

MULTIPLE NOMINATION HISTORIC DISTRICT SUMMARY FORM

MRA/THEMATIC NOMINATION TITLE: Owensboro Multiple Resource

HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME: Doctors' Row Historic District

OWNER OF PROPERTY: Multiple

(On Continuation Sheets list all properties by address which are included within the district and provide the names and addresses of their owners.)

DESCRIPTION:

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance
(Use Continuation Sheets)

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1880's-1890's **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)
(Use Continuation Sheets)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately .47 acres
Quadrangle name Owensboro East **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM References

A	<u>16</u>	<u>790105</u>	<u>4180</u>	<u>400</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing			Zone	Easting	Northing
C					D			
E					F			
G					H			

Verbal boundary description and justification
(Use Continuation Sheets)

DISTRICT MAPS ATTACHED:

1. District Boundary Map Showing Contributing & Noncontributing Properties.
2. District Map Showing Location & Direction of Numbered Photographs.

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Name: Doctors' Row Historic District

Location: 335 Frederica St., 201-209 W. Fourth St., 324 St. Ann St.

Owner: Multiple

Classification: District

Description: The Fourth Street Historic District is comprised of seven commerical buildings located on the north side of West Fourth Street between Frederica Street and St. Ann Street, including one building around the west corner at 335 Frederica Street and one building around the east corner at 324 St. Ann Street. The district lies at the southern boundary of the downtown commerical area of Owensboro. The buildings are now used for professional office spaces. The district is bordered by parking lots and modern commerical buildings.

335 Frederica is a three-story Italianate structure with a modern storefront on the first floor of the Frederica Street facade. The second and third floors of this front facade each have three windows surrounded by segmental-arched stone lintels topped with keystones. The front facade is topped by a corner turret decoration and an elaborate sheet metal cornice with a central panel reading 1893. The West Fourth Street facade of this building is divided into seven sections, each descending in height as the building progresses along West Fourth Street. Each of these sections is divided from the next by brick pilasters. A modern mansard roof has been added at the first floor level at the eastern end of the building. A second floor has double windows in each section of the facade. These windows are topped by stone segmental arches that are tied together with stone beltcourses. Each section is topped by brick corbelling that creates a smooth rhythm down the building.

An interesting pair of Victorian town houses are located at 209 and 207 West Fourth Street. 209 West Fourth Street is a two-story brick and a Colonial doorway and bay added in 1970. A flight of steps and a brick porch provide access to the front entrance. A brick beltcourse runs between the two floors. The second story has two windows with shutters and wood cornices. The roofline has side

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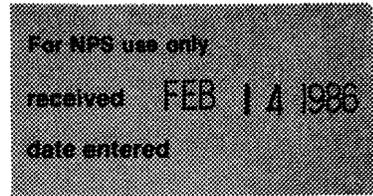
parapet wall gables and a mansard roof. A parking lot adjoins the property. 207 West Fourth Street is a two-story brick structure that retains its original one-story Victorial front porch, which has turned columns, a spindles balustrade, and decorative brackets. At the first floor facade is an arced front window and an asymmetrical front door with a larger central pane of original stained glass. The second floor has a larger central window topped by a brick arch. A double brick beltcourse and brick corbelling at the roofline complete the building.

201, 203, and 205 West Fourth Street are a row of Italianate buildings constructed as a unit and sharing common details. 205 West Fourth has the most intact storefront, which is a four bay, post and lintel, cast-iron front. The front retains its iron threshold, pilasters, and sheet-metal cornice. The original window sashes and one original doorway also remain. All four bays are topped by transoms. 203 West Fourth Street retains its original cast-iron pilasters and cornice but the bays have been infilled with modern brick walls, windows and doors. The storefront at 201 West Fourth has been severely altered, with the central storefront being removed and replaced by a brick wall and Colonial doorway. The only original details remaining are the cornice and corner pilaster. A unified second floor runs above the three storefronts. The second floor rhythm is created by a row of rectangular and round-arched windows with stone lintels united by a stone beltcourse. The window bays are divided by brick pilasters topped by stone capitals. Continuous stone beltcourses run along the sills of the windows and above the windows. The building is topped by rectangular attic windows with half-circle attic vents with stone surrounds.

The three-story brick structure at 322 St. Ann is framed by a three-story rusticated stone pilasters. A basement level has a double entranceway. Iron steps lead up to the main entrance on the first floor. Rusticated stone pilasters support the dentilled cornice of the first floor. The four arched windows on the second floor have been filed with modern shutters. There is a simple brick corbelling at the roofline.

