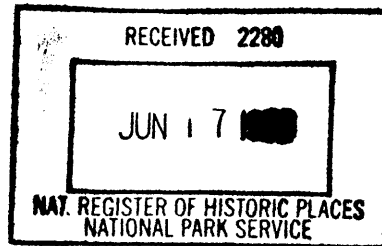


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name; **LeMoyne Gardens Public Housing Project**

Other names/site number; **N/A**

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2. Location

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street & number; **Walker, Porter, Provine & Neptune**

not for publication; **N/A**

city or town; **Memphis** vicinity; **N/A** state; **TN** code; **047**

county; **Shelby** code; **157** zip code; **38107**

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Herbert L. Hays
Signature of certifying official

6/11/96
Date

Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of Keeper
for

7.25.96
Date of Action

Entered in the
National Register

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 101 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 101 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

Public Housing Projects in Memphis, Tennessee from 1936-1943

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: **Domestic** Sub: **Multiple Dwelling**

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: **Domestic** Sub: **Multiple Dwelling**

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Other: Minimal Traditional

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation; **cast concrete**

roof; **asphalt shingle**

walls; **brick veneer**

other; **decorative brick work**

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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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.)

N/A

- 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);

Social History; Government; Architecture; African-American History

Period of Significance; 1941-1943

Significant Dates; 1941, 1943

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

Cultural Affiliation; N/A

Architect/Builder; Jones, Walk C., Architect
Jones, Walk C. Jr., Architect
Burnham, Herbert M., Architect
Mulbrey, Howell B., Architect

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property; **27.34 acres** **SW Memphis 404SE**

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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2 16 770450 3890120 4 16 770080 3890650

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title; Judith Johnson, Historic Preservation Analyst
Julie Johnston, Intern
organization; Division of Housing and Community Development
date; January 22, 1996
street & number; 701 N. Main Street telephone; (901) 576-7310
city or town; Memphis state; TN zip code; 38107

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Additional Documentation

Owner: Memphis Housing Authority
700 Adams Avenue
Memphis, TN 38103
Contact Person: Diane Mosby
(901) 544-1394 (Operations)

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Description

The complex of residential apartment buildings that forms the LeMoyne Gardens Public Housing Project is located in what is commonly known as the LeMoyne area of south Memphis. The housing project acquired its name from a historically black college, LeMoyne-Owen College (formerly known as LeMoyne College). The immediate surrounding area displays a diversity of land uses and building types. Directly to the east of the project just past Neptune Street is the boundary of the Elmwood Cemetery (est. 1852). (The Elmwood Cemetery, Office and Entrance Bridge were placed on the National Register on May 22, 1978.) To the north of the project are several pairs of railroad tracks. On the west side of the project commercial blocks, single-family housing and apartment complexes are found. Finally, to the south of LeMoyne Gardens several prominent churches, Second Congregational and Metropolitan Baptist, can be found as well as LeMoyne-Owen College.

The majority of the residential development found in the surrounding area was built in the late 19th century and early 20th century and consists of a wide variety of architectural designs. This is considerably different from the characteristics of LeMoyne Gardens. The housing project is a dense pattern of development with two-story brick face apartment buildings. Housing projects constructed in Memphis during the same period as LeMoyne Gardens all have similar qualities: a formal site plan dictating symmetrical placement of buildings, conformity of design and scale, and an overall appearance of uniformity.

The development was built in two phases, 1941 and 1943. The first phase covered 26 acres and 60 structures were built. The boundaries of the first phase include the following; Provine Avenue on the north, Neptune Street on the east, Walker Avenue on the south, and Lenow Street on the west. The second phase, called the LeMoyne Gardens addition, contains 41 structures. At this time Lenow Street was converted into a pedestrian mall. The housing units built have a stylistic influence that is a minimalist version of Colonial Revival. The design conformity and symmetrical placement of the structures characterizes governmental housing of the time. The apartments are arranged in succession along avenues or in a U-shape design around a court or mall. Along the principal streets there may be rows from 4 to 12 structures fronting the streets or

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walls. The entire complex features buildings that were constructed in reinforced concrete and finished in brick. The structures are all two story with either a hipped or gable roof. Cornices are flush with the eave of the building. The windows are a metal casement type with 08 X 08 sashes.

