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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001659
Northwood Avenue Historic District
Property Name

Date Listed: 11/7/90
Madison TN
County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Dary Lederman
Signature of the Keeper

11/7/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

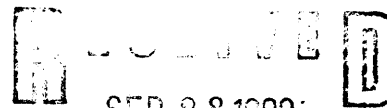
This property should be listed under Criterion C, rather than Criterion A.

Discussed and concurred in by the Tennessee SHPO on November 7, 1990.

DISTRIBUTION:
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Northwood Avenue Historic District
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 1-38 Northwood Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Jackson N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Madison code 113 zip code 38301

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/district/site/structure/object categories. Totals: 43 contributing, 7 noncontributing buildings, 5 structures, 12 total.

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Tennessee Historical Commission
Date 9/24/90

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:
[X] 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:)
Signature of the Keeper Amy Federman
Date of Action 11/7/90

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival, Georgian Revival

Tudor

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK, CONCRETE

walls BRICK, STUCCO

Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT, WOOD, Slate

other WOOD, STONE

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Northwood Avenue Historic District is located off Highland Avenue, approximately two miles north of the downtown area in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee. Entrance into the district is off Highland Avenue through two brick entrance pillars that stand three feet by three feet and are five feet high, with an eight-foot iron fence flanking both sides of the avenue. Northwood Avenue is a T-shaped street lined with mature oak trees in a wide tree lawn with sidewalks. The thirty-one houses located within the district all face inward and are set back from the street at an equal distance. Northwood Avenue remains the widest street in Jackson.

The Northwood Avenue Historic District is located on a slight rise off Highland Avenue for three-fourths the length of Northwood Avenue and then drops approximately forty feet to the end of the street; the "T" portion of the street is a level area.

Development in the neighborhood began in the early 1920s and the majority of houses were built by 1939. However, a few houses continued to be built in the 1940s. Only four houses were built after 1942, the last of which was in 1953. The majority of the houses are one-and-one-half or two-stories tall; only one house, 24 Northwood Avenue (#20), is one-story. House styles are primarily simple Georgian and Colonial Revival, a few houses have English influence, and two have Mission/Craftsman influence. The majority of houses are sided with brick, followed by weatherboard and stucco.

The backyards of the houses all have fences that screen the neighborhood from the surrounding houses. All but four of the houses have wooden fences; two of the remaining four fences are wire, one is a brick wall, and one is a scrub fence. Originally, the neighborhood had no fences behind the houses, but, in the 1930s, wire fences began to appear behind the houses. Over the years, the wire fences have been replaced by wooden privacy fences. The back lot line of Northwood has two small alleys in back of the fences. These fences separate Northwood Avenue Historic District from houses that are generally smaller. This is especially true of Northwood Alley that is on the southern side of the Northwood Avenue Historic District. On the north, Martha Street does have some nice houses near the western part. This changes to very small houses as you move east.

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The properties in the Northwood Avenue Historic District listed in the inventory include thirty-one houses, fifteen garages, three carports, one workshop, and five swimming pools. Twenty-seven of the houses, fourteen of the garages, and two of the carports are contributing to the district. Non-contributing buildings include four houses, one garage, one carport, one workshop, and five non-contributing swimming pools. The district represents elements of compatible style and detailing. Properties designated with a (C) are contributing, and are considered as significant to the historic and architectural character of the district and the contextual development and evolution of the district through time. Non-contributing resources are designated (NC) and have little or no compatibility with the character reflected in the bulk of the district's buildings, either because their construction is of recent vintage and is incompatible in massing, design, or use of details, or because their original appearance has been altered by insensitive rehabilitation or because they are outside the period of significance.

