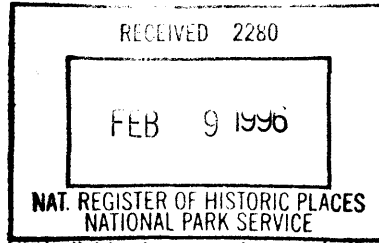


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instruction 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 an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and area 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 _____
other names/site number Byhalia Historic District

2. Location

street & number Along Church, Chulahoma (Hwy. 309) and Senter [N/A] not for publication
city or Byhalia [N/A] vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Marshall code 093 zip code 38611

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 forth 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.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul FEB. 6, 1996
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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 commenting 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.

Edson H. Beall 3/7/96
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Entered in the
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removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

5. Classification

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

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

Category of Property (Check only one box.)

- buildings(s), district, site, structure, object

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

Table with 3 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, and buildings/sites/structure/objects. Values: 58, 33, 58, 33, 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 1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

- Domestic - single dwelling, hotel

- Commerce/Trade - business, financial institution, department store

- Government - post office

- Education - school

- Religious - religious facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

- Domestic - single dwelling/multiple dwelling

- Commerce/Trade - business, department store, warehouse

- Education - library

- Religion - religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

- Queen Anne, Bungalow/Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, Commercial Style, Italianate, Other: Double Pen, Greek Revival, Other: Minimal Traditional, Gothic Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation: brick, concrete; walls: brick, stone, weatherboard, stucco, vinyl; roof: composite, built-up, tin; other

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

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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. (elements #s 7, 19, and 24)
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.)

Community Planning and Development

Architecture

Period of Significance

1838 - 1943

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Fite, Dr. F. L., builder, elements #s 2, and 37

Johnson, Andrew and Sons, architect, element # 19

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.)

name _____

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town _____

state _____

zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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: _____

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property 45 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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B	1 6	2 5 4 4 2 0	3 8 6 1 8 4 5	D	1 6	2 5 3 6 4 0	3 8 6 1 4 9 0

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.)

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Candace Z. Helms, Architectural Historian and Samuel H. Kaye, AIA		
organization	ADEPPT	date	5/30/95
street number	P. O. Box 48	telephone	(601) 327-6241
city or town	Columbus	state	MS zip 39703

Additional Documentation

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 additional items)

Property Owner

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

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Narrative Description

The Byhalia Historic District Survey boundaries were determined in an on-site meeting between the consultants conducting the survey and nomination and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and included 50 properties. The district includes a residential area, three churches, and businesses with a total of 58 contributing (the Byhalia United Methodist Church is on the National Register) and 33 noncontributing buildings (these figures include all outbuildings.).

The district boundaries make this an oddly shaped district because of the lot sizes within the district and exclusion of properties that would not be contributing. The district is located in a gently sloping terrain that tends to be higher on the northwestern and southern ends. The business area (eastern end) is relatively flat. The land west of the business area gradually increases in the grade of slope. The majority of the historic residential, church, and commercial properties in Byhalia fall within the district.

Most of the houses within the residential area are set well off the streets and have spacious back yards, acreage, outbuildings, and landscaped front yards. Outbuildings include garages, barns, storage sheds, and root cellars. There is one empty lot which is located directly west of the First Presbyterian Church (element #7). The properties on Church Street, west of Chulahoma (Hwy 309) are located on the highest elevation of the terrain. Those properties east of Chulahoma are on smaller, flatter lots.

The legal descriptions for Byhalia differ from most towns in that they are identified by map, parcel, and lot size descriptions rather than by block and lot numbers and because the original plat has been lost. The majority of the residences and churches are located on large parcels of land that comprise more than one acre. The commercial area appears to be the only exception to this rule having small lots for their businesses. The size of the residential lots allowed homeowners to own several outbuildings that range from garages and storage facilities to barns and root cellars. Quick access to their businesses and places of worship was important as indicated by the close proximity of the neighborhood to the commercial area and the number of churches in the neighborhood.

The historic district is identified by three distinct periods of construction. During the Pre Civil War/Civil War Period 1838-1866, four houses with outbuildings and two churches were constructed. The majority of the buildings within the district were constructed during the Post Civil War/Railroad and Development Period, 1873 - 1920, and consists of 22 houses with outbuildings, one church, one parsonage, and 14 businesses. The third period of

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construction, Post Development Period, 1940–1943, indicates a decrease in activity with only two houses with outbuildings having been built.

Information about architects and builders in Byhalia is limited. However, it is documented that Andrew Johnson and Sons designed and built the Byhalia United Methodist Church in 1906. Also, a local doctor, who also served as a contractor on the side, is attributed with the construction of his own house, "Dr. Fite House" (element #2), "Dr. Fite Office" (element #37), and the "Roper House" (outside the boundaries of the district) in the 1910s.

The majority of the properties have been maintained over the years and retain their historic integrity. The properties that best exemplify this include the Woody House (Cedar Hill House, 1847, element #10), the McCutchen/Chalmers House (1900, element #13), the Sawyer House (1943, element #16), the Eason/Shinault House (1900, element #21), the McCrary House (1899, element #25), the Chalmers/Horn House (Thistledome, 1840, element #27), the Dr. Moore House (1920, element #28), the Dr. Fite Office (1916, element #37), the Citizens Bank (1919, element #38) and the Spears House (1900, element #48).

The properties that are noncontributing have either been constructed after the historic period or have undergone changes that compromise their integrity. The prevalent modifications in the noncontributing historic properties are vinyl siding and changes in massing. The historic properties that have been modified are elements #s 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 22, 24, 32, 34, 36, 40, and 50. The noncontributing properties constructed after the historic period are elements #s 3, 4, 23, and 51.

The district exhibits a mix of various styles and types of properties. The earliest residential properties and churches, constructed from the 1840s to 1899, were built on larger lots and are scattered throughout the district. From 1900 on, the previously empty lots were infilled with houses, the banks, some downtown businesses, and the Byhalia United Methodist Church (element #19).

Represented in the district are examples of Queen Anne, Classical, Greek Revival, Colonial Revival, Gothic Revival, Double Pen, Commercial, Italianate, Prairie, Craftsman, and Minimal Traditional. The most prevalent architectural styles are Queen Anne and Craftsman. The most notable of the various styles are the Woody House (Greek Revival), the McCutchen/Chalmers House (Prairie), the Sawyer House (Minimal Traditional), the McCrary House and the Spears House (Queen Anne), the Chalmers/Horn House (Classical Revival), the Dr. Moore House (Craftsman), and the Citizens Bank (Greek Revival).

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- 1 C ***Burrow House, 2604 Church Street***
Colonial Revival Constructed: 1910 +/-
History: W.C. McCrary gave the land on which the house is located to his daughter Emily Scott McCrary and her husband James I. Burrow as a wedding present. McCrary did not pay for the construction of the house as he had for his daughter at Sequence No. 26 since he felt Mr. Burrows was financially capable to accomplish that task. The Burrows came to Byhalia because of the commerce potential of the railroad in the 1880s.

One and one-half story, frame house with cross, clipped gable roof, and offset chimneys on the west and east sides. First story-windows are 1/1 double hung, bay windows on south and west sides with metal awnings over west side. Three windows in the second story front facade gable end are 5 vertical lites over 1 double hung. The off center front entrance has 1 lite door, flanked by 2 sidelights. 3/4-width wrap around porch is supported by Doric columns on brick piers. A second entrance on the east side has a transom.

- C **Outbuildings:**
(a) Hipped roof, clapboard sided, one car frame garage, circa 1910 +/-.

- 2 C ***Dr. Fite House, 2588 Church Street***
4 Square Constructed: 1916
History: Dr. Fite was a general practitioner in Byhalia in 1915. Dr. Fite also was a building contractor constructing several Byhalia homes.

