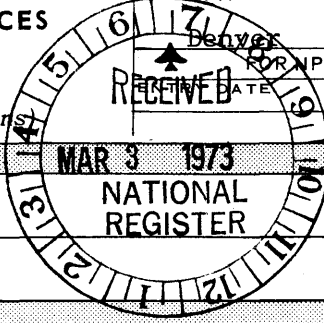


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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1. NAME
 COMMON: Auraria 9th Street Historic District
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Both sides of one block of 9th St. bounded by Curtis St. and Champa St. in the city of Denver.
 CITY OR TOWN: Denver
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First
 Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder
 STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Denver CODE: 031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: (Multiple Ownership)
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Denver Clerk and Recorder's Office
 STREET AND NUMBER: City and County Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 0600 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: 9th Street Park Plan
 DATE OF SURVEY: June 1, 1972
 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic Denver Inc.
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1340 Pennsylvania Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 0600 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Homes in this area are in a Denver Urban Renewal planned project for the Auraria Higher Education Complex. Title to the properties will eventually be transferred to a public body such as the Colorado Higher Education Commission or to Historic Denver, Inc. Final details at present are being worked out. Historic Denver, Inc. has a \$100,000. committment for restoration work to be carried out under its auspices.

Most of the interiors of the homes contain a good semblance of their original appearance and would be rehabilitated rather than restored. The exterior needs are primarily cosmetic.

A Victorian jewel is #1015, a brick villa with an angular Mansard roof, perfectly proportioned, and tastefully embellished. #1027 is an asymmetrical brick with a Mansard roof and a domed tower. The dome of the tower and the box bay are unique in this district. The exterior of this home retains its 19th century appearance except for the painted brick and the missing tin panels on the roof. #1059 is an outstanding example of the application of the Mansard roof to a relatively small cubical structure. The roof is covered with metal panels.

On one corner is #1068, a cubical Italianate villa surrounded by an iron fence set in a low stone retaining wall. There are projecting eaves and a trelised veranda. #'s 1024 and 1061 are also cubical Italianate villas, however, with porches that are not original and will be replaced with original wooden porches from similar buildings in auraria.

The two story brick twon house at 1041 has a bay extending the full height of the structure and has tall windows.

#1033 is one of the few reamining 19th centruy frame houses in Denver with its shingled tower, iron cresting and stick style porch. #1020 (Casa Mayan Restaurant) is a plain two story house with clapboard siding, is simple, but with appropriate refurbishing, the contrast with the surrounding brick structures would be refreshing and representative of the earliest remaining wooden homes.

The turn of the century red brick cottages have hipped roofs, neo-classical decoration, central dormer windows, and tall chimneys, slightly flared at the top, #'s 1056 and 1051.

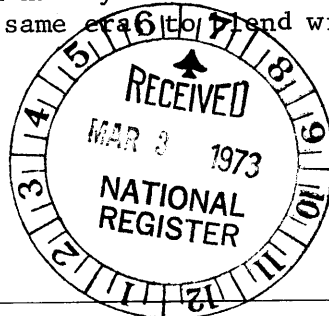
Other house numbers are 1050, 1044, 1045-7 (a double house), and 1023 on 9th Street, and 906 Curtis Street.

There at least 22 principle structures in the block, 11 accessory structures, many original red stone sidewalks which were the elegant replacement for the boardwalk, 63 trees and various iron and other fences.

The homes are compact and closely arranged occupying a relatively small land area of approximately 3½ acres.