INVENTORYNorthwood Avenue

1. 1 Northwood Avenue. Dabney House. 1924. Federal Revival. Brick, two stories, brick foundation, asphalt shingle gable roof, irregular plan. The house was originally a two-family dwelling with a town house facing Highland. (C)

Garage. 1924. Wood siding, one story, asphalt shingle gable roof, entrance off Northwood Alley. (C)
2. 2 Northwood Avenue. Smith House. 1949. Dutch Colonial Revival. Brick, two stories, concrete block foundation, asphalt shingle parapet roof, rectangular plan. House was originally constructed for D. C. Clifford who never resided in the house; purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith. (NC)

Carport. 1949. Wood, asphalt shingle gable roof. (NC)

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3. 3 Northwood Avenue. Nicholls House. 1923. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, slate gable roof, rectangular plan with open porch, brick foundation. Built for W. S. Nicholls, vice-president of J. C. Edenton & Co. (C)

Garage. 1923. Brick, two stories, slate gable roof, apartment on second floor. (C)

4. 4 Northwood Avenue. Young House. 1923. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan, brick foundation. House was built for Fred Young, Sr., the president of Bemis Cotton Mill. (C)

Garage. 1935. Wood siding, asphalt shingle gable roof. (C)

5. 6 Northwood Avenue. Edenton House. 1922-1923. Spanish Colonial Revival. Stucco, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, irregular plan, concrete block foundation. Built for Bruce C. Edenton of Edenton Foods. (C)

Garage. 1923. Stucco, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof. (C)

6. 7 Northwood Avenue. Drake-Short house. 1922-23. English Cottage/Tudor Revival. Stucco, one-and-one-half stories, wood shingle parapet roof, irregular plan, concrete block foundation. Built for L. J. Drake of Drake Realty, but, for many years, was the home of Senator and Mrs. Keith Short. (C)

Garage. 1923. Stucco, two stories, wood shingle gable roof. (C)
Swimming Pool. 1962. (NC)

7. 8 Northwood Avenue. Tigrett House. 1952. Contemporary. Brick, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, slab foundation, rectangular plan. Built for Mrs. Mary Sue Tigrett after her husband, I. B. Tigrett, died and she moved here from 34 Northwood Avenue. (NC)

Workshop. 1987. Wood siding, asphalt shingle roof. (NC)

8. 9 Northwood Avenue. Edenton House. 1952. Neo-Georgian. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, slab foundation, rectangular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Edenton, Jr. (NC)

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9. 10 Northwood Avenue. Currie House. 1939. Colonial Revival. Weatherboard, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, rectangular plan. Kitchen area remodeled 1989. Built for Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Currie. (C)

Garage. 1934. Weatherboard, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof. The Curries lived in the garage until the main house was constructed. (C)

10. 11 Northwood Avenue. Hall House. 1935. Tudor Revival. Stucco, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan, large mullioned window. Built for Mr. John Hall; Federal Compress bought the home for the manager of the Jackson Office. (C)

Garage. 1935. Weatherboard, one story, asphalt shingle gable roof. (C)

11. 12 Northwood Avenue. Vineyard House. 1935. Colonial Revival. Weatherboard, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vineyard. (C)

Carport. 1935. Weatherboard, asphalt shingle roof. (C)

12. 13 Northwood Avenue. Taylor House. 1938. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, rectangular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Taylor, president of City Lumber Co. (C)

13. 14 Northwood Avenue. Springbett House. 1930. English Country Cottage. Brick, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan. (C)

14. 15 Northwood Avenue. Tomlin House. 1931. Tudor Revival influence. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan. Built for a Mrs. Deford by Mrs. Tomlin, but Mrs. Deford never moved into the house, so Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin moved in. (C)

Garage. 1931. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof. Second story apartment. (C)

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15. 16 Northwood Avenue. Russell House. 1938. Colonial Revival. Weatherboard, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan. Originally the site of a tennis court. House built by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Russell, chairman of the National Bank of Commerce. (C)
- Garage. 1938. Weatherboard, one story, asphalt shingle gable roof. (C)
16. 17 Northwood Avenue. LaGrange House. 1930. Prairie with Georgian features. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle hip roof, brick foundation, rectangular plan. Originally built as a spec house by Mrs. Tomlin and was owned by Dr. and Mrs. LaGrange. (C)
- Garage. 1930. Brick, one story, asphalt shingle gable roof. (C)
Swimming Pool. 1980. (NC)
17. 19 Northwood Avenue. Dittman House. 1941. Tudor Revival influence. Brick, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Dittman. (C)
18. 20 Northwood Avenue. Johnston House. 1931. Georgian Revival. Weatherboard, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan, attached two-story garage. Built by Mrs. Addison Johnston. (C)
- Swimming Pool. 1980. (NC)
19. 21 Northwood Avenue. Benton House. 1953. Neo-Georgian. Brick, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, rectangular plan. Built for Mrs. Oliver Benton who moved from #38 across the street. (NC)
20. 24 Northwood Avenue. Jobe House. 1940. Contemporary. Brick, one story, slate gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan, side porch. This house was built by Mrs. Laura Russell, #31 Northwood, for her mother Mrs. Jobe. (C)

