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The attached property, the Harmon Subdivision Historic District, in Monroe County, Mississippi, reference number 88000121, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 04/22/1988, as evidenced by the WEEKLY LIST notice of April 29, 1988. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.



Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2/19/2009
Date

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic N/A

and/or common Harmon Subdivision Historic District

2. Location

street & number 933-939 W. Commerce St.,
943 W. Commerce St.

N/A not for publication

city, town Aberdeen N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Monroe code 095

3. 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"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Owners

street & number N/A

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chancery Clerk Building

street & number 201 W. Commerce St.

city, town Aberdeen state MS 39730

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" 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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Harmon Subdivision Historic District is comprised of five bungalows. The houses line the south side of W. Commerce Street between Thayer Street and Drake Street. Commerce Street gradually slopes upward as it moves west in this district until it meets Thayer Street. The bungalows are near the junction of Highway 45 and Commerce Street at the point where the residential character of the latter street give way to the commercial strip development of the former. Highway 45 curves off to the north while Commerce Street heads due west and intersects Thayer Street. Across the street from the district is a convenience store.

All of the bungalows are either one or one-and-one-half stories and three bays wide. Four are clad in horizontal wood siding, but one is covered in vinyl siding. The fifth bungalow is sheathed in wood shingle siding. Three are side-gabled and two are front-gabled. examples. The houses are set back from the street on generally narrow but deep lots and are separated from the road by a concrete sidewalk and a row of crepe myrtles. The crepe myrtles partially block the view of the convenience store across the street.

All of the properties, except for the house at 933 W. Commerce Street, have frame garages; however, these outbuildings are non-contributing elements.

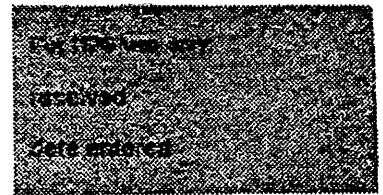
Inventory of Buildings

W. Commerce Street

1. 933. House. One-and-one-half story, three by four bay, side-gabled bungalow sheathed in wood shingle siding. Central, front entrance is located on a small stoop with two battered box columns supporting a tongue-and-groove beaded board gable accented by a small pendant in its peak. Bungalow. Ca. 1925-1930. ~~DS~~ (NC)
This house has been extensively altered (c. 1989) and is now non-contributing. - RJC 6 Sept. 1990
2. 935. House. One story, three by five bay, frame bungalow rests on a stuccoed foundation. The roof has front and rear gables, struts and exposed rafter ends. On the east elevation, towards the front, is a screened-in porch with its gable roof set perpendicular to the main roof ridge. A brick pedestal with paired, battered box columns supports the porch roof. The front facade has an exterior brick chimney. Bungalow. Ca. 1925-1930. (C)
3. 937. H. H. Barricklow House. One-and-one-half story, three by four bay, frame bungalow rests on a stuccoed foundation and has front and rear gables. Set into the front gable is a porch with brick pedestals capped by coping and supporting battered box

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columns and a shed roof. On the west elevation is a box bay and, to the rear, is a sun porch. Bungalow. Ca. 1925-1930. (C)

4. 939. House. One-and-one-half story, three by four bay bungalow with a roof featuring side clipped gables. The house is covered in vinyl siding. The front half of the roof extends over a full-width porch where it is supported by box columns. The entrance located within the porch area consists of a single-leaf door with four tiny panes of glass. The front facade is dominated by a large dormer with a tripartite window and a clipped gable. On the west elevation is an exterior, stuccoed chimney and an entrance capped by a clipped gable overdoor. On the east elevation is a rectangular stained glass window and a box bay. Bungalow. Ca. 1925-1930. (C)
5. 943. M. F. Harmon House. One-and-one-half story, three by five bay, frame bungalow rests on a stuccoed foundation and has side gables. The full-width front porch features a unique clapboarded parapet and clapboarded corner piers. The ends of the parapet near the center of the porch support battered box columns. On the west elevation is a box bay. Spanning the rear elevation is a one story, shed roofed addition sheathed in shiplap with a small porch on its eastern end. Bungalow. Ca. 1925-1930. (C)

Nominated Properties

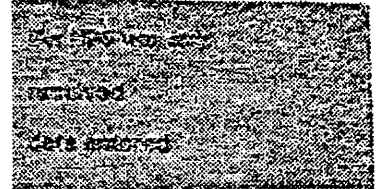
1 district

Contributing Elements

5 buildings

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The properties included within this district have been rated as contributing or non-contributing according to the following rating system:

Contributing Elements

- P - Pivotally Contributing - These properties are of major importance in establishing the character of the district, and would be individually eligible for the National Register if they were not elements of a district.
- C - Contributing - These properties date from the period of significance of the district and possess sufficient integrity to contribute appreciably to its sense of time and place or its architectural or thematic character.