Two-story, frame house with pyramidal hip roof, exterior chimney west end, and off center chimney east end. Roof has projecting eaves which are enclosed. An off center entrance is flanked by sidelights and has a transom overhead. Full front one-story porch is screened in. A gable over the west end of the porch has scalloped fascia ends as does the east end of porch roof. The porch supported by brick pillars with brick balustrade. All windows are metal replacements 1/1 double hung, with shutters on second story. A hipped dormer on front facade has 3 fixed windows. Partial basement.

- C **Outbuildings:**
(a) Clapboard side shed, circa 1916 +/-.
N (b) Gabled roof, frame shed, circa 1980 +/-.

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- 3 N ***Williams/French House, 2578 Church Street***
Modern Constructed: 1965
History: Dr. W. H. French, Sr. had a medical practice and general mercantile in Byhalia.
- One-story, brick veneer, gabled house with large, gabled porch with elliptical vent and denticulation at cornice, the windows are 6/6 double hung with shutters, the entrance is centrally located.
- 4 N ***Richard Bell House, 2570 Church Street***
Modern Constructed: 1965
One-story, brick veneer, gabled house with metal 2/2 double hung windows; front facing gable has octagonal roof vent and clapboard gable end.
- 5 C ***Lou Orr House, 2558 Church Street***
Minimal Traditional Constructed: 1940
One-story, brick veneer, multi-level gable roof house with a chimney on the east end. A bay window on the west side of the front facade has 1 6/6 double hung window flanked by 2 4/4 double hung; other windows, 8/8 double hung with shutters. The front entrance is covered by gabled portico supported by ornamental iron columns. A porch on the east side is screened in with attached carport.
- N **Outbuildings:**
(a) Shed roof, frame storage building, circa 1980 +/-.
- 6 N ***Nesbitt/Eddins House, 2550 Church Street***
Remodeled Constructed: 1857
History: This is one of the oldest houses in the district and was originally a log structure. The Nesbitts came to Byhalia in 1857 from Piedmont, SC, by oxcart and had the house constructed. Nesbitt was instrumental in establishing the Presbyterian Church which is located next door. John Eddins owned the house circa 1910 and ran the Byhalia Journal paper in the late 1880s to 1900s.
- One-story, vinyl-sided, frame, cross gabled house with returned eaves on west front facing gable. The roof extends over the porch and is flared; the porch is supported by ornamental iron columns; 2 chimneys located on west end and east of off center. Windows are metal replacements, 1/1 double hung with shutters. The off-center entrance has a transom overhead.
- N **Outbuildings:**
(a) Gabled roof, frame shed, circa 1910 +/-.

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- 7 N ***First Presbyterian Church, 2532 Church Street***
Classical Revival Constructed: 1852 Moved: 1875 Altered: 1928, 1948

History: The church, constructed in DeSoto County, was moved to Byhalia in 1875. It was originally a one-room frame building. A basement was added in 1928 and in 1948 the church was brick veneered. The bell traveled from Piedmont, SC, with the Nesbitt family in 1859.

One-story, frame church with brick veneer, front facing gable with returned eaves. The brick is stretcher with soldier course immediately above a masonry division of the first story and basement. There is a chimney right of the center rear of building. Windows are stained glass on the west, east and north sides—on the north side the window is flanked by 2 semi circular windows. The brick is double arched over windows in a header course; basement windows are 6/1 double hung. There is a stepped parapet over the front portico. The opening is brick double arched in header course; single course surrounds round vent in gable end. The central entrance has double doors with 4 panels and paneled transom above, iron handrail, and handicap ramp.

- 8 C ***Mills House, 2520 Church Street***
Craftsman Constructed: 1900
- One story, frame house with side gabled roof, clipped gable ends, projecting eaves and exposed rafters. Two gabled dormers on front facade have projecting eaves, exposed rafters, and knee brace brackets and 2 chimneys off center. The west and east windows in the dormer are transom and 1/1 double hung on first story. Windows on second story on west and east sides are 6/1 double hung. The gable ends have half timbering and brackets typical of Craftsman Style. The central entrance has a screened-in, partial-width porch with brick columns and brick balustrade; door to house is multi-lite with transom.

- 9 N ***Brooks Bray House, 2510 Church Street***
Remodeled Craftsman Constructed: 1900 Altered: 1914, 1970s
- One and one-half story, cross gabled, aluminum sided, frame house with catslide pitch over the main entrance; eaves wrap around front facing gable and dormer. There are 3 chimneys which are stone located left and right off center and on the east end of house. Knee brace brackets are located in the side gable ends. Windows in front gable second story are 4/1 double hung metal replacements; 3 windows in front dormer are 6/6 double hung; windows on the second story west side are 1/1 double hung metal replacements and a dormer there has one fixed window. Windows on the east end include a bay window of 4 lite casements;

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windows on front gable are covered by a pent roof and are 2 pairs of 8-lite casements. Flanking the entrance to the east are 3 semicircular french windows of 10 lites; the last 2 appear to be part of an addition that has modified the original Craftsman influence. The off center doorway is entered through a semicircular portico. This house has undergone extensive remodeling.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Hipped roof, frame apartment garage, connected to house by carport, circa 1970 +/-.

10 C **Woody House, 2496 Church Street**

Greek Revival Constructed: 1847

History: F. W. Henry was the original owner of the house. He purchased land in Section 35 in 1847, the same year the house was constructed. J. J. Reed bought the house in 1855 and Wilson Durrum purchased the house in 1860. During the Civil War, Confederate Col. G. D. Boggan occupied the building but despite the fact that an officer occupied the building, the Federal army did not damage the structure. The Kitty Bowen Institution, a girls boarding school, operated out of the home in the 1880s to 1900s. This building is significant as one of the oldest houses and only house constructed on a grand scale of the Greek Revival Style.

Two-story, frame, side gabled house with full height entry porch on the front facade; the porch is supported by square Tuscan columns and pilasters; the porch pediment has returned ends. The second-story has a milled balustrade. Windows are 6/6 double hung with shutters. Both the first and second story entrances are flanked by pilasters and 8-lite sidelights and have 16-lite transoms over double doors. There are 2 exterior chimneys and a newer addition is located on the north end of the house. Partial basement.

Outbuildings:

- C (a) Gabled, frame garage, circa 1910 +/-.
- C (b) Gabled, frame shed, circa 1910 +/-.
- C (c) Shed roof, frame outbuilding, circa 1910 +/-.
- C (d) Shed roof, frame outbuilding, circa 1910 +/-.

11 C **Mayor Arnold/W. D. Fitts House, 2482 Church Street**

Craftsman Constructed: 1890 Altered: 1910

History: A circa 1892 photograph of this house shows a two-story house with end chimneys and first and second story balustraded porches. It was extensively remodeled over the years.

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One story, side gabled house with clipped gable ends and central entry. The roof has two gabled dormers and the rafters are exposed. There are triangle knee braces in the dormers and clipped gables which have hexagonal shingles in the ends. Each dormer has two windows that are 3/1 double hung. The extended full front porch has a clipped gable end with hexagonal shingles and is supported by square brick piers. The porch extends into a carport on the west side. One of the columns has been mostly demolished and the roof damaged at the connection. A pair of windows, 3/1 double hung with shutters, flank the entrance which has an 8-lite transom and double doors with plexiglass lites.

12 N ***R. W. Williams House, 2476 Church Street***

Altered - Constructed: 1900 +/-

History: The 1915 Sanborn Map indicates a doctor's office at this location.

Two-story, frame house with intersecting gables and boxed eaves. The integrity of the building has been compromised as the windows have been replaced with 1/1 double hung or fixed windows, and the original siding has been replaced with aluminum siding. There is a one-story porch on the front facade which is supported by modern metal columns. The east end of the porch appears to have been enclosed at one time. A door into the enclosed room accesses an apartment. The central entrance on the front facade has a fixed transom overhead. The house has a 1/2 basement. A wing to the rear of the building has a gabled dormer with 1/1 double hung windows. All windows are shuttered.

