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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name North Main Street Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number North Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Mount Pleasant

N/A vicinity

state Tennessee

code TN

county Mauray

code 119

zip code 38474

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>35</u>	<u>5</u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>36</u>	<u>5</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic & Architectural Resources of Mount Pleasant, TN

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 2

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 80. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Herbert L. Dwyer
Signature of certifying official Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Tennessee Historical Commission

6/22/89
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:)

Amy Schaefer

8/8/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow

OTHER: Folk Victorian

OTHER: Cottage Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE, BRICK, CONCRETE

walls weatherboard, BRICK

roof METAL, ASPHALT

other WOOD, STONE

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Twenty-three properties in a four block area along North Main Street (U.S. Highway 43) in Mount Pleasant, Maury County, Tennessee comprise the North Main Street Historic District. The properties are located along both sides of the street in an area running generally from Shofner Avenue on the southeast to Third Avenue on the northwest.

The district is on a high rolling shoulder of the relatively low Institute Hill, so called because Howard Institute, a school in operation during the late nineteenth century, was once located here. North Main Street is an old road, which connected the circa 1820 Hurricane Store settlement, predecessor of Mount Pleasant, with Columbia, the Maury County seat. For a while after 1838, a portion of the road was probably part of the Columbia Central Turnpike, which connected Columbia with the present town of Clifton located to the southwest on the Tennessee River in Wayne County.

As late as the Civil War, the area of the district was northeast of the town proper on the Columbia Road. The circa 1857 Sabra Lawrence House, known as Walnut Grove, at 510 North Main (#17, NR 3/8/84) is the only house from this period in the district. This large brick house is a good example of Greek Revival architecture with monumental central portico, parapeted chimneys, and decorative entry with cantilevered balcony. Walnut Grove, once a plantation, was incorporated into Mt. Pleasant as the town expanded outward during the phosphate boom.

Development of the North Main Street Historic District follows the pattern as outlined in Property Type - Residential Historic Districts in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Historic and Architectural Resources of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee. Many houses built in the district between 1895 - 1939 were among the largest and most architecturally significant houses in the city. Two of the most interesting of these houses are the large brick home of local phosphate company owner and engineer, Herman D. Ruhm, at 514 North Main Street (#18) and the large Queen Anne house built by merchant Arch Craige at 507 North Main (#15). Ruhm's house is an eclectic style house with turrets on the porch and canted gable bay ends, and multiple tall corbeled brick chimneys. The Craige House exhibits Queen Anne elements with its wraparound porch, bay ends, multiple dormers, and octagonal corner turret.

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A variety of architectural styles are represented in the district, including the Greek Revival, Federal Revival, Queen Anne, Bungalow, Colonial Revival, and Cottage Revival. The Bungalow and Craftsman-influence style houses are represented and account for six houses. The best examples include the residence of magistrate Robert Bullock at 405 North Main (#2), built about 1905, the circa 1930 home of Arrow Mines manager, Isaac Newman, at 407 North Main (#12), and the circa 1925 Kittrell Brothers House at 601 North Main Street (#21). Vernacular style houses located in the district include Folk Victorian and Cottage Revival style houses.

The principal buildings in the district are for the most part single family dwellings. Houses in the North Main Street Historic District occupy lots varying from one-half to three acres in size, and are set back from Main Street at distances from twenty to seventy-five feet. Several of the properties are fronted by iron fences or stone walls.

Listed below by street address are the principal resources in the district. Of the forty-one resources in the district, thirty-six are classified as contributing; there are twenty-one houses, ten garages, a guest house, a tenant house, a kitchen, a shop and an outbuilding. The five non-contributing resources include one house, three garages, and an apartment building.