Non-Contributing Elements

- MN - Marginally Non-Contributing - These properties date from the period of significance of the district but have suffered substantial and irreversible impairments to their integrity. They are considered non-contributing in their present state.
- NC - Non-Contributing - These properties do not contribute to the character of the district because their architectural character dates from later than the period of significance of the district or, in the case of a thematically-defined district, they do not contribute to the district's thematic character. Although these properties do not contribute to the district, they are nonetheless relatively compatible with the rest of the district in terms of scale, materials, massing, and setting.
- I - Intrusive - These properties disrupt the visual cohesiveness of the district by being incompatible in design, scale, materials, massing, and/or setting.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1925 - ca. 1930 Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The five bungalows comprising the Harmon Subdivision Historic District are typical examples of the type of middle-class housing being constructed in Aberdeen during the last phase (c. 1925 - c. 1930) of a local residential building boom which lasted from c. 1880 to c. 1930. The elements comprising the Harmon Subdivision Historic District are eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. The bungalow was a popular house form in Aberdeen and, indeed, throughout the country during this period. The development of the bungalow style coincided with a steady increase in America's middle class population. Home ownership was becoming possible for more Americans than ever before. The bungalow fit the need for a simple, yet attractive, single family dwelling.

The bungalows in the Harmon Subdivision Historic District are small and modest in comparison to the earlier, more stylistically ambitious bungalows of Aberdeen. The vitality of the bungalow movement nationwide was largely depleted by the late 1920's due to the great demand for housing and the pattern books which churned out a quantity of designs, if not quality. Taken as a group, the Harmon Subdivision bungalows represent the last gasp of this style in Aberdeen.

The Harmon Subdivision was developed about 1925 by Pastor Marion F. Harmon, minister of the First Christian Church in Aberdeen from 1920 to 1928. Harmon himself occupied 943 W. Commerce Street in the subdivision. The Board of Elders and Deacons of the First Christian Church authorized Harmon on November 3, 1924, to tear down the church in order to build a new structure. All materials salvaged from the old church were to be sold. Harmon utilized the lumber from the church in the construction of his subdivision houses. It is estimated that all five bungalows were constructed between 1925 (the year the church was torn down) and 1930 based on their stylistic elements and were probably built for speculation purposes (Ansel Anderson, long-time resident of Aberdeen, telephone interview by Susan Enzweiler, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, May 29, 1987; M. F. Harmon, A History of The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) In Mississippi [Aberdeen: no publisher cited, 1929], p. 135; and First Christian Church Minutes Book).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 2 1/2 acres

Quadrangle name Aberdeen, MS

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 6	3 5 5 5 4 0	3 7 4 3 7 0 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	1 6	3 5 5 7 1 0	3 7 4 3 6 9 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	1 6	3 5 5 7 1 0	3 7 4 3 6 1 0
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D	1 6	3 5 5 5 4 0	3 7 4 3 6 2 0
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F			
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G			
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H			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan M. Enzweiler - Architectural Historian

organization Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History date September 1987

street & number P. O. Box 571 telephone (601) 354-7326

city or town Jackson state MS 39205

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 Kenneth H. P'Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date January 6, 1988

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

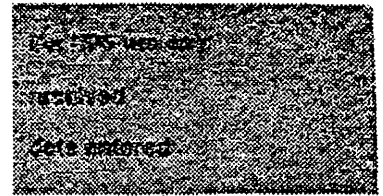
Attest:

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Chief of Registration

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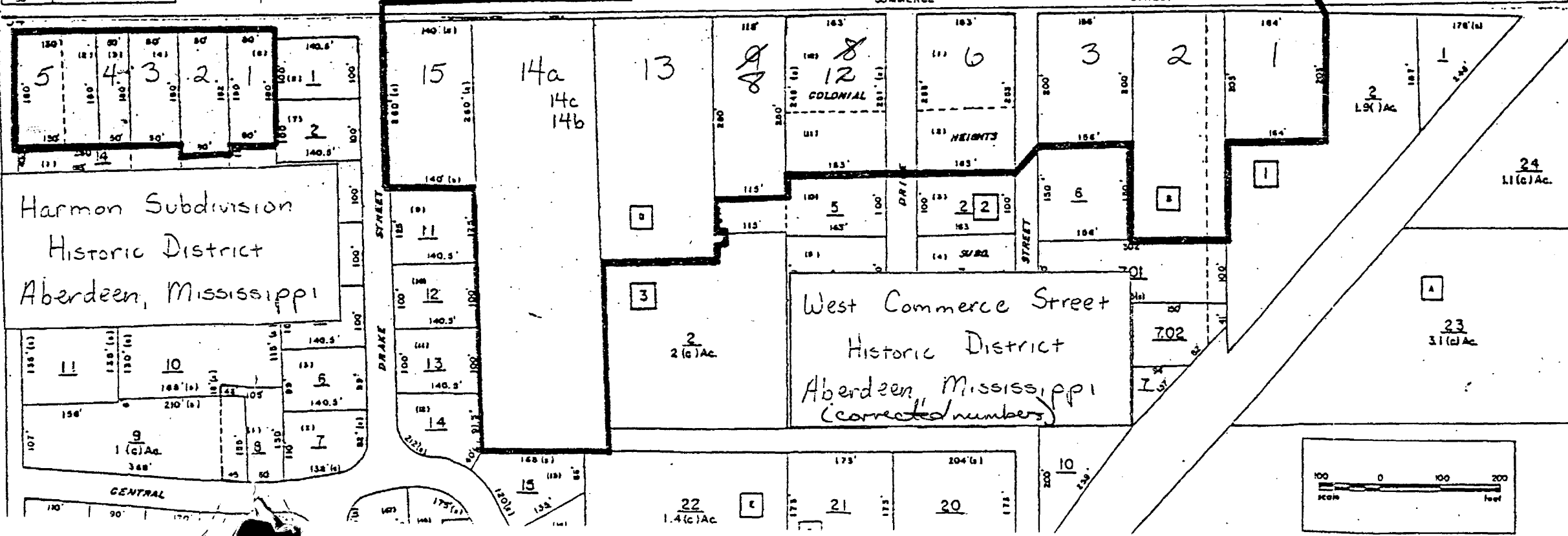
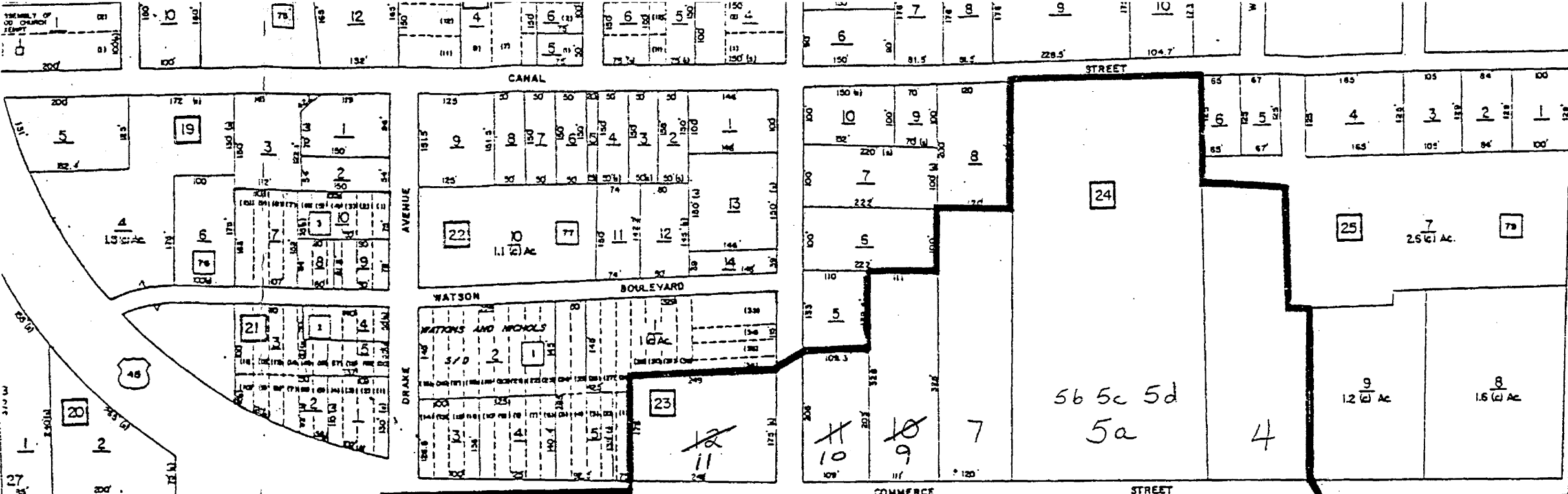
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#10 Geographical Data

The boundary begins at the northeast corner of the property at 933 W. Commerce Street (Parcel #108-K-34-004-019-00) & heads west along the northern property lines of 933, 935, 937, 939 & 943 W. Commerce St. The boundary turns south at the northwest corner of 943 W. Commerce St, follows the western edge of this property and then follows the southern property lines of the five previously mentioned addresses. At the southeast corner of 933 W. Commerce, the boundary heads north to its point of beginning.



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Historic District
Aberdeen, Mississippi

West Commerce Street
Historic District
Aberdeen, Mississippi
(corrected numbers)