13 C ***McCutchen/Chalmers House, 2460 Church Street***

Prairie Constructed: 1900 Altered: Brick veneered in 1916

History: The Byhalia post office was located here prior to 1916. The post mistress was Ms. McCutchen. This house was also used as a boarding house during that time. Ms. McCutchen married A. L. Chalmers; the house was sold to Dr. Fite in 1916 who brick veneered the home and constructed sequence #37 as an office. Dr. A. M. McAuley, who moved to Byhalia in 1923, bought the home and office in 1924. This building is architecturally significant because it retains a high degree of integrity and because it is the only Prairie Style home in this district. The outbuilding, which was once a quarters, is currently being remodeled.

Two story, brick veneer, house with a full basement and an L-shaped porch attached on the front and east facades. The brick runs in a stretcher course but changes to soldier course at the cornice and first to second story junction. The roof is a low pitched hipped roof with overhanging boxed eaves and has a central dormer on the front facade. The dormer has a hipped roof with overhanging boxed eaves also.

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The roof itself is sheathed in pressed tin. The windows in the dormer are consistent with all the windows which are double hung with top sash having a large lite at each corner with 5 smaller lites forming a cross in the center. These windows are located in two pairs at the second story front facade and are shuttered. There are three windows west of the off center entrance. The doorway is one lite flanked by sidelights with a transom overhead. The porch is one-story and sheathed in press tin. It is supported by brick piers and pilasters. On the east side the porch extends under the second story and has a solid brick balustrade with four pointed openings. The east wings second story also has a pair of shuttered windows on the front facade and windows on the wing at the rear of the building. On the west side, steps and a pipe hand rail lead to the basement. An entrance to the first story of the rear wing has a door with the same window pattern carried in one lite and is flanked by sidelights with the same pattern also. There is one chimney located at the northeast corner of the house. There is a low stone and stucco fence in front of the house and a lake at the rear. Swimming pool in construction.

Outbuildings:

- C (a) Two story, brick veneer, two car garage, circa 1900 +/-.
- N (b) Vinyl sided, frame doll house, circa 1990 +/-.

14 N *Height/Trotter Building, 2461 Church Street*

Queen Anne Constructed: 1884

History: This building was used as a dentist, doctors, and insurance office. It is likely that Dentist E. M. Height had the building constructed. Height ran the newspaper, The Byhalia Journal. The 1915 Sanborn Map and History of Byhalia indicates that the basement was occupied by Eddins Insurance and Dr. Senter who assisted Dr. Fite in the 1920s. He took over Fite's practice and practiced medicine until his death in 1954. Dr. Bailey occupied the office upstairs.

One-story, frame house with steeply intersecting gables and front porch. The house has been remodeled extensively. All windows have been replaced with 1/1 double hung and a door replaces a window opening at the front facade. A chimney is located at right of center. The front facing gable has jigsaw trim in the gable. The porch is supported by brick piers. Pipe railing connects the piers to two 1/2 piers which flank steps to the entrance. Iron hand rails flank these steps. The building has a full basement. It is extremely close in proximity to a commercial building on the east side.

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- 15 N *Carol Clayton House, 2465 Church Street*
Remodeled Constructed: 1910+/-

One story, brick veneer and vinyl sided, side gabled house with partial front porch. Porch supported by four Tuscan columns. The central entrance is flanked by two sidelights. Ornamental grill over door and sidelights. Windows are 2/2 double hung metal with shutters. There is a porch and entrance on the east side and flat roofed wing on the west side. It appears to have undergone extensive remodeling.

Outbuildings:

- C (a) Tin gabled roofed, one story, frame house, circa 1930 +/-.

- 16 C *Terry Sawyer House, 2477 Church Street*
Minimal Traditional Constructed: 1943

One story, stucco and brick, side gabled house. Asbestos siding in gable ends. Off center entrance is flanked on the east by one 8/8 double hung window and by two 6/6 double hung windows on the west. A chimney is located left of center. The wall of the front entrance is inset to immediately west of the door. A metal handrail and steps lead to entrance. A wing on the east side has four fixed windows and a side entrance. Other windows are 6/1 and 1/1 double hung on the west side of the building. A rear addition is connected with a metal carport.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Gabled, frame outbuilding, circa 1943 +/-.

- 17 C *Joe Vegod House, 2485 Church Street*
Craftsman Constructed: 1910 Altered: 1940+/-

One and one-half story, brick veneered, hipped roof house with three intersecting dormers and full front porch on a symmetrical plan. Two chimneys are located left and right of center. Dormers are clapboard-sided with hipped roofs and have three 1/1 double hung windows in each. The eaves of the roof and dormer are boxed. Windows on the east and west sides are 1/1 double hung. The porch roof is supported by brick piers and pilasters with closed brick balustrade. The porch is screened in on the west. The central entrance has a door with 9 lites which is flanked by sidelights and has a 1-lite transom overhead. A pair of windows on each side of the entrance are 1/1 double hung.

Outbuildings:

- C (a) Hipped roof, frame, two car garage, circa 1910 +/-.
N (b) Hipped roof, frame, storage shed, circa 1910 +/-.

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- 18 C ***Sharp House, 2501 Church Street***
Craftsman Constructed: 1910
History: W. W. Sharp was on the building committee for the Methodist Church which was constructed in 1906.
- One and one-half story, frame, side gabled house with one front facade dormer and dropped "L" shaped porch. The roof has two chimneys left and right of center and flared eaves. The dormer has a shed roof and four single-lite windows. The gable ends have jigsaw trim in the gable. The porch roof is supported by brick piers and pilasters and closed brick balustrade and continues around the east side of the building. A second entrance is located at the end of the porch. The central entrance is flanked on both sides by a pair of 1/1 double hung metal replacement windows with shutters and a single-lite transom overhead. Windows on the second story are located on the east and west sides and are 1/1 double hung metal replacements. A bay window is located on the west side. A screened addition is at the rear of the building.
- Outbuildings:**
- N (a) Frame garage and carport, circa 1980 +/-.
- 19 C ***Byhalia United Methodist Church, 2511 Church Street***
Gothic Revival Constructed: 1906
History: This building was listed on the National Register 4/9/84 under Criterion C as a significant example of the work of Andrew Johnson, a prolific and creative north Mississippi architect and contractor in the late 19th century.
- One-story, brick modified cruciform plan church with two-story classroom addition. Church has crossed gables, bell tower, and steeple. Roof is steeply pitched with exposed rafters and purlins. A steeple is located above the main entrance and has four speakers mounted in four pointed openings. A round vent is in a second section of the tower which is topped by a copper spire and cross finial. A round window with soldier coursing is located on the east side of the tower near the roof wall junction of the front porch. The front porch roof is gabled with decorative trusses in the gable ends and is supported by a square column and buttresses. The entrance is left of center and has paneled double doors. A pointed transom with decorative tracery is located over the door. Above that is a round window with soldier coursing. Fixed pointed windows are located east and west of the door. The front facing gable on the west has a large pointed window with three diamond-shaped lites and three fixed stain glass lites. Soldier coursing in brick is over every window. The west side has the same types of windows. A modern flat roofed addition is located at the rear. A west entrance to the addition faces front and has

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a molded pediment entablature above pointed double doors. An entrance on the east side of the wing faces front and has a visor porch supported by decorative brackets. The door is pointed and has a stained glass lite. Windows in the addition are 6/1 double hung. Chimney located left of center of additions.

20 C *Methodist Parsonage, 2521 Church Street*
Craftsman Constructed: 1910

One story, yellow brick, side gabled house with two eyebrow dormers on the front facade. Dormers have semi-elliptical 6-lite windows. Central entrance has gabled entry supported by brick piers and battered columns. Single windows flank the 3-lite, panel door and are 9/1 double hung. A pair of 9/1 double hung windows are located on each side of the single double hung. A 9/1 double hung is located on the east wing facade. Triangular knee braces are found in the gables as well as 6/1 double hung windows. A carport is attached at rear.

21 C *Eason/Shinault House, 2537 Church Street*
Queen Anne Constructed: 1900 +/-

History: The Shinault and Eason families are descendants of some of Byhalia's earliest settlers.

