

Historic Resources of Old Hickory
Lakewood Commercial District
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Location: 103/107 22nd Avenue and 2001-2011 Old Hickory Boulevard in Lakewood, Tennessee.

<u>Owner:</u>	1. 107 22nd Street:	W.T. Corley 125 Hamblin Avenue Old Hickory, TN 37138
	2. 103-105 22nd Street	Harry Hosey 3039 Lakeshore Drive Old Hickory, TN 37138
	3. 2009-2011 Old Hickory	Marion Wilson 102 22nd Street Old Hickory, TN 37138
	4. 2005-2007 Old Hickory	Marion Wilson 102 22nd Street Old Hickory, TN 37138
	5. 2001-2003 Old Hickory	Marion Wilson 102 22nd Street Old Hickory, TN 37138

Classification: District

Description:

The Lakewood Commercial District is located at the corner of Old Hickory Boulevard and 22nd Street in Lakewood, Tennessee. The district is composed of five commercial structures built between 1926 and 1930. These buildings have continued to be used for commercial purposes since their construction. All buildings within the district are contributive and there are no intrusions. The district is bounded by streets and post-1930 buildings on all sides.

All buildings are one-story in height and of frame or brick construction. While several of the storefronts on the buildings have been altered the upper facades are intact and display detailing typical of 1920s vernacular commercial buildings. The building's display recessed storefronts, glazed brick decoration and interior pressed tin ceilings. The district is the only remaining grouping of early 20th century commercial architecture in the communities of Rayon City, Lakewood and Old Hickory.

Acreage: Approx. 2.8 acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundaries of the district include the five contiguous buildings at the corner of 22nd Street and Old Hickory Boulevard as shown on Davidson County Tax Map 53-7. Areas to the east and south are made up of post-1940 commercial buildings or buildings which have been significantly altered. There are no adjacent structures to the west and north. Specifically the district is bounded on the south by 22nd Street, on the west by Old Hickory Boulevard and on the north and east by adjacent lots.

UTM References: 16/532150/4011385. (Nashville East Quad)

Statement of Significance:

The Lakewood Commercial District is the only remaining concentration of early 20th century commercial architecture remaining in the communities of Rayon City, Lakewood and Old Hickory. During the early 1920s this area was just outside the DuPont property line and this property was purchased by the Dabbs and Elliot Realty Company. In May of 1925 Dabbs and Elliot subdivided and platted twelve blocks in Lakewood which included the land at 22nd Street and Old Hickory Boulevard. In February of 1926 the realty company sold to Isadore Alford several lots at this corner as a shopping area for DuPont workers. When Alford purchased these lots there were very few residences in Lakewood itself and this commercial area appears to have depended on Old Hickory residents for business in the early years. The residential areas of Lakewood later grew to the east and southeast of this commercial area. In 1926 Alford constructed the building at 2009-2011 Old Hickory Boulevard, 103-105 22nd Street and the small frame addition at 107 22nd Street.

Alford's buildings were the first commercial buildings in Lakewood but others soon followed. In late 1926 the building at 2001-2003 Old Hickory Boulevard was constructed by Louis Brooks. Other brick buildings were constructed on other blocks facing Old Hickory such as the Hillcrest Hotel in 1927. This hotel still stands but has been greatly altered and is not considered eligible. The building at 2005-2007 Old Hickory was built in 1928 by B.F. Jones which adjoined the Alford and Brooks buildings. By 1930 there were sixteen commercial buildings located along the six blocks of Old Hickory between 22nd and 30th Streets supporting a wide variety of businesses. The best remaining concentration of these early buildings are included in the district.

Since their construction these buildings have served as a shopping area for Old Hickory and Lakewood. The first businesses in the buildings included a grocery store, drug store and barbershop. Fry's Pharmacy was a well known drug store which occupied 103 22nd Street for many years. Occupants of the buildings in the late 1940s and 1950s included the Dupontonia Market, Paul Moore Drugs, McClure's Wholesale and the Greer Barbershop. In recent years nearby shopping areas have caused the decline of these types of businesses in the Lakewood commercial row and today the buildings are occupied by antique shops, second hand stores and a florist.

The buildings in the Lakewood Commercial District are good examples of the vernacular commercial building styles of the 1920s. The buildings constructed by Alford feature recessed entrances, glazed brick storefronts, transoms and pressed metal ceilings. The Brooks building displays inset decorative brick decoration, transoms and projecting brick piers. The Jones building is somewhat simpler in design with a header bond brick cornice and terra cotta tiles at the roofline. Although some of the storefronts have been altered the buildings retain their integrity of design, setting and location. The buildings were one of the first commercial centers of the Old Hickory and Lakewood area and together they are the only significant concentration of commercial architecture

in the Hadley's Bend area.

