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Court Square Historic District
Grayson County, KENTUCKY

BOUNDARY INCREASE APPROVED

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The Court Square Historic District is being amended to add two properties containing two contributing buildings, two contributing objects, and one non-contributing building, and to amend the status of three buildings from non-contributing to contributing.

The two added properties are as follows:

Gy-L-46 - 106 North Main (photos #53 & 54). Constructed around 1902 for prominent local physician Joseph Theodore Green, the original block of this two-story T-plan frame house remains intact. It features decorative shingles and bargeboard trim in each of the three gables and a one-story, three-sided bay in the front wing's main facade. In the recess on each side of the front wing, turned posts, sawn spandrels, and an elaborate frieze of sawn and turned elements highlight a one-story entrance porch. Flat bracketed hoods surmount tall, one-over-one double-hung sash windows. A wrought iron fence along the front property line is a contributing element. A mid-20th-century frame garage behind the house is non-contributing.

GY-L-47 - 104 North Main (photo #52). Grayson County National Bank president Daniel O'Riley had this one-story L-plan brick house built for his family at the end of the 19th century. One of the few remaining examples of its kind in Leitchfield, the house is characterized by tall one-over-one, double hung segmental-arched windows with stone sills. The core of the house is hip-roofed; the front wing and rear ell are gabled with decorative attic vents. A small brick addition to the northwest corner of the rear ell appears to date from early in this century, as indicated by its stone window sills. Although the original front porch ornamented with turned and sawn elements has been altered with replacement brick posts and balustrade, the house retains its integrity due to the preservation of its form, roofline, fenestration and attic vents. The original cut-stone retaining wall across the edge of the front yard remains intact and contributes to the property's historical character. After falling into a state of disrepair, the building is being sensitively renovated as real estate offices.

The status of the following intact buildings included in the 1984 listing is changed to contributing because their age now exceeds fifty years:

GY-L-9 - 80 Public Square (photo #25) and **GY-L-10 - 82 Public Square** (photos #3 & 26). The Alice Theater and Alexander Hotel, together known as the Nichols Building for their original owner A. L. Nichols, were constructed in 1935. The steel-framed brick, two-story buildings feature stepped parapets with stone coping and tudoresque treatment of stucco and applied half-timbering in the second-floor window areas. The modification of the storefronts with replacement plate-glass display windows and aluminum and glass doors does not detract from the intact upper elevations which characterize the buildings. The complex retains its original theater, hotel and restaurant uses. In addition, the basement has long served as a garment factory and the upper floors also currently house a law office and barber shop.

GY-L-35 - Public Square (photos #16 & 50). The former Grayson County Courthouse, now used for a variety of governmental and community offices, was built around 1935 and is composed of a central three-story-plus-attic cubical mass extended on the north and south by large but slightly shorter wings. Enframing the entrance bay facing South Main, a monumental stone portico with Corinthian pilasters and columns in antis rises almost the full height of the building. A brick parapet capped by a round clock tops the portico. Windows have six-over-one double-hung sashes.

Taking into account the additional properties and revised statuses, the Court Square Historic District contains 40 resources, of which 31 are contributing buildings, two are contributing objects, and seven are non-contributing buildings.

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The Leitchfield Court Square Historic District is significant as an example of turn-of-the-century residential architecture as well as the late 19th and early 20th century commercial architecture for which it was nominated to the National Register in 1984. The properties at 104 and 106 North Main, omitted from the 1984 submission due to their non-commercial nature, contribute to the streetscape of the town center's original and intact four-by-five grid plan via their front iron fence and stone retaining wall consistent with the setback of the neighboring commercial buildings facing the square. The buildings are typical of the folk Victorian buildings erected throughout Kentucky towns at the turn of the century in their standard applied millwork ornamentation and tall double-hung sash windows integrated with basic popular residential forms. Furthermore, these houses evoke the ambiance of downtown Leitchfield throughout the 19th century and the first years of the 20th when there was a more evenly balanced mix of residential and commercial structures radiating from the courthouse.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description & Justification