INVENTORY

1. 308 North Main Street. Howard Institute Dormitory/Residence. ca. 1900 and 1930. Queen Anne Influence. One story frame, weatherboard, rectangular plan, brick pier foundation, side-gable asphalt roof, integral shed porch with spindlework frieze, hooded doors and windows. Original dormitory was two stories; reduced in ca. 1930 to present one-story form after a fire. (C)

Shop. ca. 1930. One story cinderblock, shotgun plan, front-gable roof with exposed purlins. (C)

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2. 405 North Main Street. Bullock House. ca. 1905. Neo-Classical. One and one-half story frame, weatherboard, irregular plan, stone foundation, side-gable roof, one story wraparound porch supported by Tuscan columns, gabled central dormer, lookout brackets, two corbeled interior brick chimneys, stone wall around property. Built ca. 1905 by Robert Bullock, Justice of the Peace and hardware store owner. (C)

Garage. ca. 1950. One story front-gable roof, side-gabled side addition. (NC)

3. 406 North Main Street. Williams House. 1938. Cottage Revival. One and one-half story brick, irregular plan, concrete block foundation, steeply-pitched irregular roof, projecting gables, rounded-arch entry, paired 6/6 windows, one story corner porch, tall front exterior brick chimney with stone weatherings. Built 1938 for C. C. Williams, farmer and livestock dealer, by William Parks and Parks Lumber Company, Lawrenceburg. House built on site of Howard Institute. (C)

4. 407 North Main Street. Cooper House. ca. 1910. Bungalow Influence. One and one-half story frame, weatherboard, rectangular plan, side-gable asphalt roof, integral shed porch supported by molded cinderblock pillars, concrete block molded balustrade, entrance with sidelights, French windows first floor, decorative door and window lintels, lookout brackets, gabled dormer, paired interior chimneys. Built for R. B. Cooper, grocer. (C)

Garage. ca. 1935. One story frame, weatherboard, square plan, truncated hipped roof. (C)

5. 408 North Main Street. Hill House. ca. 1910. Bungalow Influence. One and one-half story brick, rectangular plan, side-gable asphalt roof, shed porch supported by molded rubble stone pillars, stuccoed second floor, entrance with sidelights, 5/1 fenestration, shingled gable dormer, exposed purlins, lookout brackets, interior chimney. Built ca. 1910 for lumberyard owner, Harry Hill. (C)

Garage. ca. 1920. One story two-bay brick, front-gable asphalt roof. (C)

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6. 409 North Main Street. Bostick House. ca. 1910. Cross-gable Plan. One story frame, weatherboard, irregular cross-gable plan, concrete block foundation, irregular hipped asphalt roof, one story porch supported by tapered posts on cinderblock piers, paired and tripartite 1/1 windows, one story brick half-hipped side addition, interior chimney. Stone retaining wall. Built ca. 1910 for Merry Bostick, grocer. (C)
7. 410 North Main Street. Leslie Burnett House. ca. 1925. Modern One and one-half story frame, weatherboard, rectangular plan, concrete block foundation, side-gable asphalt roof, one story shed porch supported by stout square wooden posts, entrance with sidelights, gabled dormer, lookout brackets, interior chimney. (C)

Garage. ca. 1935. One story frame, weatherboard, front-gable roof. (C)
8. 411 North Main Street. Shofner-Jones House. 1905. Federal Revival. Two story brick, rectangular plan, stone foundation, hipped roof, one story porch supported by paired columns with Scamozzi capitals, balustrade above, entrance with sidelights and transom, fanlight with tracery over second floor porch door, half-hipped dormers, tall corbeled brick chimney, stone wall and iron fence around property. Built 1905 for D. W. Shofner, founder and first president of the First National Bank. (C)

Garage. ca. 1920. One story brick, stuccoed, square plan, pyramid roof. (C)
9. 412 North Main Street. Pleasant Manor Apartments. ca. 1980. Modern. Two story complex, brick veneer, H-plan, concrete block foundation, flat roof, hopper windows, plywood cornice. (NC)
10. 501 North Main Street. Hill House. ca. 1910. No Style. Two story frame, brick veneer, irregular plan, stone foundation, hipped asphalt roof with projecting gables, one story wraparound porch supported by stone piers, 1/1 fenestration, shingled gable fields, interior corbeled brick chimneys. (C)