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21. 25 Northwood Avenue. Jobe House. 1940. English Vernacular. Stone, two stories, slate gable roof, stone foundation, rectangular plan. This building is very unusual for this area. One of the two similar homes built by a local architect trained in the English style. Built by Mr. T. S. Jobe, Sr. (C)
22. 26 Northwood Avenue. Childs House. 1931. Colonial Revival. Weatherboard, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, rectangular plan. Originally built for Mr. and Mrs. Martin, U. S. Congressman, Mr. and Mrs. Childs moved in very soon after it was built. (C)
23. 28 Northwood Avenue. Dancy House. 1935. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, rectangular plan. Side open porch. Built for Mr. and Mrs. Dancy, purchased by Lambuth College in 1982 for the president of the college. (C)
24. 29 Northwood Avenue. Fite House. 1942. Georgian Revival. Brick, one-and-one-half stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, rectangular plan. Built for Mrs. Frances Fite. (C)
- Garage. 1942. Weatherboard, one story, asphalt shingle gable roof, with apartment attached. (C)
25. 30 Northwood Avenue. Tomlin House. 1922. Mission/Craftsman influence. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan. This was the first house built on Northwood Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt Tomlin lived here while Mrs. Tomlin developed the Northwood area. (C)
- Garage. 1928. Batten, two stories, asphalt shingle roof. This was expanded in 1989 for an art studio. (NC)
26. 31 Northwood Avenue. Russell House. 1923. Mission/Craftsman influence. Stucco, two stories, slate gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell, owner of Coca Cola of Jackson. (C)
- Garage. 1923. Stucco, two-story, asphalt shingle gable roof. Apartment on second floor, workshop. (C)

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27. 33 Northwood Avenue. Edenton House. 1923. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, slate gable roof, brick foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edenton. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Kisber lived in this house for many years. (C)
- Garage. 1923. Brick, one-story, slate gable roof, apartment is attached to garage. (C)
28. 34 Northwood Avenue. Tigrett House. 1939. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan. Family room added in 1970. Built by Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Tigrett who was the chairman of Gulf Mobile and Ohio. When Mr. Tigrett died, his wife built a new house at 8 Northwood and sold the house to Dr. and Mrs. Walter Hill, who added a sunporch. (C)
- Garage. 1929. Stucco, one story, flat roof. (C)
Swimming Pool. 1982. (NC)
29. 36 Northwood Avenue. Edenton House. 1935. Federal Revival. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Springbett, but was soon bought by J. E. Edenton. (C)
30. 37 Northwood Avenue. Stone House. 1935. Southern Colonial. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Stone. (C)
- Carport. 1935. Weatherboard, asphalt shingle gable roof. (C)
Swimming Pool. 1989. (NC)
31. 38 Northwood Avenue. Benton House. 1937. Georgian Revival. Brick, two stories, asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, irregular plan. Built for Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Benton, who was president of National Bank Corp. (C)

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1922-1942

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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

The Northwood Avenue Historic District is eligible under criterion C for its significance in Architecture in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee. Northwood Avenue is an excellent example of an upper middle class subdivision from the early twentieth century with its two story Colonial Revival and English-influenced houses. The neighborhood, with its inwardly-turned houses, isolates itself from the surrounding houses by breaking the standard street pattern and presenting only the backs of the houses and the service alleys to the surrounding neighborhoods.

The formation of the Northwood Avenue Historic District began in 1919 with the sale of a wooded parcel of land by Drake Realty Company to Mrs. Irma Sutton Tomlin. The subdivision, which was envisioned by Mrs. Tomlin, was meant to be a very special place to live; the common street (Northwood Avenue) would be wide and the lots large. The name of Northwood evolved from the location of the wooded area north of Jackson. At the time that development of the area began, Highland Avenue was a small dirt and gravel road.