One-story frame, intersecting gable house with porch. The eaves are returned at the front facing gable. Porch roof is supported by square columns. A pair of 4/4 double hung windows are located in the front facing gable. In the west gable there is a pair of 4/4 double hung windows. A small addition on the west side has an 8/8 double hung window. Windows on the west and east sides are 4/4 double hung or 8/8 double hung. One chimney is located left of center.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Gable, frame shed, circa 1910 +/-.
- C (b) Gable, frame, one car garage, circa 1910 +/-.

22 N *Ledbetter's Store, 8 West Brunswick*
Remodeled Constructed: 1884

History: The 1915 Sanborn Map and History of Byhalia indicate that this was the Ledbetter Store.

One-story, gabled, brick building; has parapet on front facade with gable and louvered vent in gable end. Dropped porch supported by iron posts and handrail. Large fixed picture windows flank double door with 2-lite transom.

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- 23 N *A. Dickerson Norsworthy House, 2545 Church Street*
Modern Constructed: 1962
One-story, modern, brick veneer, intersecting gabled house. Windows are 4/4 double hung. The off center entrance is located on the front facing gable and has a broken pediment and finial. A roof vent is in the gable. A porch on the east side is supported by brick columns. A frame addition on the west side has 6/6 and 8/8 double hung windows. A carport is attached. A chimney is located on the east exterior and another at roof center.
Outbuildings:
N (a) Gable, frame garage with corrugated, fiberglass roof, circa 1962 +/-.
- 24 N *First Baptist Church, 2555 Church Street*
Classical Revival Constructed: 1866, 1948, 1954
History: The original church is now the auditorium.

One-story, brick veneer, gabled church with additions. The church was brick veneered in 1948. The additions were constructed in 1954. West addition has a steeple and spire front of center and a central entry covered by a dropped gable porch roof supported by 4 Tuscan columns. The doors are double 6 panels and 9 lites with a transom overhead. The fascia at the gable ends is decoratively curved; the gable ends are vinyl-sided. The windows are 9/6 double hung. A rear gabled wing connects the newer church to the original front gabled building with double arched stain glass windows and the extended porch is supported by 4 Tuscan columns. The gable end is vinyl-sided with a tracery round window. The central entry has 4-panel, double doors and fanlight. A recessed entry with shed roof is located on the west side.
- 25 C *McCrary House, 2573 Church Street*
Queen Anne Constructed: 1899
History: While the house was under construction, the family lived in the barn. W. C. McCrary established W. C. McCrary Co. in 1887 in building Sequence #39.

Two-story, multi-intersecting gabled, frame house with porches and patterned masonry chimneys. The upper story front facing gable has 2 louvered vents, fish scale shingles and stick and sunburst design in the gable ends. Fish scale shingles divide the first and second story. Windows on the first and second stories are either 2/2 or 1/1 double hung. A bay window with two 1/1 double hung sash is located on the front facing gable. Another bay window is located on the east end. A partial porch with metal awning is located on the front facade and is supported by turned columns and jigsaw balustrade. A porch located on the east side of the

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house is screened in. The porch roof is supported by turned posts and jigsaw brackets and has a spindle work frieze. There are two masonry chimneys at center and right of the rear gabled wing. There are leaded glass windows in the gable. A lattice porch with spindle work frieze is located on the west side.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Concrete dugout, circa 1899 +/-.
- C (b) Gable, frame outbuilding, circa 1899 +/-.
- C (c) Gable, frame outbuilding, circa 1899 +/-.
- C (d) Brick garage, composite roof, circa 1899 +/-.
- N (e) Shed roof, frame shed, +/-.
- C (f) Frame barn with catslide tin roof. On the east end, the roof is gable-on-hip, circa, 1899 +/-.

**26 C *McCrary/Myers House, 2601 Church Street*
Queen Anne Constructed: 1900**

History: W. C. McCrary purchased the lot next to his house, at Sequence #25, and had a house constructed there for his daughter Henrietta and son-in-law J. T. Myers.

One-story, frame, cross hipped and gabled house with patterned masonry chimneys left and right of center. The gabled ends have fish scale shingles and two louvered vents. The windows are 1/1 double hung. One story partial porch is screened in and the porch roof supported by columns. The porch also has a metal awning. The central entrance has sidelights. An enclosed L porch with shed roof is located on the west side and has 3/1 double hung metal replacement windows. There is a dormer on the west rear of the building.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Shed roof, frame shed, circa 1910 +/-.
- C (b) Tin roof, frame garage, circa 1910 +/-.

**27 C *Chalmers/Horn House (Thistledome), 118 Highway 309 S.*
Classical Revival Constructed: 1840, 1906**

History: A. L. Chalmers came from South Carolina and built a small house here in 1840. E. B. Horn purchased the house from Chalmers in 1906 and moved the building which originally faced north to face east. It was at that time that the building was remodeled in the Classical Revival style. The original kitchen cistern is still in place. The McAuleys bought the house in 1938. The name, "Thistledome," actually means "This will do me." The building is significant as one of the oldest, grandest Classical Revival buildings in Byhalia.

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Two-story, hipped roof, frame house with Colossal columns and L-shaped porch. Masonry patterned chimneys are located on north and south ends of house. Front facing gable porch roof is supported by Colossal Corinthian fluted columns on brick stretcher course piers. Pedimented porch roof has decorative brackets and a round window. Decorative brackets are also found at the roof line and continue across the entablature of the porch pediment. Windows on the second story are fixed with stain glass borders. The second-story front facade has a porch which has a spindle balustrade. The central entrance has an elliptical transom with sunburst molding and leaded glass in diamond and painted pane sidelights. A porch on the first story which is L-shaped is supported by double Doric columns and spindle balustrade. The first-story windows are 1/1 double hung. The south end of the L porch has flat roof supported by Doric columns and balustrade. There is a circular drive which approaches that entrance.

Outbuildings:

- C (a) Gable, frame garage, circa 1910 +/-.
- C (b) Two story, gable, frame outbuilding, circa 1910 +/-.

28 C ***Dr. Moore House, 102 Highway 309 S.***
Craftsman Constructed: 1920 +/-

History: Dr. Dudley Moore came to Byhalia after World War I, opened up a doctor's office and was Byhalia's last practicing physician. Later, he became president of the Citizens Bank, a position he held for 20 years.

One story, hipped roof, frame house with three gable dormers with knee brace brackets; rafters are exposed at the roof line and at the dormers. South facing dormer has two windows end of gable; the windows have small lites in each corner with a rectangular lite between with two on the top and two on the side and one larger pane in the middle making a total of 6/1 double hung. A metal awning is located over window on south side. There is a bay window on the north side. Chimneys are located left and right of center. The entrance is centrally located beneath the dormer. The porch is screened in and the porch roof is dropped and supported by brick piers and balustrade. The central door has 9 lites with side lights.

Outbuildings:

- C (a) Hipped roof 2 car frame garage, circa 1920 +/-.
- C (b) Gable, frame shed, circa 1920 +/-.

29 C ***Dr. Trotter House, 74 Highway 309 S.***
Craftsman Constructed: 1920 +/-

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One-story, frame, gable-on-hip house with partial porch. There are two chimneys located left and right of center and a roof vent near the center. The partial porch roof is supported by small square columns and a solid wood balustrade. The entrance has two-lite transom overhead and one-lite sidelight. The second entrance also has a transom overhead. Windows are 1/1 double hung replacements. There are awnings over the windows on the south side.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Gable, frame one car garage with attached aluminum storage unit, circa 1920 +/-, addition circa 1980 +/- n.

30 C *Nesbitt House, 23 Senter Street*
Queen Anne Constructed: 1880

History: Nesbitt was one of the earliest settlers to come to Byhalia.

Two story, frame, gambreled roof and intersecting gable house with full one story front porch supported by turned posts and an ornamental iron balustrade. There are lace pattern brackets and a spindlework frieze. The gabled porch roof also has returned ends. Windows are 1/1 with shutters in the front facing gable and there are 4-lite diamond windows. The roof eaves are boxed with ornamental brackets at the corners and above the windows. There is a dormer on the south side that is gabled with returned ends. There is a metal awning over the front of the porch. A historic addition is located on the back. Windows are 4/4 double hung original and 1/1 metal replacement.