The district boundary runs at the rear property lines of all of the building plots up to one block north, east and west of the Public Square, including those on the square. Beginning at the rear property line of the Leitchfield Deposit Bank at 76 Public Square, approximately 75 feet east of the intersection of East Main and the Public Square on East Main; continuing along the rear property lines of those buildings facing the Square on the southeast quadrant; moving west along the rear property lines of those buildings facing the Square on the southwest quadrant; proceeding west of West Main (approximately 200 feet) along the rear property lines of those buildings on the south side facing north to include 106 and 110 West Main; and including, on the north side, those buildings facing south to include 107 West Main; and proceeding along the rear property line of those buildings facing the Square on the west side of the northwest quadrant to the northeast corner of 30 Public Square; then proceed north along the west property line of 25 Public Square and the rear property lines of 104, 106 and 110 North Main; then along the north and east sides of 110 North Main, crossing North Main to continue along the north side of 115 North Main and the rear property lines of the east side of North Main to include 115, 111, and 105 North Main; upon returning to the Square proceeding east, then south along the rear property lines of those properties facing the Square on the northeast quadrant; moving east (approximately 150 feet) on East Main to include the Grayson County Jail, then returning across East Main to the point of departure.

The district boundary embraces all of the buildings on and immediately adjacent to Leitchfield's Courthouse Square which contribute to the area's historic, late 19th and early 20th-century character. Buildings beyond the boundary do not contribute to the Courthouse Square's historic ambiance.

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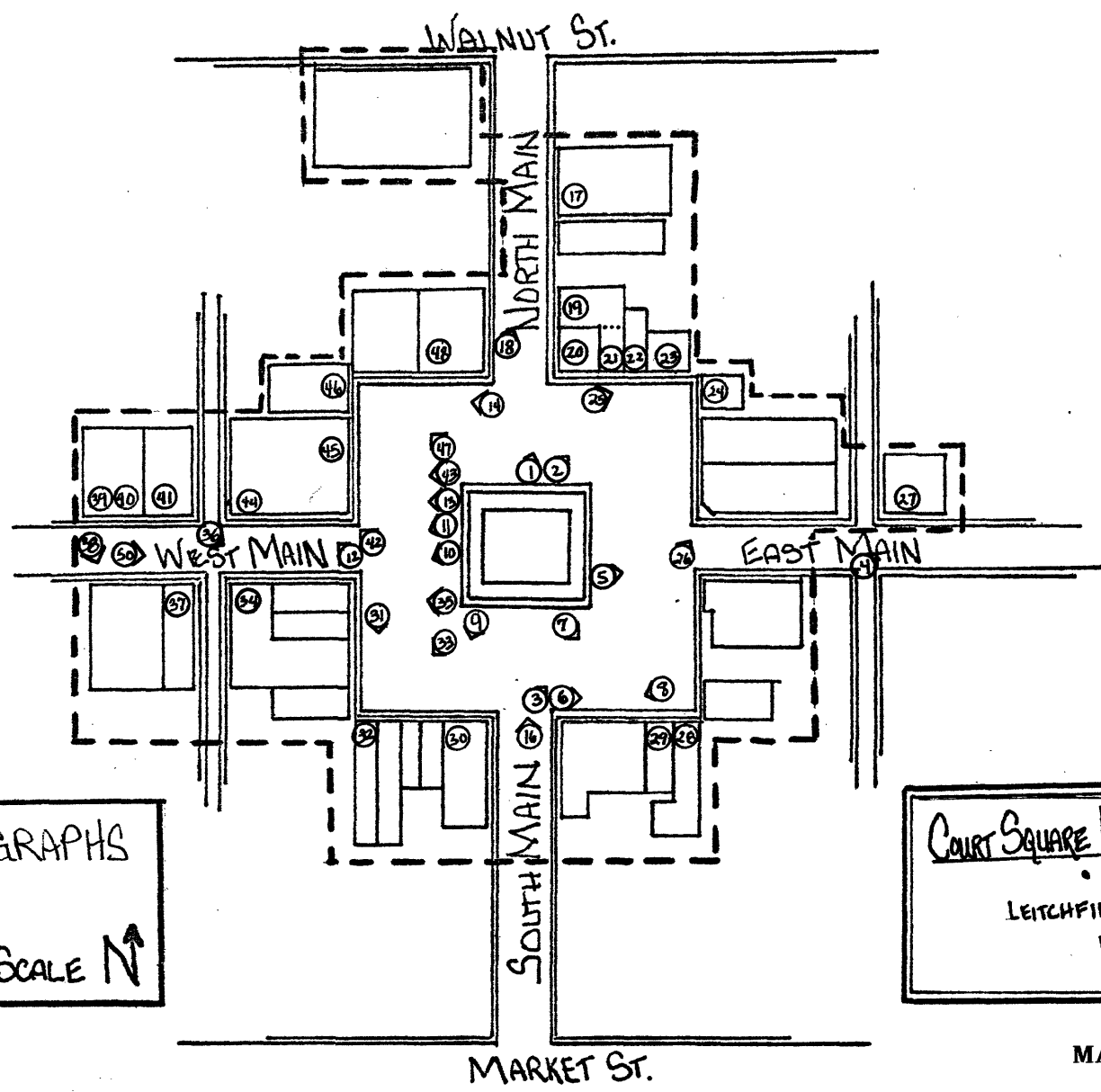
The area of the two properties added to the Court Square Historic District (GY-L-46 and GY-L-47) is approximately one-half acre. This addition does not change the district's area of "approximately 10 acres" as stated on the original 1984 nomination.