Garage. ca. 1945. One story frame, masonite siding, front-gable roof. (NC)

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11. 503 North Main Street. Chester Williams House. 1938. Modern. One and one-half story frame, weatherboard, irregular plan, concrete block foundation, irregular truncated hipped roof with projecting cross gables, canted gable bay end, shed porch partially enclosed, shed dormers, two interior corbeled brick chimneys. (C)
- Garage. ca. 1930. One story side-gable asphalt roof, shed addition at side. (C)
- Outbuilding. ca. 1900. One story frame, weatherboard, front-gable roof. (C)
12. 504 North Main Street. Newman House. ca. 1930. Bungalow Influence. One and one-half story frame, weatherboard, rectangular plan, concrete-block foundation, side-gable asphalt roof, paired interior chimneys, shed porch partially enclosed, rear ell. Built about 1930 for Isaac Newman, manager of the Arrow Phosphate Mines. (C)
13. 505 North Main Street. Evelyn Wheeler House. ca. 1910. Folk Victorian. One story frame, vinyl siding, irregular plan, irregular asphalt roof, gable front and wing, one story porch, interior chimney. Loss of integrity due to alterations. (NC)
- Garage. ca. 1920. One story frame, vinyl siding, side-gable asphalt roof, new door. Loss of integrity due to alterations. (NC)
14. 506 North Main Street. Olive Rippey House. ca. 1910. Cross-Gable Plan. One story frame, masonite siding, concrete block foundation, cross-gable asphalt roof, porch supported by tapered posts, 1/1 fenestration, entrance with sidelights. (C)

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15. 507 North Main Street. Craige House. ca. 1900. Queen Anne Influence. Two story frame, aluminum siding, irregular plan, stone foundation, irregular asphalt roof, one story wraparound porch supported by turned posts, octagonal corner turret with domed roof and finial, canted gable bay end, shed dormers, very tall corbeled brick chimneys, 4/4 fenestration. Built ca. 1900 for hardware store owner A. W. Craige. (C)

Guest House. ca. 1930. One story frame, stuccoed, rectangular plan, paired 6/6 windows, interior chimney. (C)

Garage Apartment. ca. 1910. Two story frame, weatherboard, gabled asphalt roof, three garage bays below, apartment upstairs, central corbeled chimney, 4/4 fenestration. (C)

16. 509 North Main Street. Vance Wilson House. ca. 1910. Neo-Classical. Two story brick, rectangular plan, concrete block foundation, hipped asphalt roof, one story porch supported by fluted columns with Scamozzi capitals, entry pediment, porte-cochere, transom over door, 1/1 fenestration. (C)

Garage. ca. 1910. One story brick and shingled frame, bellcast front-gable roof. (C)

17. 510 North Main Street. Walnut Grove. 1857. (NR 3/8/84). Greek Revival. Two story brick, central-passage plan, stone foundation, side-gable metal roof, central monumental pedimented portico supported by four paneled posts, cornice with modillions, paired chimneys connected by parapets, 6/6 fenestration, entrance with sidelights with transom, cantilevered balcony. (C)

Kitchen. 1824. Two-story brick, rectangular plan, continuous stone foundation, wooden panel doors, 6/6 fenestration, front-gable composition roof, gable end brick chimney. (C)

18. 514 North Main Street. Ruhm-Clarke House. ca. 1900. Folk Victorian. One story brick, irregular plan, stone foundation, irregular asphalt roof, one story wraparound porch supported by slender columns, circular corner porch with conical roof, half-hipped shingled dormer, transom over door, octagonal bay end front, four tall corbeled brick chimneys, stone retaining wall and iron fence around property. Built for engineer, developer, and phosphate company owner, Herman D. Ruhm; later home of Dr. C. Y. Clarke. (C)