31 C *Buford Hotel/Peterson Hotel/Hawkins House, 2429 Church Street*
Queen Anne/Classical Revival Constructed: 1879 Altered: 1900

History: This originally was the Baptist Church. It was converted to a hotel in 1882 and was remodeled in 1900. Mr. McClellan, the livery operator next door, added a wing to the building in 1907. It is reported to be the oldest public building in Byhalia. The 1915 Sanborn Map indicates this as the Peterson Hotel. A photograph in the History of Byhalia indicates the building had one gable at the eastern facade. It now has a gable centrally located.

Two-story, front facing gable, symmetrical, frame building with two-story porch supported by four square colossal columns and a second-story spindle balustraded balcony. There is a square louvered vent in the front facing gable end. Windows on the first and second story are 1/1 metal replacements and have shutters. The second-story has double doors with fifteen lites. First story entrance is a double door entrance into duplexes with ornamental metal screened doors.

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C (a) One car, frame garage, circa 1920 +/-.

32 N *Boyce House, 2417 Church Street*
Colonial Revival Constructed: 1900

History: The Boyce family were some of Byhalia's early settlers.

Two-story gabled roof, frame house with two front facade dormers, a full facade porch with the west side enclosed. The dormers have 6/6 double hung windows. The porch on the east side accommodates a car. The porch is supported by square brick pillars and a solid brick balustrade. The remainder of the porch at the front facade of the building has been enclosed and is now a modern addition. Windows are 1/1 double hung and the center door has a fifteen-lite sidelight and the door itself has fifteen lites. There is an awning over the second story windows and awnings over the windows on the east side where bay windows are also located which are new replacements. The windows on the first story are modern metal replacement.

Outbuildings:

N (a) Two-story, brick garage with a hip roof and decorative half timbering, circa 1910 +/-.

N (b) A side gabled, frame garage and carport, circa 1980 +/-.

33 C *Dr. Bailey House, 2407 Church Street*
Craftsman Constructed: 1910

History: Dr. Bailey married Miss Nichols before 1917. He practiced medicine with Drs. Senter, Fite, McAuley, and Moore.

One and one-half story, frame, hipped roof with flared eaves and dormer and wrap-around porch. The L-shaped porch roof has tin roofing and is supported by brick columns which are stair-stepped on either side. The second-story dormer located over the entrance has two 1/1 double hung windows. The entrance has a door with 1-lite and a transom and sidelights. A handicap ramp accesses the side entrance to the house.

Outbuildings:

C (a) Gabled, frame one-car garage, circa 1910 +/-.

C (b) Gabled, frame playhouse with a chimney center of rear with 4/4 double hung windows, dropped porch with exposed rafters ends on end turned posts, circa 1910 +/-.

34 N *Frances Armour House, 2399 Church Street*
Modern Constructed: 1953

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One-story, side gabled, brick house with gabled portico supported on wrought iron columns. Windows are 8/8. The entrance is off center; and has an ornamental iron door. A second entrance is at the east side through a recessed doorway. Carport attached at the rear.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) Gable, frame storage, circa 1953 +/-.
- 35 C *McCrary House, 2389 Church Street*
Double Pen Constructed: 1880
History: W. C. McCrary, early mercantile owner, is reported to have lived here at one time.

One-story, side gabled building with central entrance and three-bay porch. There are two interior chimneys at either end of the house. Windows are 4/4 double hung. The porch roof is supported by ornamental brackets and turned columns with a simple balustrade. The central entry has a transom. There is a wing on the east side with a later addition. The building has a full basement. There is also an addition on the west side with 2/2 double hung metal windows.

- 36 N *Neely Building, 2459 Church Street*
Commercial Constructed: 1910
History: This building has had multiple uses over the years as a doctors office, drug store, pool hall, printing office, funeral home, office building, apartments, and bookstore. The 1915 Sanborn Map identifies the building as a warehouse. Clyde Neely was an original founder of the Citizens Bank.

Two-story, commercial building with a flat roof that has been changed to a built up roof system to make a gable in later years. The windows are 1/1 double hung wood or 2/2 metal replacement on the second story. The first story windows are 3/3 double hung or 2/2 double hung. There is an awning at the front facade that is supported by wooden columns. It appears that all openings have been changed except for the door and the west window. There are flower boxes under the windows and brick pilasters frame the modern doorway.

Outbuildings:

- N (a) One story, frame shed roof garage with plywood exterior and metal garage doors, 1991.
- 37 C *Dr. Fite Office, 2460 Church Street*
Craftsman Constructed: 1916

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History: Dr. Fite constructed this building as an office in 1916. Dr. McAuley bought the office in 1924. It was the location of the Pigeon Roost News and Moore law office in the 1980s.

One-story, flat roofed, brick, commercial building with a full-width porch, shed roof supported by knee brace brackets. The central door is 2-lite, 1-panel with a 4-lite transom overhead. The walls on the side are parapeted and capped with tile. The front parapeted wall is capped with a concrete coping. Double windows on either side of the central entry are 1/1 double hung.

38 C *Citizens Bank, 2452 Church Street*

Classical Revival Constructed: 1910 Altered: 1919, 1929

History: The South Reporter stated that the post office for Byhalia was located here from 1910 to 1929. This building is listed as a post office on the 1915 Sanborn Maps. The original wood frame was veneered in 1929.

One-story, brick veneered flat roofed, building with a pedimented parapet. The three bays of the facade are delineated by four concrete pilasters supporting an entablature with the inscription "Citizens Bank." The tympanum contains a concrete plaque with the dates "1919-1929." The bays of the main facade are round-arched openings with vousoirs and concrete keystones and sills. The central entry is recessed and contains a metal single-leaf glazed door, sidelights and round-arched transom, while the outer bays of the facade contain fixed-single-light metal replacement windows. Windows on the east elevation are 1/1 double-hung sash.

39 C *McCrary Store, 2443 Church Street*

Commercial Italianate Constructed: 1884

History: The upstairs was used as a mortuary and coffin store in the 1910s. The 1915 Sanborn Maps and History of Byhalia indicates the building was McCrary's Store. It closed in 1970.

Two-story, brick and stucco, commercial building with a parapeted front facade and denticulation near the parapet. There are eight recessed areas immediately below the denticulation. There are four semi-round windows with double arch brick header coursing over the top of the windows which are 6/6 double hung. There are two entrances to the building with 6-lite transoms over each entry. The entrances are recessed and have plate glass windows around them. There are transoms above each of the two storefronts, and a flat roofed awning supported by posts spans the facade. Windows on the side of the building are 6/6 double hung.

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- 40 N *Horn's Store, 2441 Church Street*
Constructed: 1884 Remodeled
History: The 1915 Sanborn Maps and History of Byhalia indicate this was Horn's Store.

One-story, parapeted flat roofed, brick building. The exterior has been sheathed in wide rough lumber. There are visors over the windows that flank a recessed double door that have two lites and 1-panel doors. The windows are 36-lite flanking the doorway.

- 41 C *McLeary Building, 2439 Church Street*
Commercial Constructed: 1884
History: Dave McLeary was the original owner. He ran a livery stable in the 1880s according to an 1887 issue of Byhalia Journal.

One-story, flat roof, brick building that has a corbeled parapet. There is a five-lite transom over the display windows and a recessed doorway which has one-lite, 1-panel, double doors. There is a metal awning that covers the front facade.

- 42 C *Barber Shop, 2435 Church Street*
Constructed: 1900 +/- Remodeled
History: This was a drug store, circa World War I. The 1915 Sanborn Map indicates this was an office.

One-story, flat roof, brick building with parapet. It has a metal awning around the front and side facade. The upper half is faced in cement asbestos siding. The bottom half of the facade is faced in brick. There are two large fixed windows at the front facade which flank two 2-lite, 1-panel doors.

- 43 C *Byhalia Bank, 2438 Church Street*
Commercial Constructed: 1884 Altered: 1920
History: This originally was a branch of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, which opened in 1903 and operated until 1948.