During the inventory process, nine different building types were identified within the complex. These nine building types are repeated in varying degrees throughout LeMoyne Gardens. While the uniformity of building style exists, there is variation in building scale, roof form, plan and arrangement of window and door openings. The following is a list of the nine different building types identified;

<u>Type</u>	<u>Units Per Bldg</u>	<u>Roof</u>	<u>Entryway</u>	<u>Plan</u>
A	4	gable	paired	rectangular
B	8	hip	paired/single ends	rectangular
C	8	gable	paired	rectangular
D	10	hip	paired/single ends	rectangular/stepped
E	10	hip	paired/single ends	rectangular
F	12	hip	paired/single ends	rectangular/stepped
G	12	hip	paired/single ends	rectangular
H	6			rectangular
I	8	hip	paired	rectangular

Note: **paired** - refers to types which feature paired entries in the mid-section of the building.

paired/single ends- refers to types which feature paired mid-section entries with single entries on both ends of the building.

rectangular/stepped- refers to buildings with set-back sections on the ends which forms a stepped appearance.

The interior of the apartments contain two floors of living space. The living room and kitchen are located on the first floor, with two bedrooms and one bath on the second floor. Building types D and F also feature single-bedroom apartments located on the upper story.

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There are some slight differences between the appearance of the buildings in the two different phases of development. However, overall the structures have a general unity of scale and design. Structures built during the first phase of development have flush eaves with a full entablature, brick soldier courses beneath upper story windows and transom panels above the entryways. The buildings constructed in the second phase of development have flush eaves with a corbeled brick cornice, corbeled brick entry surrounds and a brick header course at the foundation level.

Between 1975 and 1977, the Memphis Housing Authority spent approximately \$1.3 million rehabilitating LeMoyne Gardens as part of Housing and Urban Developments \$35 million demonstration project. Several things were done to LeMoyne Gardens under this project. Several new retaining walls were constructed as well as cast concrete fences around select units. All the buildings within the complex were re-roofed, all 842 front doors were replaced and some interior redecoration was conducted. All other features of LeMoyne Gardens maintains the original integrity of the entire development.

The existing street system is a natural outgrowth of the grid pattern established in the area prior to the development of LeMoyne Gardens. Several modifications were made during the construction the housing project. To accommodate the large number of apartment buildings on the site, several city streets were eliminated, some were re-aligned and others were converted into malls. As part of the agreement with the Federal Housing Authority and the City, the streets of LeMoyne Gardens were constructed by the city and are public avenues. The streets allow for two lanes of traffic, are lit by streetlights and are bounded by sidewalks. Also, the City constructed three parking lots within the boundaries of LeMoyne Gardens, two behind Alston Mall and one fronting the administration building on LeMoyne Drive.

Situated in the heart of the northern portion of LeMoyne Gardens, directly behind the administration building, is a several acre open space park. The park, part of the original LeMoyne Gardens plan, contains playground equipment, including a swing set, jungle gym, monkey bars, and a basketball court which are original to the development. Those apartments with LeMoyne Park addresses overlook this common area.

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The administration building remains the focal point of the housing project. It is a Colonial Revival style building on Williams Street fronting a circular drive with the open space park directly to the north. In the foyer on the west wall is affixed a historic plaque commemorating the construction of the project. The building is a multi-purpose structure housing administrative offices, an auditorium, club room and shop. The administration building was built during the first phase of the projects construction in 1941.

The overall topography of the area is generally flat with some raise in elevation near Porter Street. The natural landscape is marked with large native trees which can especially be seen along the major street ways like Walker and Neptune. The mature oaks date to the opening of the project in the 1940's.

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Statement of Significance

The LeMoyne Gardens Public Housing Project is nominated for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A in its significance to the social history, including the governmental and African-American history, of Memphis. It is also being nominated for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C in its association to significant architecture. It is nominated under the registration requirements for public housing projects set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation form for Public Housing Projects in Memphis, Tennessee 1936-1943.