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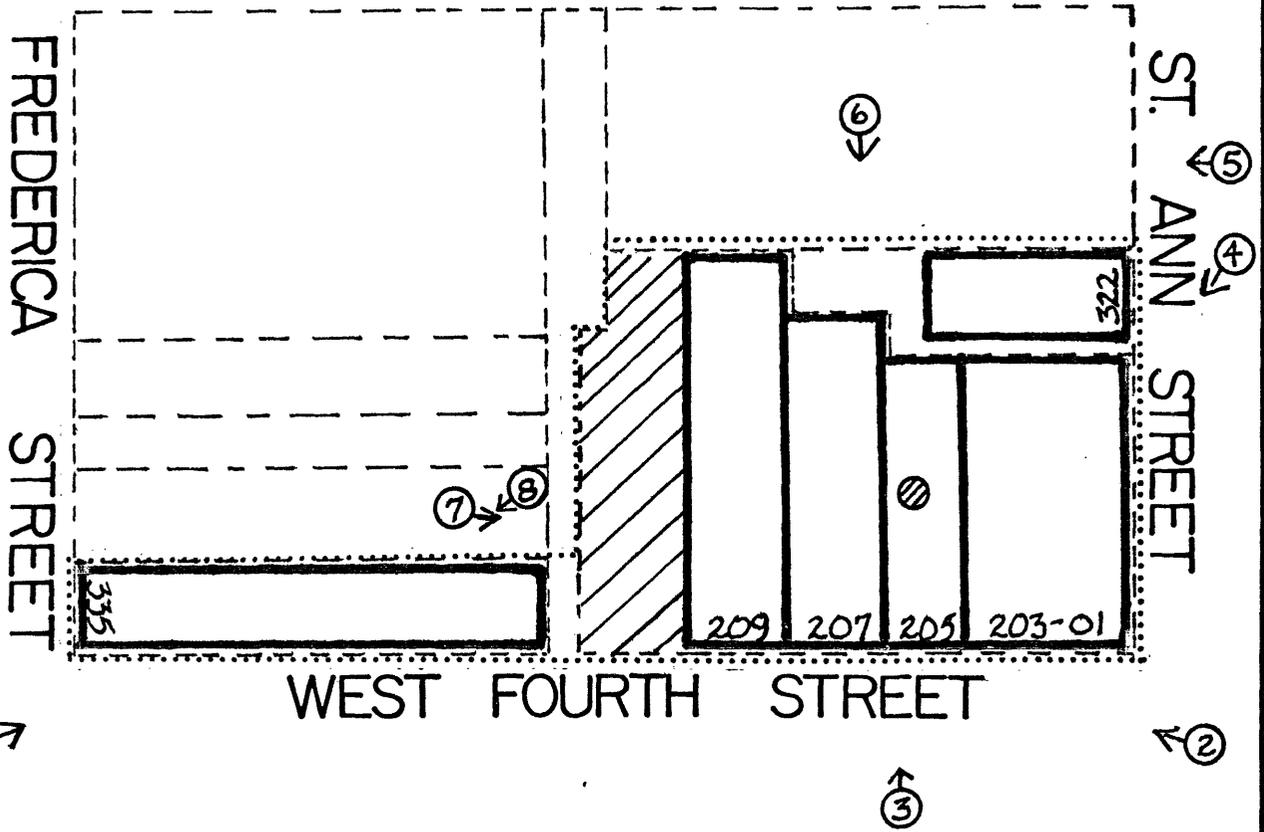
Significance: Doctors' Row is significant as an outstanding collection of late 19th century commercial architecture and because of its association with the early development of Owensboro as a Regional Medical Center. Owensboro has always been a medical center for Daviess County and the surrounding counties. As early as 1907 there were 44 doctors in Owensboro plus about half as many dentist serving the region. Doctors' Row had a drug store, Carn & Carpenter, in the building at 335 Frederica Street and the side entrance on Fourth Street lead to the second floor offices of four doctors. Each of the buildings facing West Fourth Street had between one and three doctors' offices according to Owensboro City Directories from the early 1900s. The building at 324 St. Ann was occupied by one or two medical offices. The block still has one dentist and three optometrist located there but four of the buildings are now law offices. Owensboro remains a medical center for Western Kentucky with every speciality being represented and a hospital that is the largest in Kentucky.

Acreage: Approximately .47 acres.

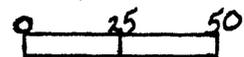
Verbal Boundary Description: Doctors' Row Historic District is located in Census Tract 3, Traffic Zone 4, Block 401, Parcels 4 - 10, according to the information taken from the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission's Computerized Land Use File.

UTM Reference: (Owensboro East) 16/490105/4180400

DOCTOR'S ROW



- National Register Boundary
-  Non-Contributing Element
-  Photo Number & Direction
-  U.T.M. Reference
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