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19. 516 North Main Street. Petty House. ca. 1900. Folk Victorian. Two story frame, weatherboard, irregular plan, concrete block foundation, bellcast cross-gable roof with tin shingles, one story porch supported by molded concrete blocks, sidelights and transom at entry, mixed fenestration. Built about 1900 for Ed Petty, jeweler. (C)
- Garage. ca. 1910. One story frame, weatherboard, front-gable roof. (C)
- Tenant House. ca. 1910. One story frame, weatherboard, side-gable asphalt roof, 4/4 windows, central chimney. (C)
20. 600 North Main Street. Harris House. ca. 1930. Colonial Revival. Two story frame, weatherboard, rectangular plan, concrete block foundation, hipped asphalt roof, full-length monumental portico supported by Tuscan columns, full entablature, small entry pediment, gable end exterior chimneys, iron cantilever balcony, double-leaf entry with sidelights. Built ca. 1930 for farmer and phosphate landowner, Wiley Harris. (C)
21. 601 North Main Street. Kittrell Brothers House. ca. 1925. Bungalow Influence. One and one-half story brick, rectangular plan, concrete block foundation, side-gable asphalt roof, one story shed porch supported by stout square posts, sidelights and transom, lookout brackets, stuccoed central gabled dormer, shingled second story, one story bay end. (C)
- Garage. ca. 1925. One story cinderblock and frame, side-gable asphalt roof, tool room at side. (C)
22. 602 North Main Street. ca. 1910. Folk Victorian. One story frame, weatherboard, concrete block foundation, irregular roof, one story wraparound porch supported by turned posts with chamfered spindle balustrade, shingled gable fields, 1/1 fenestration, two interior chimneys. (C)
- Garage. ca. 1925. One story frame, weatherboard, front-gable roof. (C)

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23. 603 North Main Street. Burnett House. ca. 1925. Bungalow Influence. One and one-half story frame, weatherboard, concrete block foundation, side-gable asphalt roof, shed porch supported by tapered posts, massive central gabled dormer, entrance with sidelights, mixed fenestration, interior corbeled brick chimneys. (C)

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

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Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

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Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

ARCHITECTURE

1824-1939

N/A

INDUSTRY

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

N/A

multiple

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The North Main Street Historic District in Mount Pleasant, Maury County, Tennessee is nominated both under criterion A for its association with the growth of Mount Pleasant during the beginning of the phosphate boom and under criterion C for its significance to Mount Pleasant and Maury County in architecture. North Main Street Historic District is nominated under the registration requirements for Residential Historic Districts set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee.

The district is a relatively undisturbed historic middle and upper class residential district that reflects the economic boom which hit the small country town after the discovery of phosphate in the late 1890s. Several of the dwellings in the district housed the families of plant managers and professionals, however, the common laborers in the plants were economically excluded from the neighborhood. Many of the houses in the district were built for merchants and personnel in the service industries that supported the plants.

The district is comprised of twenty-three properties is a seven block area along North Main Street between Shofner Street and Third Avenue and contains buildings dating from 1857 to the late 1930s in a wide variety of architectural styles. Properties include a large antebellum plantation house, several great houses built by the phosphate interests of the late nineteenth century, and a number of early twentieth century homes. Despite the small size of the district, a number of architectural influences are represented, including houses in the Greek Revival, Federal Revival, Colonial Revival, Cottage Revival and Bungalow styles. Properties are all well-maintained, and the district retains its historical and architectural integrity.

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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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property 15 acres ±

UTM References

A

16	481560	3932980
Zone	Easting	Northing

C

16	481470	3932500
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

16	481650	3932950
Zone	Easting	Northing

D

16	481360	3932580
Zone	Easting	Northing

Mount Pleasant, Tennessee 57 SE

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Verbal Boundary Description

The North Main Street Historic District contains properties along North Main Street generally between Shofner Street and Third Street. The district boundaries are shown on the accompanying map.

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Boundary Justification

The North Main Street Historic District boundaries are drawn to follow streets and alleys, fence lines and property lines. Intrusive properties and agricultural lands are excluded. The district boundaries are drawn to include sufficient land to provide an historic setting and to protect the integrity of the resources.