The Memphis Housing Authority chose to place LeMoyne Gardens next to the LeMoyne-Owen College to offer the project residents a cultural, civic and social center for themselves. The Memphis Housing Authority had the idea to develop a "community within a community" supported by existing social and economic institutions. The first section (1941) of the housing project was built as a depression era project. According to the laws of the time, public housing projects were to be separated by race but equal in services and quality. This led to the development of LeMoyne Gardens for African-Americans. After completion, it was the fifth public housing project in Memphis and the third constructed for African-American families. The addition (1943) was built as a World War II Housing Development, providing more apartments for African-American families.

LeMoyne Gardens is a prime example of depression-era and WWII-era public housing projects. The architectural significance of the site lies in both the design of the individual buildings as well as their placement within the framework of the complex. LeMoyne Gardens displays a formal site plan imposing a regular placement of 100 multi-family Minimal Traditional/ Colonial Revival style buildings. Additional information regarding LeMoyne Gardens can be found in the Public Housing Projects in Memphis, Tennessee MPDF.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The LeMoyne Gardens Public Housing Project encompasses an area of approximately 27.34 acres. The project area is bounded by Provine Avenue to the north, Walker Avenue to the south, Neptune Street to the east and Porter Street to the west.

Boundary Justification

These are the physical boundaries set by the Memphis Housing Authority when the public housing project was originally designed and constructed. These boundaries have not changed since that time.

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Photo Log

LeMoyne Gardens Public Housing Project, Memphis, Tennessee

Photos By: Judith Johnson

Division of Housing and Community Development

Date: January 22, 1996

Negatives: Tennessee State Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee

830 Williams - Admin. Building, facing southeast, 1 of 12
814 Williams - Building Type A, facing southwest, 2 of 12
919 H.F. Price - Building Type C, facing northwest, 3 of 12
951 Neptune - Building Type D, facing southwest, 4 of 12
769 Provine - Building Type E, facing southwest, 5 of 12
877 Neptune - Building Type F, facing southwest, 6 of 12
932 H.F. Price - Building Type G, facing northwest, 7 of 12
966 Porter - Building Type H, facing northeast, 8 of 12
770 Williams - Building Type I, facing southeast, 9 of 12
Williams Street scape, facing east, 10 of 12
Williams Circle, facing northeast, 11 of 12
Neptune Court, facing east, 12 of 12

PROVINE

LEMOYNE GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT
SHELBY CO TN
1" = 100'

AVE. PROVINE AVE.