Development of Northwood Avenue began at Highland and went to where the street begins its forty-foot drop. Mrs. Tomlin developed the subdivision in the early years by selling the lots; she was also the first to build a house (#30) in 1922. Mrs. Tomlin would eventually build five houses on Northwood Avenue and live in four of them. In the 1930s, development along the lower portion of the street began. Development along Northwood Avenue was steady throughout the 1930s, and houses continued to be constructed until 1942 when restrictions on construction of private houses were imposed during World War II. All but four of the thirty-one houses were built before restrictions stopped construction of private homes. The remaining four houses in the district were built between 1949 and 1953 and reflect the same type of house styles, materials, and massing of the earlier houses.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Owens, Emma Mae. Interview, June 1990.

Jackson City Directories - 1922-1965.

Plat of Northwood Avenue, Madison County Courthouse, 1922.

Revised plat of northwood Avenue, Madison County Courthouse, 1929.

Tiggert. Mrs. Mary S.: Interview, June 1990.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 20.2 acres

UTM References

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Jackson North, TN 438NE

Verbal Boundary Description

The Northwood Avenue Historic District is bounded by Highland Avenue on the east, Stephen and Martha Streets on the north, Northwood Alley on the south and by property lines on the west. See accompanying map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries include all the area originally platted as Northwood Avenue and are sufficient to protect the architectural significance of the Northwood Avenue Historic District.

See continuation sheet

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Northwood Avenue was the first planned development in Jackson. In the mid-1920s, other housing subdivisions were planned and built, but they were composed of more modest bungalows and smaller lots, as the development on Crescent Street. Northwood Avenue Historic District is unique as it represents the development of a neighborhood of a loosely organized group of socially prominent and successful professionals and their families in the Town of Jackson. Construction in the Northwood Avenue Historic District continued steadily until 1942 when war time restrictions put an end to residential construction. The houses built throughout the 1940s are of similar style and materials as those constructed from 1922 to 1940.

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Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee

Photos by: J. M. Avent

Date: August 1988

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Nashville, Tennessee

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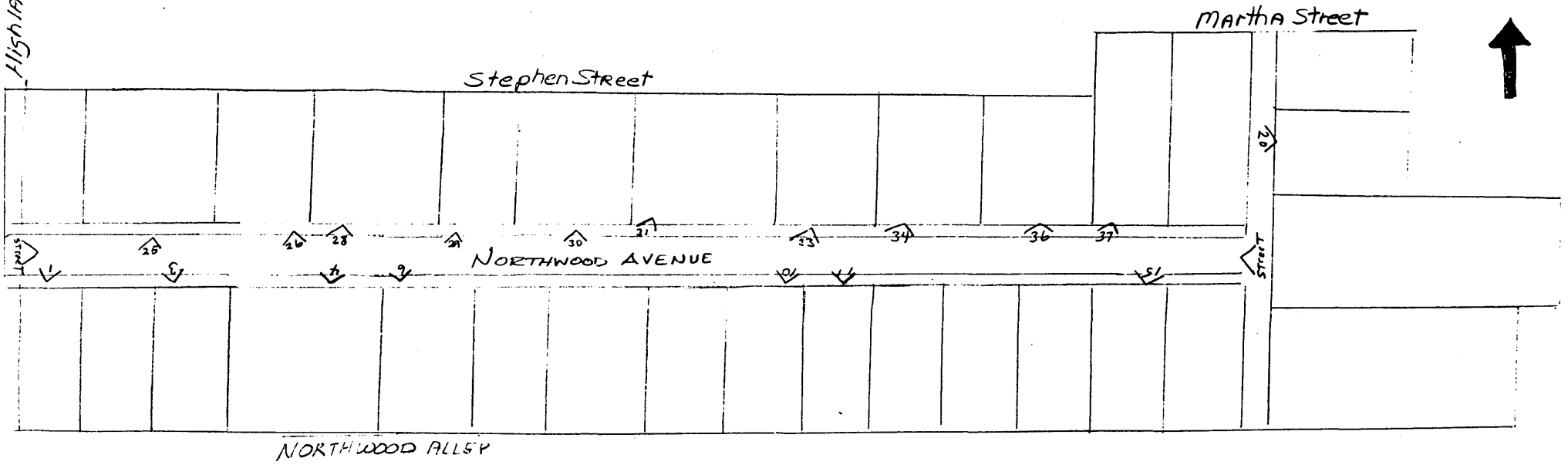
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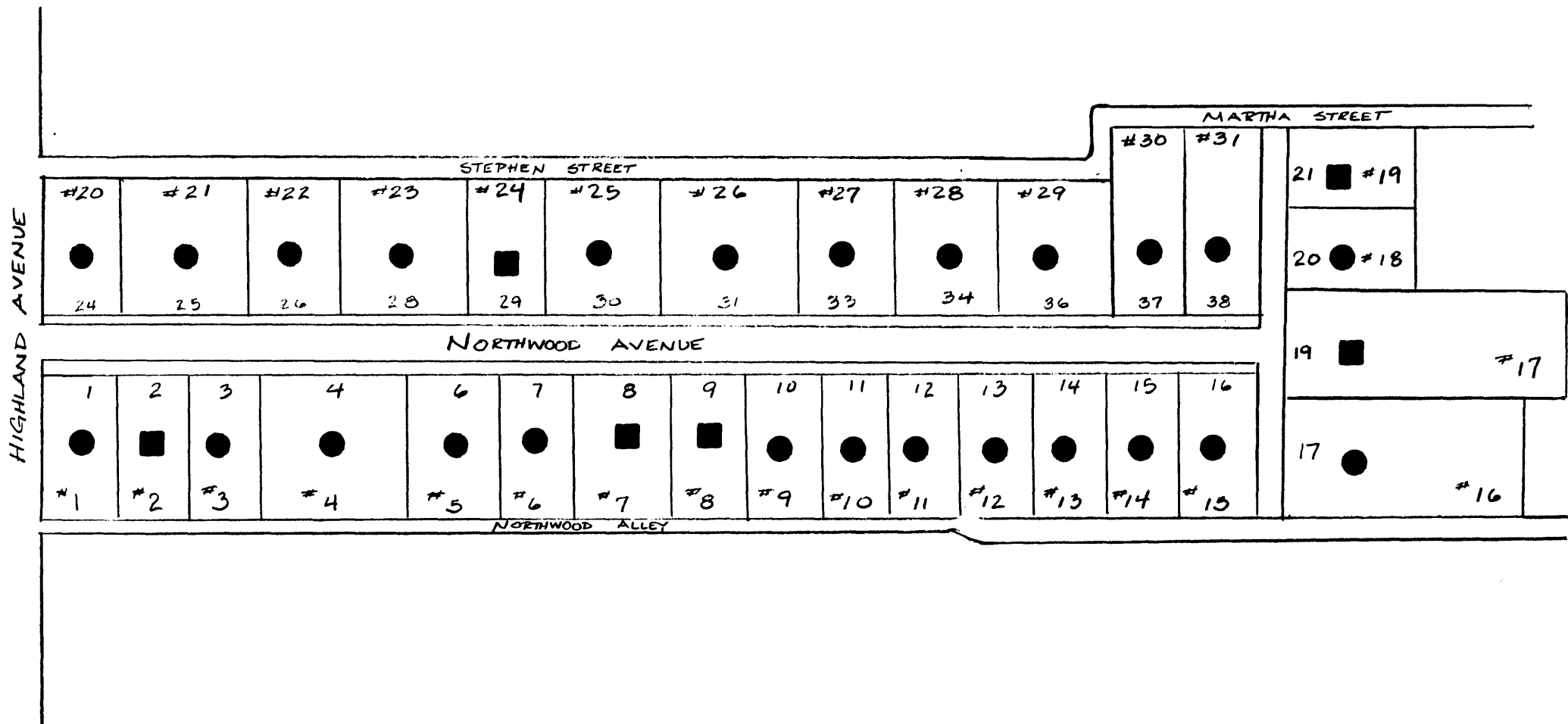
Street scene, looking east on Northwood Avenue
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Street scene, looking west on Northwood Avenue
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Highland Avenue



Northwood Avenue Historical District
 Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee
 Photo Key Map



