

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 82004895

Date Listed: August 30, 1982

Property Name: Canton Courthouse Square Historic District

County: Madison

State: Mississippi

none
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

December 30, 2004
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 7. Description

The buildings at 3342 and 3344 Liberty Street (formerly 124 and 128 North Liberty Street, respectively) are hereby changed to contributing resources to reflect the recent removal of a non-historic metal slipcover that obscured their historic features. The buildings now display their historic features and contribute to the significance of the district.

The Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Canton Courthouse Square Historic District

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number Center, Liberty, Peace and Union Streets N/A not for publication

city, town Canton N/A vicinity of congressional district Third

state Mississippi code 28 county Madison code 89

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 checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Ownership

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk

Madison County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Canton state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Canton (pop. 10,503) is located in central Mississippi approximately 23 miles north of the state capital of Jackson. The town is on a wooded and relatively level site surrounded primarily by open farmland. The proposed Canton Courthouse Square Historic District comprises the commercially developed center of the community. The district is bounded on the east and south by the town's oldest residential sections and on the west and north by mixed commercial and residential areas.

The grounds of the courthouse square are crossed by concrete paths and are casually landscaped with several large oaks and magnolias. Encircling the perimeter of the square is a cast iron fence erected in 1858 and manufactured by T. T. Baker of Cincinnati. The ca. 1857 Greek Revival courthouse occupies the center of the square and is the visual focus of the district.

A majority of the buildings facing the square are simple turn-of-the-century commercial vernacular structures of one to two stories. However, their architectural character is enlivened by eclectic cornices, pediments, and window caps of galvanized metal. The remaining buildings are good local examples of the Italianate, Second Renaissance Revival, and Neo-classical Revival styles.

Of the fifty-two buildings in the historic district all are in relatively good structural condition, and only nine do not contribute architecturally to the district. All but one of the structures are of brick, and most retain their original architectural integrity.

The facades of the buildings around the square are flush with the concrete sidewalks which were originally laid in 1911. The streets in the district were not paved until the 1920's and are currently asphalt.

An architectural survey of the area covered by the Canton Courthouse Square Historic District was conducted during the spring and summer of 1980 by Lloyd Ostby, architectural historian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Research was done in the Department Library, the Madison County Public Library, and the Madison County Courthouse to determine the historic boundaries and significance of the district. Each building was then inspected and researched to establish its importance in the district. Interviews with property owners in the district and local historians supplemented the above-described research.

Boundaries of the proposed historic district have been delineated to include only those properties which physically border on the courthouse square. Although the courthouse square area is surrounded by several properties which may also be National Register eligible, the differing scale and nature of most of the structures in the adjacent areas, the increased number of intrusions found there, and the lack of visual association of these areas with the square make them inappropriate for inclusion in the Canton Courthouse Square Historic District.

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Inventory of Buildings in the District

The number for each building is keyed into the accompanying map. The historical name of a building is listed in parenthesis. The current occupant of each building is listed at the end of each description.

Contributing structures (C) are significant in the historic and architectural development of the district, possess compatible design elements, and maintain the scale, use, and texture of the district. Marginal structures (M) are potentially contributing buildings of very recent historical or architectural significance or are buildings with historical facades that have been considerably, but not irreparably, altered. Non-contributing structures (N) disrupt the scale and texture of the district or have little or not historic or architectural significance.

1. Madison County Courthouse. Ca. 1857. Greek Revival. Joseph Willis, Architect. Two-story seven-by-three-bay brick; low pitched roof with parapet; large central cupola with lantern; colossal tetrastyle Doric porticos on east and west facades; colossal Doric distyle in antis entrances on north and south facades with large tablet panels above; colossal pilasters divide bays on all facades; twelve-over-twelve windows. (C)
2. Chancery Clerk's Office. Ca. 1940. Vernacular. One-story nine-by thirteen-bay concrete; raised basement; flat roof. (N)
3. 102 W. Center. Ca. 1880. Italianate. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with parapet; oval attic vents; two-over-two windows with hood moulds; corner quoins. First story altered. James Restaurant. (C)
4. 108 W. Center. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick, vertical metal siding; flat roof; plate-glass windows on first story; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Hudson Pharmacy. (M)
5. 114 W. Center. Ca. 1940. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick and Cararra glass; flat roof; plate-glass windows. Robert L. and Beverly Goza, Attys. (N)
6. 118 W. Center. Ca. 1950. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick; flat roof; plate-glass windows; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Sandwich Shop. (N)
7. 124 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick and wooden shingles; flat roof; wood-shingled shed porch over sidewalk. Golden's. (N)
8. 130-134 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story five-bay brick; flat roof; metal shed porch over sidewalk; second story lost in 1976 tornado. Holiman's Sales and Service (130), Vacant (134).