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NEPTUNE

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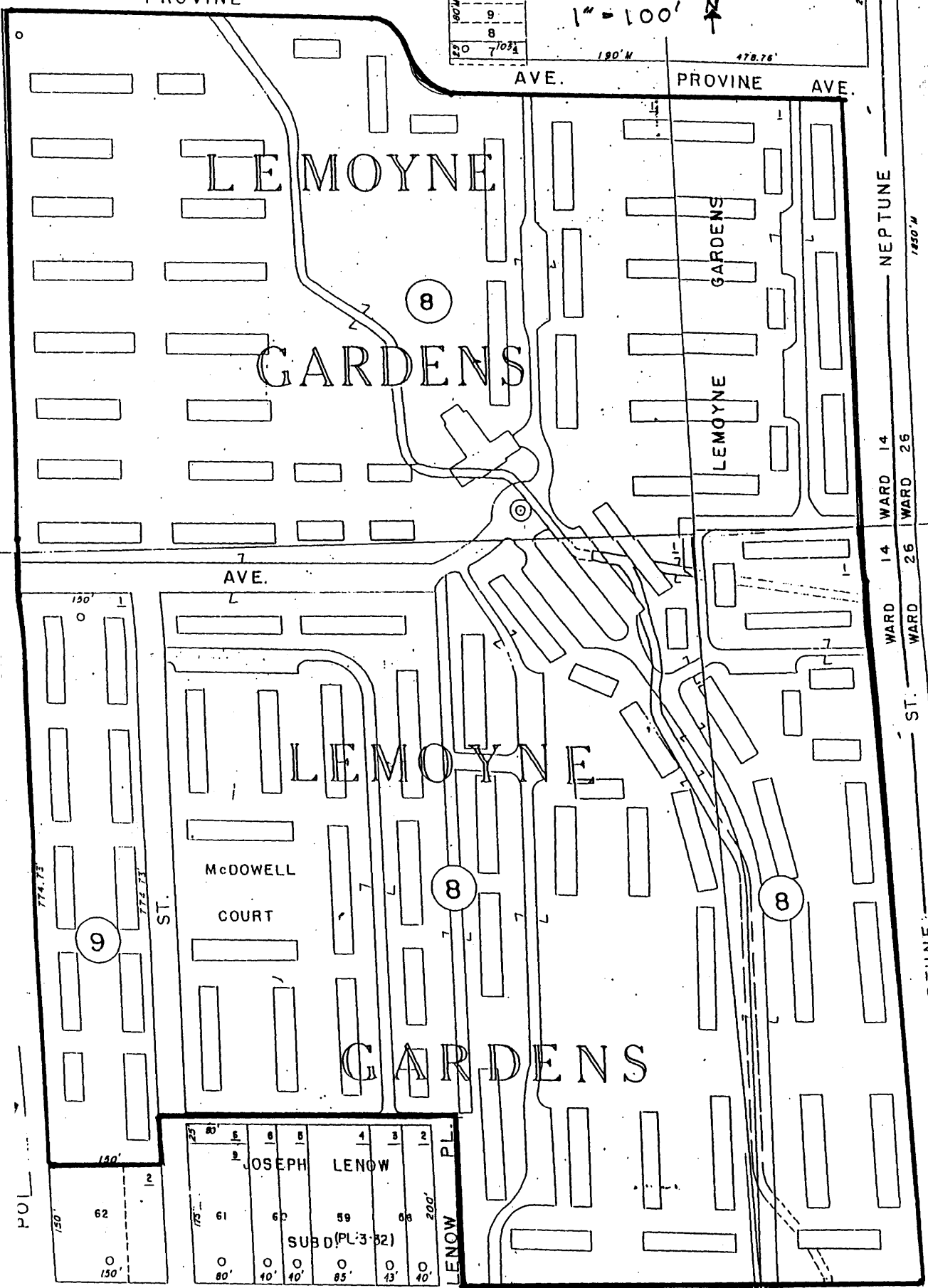