One-story, flat roof, commercial building constructed of stone and brick with a parapet capped with tile. There is a rusticated Corinthian column of limestone with a square limestone base, and a concrete lintel which sits on the corner of the building on the corner of Church and Chulahuma. The corner entrance is recessed and has double doors with one lite and one panel. The windows are fixed commercial type.

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- 44 C *Bowens Store/Gardner & Jones Store, 2442 Church Street*
Commercial Italianate Constructed: 1884
History: The 1915 Sanborn Map and History of Byhalia indicate that the mercantile businesses of the Bowens Store and Gardner and Jones Store were located side-by-side. The tax card indicates that Dr. Hammack had an office here.
- One-story flat roof commercial building constructed of cinder block and brick with a corbeled parapet capped with tile. The windows are fixed. The doorway has been blocked in. There is transom over the doorway. There are arched brick headers over the window and infilled door and a modern metal awning is over the front of the building. The metal awning is on the east side of the block. The east entrance was to Gardner & Jones Store. The west entrance was to Bowen's Store.
- 45 C *Burrow's Store, 2444 Church Street*
Commercial Italianate Constructed: 1885
History: This was a grocery store owned by James Lafayette Burrow who also owned the building next door at Sequence #46. The two stores were joined by an entrance between them. The stores were constructed with the coming of the railroads and closed in 1972.
- One-story, flat roof, commercial, brick building with false parapet and corbeled parapet. The openings are segmentally arched with denticulated arched lintels. The doorway is a 1-lite, 1-panel, double door with a 4-lite transom overhead, and the windows are fixed.
- 46 C *Burrow's Store, 2446 Church Street*
Commercial Italianate Constructed: 1885
History: This was a dry goods store owned by James Lafayette Burrow. He also owned the building next door, Sequence #45. The stores, constructed with the coming of railroad, were joined by an entrance between them. At one time a tavern was located in the basement. The 1915 Sanborn Map and History of Byhalia indicates this was Burrow's Dry Goods Store.
- One-story, flat roof, commercial, brick building with corbeled parapet. The windows are segmentally arched and fixed with denticulated header arches. The doorway has a 4-lite transom overhead and the door is doubled with one lite one panel.
- 47 C *Boswell's Service Station, 2422 Church Street*
Commercial Italianate Constructed: 1900

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History: It is reported that this originally served as a bank. This building was utilized as Boswell's Service Station in the 1910s and the post office was located here in 1919. The building is now the Ruth B. French Library.

One-story, flat roof, commercial building with double arch brick headers over the windows which are replacement fixed type. There are pilasters in between the windows. Three windows are located at the front facade and four are on the side street facing Church Street. The doorway is a metal replacement and has a transom overhead. The parapet has denticulation near the roof line. There is a flat roof addition on the back with shingle drop siding, and the building is stuccoed on the north side.

- 48 C *Spears House, 94 S. Senter*
Queen Anne Constructed: 1900

History: Wilfred I. Spears was a representative from Marshall County to the Legislature from 1916 - 1920.

One-story, hipped roof, and intersecting gabled frame house with a chimney rear of center and rear off center and a full L-shaped wrap-around porch. The porch is supported by turned posts and laced pattern brackets and has a spindlework frieze. The entrance is right of center. The door has 15 lites in the transom. Windows on the front facade are 6/1; they are 4/4 on the side. A second entrance at the second story also has a 2-lite door with transom. A third entrance on the west side facade has a 1-lite, 1-panel door and is flanked by two replacement windows 2/2 double hung.

- 49 C *77 Highway 309 S.*
Italianate Constructed: Circa 1840 +/-.

History: One of the oldest houses in the district.

One-story, side gabled, brick/veneered house with three-bay porch. The central entrance is flanked by two round-arched windows that are 6/6 double hung. The windows have double arched brick headers. There are six pilasters on the front facade. The porch roof is supported on four square Italianate columns on brick piers; the brick pier on the south side of the building was replaced when it was damaged in the 1970s. The central doorway has two-lite panel door, one-lite, 1-panel sidelights. The transom overhead is 2-lite, oval with wide entablature. There are two chimneys, one on each end.

Outbuildings:

- C (a Two-car, gabled roof, frame garage, circa 1910 +/-.

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- N (b) Tin storage shed, circa 1970 +/-.
- C (c) Front gabled, brick outbuilding with a tin roof and 4-panel door flanked by 2/2 double hung windows. It has a shed roof porch with exposed rafters on the front and a porch on the back, circa 1840 +/-.

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Statement of Significance

The Byhalia Historic District is locally significant under Criterion "A," Community Planning and Development, because it contains the majority of Byhalia's businesses and residences that are representative of its development from 1838 to 1943. Criterion Consideration "A" applies to three churches located within the district. The Byhalia Historic District is also significant under Criterion "C" in the area of architecture as a significant concentration of historic residences and commercial buildings which contribute to the overall qualities of development in Byhalia during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The District contains notable examples of nineteenth century style revival residences as well as significant residential and commercial style revival and vernacular architecture from the early twentieth century to the end of the period of significance. In summary, the architectural significance of the District illustrates the development of Byhalia from its beginning to the World War II period.

There are three basic time periods of construction, 1838—1866, 1873—1920, and 1940 to 1943. The first, the Pre Civil War/Civil War Period, began with the settlement in the area in 1838 and construction of homes on large parcels of land beginning in 1840. During this time period, settlers established churches, maintained an agrarian economy, and later on in the period endured hardships inflicted by the Civil War because of their strategic location near main roads and bountiful produce. Byhalia was incorporated in 1873 during the second period, the Post Civil War/Railroad and Development Period. The detrimental effects of the war, slow recovery, and emphasis on nearby Holly Springs were exemplified by minimal construction and business development until the coming of the railroad to Byhalia in 1885. After 1885, businesses sprouted, doctors practiced in large numbers, construction boomed, and continued to do so until the 1910s to 1920. Activity slackened from then until the Post Development Period when a different style of architecture became evident.

Historical Background

Following the conditions of the 1832 Treaty of Pontotoc, the Chickasaw people were forced to relinquish their holdings and relocate to Indian Territory in Oklahoma opening the way to settlement in the area of Byhalia. A branch federal land office, established at Holly Springs, sold Sections 35 and 36 of Township 2, Range 5 West to C. W. Rains and Wash Poe who in turn sold their holdings to the Chickasaw Land Company in 1838 (Marshall County Chancery Clerk Deed Books, Byhalia file, Marshall County Library, Item #45).

Prospective buyers recognized the economic potential and strategic location of the land held by the company. The area was located at the intersection of the Collierville-Chulahoma Road and Pontotoc-Memphis Road (now Highway 78) and near the Pigeon Roost Road which was improved in 1835 to accommodate the removal of the Chickasaw (Item #45). The fertile bottoms of the

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Pigeon Roost and other creeks made the area desirable for cotton, produce, and livestock production (Item #37).

Several buyers interested in making their agrarian fortune in the area purchased property from the company making the area one of the earliest to be settled in Marshall County. In 1849, Frame W. Henry left his North Carolina home and purchased a large parcel of land known as the "Henry Subdivision" upon which Byhalia eventually was constructed (The History of Byhalia. Barton D. Williams, 1987, p. 16).

Several other families arrived from North Carolina as well and were joined by families from South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia (Ibid., p. 14). Most were wealthy cotton planters who brought their holdings of slaves, stock, and equipment with them. They established plantations with overseers and built their homes near Farmington, the site of the early Methodist mission and post office. The town of Byhalia originally called itself Farmington but changed its name to Byhalia, Chickasaw for "Great Oaks." This was done at the prompting of the Postal Department because of duplication with the mission (Item #45).

A few homes constructed during the early growth of Byhalia are scattered throughout the historic district. A Double Pen house, "Mulans House" (element # 22), constructed in 1845, has been modified externally over the years but still retains some of the exposed original log structure in the interior. The Classical Revival Style, "Thistledome" (element # 27), originally a log structure, was remodeled into a grand home in the historic period. The Greek Revival Style, "Cedar Hill House" or "Woody House" (element # 10), an early home of Henry, served the community as a social center.

