

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC West Market Square Historic District  
AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West Market Square NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CITY, TOWN Bangor, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Second  
STATE Maine VICINITY OF Penobscot COUNTY CODE 019  
CODE 023

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Multiple ownership (see continuation sheet)  
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Penobscot County Registry of Deeds  
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Bangor, STATE Maine 04401

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Bangor Historic Resources Inventory  
DATE

1975 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Bangor Historic Preservation Commission; City Hall  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Bangor, STATE Maine 04401

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The West Market Square Historic District is a compact and cohesive grouping of 6 mid-19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and one building of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, all commercial in nature, which are in an excellent state of preservation. All are survivors of the disastrous fire of 1911 which gutted most of the commercial area of downtown Bangor. In 1968 much of what was left was destroyed by urban renewal leaving this small cluster as the best of the remaining 19<sup>th</sup> century downtown. There are no intrusions present. Included in the nomination is a triangular pedestrian mall formed from part of the original open market area.

Map #

1. Merrill Trust Company Building, 2 Hammond Street, 1906-07, Neo-Classical Revival, 3 stories, brick with limestone columns, sill course and entablature, granite trim. Frank E. Newman (Newman and Harris), New York City, Architect.
2. Wheelwright-Clark Block, 2-8 Broad Street, 1859, (NR 7/18/74), Second Empire, 5 stories (including Mansard), brick with wood and cast iron trim. Col. Benjamin S. Deane, Architect.
3. E. P. Baldwin Building, 10-12 Broad Street, by 1843, Greek Revival, 4 stories (originally 3 stories with pitched roof, 4<sup>th</sup> story and flat with Italianate cornice added in 1880's), brick with granite trim.
4. Sophie H. Brown Block, 14 Broad Street, c.1865, Mansard, 4 stories, brick with granite and wood trim. Originally identical in style to building #7, the Mansard dormers were altered c.1910.
5. Webster Treat Block, 18 Broad Street, c.1865. Mansard, 4 stories, brick with granite and wood trim. Also originally identical in style with building #7, the second floor was altered in the 1890's.
6. Phenix (sic) Block, 20-24 Broad Street, 1869-70, High Victorian, 4 stories, brick with wood cornice and segmental pediment.
7. G. W. Pickering Block, 32-36 Broad Street, c.1865, Mansard, 4 stories, brick with granite and wood trim.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

West Market Square, originally known as Market Square, was the first open area market place in Bangor. As far back as 1834, at the incorporation of the City, the corner of Main and Broad Streets was listed in the City Directory as Market Square - to distinguish it from its new counterpart at the corner of Central, Harlow and Park Streets - which was known as East Market Square.

West Market Square remained the central focus of all business activities through most of the 19th and 20th centuries. The occupants of its buildings read like a Who's Who of Bangor's leading and most prosperous citizens. It was the location of doctors, attorneys, dentists, druggists, bookkeepers, booksellers, grocers, confectioners, jewelers and merchants of all kinds. At one point during the latter part of the 1800's, West Market Square was the location of at least four individual banks.

The single block selected for nomination is the only grouping of buildings remaining in tact which convey the ambience and scale of West Market Square as it existed in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bangor Daily Whig and Courier, various dates.  
 Vickery, James B., Bangor, Maine - An Illustrated History, Bangor, 1976.  
 Bangor City Directory, 1843, 1859-60, 1884.  
 Bangor Daily Commercial. May 22, 1911.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

## UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.2QUADRANGLE NAME BangorQUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

 A 19 518075 4960700  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

 B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see separate sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frank A. Beard, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

August, 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

242 State Street

TELEPHONE

207/289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

Augusta,

STATE

Maine 04333

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL 

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Carol S. Feltner*

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

9/4/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Sally G. Olden*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 ATTEST: *Ann M. O'Neil*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12/27/79

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12/20/79

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Property Owners

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1. Merrill Trust Company, 144 Exchange Street, Bangor, Maine. 04401
2. Sidco Corporation, 63 Bradbury Street, Old Town, Maine. 04468
3. David L. and Judith M. Hallowell, 70 Longmeadow Drive, Brewer, Maine. 04412
4. William W. and Gwethalyn Phillips, 14 Broad Street, Bangor, Maine. 04401
5. William W. and Gwethalyn Phillips, 14 Broad Street, Bangor, Maine. 04401
6. Viner's Music Company, 20 Broad Street, Bangor, Maine. 04401
7. Everett S. Hurd Heirs, 28 Broad Street, Bangor, Maine. 04401