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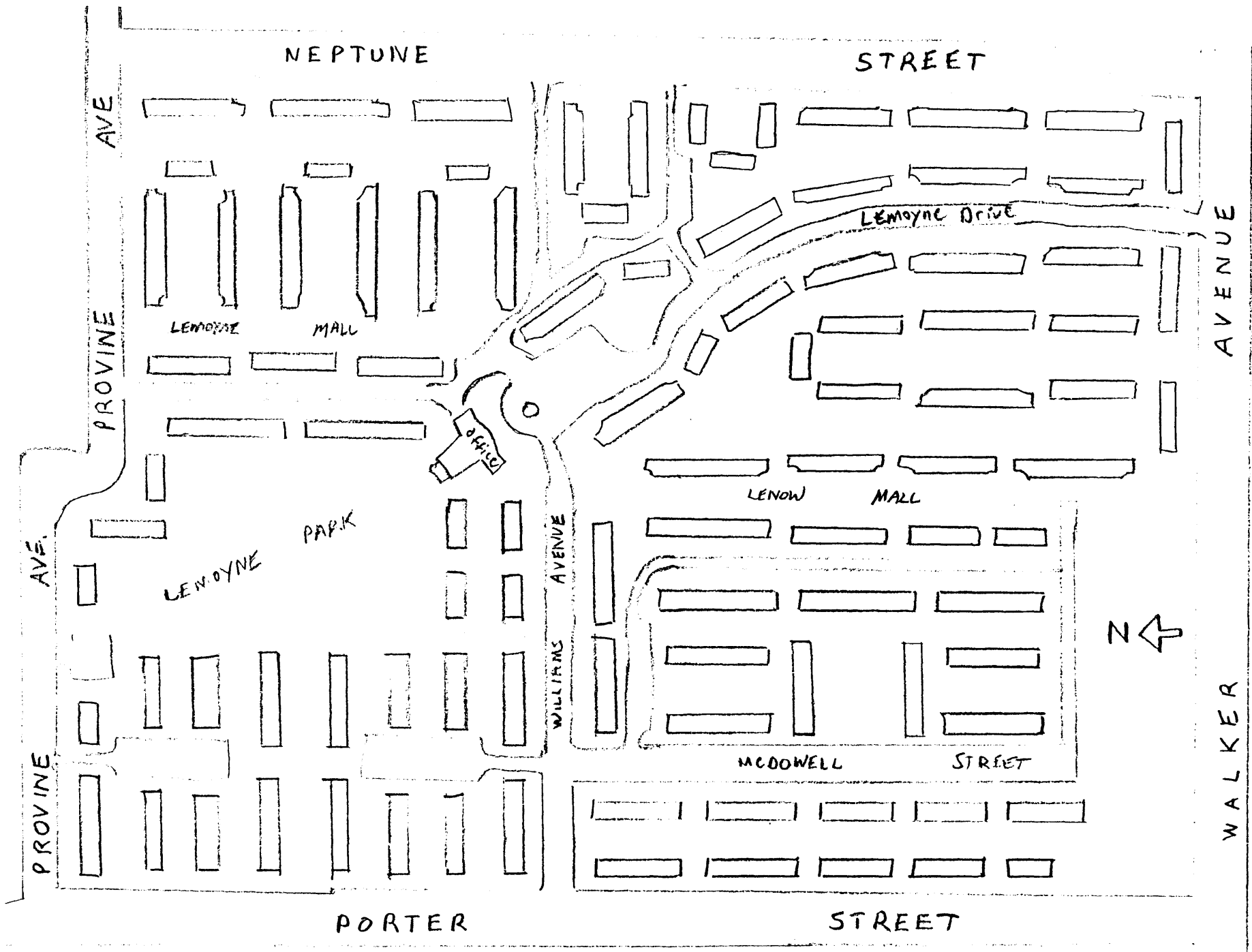
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GARDENS

