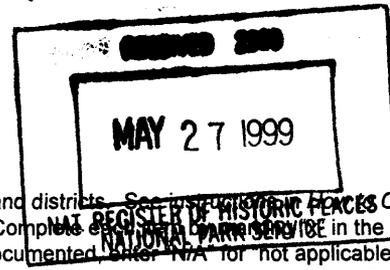


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. ~~See instructions for the National Register of Historic Places registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "NA" 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.

1. Name of Property

historic name South Main Street Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
other names/site number NA

2. Location

street & number 384 Mulberry and 129 Talbot NA  not for publication  
city or town Memphis NA  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Shelby code 157 zip code 38103

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Herbert L. Bryan 5/21/99  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or 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 certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

M. J. M. Woz <sup>for</sup> Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 7/9/99

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

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

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

Contributing

Noncontributing

2

buildings  
sites  
structures  
objects

2

0

Total

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

N/A

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: tenement

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK veneer

roof ASPHALT shingle

other WOOD

**Narrative Description**

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

**8. Statement of Significance**

**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** N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** moved from its original location.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 year of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
 ETHNIC HERITAGE: BLACK  
 COMMERCE

**Period of Significance**

1905-1930

**Significant Dates**

circa 1905

**Significant Person**

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

NA

**Cultural Affiliation**

NA

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(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:  
Division of Housing and Community Development

S. Main St. H. D. (Boundary Increase)  
Name of Property

Shelby County, Tennessee  
County and State

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** .5 acres NW Memphis 404 NE

**UTM References**

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>16</u> Zone	<u>768140</u> Easting	<u>3891850</u> Northing	3	<u>          </u> Zone	<u>          </u> Easting	<u>          </u> Northing
2	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	4	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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/Executive Director  
organization Memphis Heritage date December 1998  
street & number 352 South Main Street telephone 901/529-9828  
city or town Memphis state TN zip code 38103

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**Additional Documentation**

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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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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Bill and Carol Mathis  
street & number 665 Valleybrook Drive telephone NA  
city or town Memphis state TN zip code 38120

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## Narrative Description

The circa 1905 complex at 384 Mulberry and 129 Talbot consists of two, identical symmetrical, rectangular buildings situated at right angles to each other. They are two stories high with poured concrete raised basement foundations, a brick running bond veneer, stepped parapets and flat built-up roofs. Exterior porches, stairs, and shed roofs are on both of the buildings' long sides. All the doors are solid two-panel pieces and all the windows are paired with wood sash, segmental arch lintels, and lug sills. The buildings are two bays by six bays with two gable end chimneys and three interior chimneys. They retain their architectural integrity.