NORTHWOOD AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT
 JACKSON, MADISON COUNTY, TENNESSEE



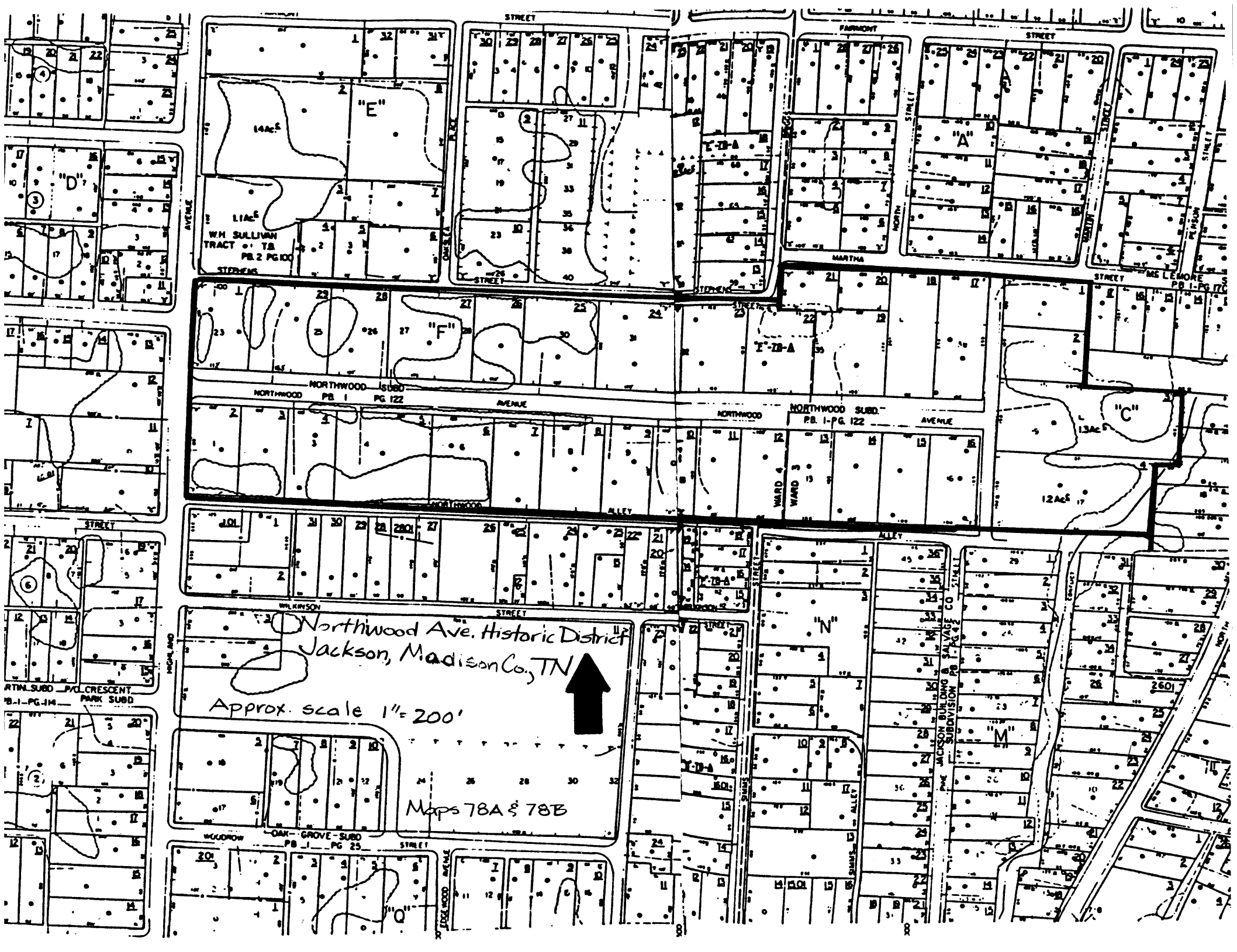
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■ - NON-CONTRIBUTING PRINCIPAL BUILDING

Approx scale 1" = 200'



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PB. 1 PG. 122

NORTHWOOD SUBD.
PB. 1-PG. 122

Northwood Ave. Historic District
Jackson, Madison Co., TN
Approx. scale 1" = 200'
Maps 78A & 78B



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