UTM References

The UTM reference for the two properties added to the Court Square Historic District (GY-L-46 and GY-L-47) is 16: 562400 / 4148280. Because these properties are within the polygon defined by the UTM references of the original 1984 nomination, this amendment does not alter the UTM reference for the district.

The following are attached: Map 1, photocopy of a portion of the U.S.G.S. map incorporated in the 1984 Court Square Historic District nomination showing the district as well as the added properties; and Map 2, a U.S.G.S. map showing only the added properties.

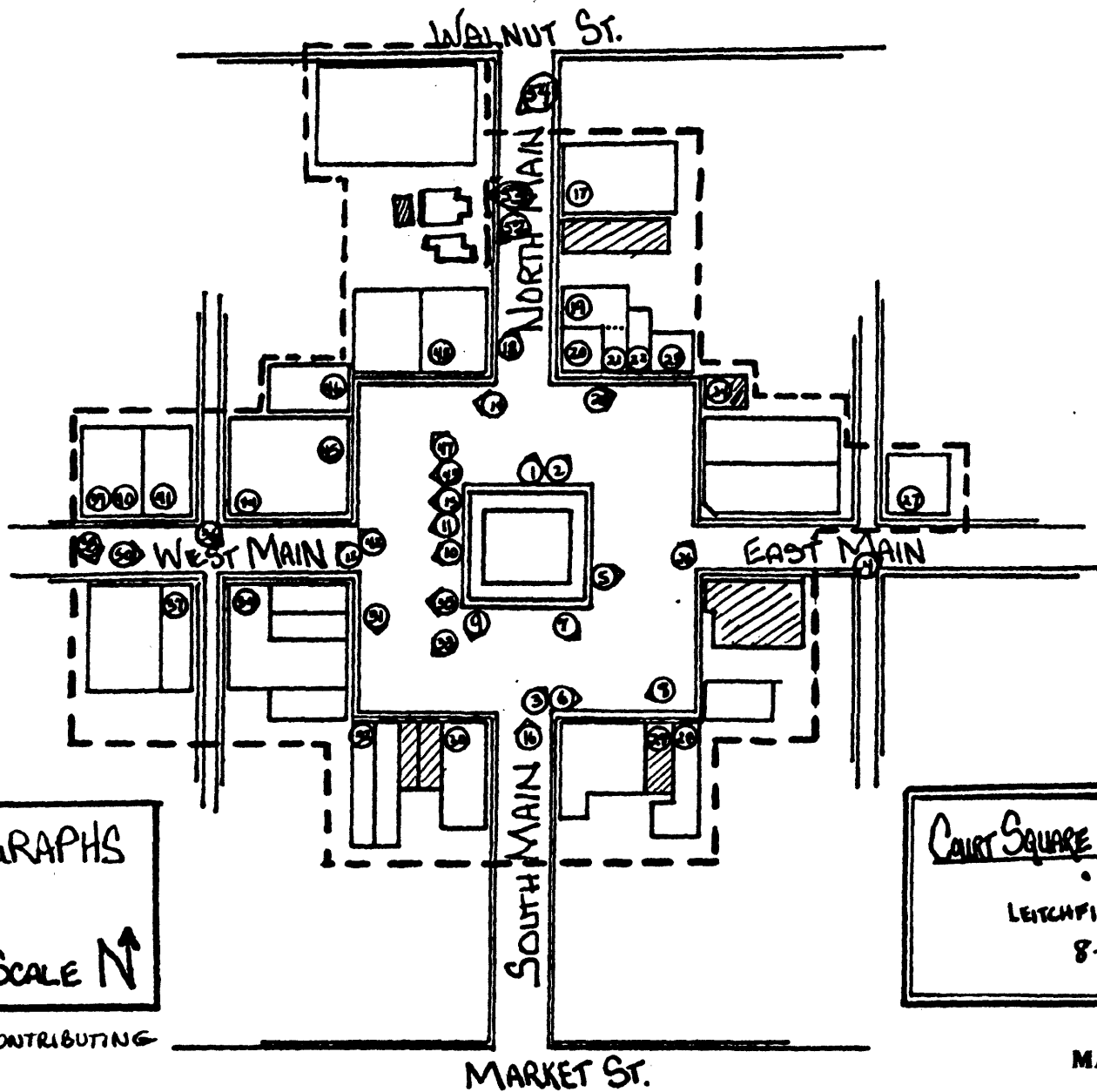
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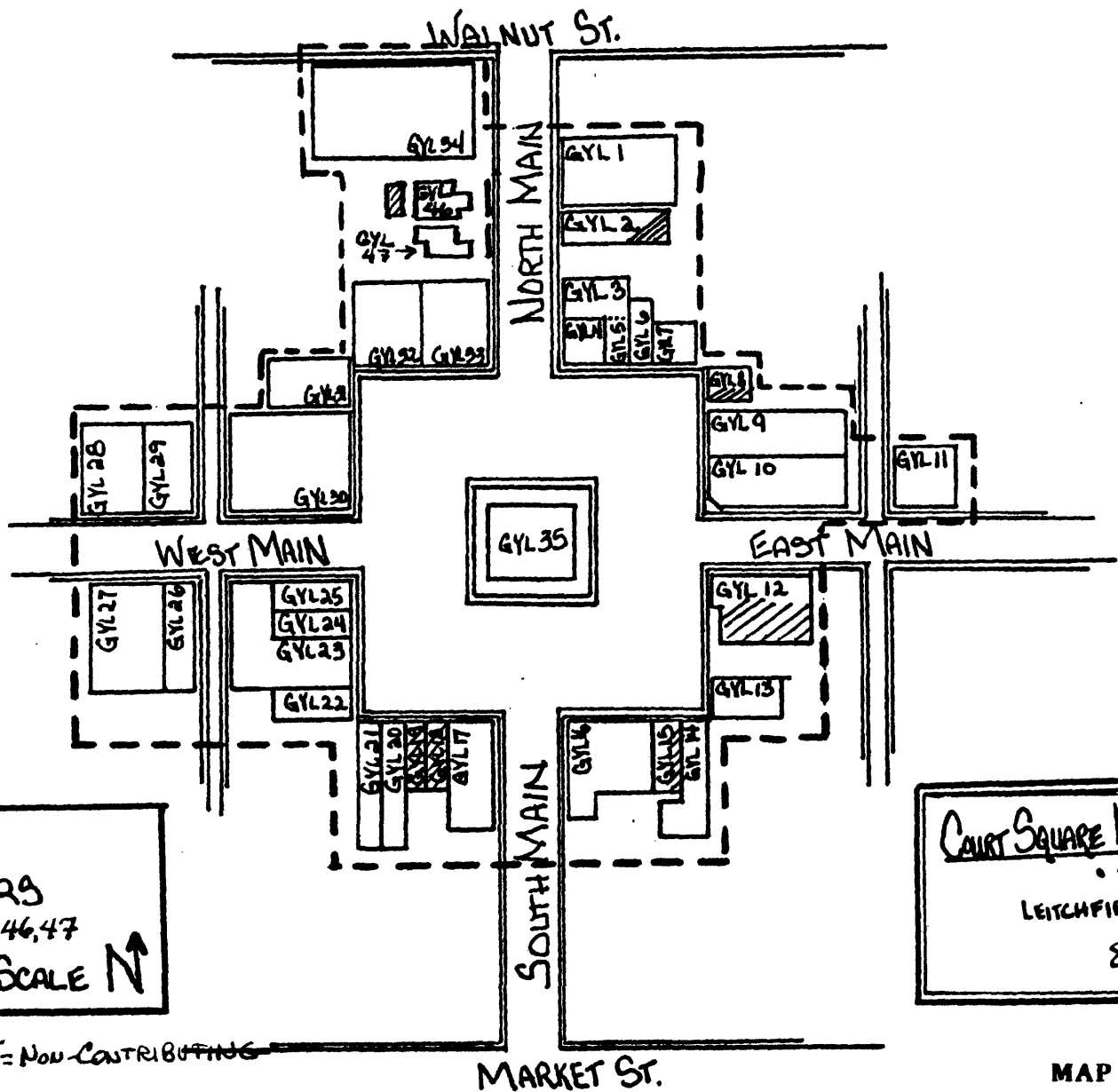
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