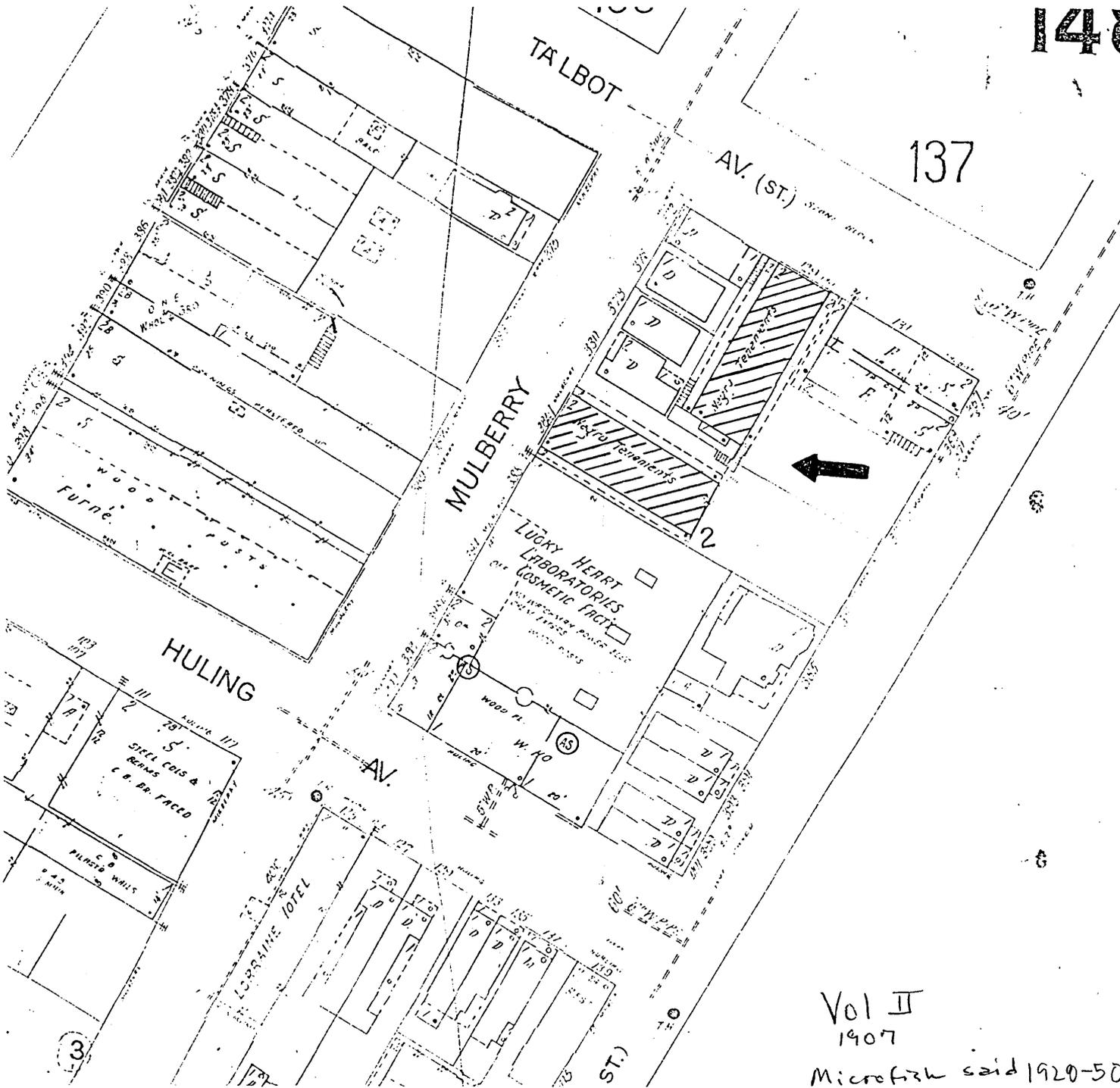
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Sanborn Map



Vol II  
1907  
Microfilm said 1920-50

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## Narrative Statement of Significance

The pair of identical two story apartment buildings located at 384 Mulberry and 129 Talbot are being nominated to the National Register under criteria A and C for their local importance in architecture, African-American heritage, and commerce. Both buildings are excellent examples of tenement housing in Memphis. In addition, they represent patterns of commercial or rental housing development for African Americans in the city. Few, if any, other historic tenement houses still exist in Memphis. The buildings contribute to the significance of the South Main Historic District.

It would appear that the very modest two story apartment buildings, found in conjunction with shotgun housing in the district, reflect a pattern of having worker housing - whether single or multiple dwellings - adjacent to commercial/industrial areas. These buildings were constructed as working class housing. Sadly, the two story apartment buildings are rapidly disappearing due to neglect and abandonment and this is an opportunity to list these unique multi-family buildings on the National Register before they completely disappear.

The South Main Street Historic District was listed in the National Register in 1982 for its historic and architectural importance to Memphis. Just over one hundred buildings are included in the original district, which was nominated in the areas of architecture, commerce, transportation and African-American history. Composed primarily of commercial buildings, the district also includes several shotgun houses that sit adjacent to the two tenements. As the original nomination states, these residences represent the types and forms of houses that once were prevalent in the neighborhood. The tenement houses being added to the district are of similar age and history as the buildings already in the district.

By the 1890s segregation was a fact of life in Memphis, Tennessee. The South Main Street Historic District reflects the physical manifestations of "separate but

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equal" with the parallels of South Main Street for whites and Mulberry Street for African Americans. Along Mulberry Street were the African-American hotels, boarding houses and restaurants as well as worker housing. The 1907 Sanborn fire map labels them as "Negro Tenements."

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## Boundary Description & Justification

The boundary for the Mulberry and Talbot buildings is shown on the district map that accompanies the nomination. The property is adjacent to the listed district and shares historic significance with the district. The boundary increase comprises lots 6 and 20 in block 119 on map G-6. There are no noncontributing resources separating the district and the boundary expansion.