Byhalia was slow growing during its early years for two main reasons: nearby Holly Springs, the county seat, drew more settlers and the first railroad. Constructed in 1856, the Holly Springs and Mobile Railroad (Mississippi Central Railroad) did not extend as far as Byhalia and devastated the potential for the small town's growth. The stage line, which stopped in Byhalia from the 1840s to 1850s, ended its operation forcing Byhalia to transport goods headed north by overland freight (Item #45, Williams, p. 28).

The focus on Holly Springs and the Civil War proved to be detrimental to the economic development of Byhalia. In 1861, the Confederate Walker Reserves of Byhalia formed, and the town was transformed into a recruiting and training center for the area. Skirmishes occurred on a regular basis as the Union fought to maintain control over nearby Collierville, Tennessee, the roads headed south, and local agrarian goods. Troops from both sides camped on the outskirts of Byhalia at different times during the war and traded control of the roads. The Union eventually broke the Confederate's hold and advanced south capturing prisoners and livestock on their way. Citizens of Byhalia reported that schools, churches, public buildings, cotton gins, and grist mills in and around

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town were burned by soldiers who denuded the countryside of food and livestock. Most of the early businesses closed due to lack of money and goods. Homes of known Confederate leaders were destroyed or damaged with the exception of Cedar Hill, the headquarters for Col. G. D. Boggan (Item #45, Williams, pp. 27, 37-38, 42-45, 74, "Byhalia Still Retains Charm of Ante Bellum Days," South Reporter, 5-6-65, pp. 1-2, "The Old Woody House," Ibid. 3-11-65, p.1).

The people of Byhalia, intent on ensuring the future of their town, sought incorporation in 1873. In that same year, the "First Presbyterian Church" (element #7) building was moved to Byhalia. Dempsey and Matilda Nesbitt donated the bell to the church that they brought with them from South Carolina by ox cart. The bell was cast in Scotland before the Revolutionary War (Item #46, Williams, p. 101). In 1879, a two-story frame building was constructed and used for Baptist church services. It was remodeled as a hotel in 1882 (element #31). It was said of the Buford Peterson Hotel that "If you sleep in that hotel you can sleep in tranquil peace because the spirits of the good old pioneer Baptists will hover gently over you." (Williams, p. 97, "On Church Street—Old Byhalia Hotel Rich Source of Local History," Pigeon Roost News, 3-3-83, p. 1.).

Byhalia slowly improved its economic condition but educational facilities suffered the effects of the war. Two schools, the Byhalia Male Academy founded in 1856 and the Byhalia Female Institute, 1861, closed their doors during the early years of the war. The Academy eventually reorganized as the Waverly Institute and constructed facilities in 1876 where the public high school is currently located (outside the boundaries of the district). The Kate Tucker Institute, founded in the 1880s, and the Kitty Bowen Institute, founded in 1885, filled the need for a girl's school; the latter operated at "Cedar Hill House" (element #10) until the 1890s (Items #s 21 and 47, Williams, pp. 88-90, "History of Schools in Byhalia," South Reporter, 12-18-75, sec 3, p. 16).

The reestablishment of the girls schools in the 1880s is an indicator of the growing prosperity of the town which can be mostly attributed to the coming of the Memphis, Selma, Brunswick Railroad to Byhalia. In 1875, General Nathan Bedford Forest, then a railroad official, contracted to complete the line between Memphis, Byhalia, and Holly Springs but delays in construction stalled progress. Forest sold the contract in 1881 to Green Hamilton and Company who used Irish and later convict laborers to complete the railroad line in 1885 (Item #45, Williams, pp. 71-74). The completion of the Memphis, Selma, and Brunswick Railroad was the subject of a May 21, 1885 issue of the Holly Springs Reporter and gave an account of the driving of the final silver stake, "...after many years of anxiety and disappointment the people of Byhalia have at last connected with the outside world by railroad. This much desired end was accomplished on Wednesday last (May 13, 1885) at about noon," (Williams, p. 73).

It is evident that the coming of the railroad boosted Byhalia's economic condition. Population statistics reveal that the population of Byhalia grew from 346 in 1880 to 474 by 1890 (Mississippi Statistical Summary of Population, 1800-1980, Mississippi Power and Light Company, 1983, p.

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341). The local paper, the Byhalia Journal, established in 1882, advertised several businesses in 1887. At that time there were advertisements for five doctors, four liverys, two travelers accommodations, one cotton gin, and ten businesses (Items #s 32 and 45, Williams, p. 75).

Construction boomed to accommodate the influx of people and businesses. Between 1884 and 1900, most of the downtown businesses were constructed as well as a few homes of leading businessmen and professionals such as Stanback, Dr. Boyce, Fitts, Chalmers, Burrow, Dr. Height, McCrary, Horn, Sharp, Shinault, and Spears (Williams, p. 73, Jean Burrow, James Rufus Edwards, interviews, 5/2/95, Deed Books). By 1900, the population had increased to 760 (Population, p. 341).

From 1900 to the early 1910s, Byhalia continued to grow. New houses dotted the district throughout. Dr. P. L. Fite is attributed with the construction of his own house (element #2), the "Roper House" (outside the boundaries of the district), and "Dr. Fite Office" (element #37) (Williams, p. 62). Andrew Johnson and Sons constructed the Gothic Revival Style "Byhalia United Methodist Church" (element #19) in 1906 on the same property that was originally donated by F. W. Henry to the church in the 1840s (Item #46, Williams, p. 17). A year later in 1907, all schools were consolidated into the public school system (Item #21, Williams, p. 92).

Financial institutes were also established during the 1900s and 1910s. The Holly Springs Merchants and Farmers Bank opened a branch in Byhalia in 1903 and operated until 1948 in what is now the "Byhalia Drugstore" (element #43). In 1919, the "Citizens Bank" (element #38) opened its doors but is now a television repair shop (Williams, p. 102).

Despite economic growth, population statistics reveal that population dropped off from 760 in 1900 to 514 in 1920 (Population, p. 341). Construction slowed in the district; only four houses were constructed between 1920 and 1943. The 1940s buildings, (elements #s 5 and 16) typical of the time, were constructed in the simple Minimal Traditional Style.

This abrupt change in growth has been in part attributed to the development of roads to Holly Springs. In 1915, it is reported that a bond issue to gravel roads to Byhalia from several outlying towns was thwarted by Holly Springs merchants. The bond issue for graveling roads to Holly Springs, however, was passed drawing much of the local business away from Byhalia (Williams, p. 74). The eventual construction of the new Highway 78 outside of town aided in the decline.

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Verbal Boundary Description

See accompanying scale map.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the district are drawn so as to include as many elements as possible of significance and integrity that define the district's character. Although boundaries appear irregular, they encompass the contiguous concentration of significant properties while excluding the greater number of adjacent non-contributing resources.