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LENOW PL.						

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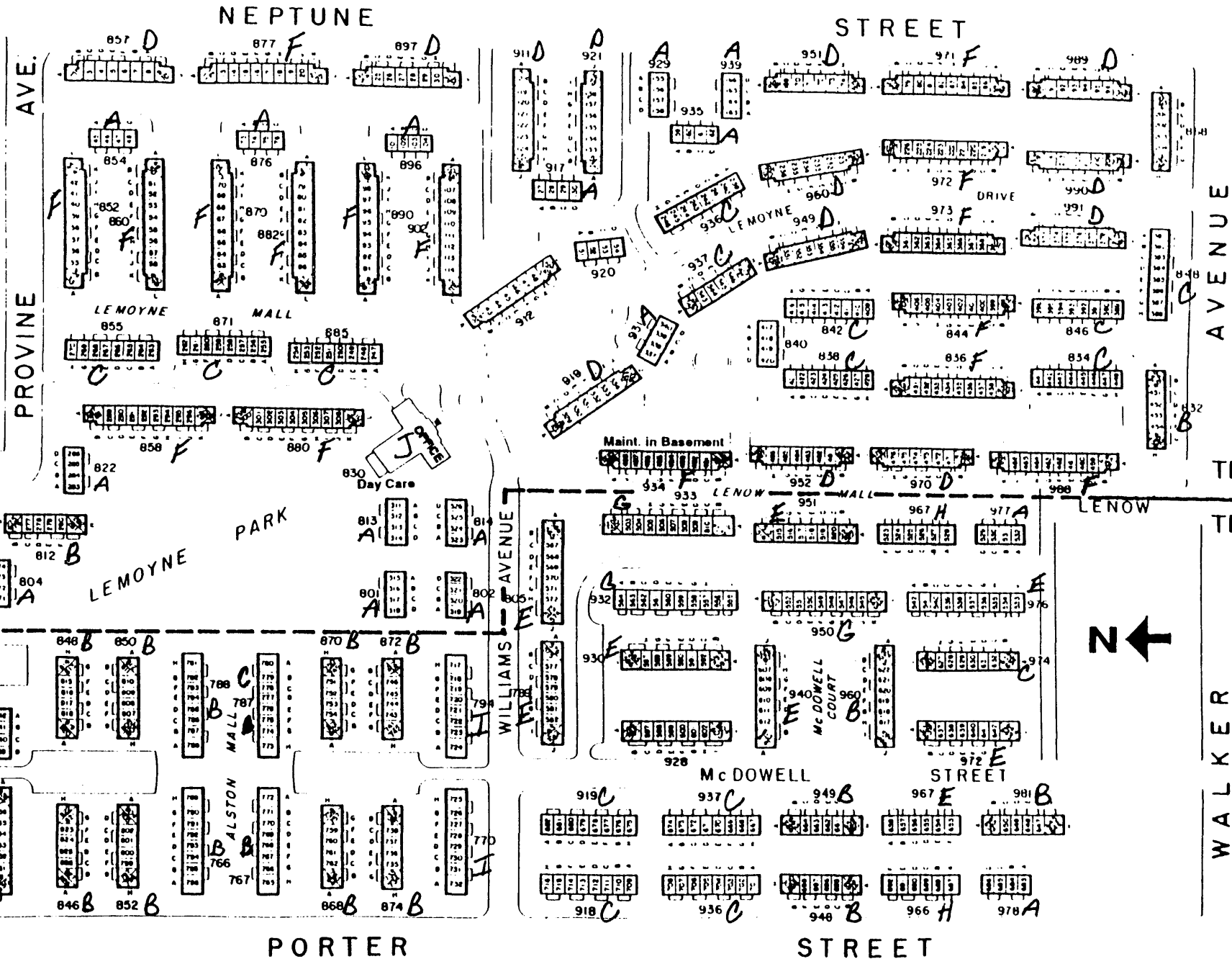