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The oldest building in the district is the kitchen of Walnut Grove (#17). This small brick dependency was built about 1824, probably for the Rev. Hugh Shaw, who sold it two years later to Willis Boddie. The original plantation house burned, but the kitchen survived. It is the oldest surviving brick building in Mount Pleasant.

Walnut Grove itself (NR 3/8/84) was built about 1857 for Sabra Lawrence, sister of Willis Boddie. The house is an excellent adaptation of the Greek Revival style, with a monumental central pedimented portico supported by four square yellow poplar antae columns. Nathan Vaught, a very productive and skilled builder from Columbia, constructed the house for Mrs. Lawrence.

One of the most intricate houses in the district was built at 514 North Main (#18) by Herman D. Ruhm, a civil engineer, developer and phosphate company co-owner. The eclectic one and one-half story brick house is laid out on an irregular extended plan and features a wraparound one story porch with circular corner pavilion, topped by a conical roof, arched windows, shingled dormers, a gable bay end, and tall corbeled brick chimneys. Although Ruhm built the house, it is more commonly associated with the family of Dr. C. Y. Clarke, who later purchased the house. Clarke was the founder of the Clarke Training School, which offered vocational education for black youths early in the century.

D. W. Shofner of Bedford County relocated to Mount Pleasant at the turn of the century and had charge of the Bank of Mount Pleasant from its establishment in 1899. About 1905, he had erected at 411 North Main (#8) a large brick house in the Federal Revival style, with hipped roof, sidelighted entries topped by traceried fanlights, and a graceful porch supported by slender columns with Scamozzi capitals.

At about the same time, A. W. Craige, co-owner of a local hardware store, built a rambling two-story irregular plan frame house at 507 North Main (#15). This eclectic house features a prominent octagonal corner turret with domed roof and fancy iron finial, a bay end front, a wraparound one-story porch supported by narrow columns, shed dormers, and four very tall corbeled brick chimneys. Across the street at 516 North Main (#19), jeweler, Ed Petty, had constructed another large frame house, this time on the fairly common cross-gable plan.

By 1910, another nine houses were built in the area. These included the irregular frame home of local magistrate Robert Bullock at 405 North Main (#2), and that of his neighbor, grocer R. B. Cooper at 407 North Main (#4). Both of these feature some Bungalow influence details, as does the Harry

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Hill House at 408 North Main (#5). The other houses from this period are the Merry Bostick House at 409 North Main (#6); the J. S. Hill House, 501 North Main (#10); the Evelyn Wheeler House at 505 North Main (#13); the Ollie Rippey House, 506 North Main (#14); the imposing brick Vance Wilson place at 509 North Main (#16); and the small frame cottage at 604 North Main (#22), the northern terminus of the district.

Most of the remaining houses were built by the 1930s. Of these, the most imposing is the immense home of Wiley Harris at 602 North Main (#20). The circa 1930 house is an example of Twentieth Century Classical Revival, with a full-length monumental portico supported by eight large tuscan columns, a cantilevered iron balcony over the main entry, and gable end exterior chimneys. Most of the other houses from this period show some influence from the Bungalow and Craftsman movement prevalent at the time. Only two properties in the district date from outside the period of significance.

Howard Institute, a preparatory school established late in the nineteenth century, was once located in the district. The main building stood near the site of present 406 North Main Street (#3). Although the principal school building was razed earlier in this century, one building remains from the school, a house which once served as a dormitory. This building, at 308 North Main Street (#1), was once a two-story frame building in the Eastlake Style; the second floor burned away in the 1920s, and its present appearance dates from the subsequent remodeling done circa 1930.

Although limited in size, the North Main Street Historic District contains one of the best collections of historic buildings in the southwestern Maury County city. The district contains a number of the most imposing houses in the community, well-landscaped and carefully maintained. Several properties have been recently restored, and the district retains a strong sense of neighborhood association.