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9. 140 W. Center. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick; flat roof; porch over sidewalk with flared roof. Axtell's. (M)
10. 146 W. Center (Canton Theater). Ca. 1940. Commercial vernacular. Three-story five-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; hexagonal window on third floor; large theater marque. Vacant. (C)
11. 150 W. Center. Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay wood; flat roof; shed awning over sidewalk. Holden's TV. (C)
12. 158 W. Center (Sulm's). Ca. 1904 Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof; metal porch over sidewalk; roof of original two-story porch also missing. Sulm's. (C)
13. 164 W. Center. Ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick; flat roof; front pent roof. Merle's Wigs. (M)
14. 168-174 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Italianate. Two-story five-bay brick; flat roof; two-over-two windows with hood moulds. Gulf Finance Loans (168), Canton Jaycees (170), Johnston's T.V. Service (174). (C)
15. 178 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick and wood shingles; flat roof; galvanized metal cornice. Tower Loan. (M)
16. 184 W. Center (Spot Cash Store). Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick; flat roof; galvanized metal cornice. Northside Package Store. (C)
17. 200-210 W. Center (Wohner's Corner; Molony's). Ca. 1896. Commercial vernacular. Two-story six-by-eleven-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; metal cornice; metal porch over sidewalk. Goodwill Industries (200); L.L. Maloney General Merchandise (204); White Rose Cleaners (210). (C)
18. 102-114 N. Liberty. Ca. 1890. Italianate. Two-story nine-by-nine-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; facade divided into three sections by quoins; attic vents; hood moulds over second-story windows (hood moulds removed from three windows of central section); metal shed awnings over sidewalk. Salvation Army (102), Money Mart (108), Life of Georgia (114), Haven Radio and TV (114). (C)
19. 118-122 N. Liberty. Ca. 1890. Italianate. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; attic vents; over-sized casket forms canopy over second-story windows; two-over-two windows on second story; metal shed awning over sidewalk. Noble Insurance (118), Collins Wohner, Atty. (120), Josephine Hood, Atty. (122). (C)

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20. 124 and 128 N. Liberty. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story five-bay brick with vertical metal siding; flat roof; large plate-glass windows on first story; flat metal awning over sidewalk. A. Saab Department Store. (N)
21. 132-138 N. Liberty. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story seven-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; four-over-four windows on second story; hood moulds over second story windows; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Kenwin Shop (132), CIT Finance (138). (C)
22. 146 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick and stucco; flat roof with parapet; first-story brick arcade. John Christopher, Atty. (M)
23. 148 N. Liberty. Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. Two-story seven-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Sterling. (C)
24. 158 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; metal shed awning over sidewalk. Second story altered by plastering over windows. Vacant. (M)
25. 164 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Three-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; second-story windows with semi-circular arches; flat metal awning over sidewalk. First story altered. Roberts Insurance. (C)
26. 168 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick covered with vertical metal siding; flat roof; large plate-glass windows on first story. Shelby Smith's Home Auto. (N)
27. 172-178 N. Liberty. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story six-bay brick; flat roof with stepped parapet. Radio Shack (172), Morgan's Fabric Center (178). (C)
28. 202 N. Liberty. Ca. 1978. Late Georgian Revival. One-story four-by-four-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; arcaded fenestration; corner entrance. Citizen's Bank. (N)
29. 103 S. Liberty (First National Bank). Ca. 1893. Commercial vernacular. Two-story four-by-four-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; metal cornice; corner entrance and pediment. Mississippi Bank. (C)
30. 103-109 W. Peace (Levy Bldg.). Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. Two-story four-by-four-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; double one-over-one windows on second story. Apparel Shop (103); Central Mississippi Legal Services (107); Mighty Quick Loans (109) (C)