Individual Building Descriptions

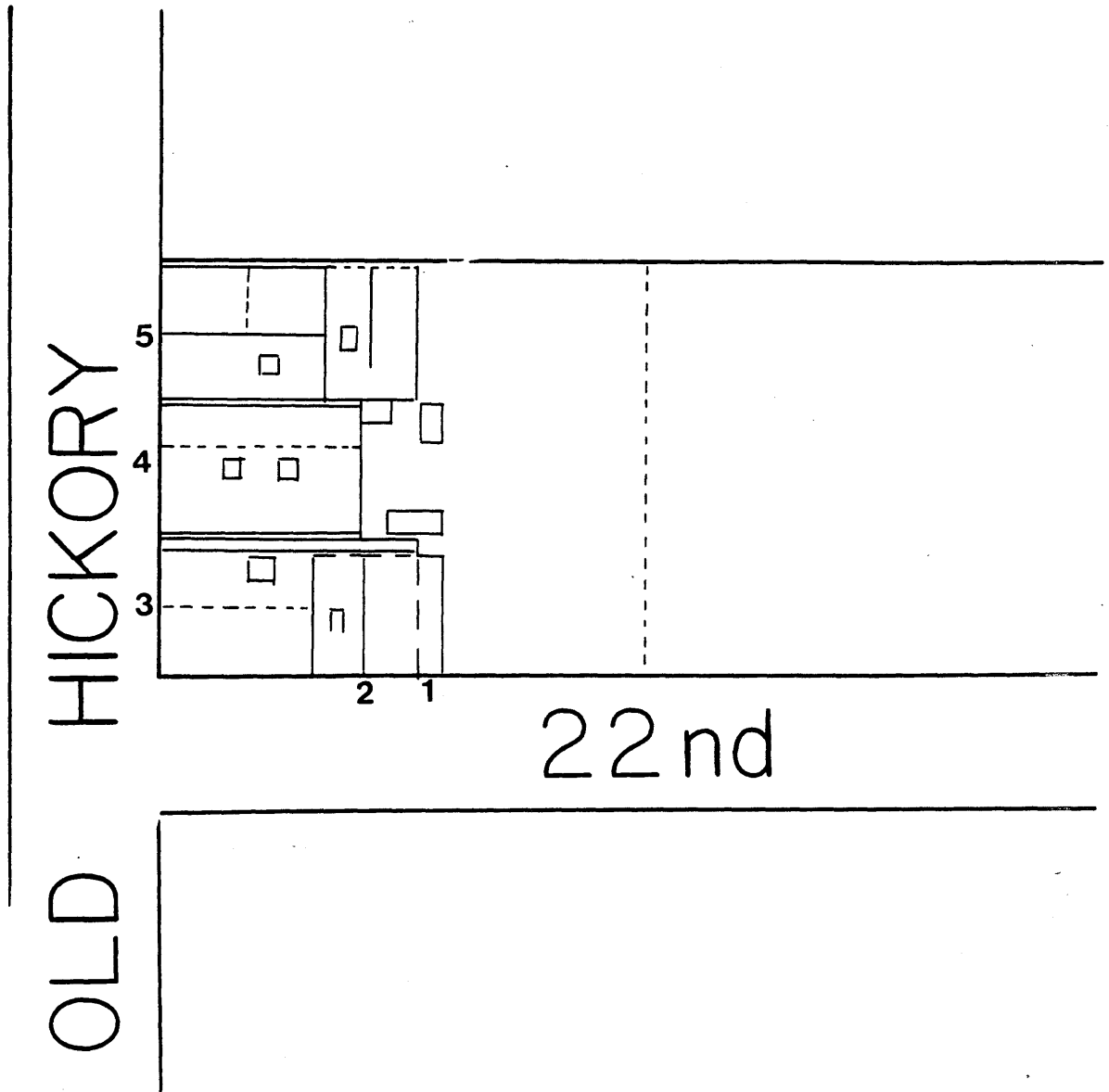
1. 107 22nd Street: Constructed in 1927 this one-story frame building was built as an addition to the brick building at 105 22nd Street. Two doors originally connected the two buildings. The building has a simple facade with a frame door flanked by a large display window which is presently covered with plywood. Over the door and window is a sixteen light transom.

2. 103-105 22nd Street: Built in 1926 this one-story brick structure consists of two sections separated by an interior party wall. Both storefronts feature recessed entrances with frame and glass double doors. The plate glass display windows and transoms have been covered with plywood. The original glazed brick of white and green soldier coursing is intact on the bulkhead panels and are in good condition. On the 103 storefront is a tile floor in the vestibule with the inscription "Fry Pharmacy" surrounded by diamond shaped decoration and a running fret band.

3. 2009-2011 Old Hickory Boulevard: The Alford Building was constructed in 1926 and is a one-story brick structure. The building is subdivided into two sections separated by a party wall. Each section contains a recessed storefront with frame and glass panelled double doors. The storefront panels or bulkheads display glazed green and white brick with soldier coursing. Above the panels are large plate glass windows. Above the storefront is a glass transom which has been covered with plywood. Also above the storefront is a projecting mansard cornice added in recent years. At the roofline are diamond shaped inset stone panels and a datestone with the inscription "19-Alford-26." Along the roofline is a stone coping. The interior of the building consists of open space with a decorative pressed metal ceiling.

4. 2005-2007 Old Hickory Boulevard: The Jones building is a one-story brick structure constructed in 1928 and is divided into three sections separated by party walls. The central bay is slightly taller than the flanking bays. Each storefront has been remodeled with new doors and windows. Above the storefront several of the original transoms are intact. The upper facade displays eight course common bond and at the roofline is a small cornice of header bond brick. The interior of the building consists of separate stores with open floor space.

5. 2001-2003 Old Hickory Boulevard: The Brooks building was constructed in 1926 and is a one-story brick structure. The building is divided into two sections separated by a concrete block party wall. The storefront on the 2003 bay is relatively intact with a recessed glass and frame double doorway. The plate glass display windows and transom have been covered with plywood. The storefront on the 2001 bay has been altered with new windows and a new door. The transom has also been covered with a plywood sign. The upper facade displays stretcher bond brick with inset rectangular stone panels. At the roofline are projecting brick piers with concrete coping. The interior of both bays consist of open space with a pressed metal ceiling.



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All buildings are contributing properties.