Plans include relocating a few homes from nearby streets which are also architecturally distinctive and of the same era 6 to 7, and with those on 9th Street.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

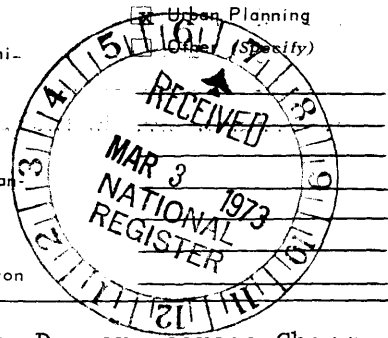
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Auraria, 169 acre site just west of downtown Denver, across Cherry Creek and bounded by W. Colfax Ave., 6th and Wazee Sts., is one of Denver's oldest neighborhoods. John T. Smith, Indian Trader, relinquished his claim to land at the mouth of Cherry Creek for a nominal fee on Oct. 29, 1858, and the town of Auraria was created with 8 cabins. By a Congressional Grant (territorial Act of 1864), Sections 33 and part of 34 of Jefferson Territory were deeded to the town fathers to form the city of Denver. This took in the towns of Auraria, Denver and Highland.

Ninth St. bounded by Curtis and Champa Sts. is in Sec. 33. It was originally called Cheyenne St., bounded by 7th and 8th Sts.

This block with its mainly Victorian homes, typifies a modest residential area spanning the years 1873 to 1905. The uniqueness of the street lies in the dominance of homes which pre-date 1885..seven were built before 1880, 5 between 1880 and 1885 and 3 between 1901 and 1905.

Denver has preserved a commercial section of Early Denver. It would be fitting to have a small residential environment preserved intact. Though not historically noted, the residents were typical of the pioneer stock that built the city, people like a flour mill owner, railroad engineer and telegrapher, cattle and horse dealer, dentist, blacksmith, coppersmith, tinner, cabinet maker, ice dealer, livery owner, and bookkeeper for the Tivoli Brewery, who all lived in this block between 1873 and 1905.

The block is only a few blocks from such Denver landmarks as the Tivoli Brewery, the Emmanuel-Shearith stone chapel (National Register 1969), St. Elizabeth's Church (National Register 1969) and St. Cajetan's Church.

The concept for preservation of this block is to convert it to a park and yet maintain the integrity of a modest residential street of early Denver, keeping the architecturally distinctive homes, iron fences, stonewalks, trees and removing the street replacing it with a grassed area.

Being in the center of an educational complex, the homes would be utilized or adapted. The Park would serve as a laboratory for historic preservation and urban planning.

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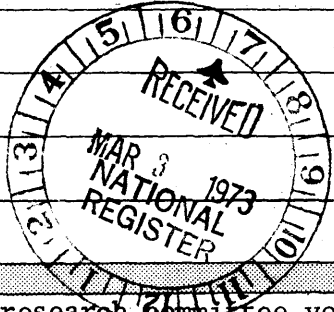
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Margaret Heffron, Mark Stevens, research committee volunteers, and Don Etter, Member of Board of Trustees

ORGANIZATION: Historic Denver Inc. DATE: 11-19-72

STREET AND NUMBER: 1340 Pennsylvania Street

CITY OR TOWN: Denver, 0600 STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Stephen H. Hart</u> Title: _____ Colorado State Liaison Officer Date: <u>1/4/72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>3/26/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>John Bradford</u> Keeper of The National Register Date: <u>3/21/73</u></p>
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AURARIA 9th Street Historic District

