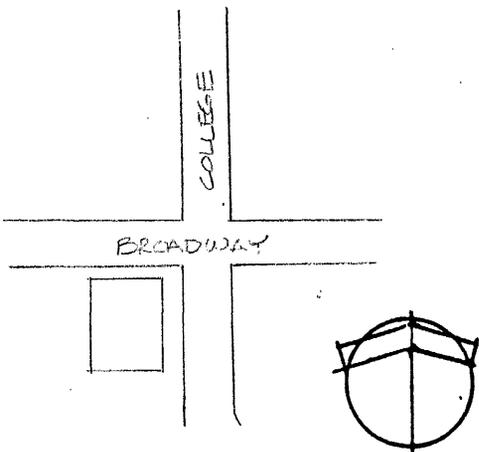
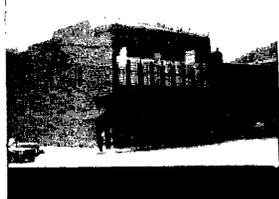


KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. BR-J 19

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2 Present Name Chapman's		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jackson	
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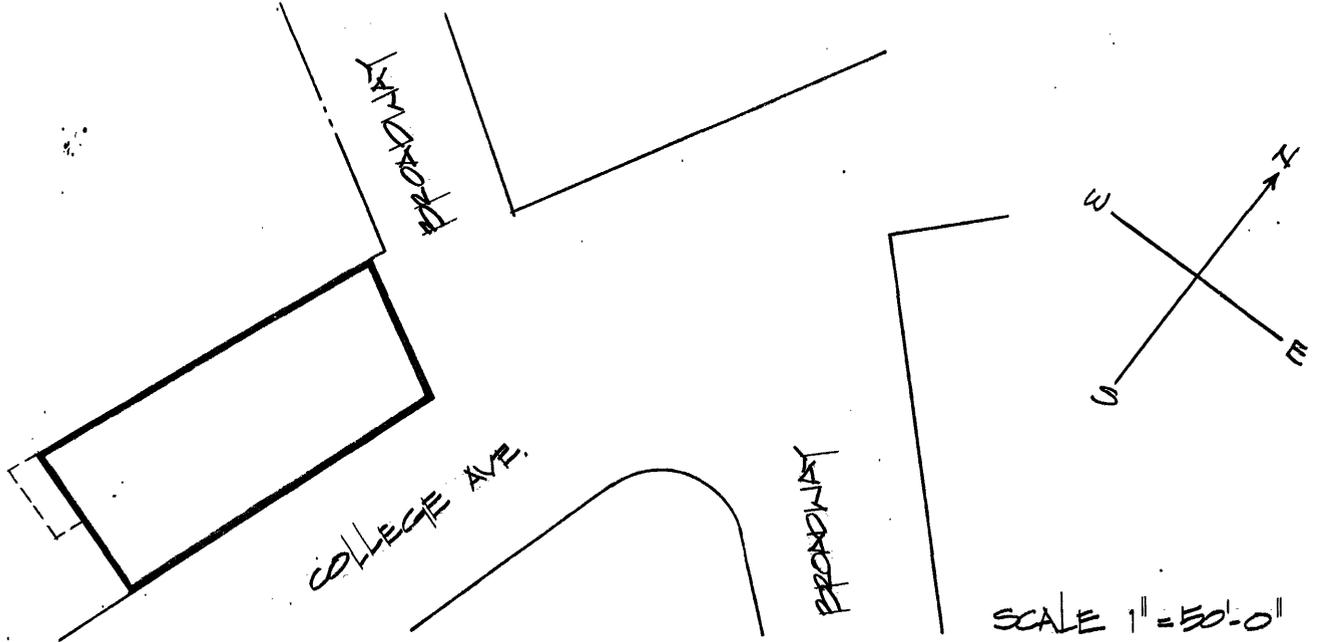
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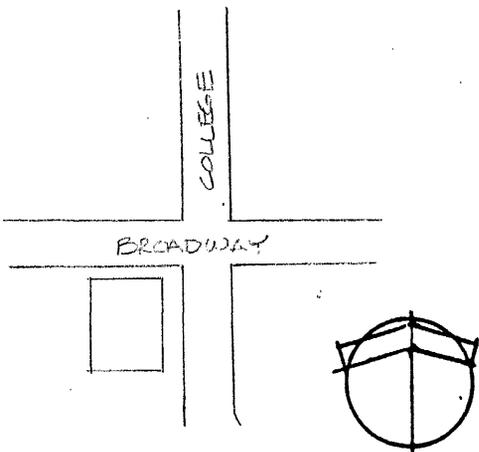
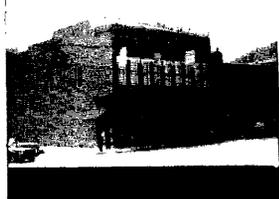
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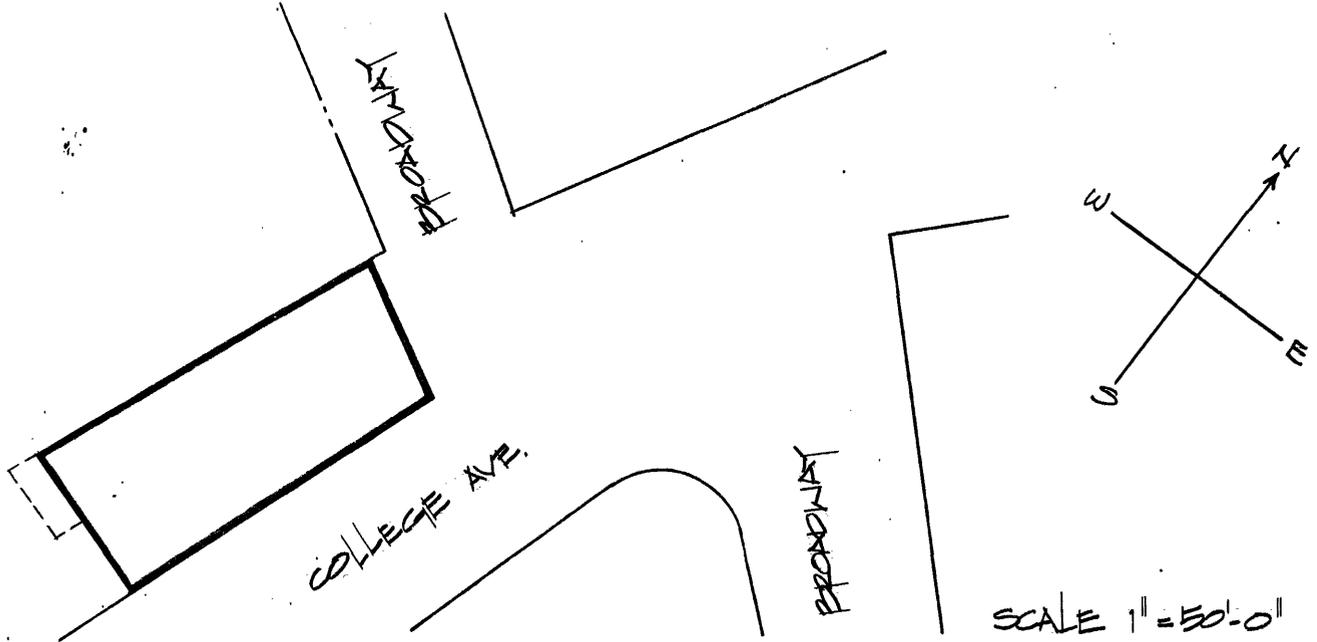
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