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31. 115 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; second-story windows covered over; large plate-glass windows on first story flat metal awning over sidewalk. Buttross. (M)
32. 119 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Victorian Romanesque. One-and-a-half-story two-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; two large arched windows on first story. Canton Bank annex. (C)
33. 127 W. Peace (Canton Bank). Ca. 1920. Neo-classical Revival. Two-story three-bay ashlar; flat roof with parapet and central cartouche; distyle in antis facade; tripartite windows. Canton Bank. (C)
34. 133 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story two-bay brick; flat roof; corbel course. First story altered. Canton Bank Loan Department. (C)
35. 137 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story one-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; metal cornice; rectangular attic vent. First story altered. Merle Norman Cosmetics. (M)
36. 141 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and central semi-circular pediment; hood moulds over second-story windows. First story altered. Smart Shoes. (C)
37. 145 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick with vertical metal siding; flat roof with metal cornice; large plate-glass windows. Western Auto. (M)
38. 151 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story two-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice; flat lintels over second story windows. First story altered. Western Auto. (C)
39. 155 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick with vertical metal siding on top half; flat roof with metal cornice; large plate-glass windows. Altered. Cato. (M)
40. 159 and 163 W. Peace (E & A Hesdorffer). Ca. 1906. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and central pediment; Palladian window on second story; metal shed awning over sidewalk. May's Food Market (159); Vacant (163). (C)
41. 165 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with pediment; semi-circular arches over second-story windows. First story altered. Easy Finance Company. (C)

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42. 169 and 171 W. Peace. Ca. 1890. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and pediment; second-story metal window caps; metal balconet. Lyle Cotton Co. (169); Mosby's Drug Store (171). (C)
43. 175 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story eight-by-eight bay brick with modern metal siding; flat roof; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Ben Franklin. (N)
44. 203 W. Peace (Iupe's). Ca. 1900. Eclectic. Two-story five-by-six-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and corner pediment; second-story metal window caps; corner entrance; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Iupe's Fiar. (C)
45. 101 N. Union. Ca. 1850; altered ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Three-story three-by-ten-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with brackets and metal cornice; semi-circular arches over second and third-story windows with pronounced keystones and archivolt trim. First story altered. Gowdy's Jewelers. (C)
46. 107 N. Union (Perlinsky's). Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with parapet and pediment; large second-story central window with segmental arch. Perlinsky's. (C)
47. 111 N. Union (N. K. Baldwin). Ca. 1890. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and central pediment; metal window caps over second-story windows; flat metal awning over sidewalk. H & W Discount Groceries. (C)
48. 115 and 119 N. Union. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story four-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with parapet. Altered. 115 (upstairs, vacant); 119 Sherwin Williams (M)
49. 123 and 127 N. Union. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story seven-bay wood; flat roof with wooden cornice and brackets; six-over-nine windows on second story. First story altered. Canton Bakery (123); Su-Perl Florest (127). (C)
50. 133-147 N. Union (Conwell/Trolio Hotel). Ca. 1869. Commercial vernacular. Two-story thirteen-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; pilaster strips divide facade into three sections; four-over-four windows with metal pediments over windows of end sections. Original third story burned. First story altered. Color Tyme TV Rental (133); Chandler O'Cain Barber Shop (137); Frances Parke Antiques (141); Joe W. Terry, M.D. (147). (C)
51. 157 N. Union. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. One-story six-bay continuous-glass and brick. Noble's Drug Store. (N)

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52. 175 N. Union (Post Office). Ca. 1910. Second Renaissance Revival. Two-story five-bay stucco; flat roof with parapet; stone frontispiece entrance. Post Office. (C)

8. Significance

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Specific dates N/A Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Along with the commercial centers of Oxford and Holly Springs, the Canton Courthouse Square Historic District is one of the finest architectural groupings in Mississippi of a central courthouse and square surrounded on four sides by commercial buildings. The architectural significance of the district is the result of an outstanding Greek Revival courthouse and the consistent quality and variety of an almost continuous , turn-of-the-century streetscape around the square. The courthouse square was laid out in the 1830's when the site of Canton was chosen in 1834 as the location for a permanent seat for Madison County.

Among the seven pre-Civil War courthouses remaining in Mississippi, the Canton courthouse is exemplary in its basically unaltered condition and use of major Greek Revival elements. This architectural integrity is evident in the Doric order of the tetrastyle porticos and the distyle in antis entrances, in the central cupola and lantern, and in the proportions and details of the second-story courtroom.

