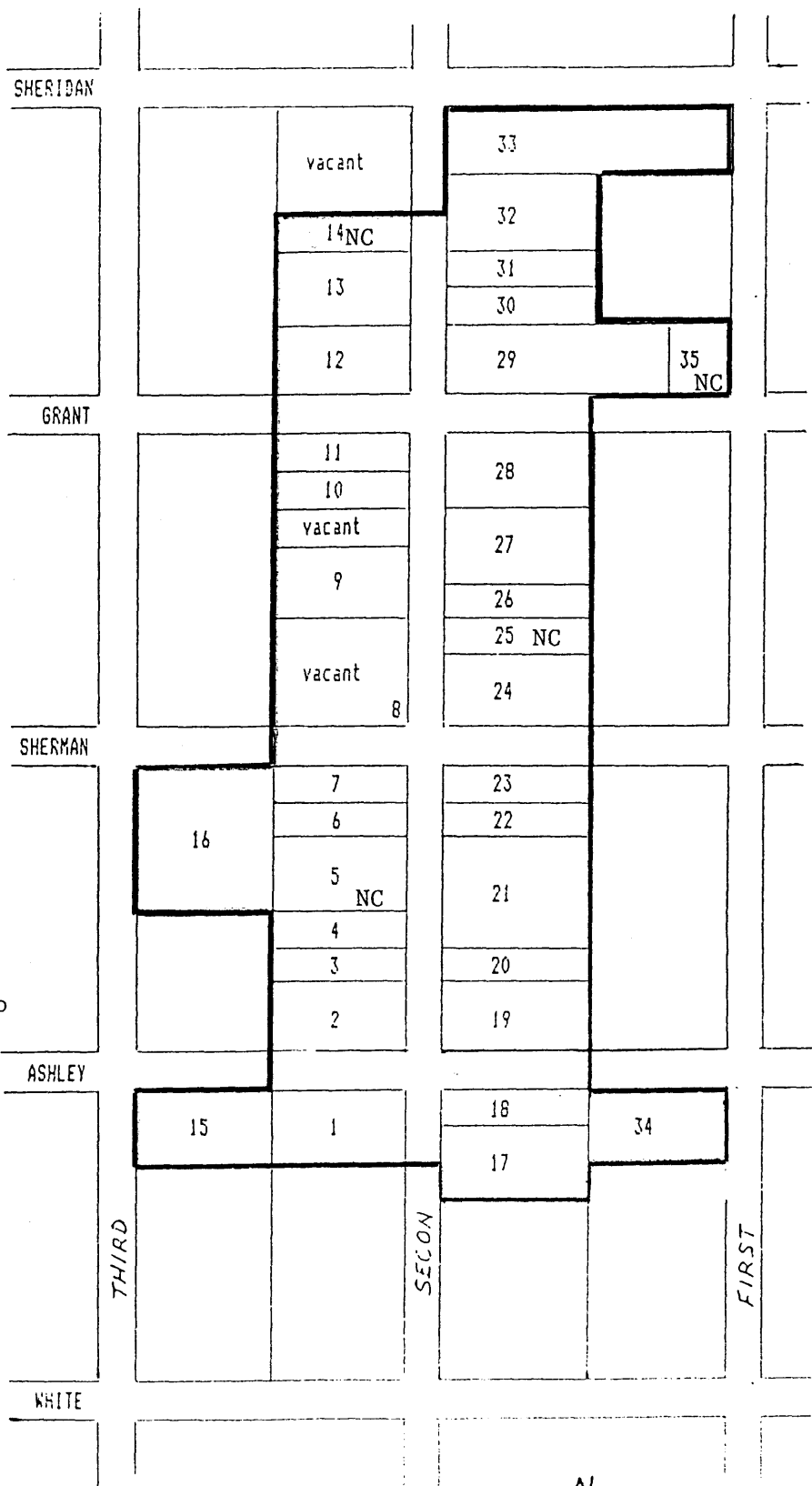
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That part of the Original Townsite of Jackson described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2, proceeding easterly along the southern curbline of Sheridan Street to the west curbline of First Street, thence southerly along the west curbline of First Street to a point of intersection with the southern lot line of Lot 1 of Block 2 of the Original Townsite, thence westerly along the southern lot line of said Lot 1 to the southwestern corner of Lot 1, thence southerly along the eastern lot line of Lot 4 and Lot 6 of Block 2 to the southeastern corner of said Lot 6, thence easterly along the northern lot line of Lot 7 of Block 2 to a point of intersection with the west curbline of First Street, thence southerly along the west curbline of First Street to a point of intersection with the north curbline of Grant Street, thence westerly along the north curbline of Grant Street to a point of intersection with the southwestern corner of Lot 7 Block 2, thence southerly to a point of intersection with the west curbline of the north-south alley of Block 3, thence southerly along the west curbline of the north-south alley of Block 3 and the west curbline of the north-south alley of Block 4 to a point of intersection with the south curbline of Ashley Street, thence easterly along the south curbline of Ashley Street to a point of intersection with the west curbline of First Street, thence southerly along the west curbline of First Street to a point of intersection with the southern lot line of Lot 1 of Block 5, thence westerly along the southern lot line of said Lot 1 to a point of intersection with the west curbline of the north-south alley of Block 5, thence southerly along the west curbline of the north-south alley of Block 5 to a point of intersection with the southern edge of the north half of Lot 4 of Block 5, thence westerly along a line at the southern edge of the north half of Lot 4 to a point of intersection with the east curbline of Second Street, thence northerly along the east curbline of Second Street to a point of intersection with the southern lot line of Lot 2 of Block 5, thence westerly to a point of intersection with the southern lot line of Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Block 10, thence westerly along the southern lot line of Lots 1 and 2 Block 10 to a point of intersection with the east curbline of Third Street, thence northerly along the east curbline of Third Street to a point of intersection with the south curbline of Ashley Street, thence easterly along the south curbline of Ashley Street to a point of intersection with the east curbline of the north-south alley of Block 11, thence northerly along the north-south alley of Block 11 to a point of intersection with the southern lot line of Lot 4 of Block 11, thence westerly along the southern lot line of said Lot 4 to a point of intersection with the east curbline of Third Street, thence northerly along the east curbline of Third Street to the point of intersection with the south curbline of Sherman Street, thence easterly along the south curbline of Sherman Street to a point of intersection with the east curbline of the north-south alley of Block 12, thence northerly along the east curbline of the north-south alley of Block 12 and the east curbline of the north-south alley of Block 13 to a point of intersection with the northwestern corner of the southern 28 feet of Lot 3 of Block 13, thence easterly along a line at the northern edge of the southern 28 feet of Lot 3 to a point of intersection with the east curbline of Second Street, thence northerly along the east curbline of Second Street to the point of beginning.

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Sketch Map
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 Building numbers correspond to National Register nomination text.
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