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Nashville, Tennessee

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602 North Main Street
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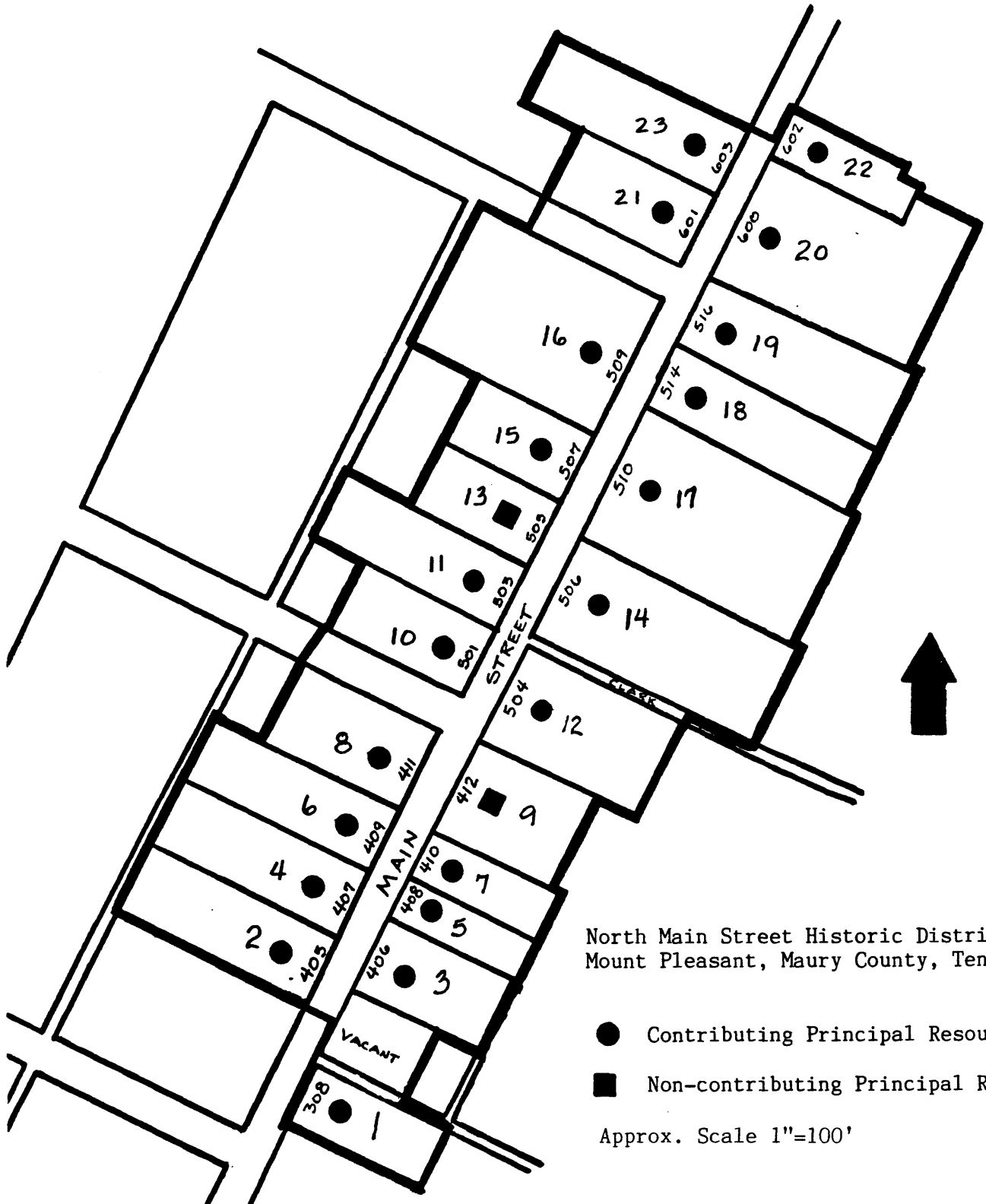
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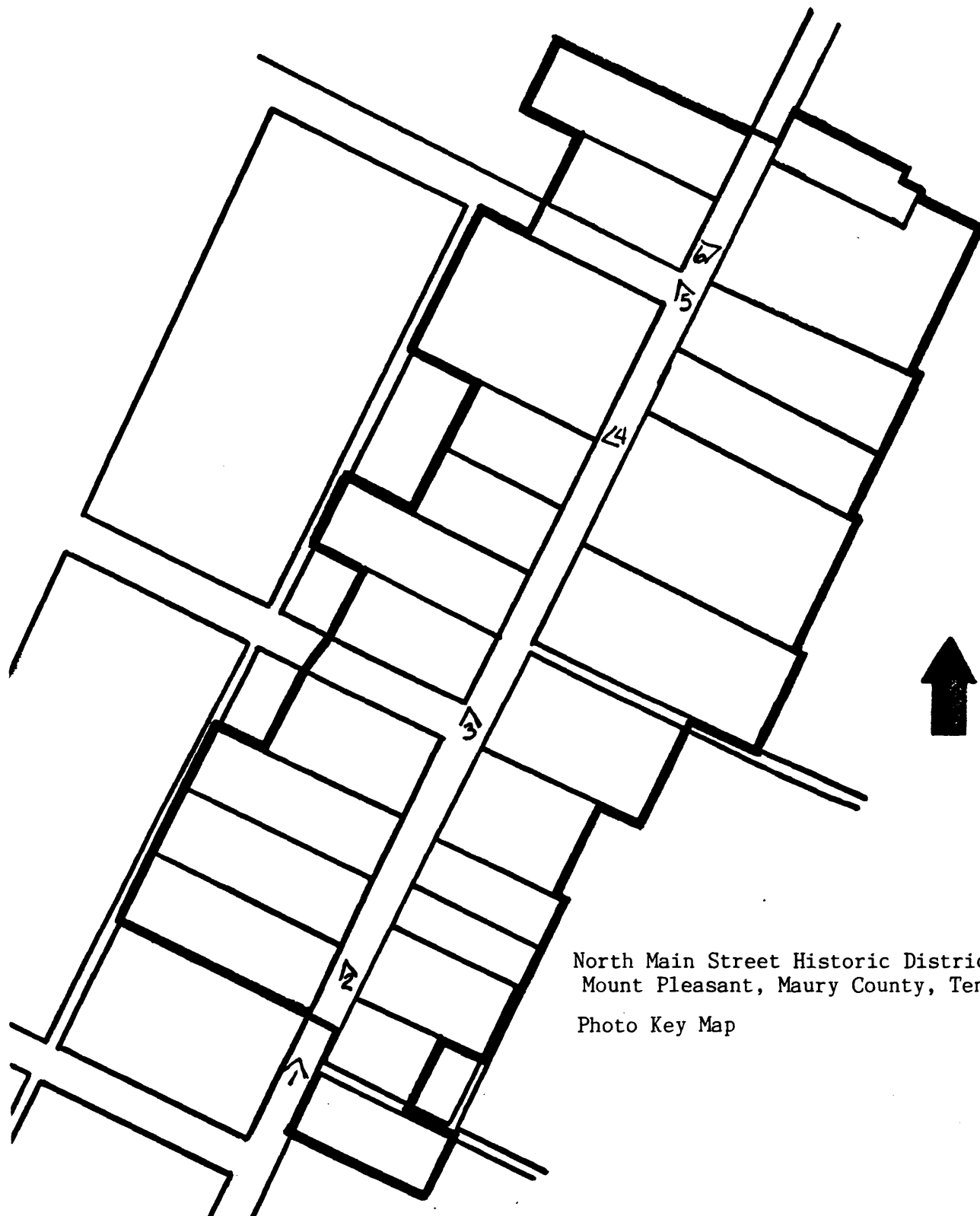
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