Exceptional among Mississippi courthouse squares is the wide range of materials and designs in the cornices, fenestration, and wall surfaces of the commercial buildings as well as the relatively few instances of major changes to these details. This diversity and good state of preservation are shown in the eclecticism of the metal cornice and window caps of Mosby's Drug Store (171 W. Peace), in the simplicity of the wooden building of the Canton Bakery (123 N. Union), and in the monumentality of the distyle in antis stone facade of the Canton Bank (127 W. Peace).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 14 acres

Quadrangle name Canton, MS

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lloyd Ostby, Architectural Historian

organization Mississippi Department of Archives & History

date September 1980

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city or town Jackson

state Mississippi

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Deputy

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 18, 1982

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

William K. Brown date 8/30/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Carl A. Dinkler date 8/30/82

Chief of Registration

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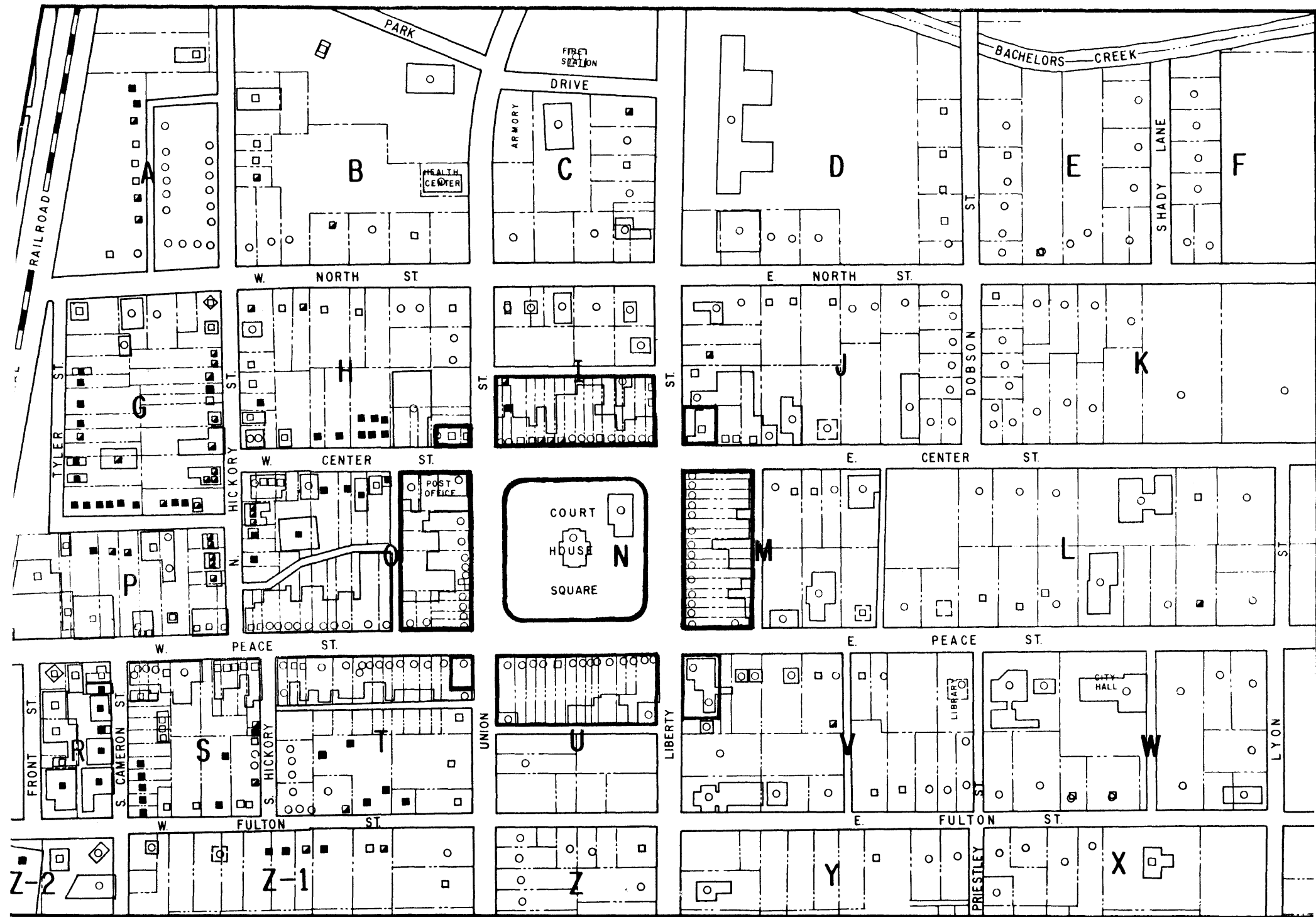
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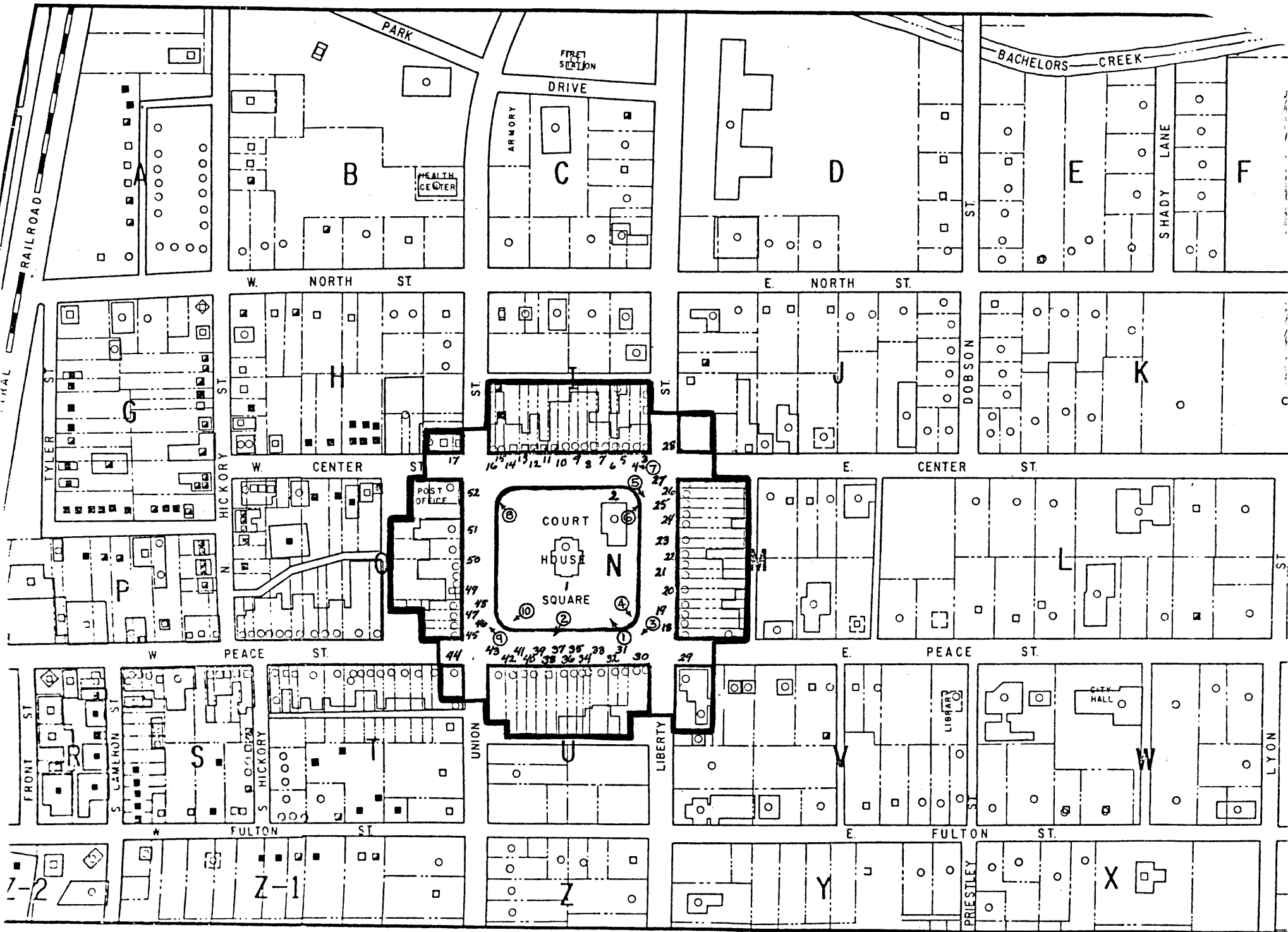
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CANTON COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT (buildings encircled with dark line)



CANTON COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT (buildings encircled with red line)
 Numbers correspond with those of inventory