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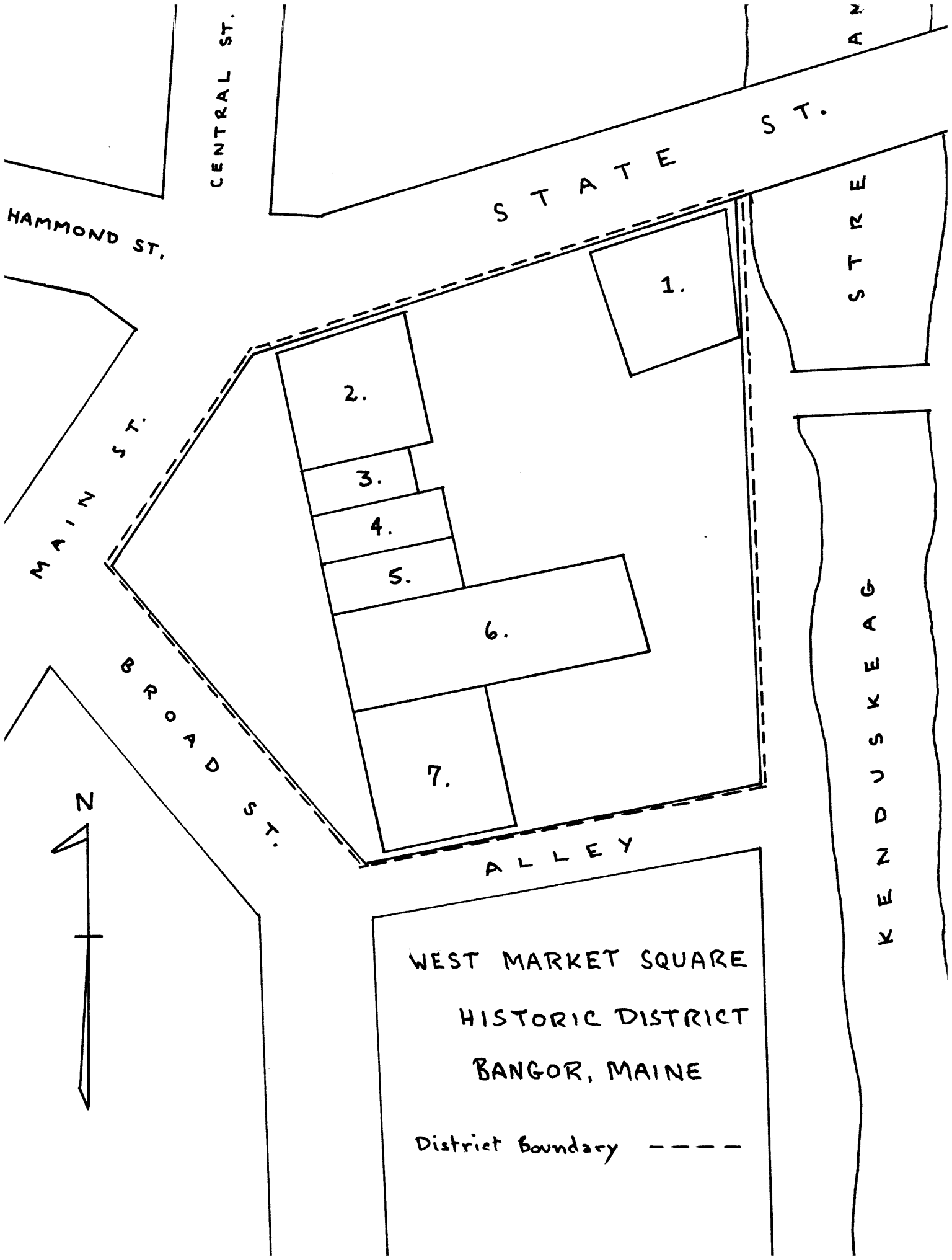
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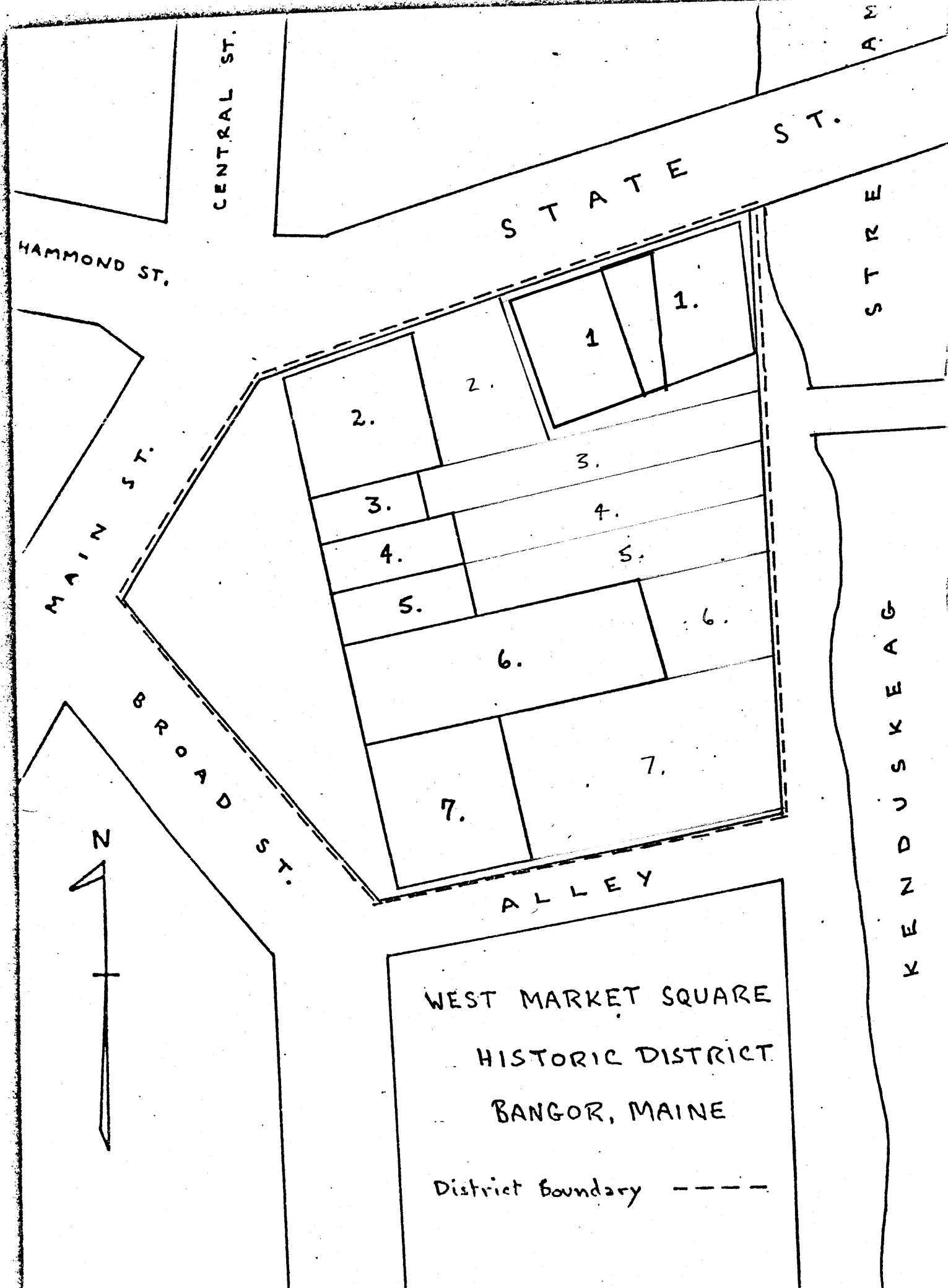
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Beginning at the intersection of west shore of the Kenduskeag Stream with the south side of State Street, the district boundary runs west along the south side of Main Street, southeasterly along the east side of Broad Street and easterly along an unnamed alley to the west shore of Kenduskeag Stream which it follows north to the point of beginning. This boundary encloses one contiguous city block.





CENTRAL ST.

STATE ST.

HAMMOND ST.

MAIN ST.

BROAD ST.

STRE

KENNEBEC ST.

ALLEY



WEST MARKET SQUARE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
BANGOR, MAINE

District boundary - - - -