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### Photographs

Photo by: Memphis Heritage

Date: December 1998

Neg: Tennessee Historical Commission

West elevation, facing northeast -- 384 Mulberry and 124 Talbot (in rear)  
#1 of 6

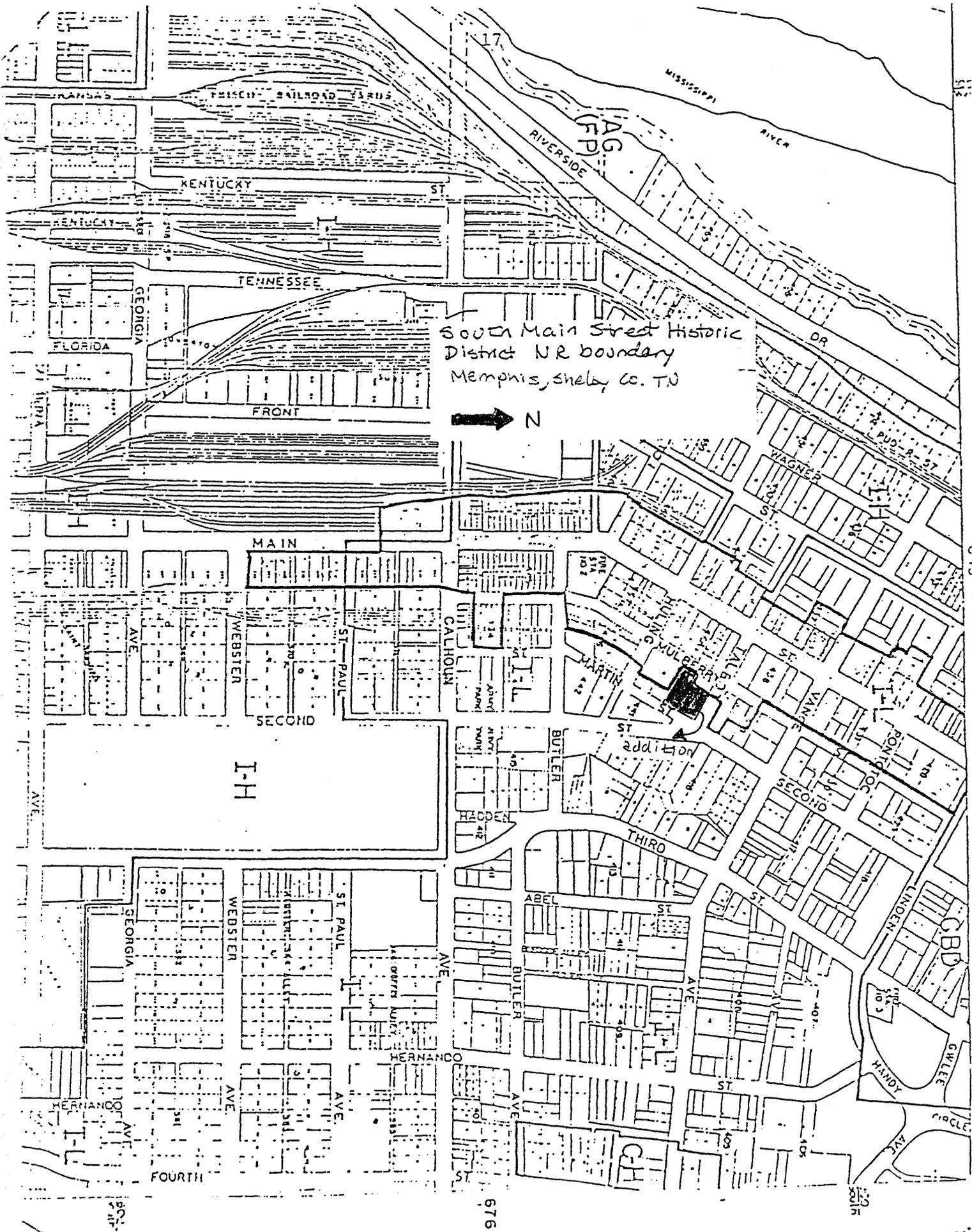
North elevation, facing south -- 124 Talbot  
#2 of 6

West elevation, facing east -- close-up of doors and windows, 124 Talbot  
#3 of 6

North and west elevations, facing southeast -- 384 Mulberry  
#4 of 6

West elevation, facing southwest -- 124 Talbot  
#5 of 6

South and east elevations, facing south -- 384 Mulberry  
#6 of 6



South Main Street Historic District NR boundary  
Memphis, Shelby Co. TN



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South Main Street Historic District (Boundary Increase) - Shelby Co. TN  
 1" = 100'