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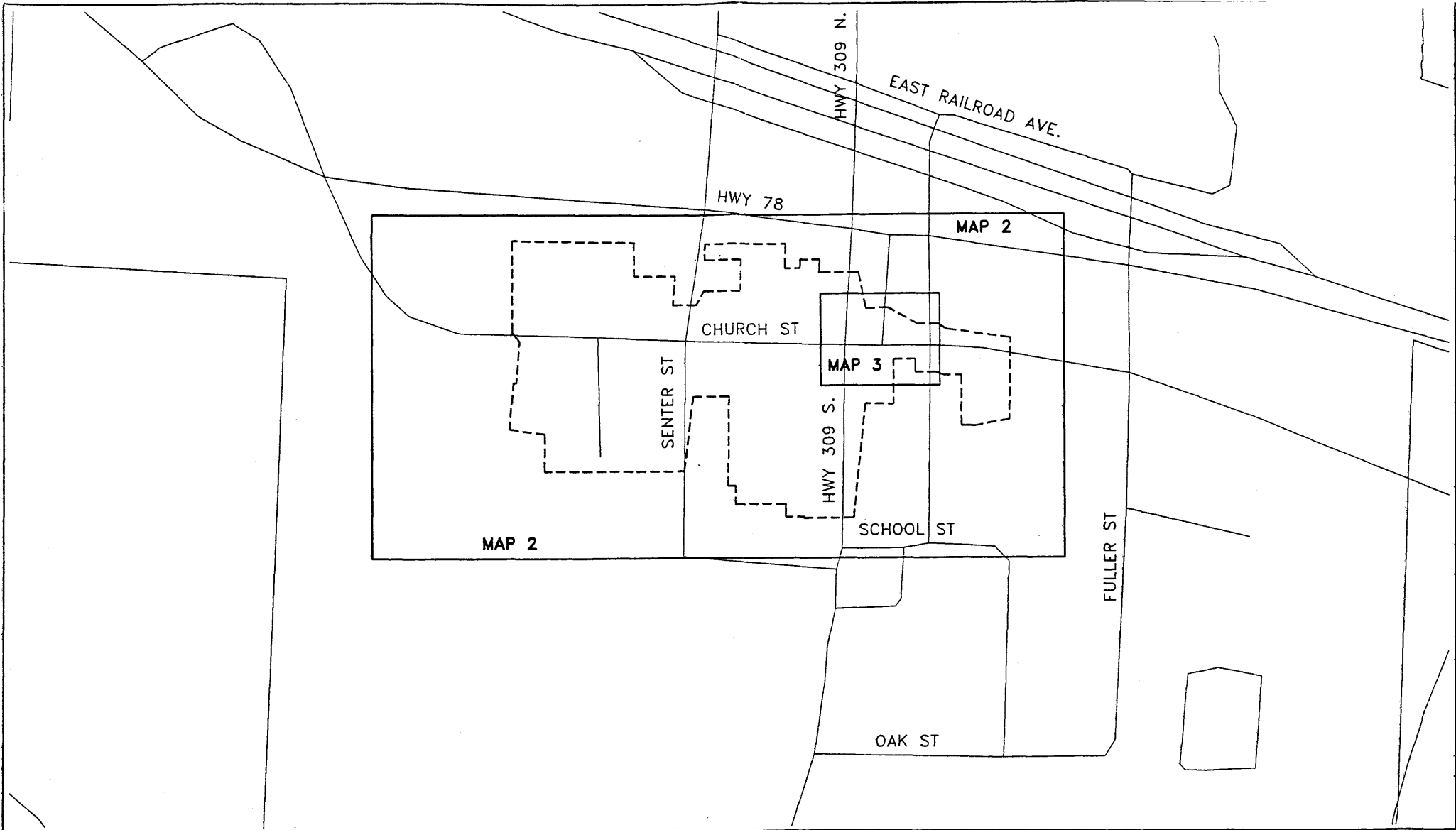
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| 1 | 246 Highway 309 South from SW |
| 2 | 118 Highway 309 South from SW |
| 3 | 77 Highway 309 South from NE |
| 4 | North side Church Street from Highway 309 South, looking NE |
| 5 | South side Church Street from Highway 309 South, looking SE |
| 6 | 2459 Church Street from Highway 309 South, looking SW |
| 7 | 2438 and 2442 Church Street from Highway 309 South, looking NW |
| 8 | 2442 Church Street, looking NE |
| 9 | Church Street and West Brunswick Street, looking NW |
| 10 | East Church Street, looking SE |
| 11 | East Church Street, looking SW |
| 12 | East Church Street, looking SW |
| 13 | East Church Street, looking SE |
| 14 | North side Church Street from Highway 309 South, looking NW |
| 15 | 2460 Church Street, looking NE |
| 16 | West Church Street, looking NW |
| 17 | 2496 Church Street, looking NE |
| 18 | Byhalia United Methodist Church, looking SW |
| 19 | First Presbyterian Church, looking NW |
| 20 | 2537 and 2545 Church Street, looking SE |
| 21 | First Baptist Church, looking SE |
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| 23 | 2578 and 2588 Church Street, looking NE |
| 24 | 2604 Church Street, looking NW |
| 25 | 94 South Senter Street, looking SW |



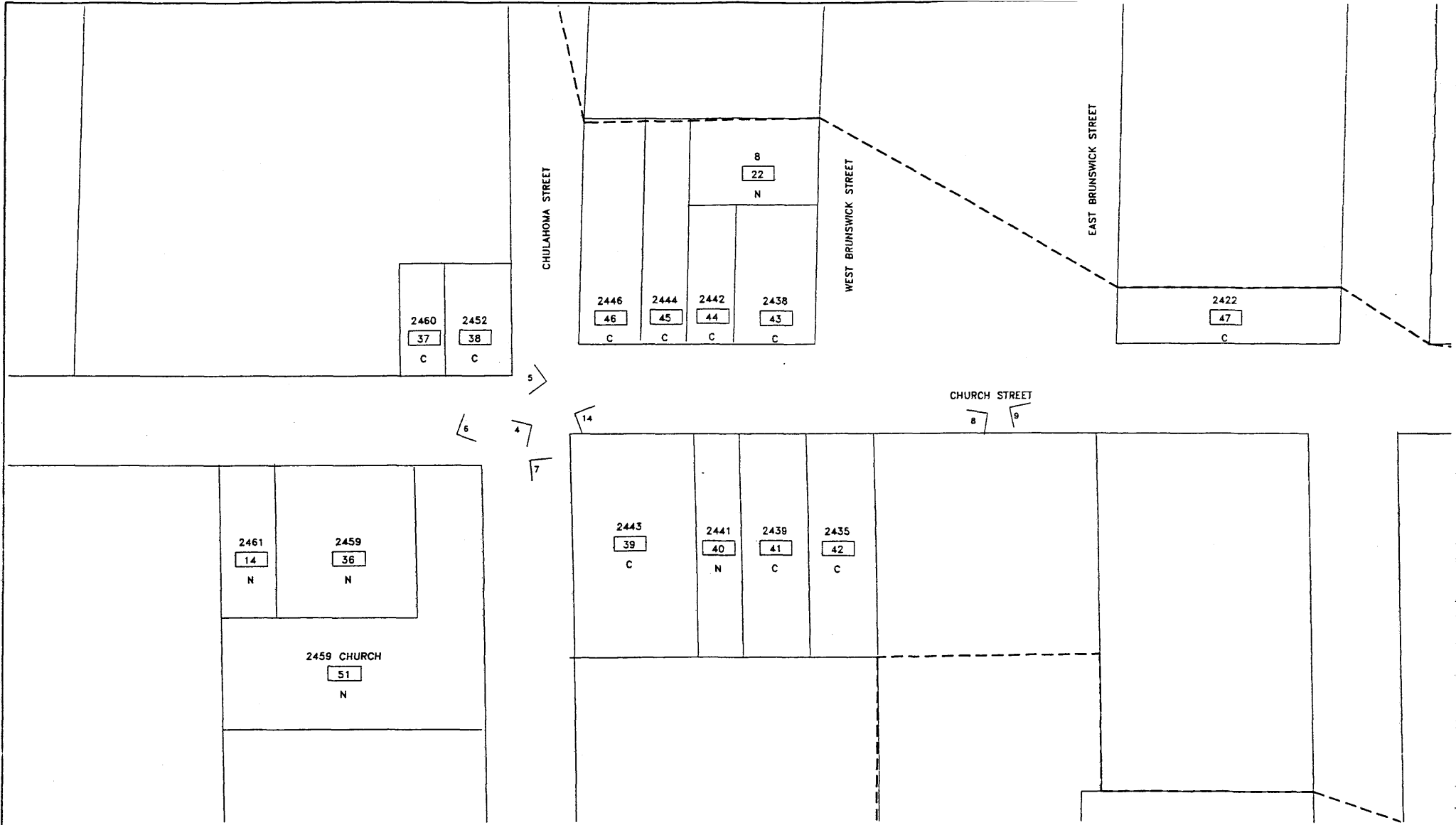
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