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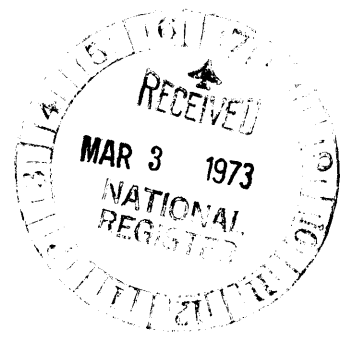
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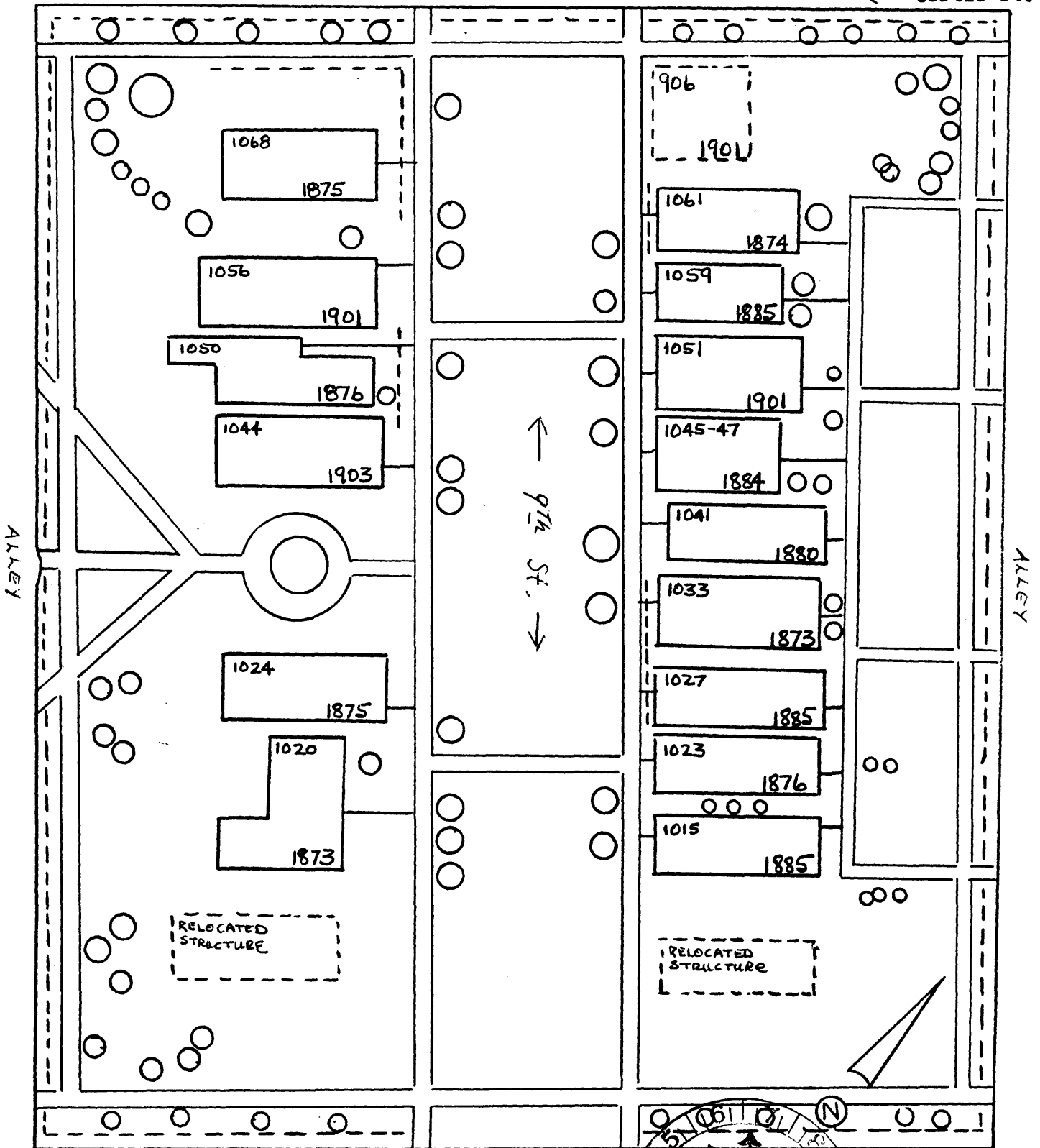
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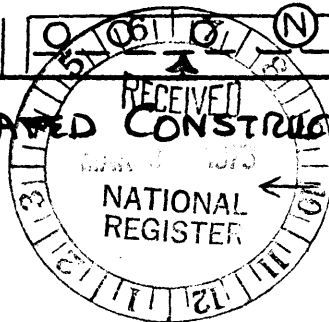