LEMOYNE GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT, SHELBY CO. TN

1941

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Building Types

LEMOYNE GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT

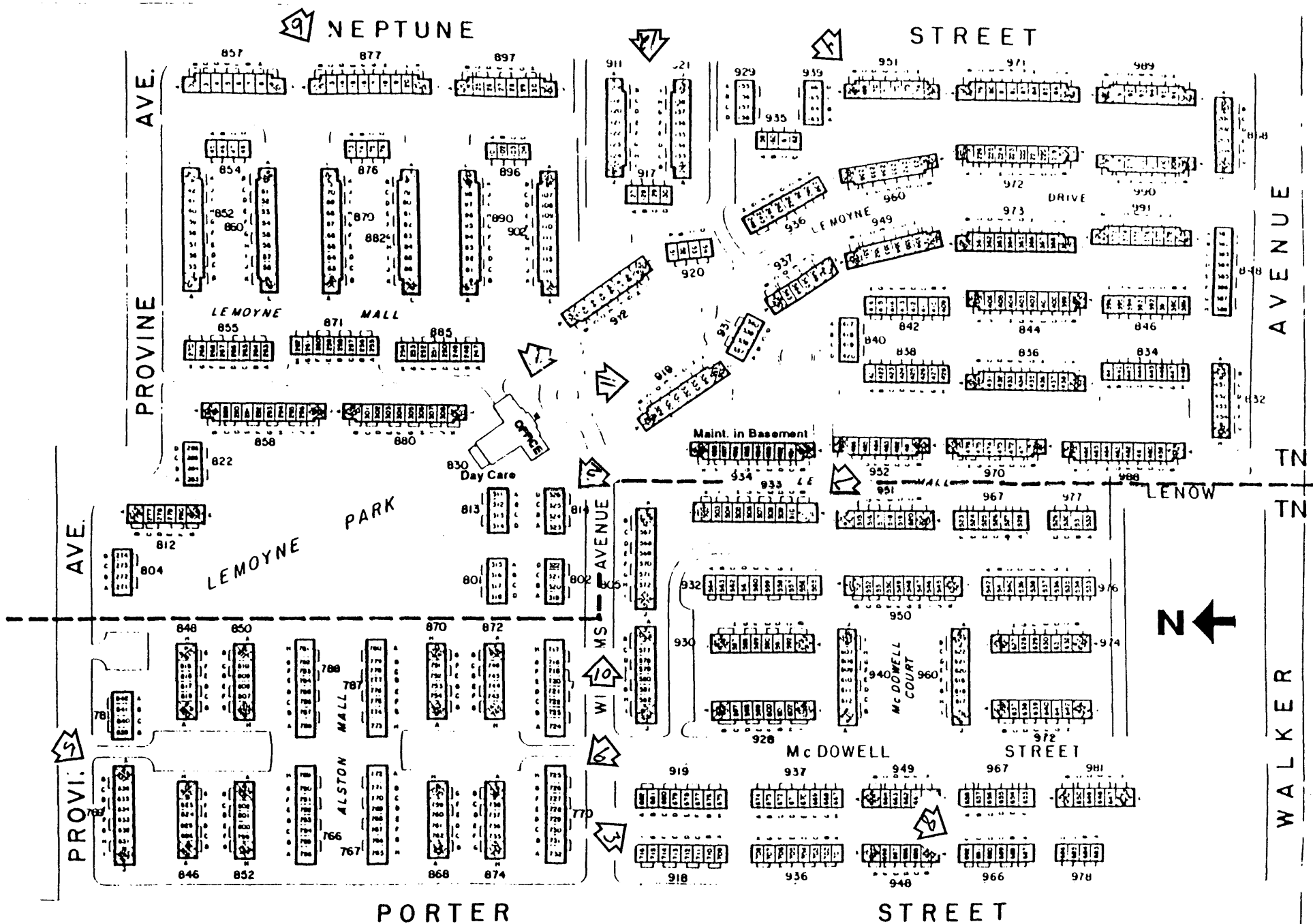


Photo Key Map

LEMOYNE GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT SHELBY CO. TN

LeMoyne Gardens Public Housing Project
 Memphis, Shelby Co. TN
 #1 of 2

Lemoyne Gardens Unit Styles

Address	Style	Address	Style
Alston Mall 766	B	Lenow Mall 952	D
767	B	967	
787	C	970	D
788	B	977	A
		988	F
LeMoyne Dr. 852	F		
854	A	McDowell St. 940	E
855	C	950	G
860	F	960	B
870	F		
871	C	Neptune St. 857	D
876	A	877	F
882	F	897	D
885	C	911	D
890	F	917	A
896	A	921	D
902	F	929	A
916		935	A
919	D	939	A
920		951	D
931	A	971	F
936	C	989	D
937	C		
949	D	Porter St. 846	B
950	D	848	B
972	F	850	B
975	F	852	B
990	D	868	B
991	D	870	B
		872	B
LeMoyne Park 801	A	874	B
804	A	918	C
812	B	936	C
813	A	948	B
822	A	966	H
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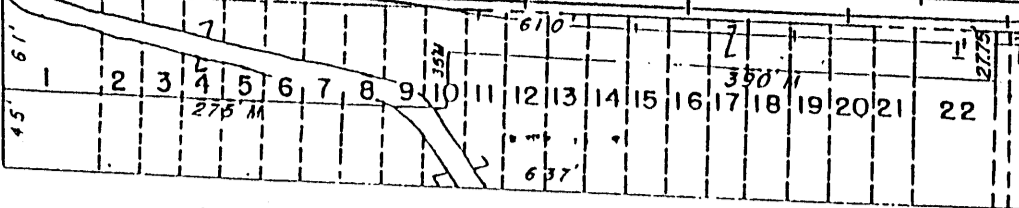
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Memphis, Shelby County TN
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	976	E
	981	B
Provine	769	E
	781	A
Walker	832	B
	848	C
	868	
Walker Mall	834	C
	836	F
	838	C
	840	
	842	C
	844	F
	846	C
Williams	770	I
	789	E
	772	I
	802	A
	805	E
	814	A
	830	J (Office)

AVENUE

WARD 32

WARD 14



LEMOYNE GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT
 SHELBY CO TN
 1" = 100' N

PROVINE

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1850' N

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7 AVE.

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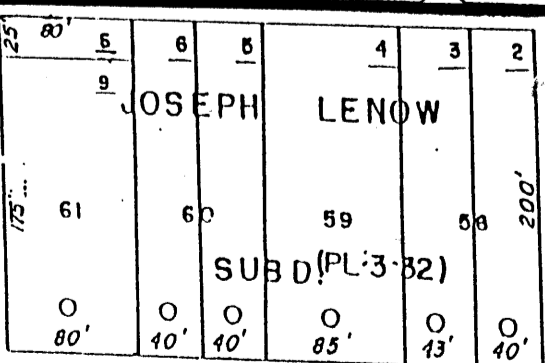
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JOSEPH LENOW

SUBD (PL 3-32)

LENOW PL



AVE.

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