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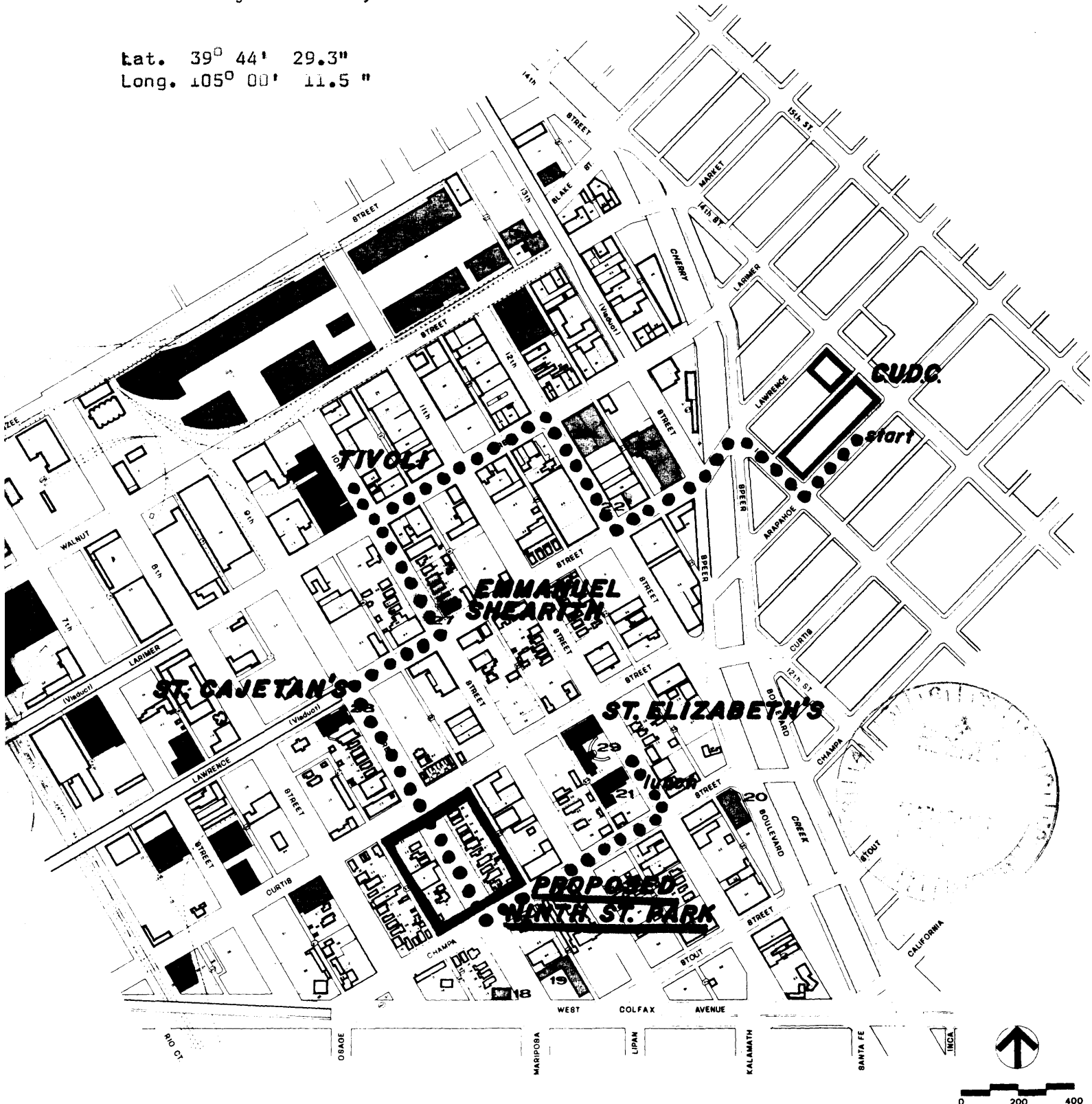


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Auraria HEC Site

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