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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

Burlington Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*KY 18*

CITY, TOWN

Burlington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Kentucky

CODE

021

COUNTY

Boone

CODE

015

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple Ownership, see continuation sheet

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Boone County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Burlington,

STATE

Kentucky

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

## District Boundaries and Topography

The Burlington Historic District is a gridded rectangle of 74 acres comprising the original town in its entirety. It is bounded on the north by Temperate Street, on the east by Orient Street, on the south by Torrid Street, and on the west by Ohio Street (now Water Street). This westernmost street and the western end of Torrid Street were never completed, but the remainder of the streets exist essentially as planned. Burlington is situated on a low hill that falls away on all sides. The town was laid out orthogonally, with main streets running north-south and east-west. Fewer intrusions are found on the northern and western approaches than on the east and south. The eastern approach--Florence Pike--is now a divided four-lane road which, although it provides a good view of the courthouse and the town around it, will encourage real estate development in the near future on this side of the town. Similarly, the southern approach, East Bend Road, affords a dramatic view of the town from the hill on which is located the Robert Chambers House, (entered on the National Register October 10, 1975), but subdivision, both existing and planned, on the southern side of the town has ignored the street grid of the original town plan. The significance of the western approach--Bellevue Road--lies in the fact that little non-agricultural development has occurred, and one is able from this approach to appreciate the contrast between the man-made grid of streets and the open, rural landscape surrounding the town. The key structures on this side are the Old Burlington School (see photo 1 & site 146) and the First Baptist Church, (see photo 2 & site 147). Both northern approaches are also still basically agricultural in character. The Idlewild Road, entering Burlington from the northwest, passes two sites of county significance--the old Boone County Poor House, and the county fairgrounds and an early brick house (see photo 4 & site 132). The Bullittsville Road, entering the town from the north, also passes two sites of countywide significance--the old Burlington Cemetery and the now vacant site of Morgan Academy. The social and visual center of the town is the intersection of the two main streets, including the principal commercial, banking and governmental structures. In general, the character of the town is that of a sleepy county seat that never had a population much larger than the present 350. There is much open land throughout the town that is maintained as mown fields or vegetable gardens.

## Public Buildings

The second Boone County courthouse burned in the mid-1880s, and its brick replacement was completed in 1889. The design of the third courthouse (see photo 6 and site 143) may be attributed to the Louisville architectural firm of McDonald Brothers, popular designers of county courthouses in Kentucky and the Southeast during the 1880s. A rendering in a brochure (c. 1903) of the works of McDonald and Sheblessy, a later name for the McDonald Brothers firm is nearly identical with the Burlington courthouse. The rendering is labeled "Washington County Court House, Salem, Indiana," (see photo 30) but the Salem courthouse (1886-1888) was completed in a fully Romanesque style, rather than the Classical of both the rendering and the Burlington building.<sup>1</sup> Whatever the reason for the change of plans in Indiana, it appears that McDonald Brothers used the rejected drawings several years later in Boone County. The only significant alteration

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Burlington is significant in being a planned community whose 19th-century scheme remains obvious. Many of the strategically located public and religious buildings remain in use. They combine with commercial and residential structures to constitute a fine assemblage of constructions whose scales are reciprocal, and whose styles exemplify changing architectural modes.

### Town Plan

In 1903 A. B. Lipscomb in his The Commercial History of the Southern States... described Burlington at about the turn of the century:

Burlington, the county seat, is situated near the center of the county, and eight miles from the nearest railroad station, Erlanger. The town has about 300 inhabitants, two general merchandise stores, one drug store, a bank, a good hotel, a printing office, which is owned by W. L. Riddell, editor of the Boone County Recorder, one of the best papers in the State outside Louisville; also four nice church buildings. The town is laid off in a square, with a beautiful courthouse in the center.<sup>10</sup>

Lipcomb's reaction to the form of the town--a street grid with a courthouse in the center--is understandable as an immediate visual synthesis, but it does reflect the subtlety of the Burlington plan. Although sparse development and destruction of key buildings deemphasize much of the original formality, the essential elements of the plan are still visible. By its regularity and centrality, the plan reflects the decision made June 17, 1799, by the first county court to locate the county seat at the site donated by Robert Johnson and John H. Craig, a place known as Craig's Camp on a branch of Woolper's Creek.<sup>18</sup>

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Adams, Henry De Coursey. "Burlington." Unpublished transcript in possession of Isabelle Cropper, Burlington, Kentucky.

An Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties, Kentucky. Philadelphia: publisher unknown, 1883.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 63 acres (approximately)

QUADRANGLE NAME Burlington

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1, 6 | 6 | 9, 7 | 3, 0, 0 | 4, 3 | 2, 2 | 4, 3, 0

B | 1, 6 | 6 | 9, 7 | 3, 0, 0 | 4, 3 | 2, 2 | 0, 0, 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C | 1, 6 | 6 | 9, 6 | 6, 9, 0 | 4, 3 | 2, 2 | 0, 0, 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D | 1, 6 | 6 | 9, 6 | 6, 9, 0 | 4, 3 | 2, 2 | 4, 3, 0

E | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The Burlington Historic District is a gridded rectangle comprising the original town in its entirety. It is bounded on the north by the south side of Temperate Street, on the east by the west side of Orient Street, on the south by the north side of Torrid Street, and on the west by the east side of Ohio Street (now Water Street).

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dr. Kenneth Gibbs, Architectural Historian

DK

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Kentucky Heritage Commission

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

104 Bridge Street

564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frankfort

Kentucky

# 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

*Edward W. Yelton*

TITLE

DATE 4-19-79

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

*Edward W. Yelton*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6-19-79

ATTEST: *Robert J. ...*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 6/19/79

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1976 Property Map		1976 Property Map	
Unit Number	Owner and Address	Unit Number	Owner and Address
4-3	Elsie Ranes Nicholas Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005	4-4-5	Luta Stephens Gallatin Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
4-7	Ray Holbrook Gallatin Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005	5-2	Burlington Baptist Church Burlington, Kentucky 41005
5-1	Boone Co. Board of Education 8330 Hwy. 42 Florence, Kentucky 41042	5-5	Jay Dee Bond 203 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005
5-4	Warren Kirkpatrick 207 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	5-8	Isabella Cropper 29 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005
5-7	L. W. Gulley 109 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	5-11-12	L. P. Gritton 66 N. Nicholas Burlington, Kentucky 41005
5-10	Robert Biddle 137 S. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	6-3	Farmers Mutual Ins. Jefferson Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
6-2	Story Frazee 11 Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	4-2	Charles Reed 219 Idlewild Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005
4-8	Dudley Rouse Nicholas Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005	4-6	Jeff Nehring Burlington, Kentucky 41005
	Donald Carpenter 440 Waterloo Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005	4-9-13	Ronald Morris Nicholas Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
4-1	Afton Price 385 Idlewild Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005	5-3	Elliot Kirby 1116 Belleview Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005

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5-6	\ Russell Utz 119 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	18-11	\ Occupant 22 N. Garrard Burlington, Kentucky 41005
5-9	\ Jack Torline 104 Thomas Street Florence, Kentucky 41042	19-3	\ Bess Rouse & Kate Kirkpatrick 111 E. Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005
6-1 Map 38-12A	\ Alice Yelton 17 N. Jefferson Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005	20-1	\ Paul Wilson 14 S. Garrard Burlington, Kentucky 41005
17-2	\ Brian Bailey 109 E. Temperate Burlington, Kentucky 41005	14-2 14-4	\ Boone Co. Bldg. Comm. c/o Bruce Ferguson Burlington, Kentucky 41005
17-3 17-12A	\ Robert Speagle 111 E. Temperate Burlington, Kentucky	17-4	\ William Jarrell 119 E. Temperate Burlington, Kentucky 41005
17-6	\ Carroll Rice 137 Orient Burlington, Kentucky 41005	17-7	\ Gertrude Matheny 133 N. Orient Burlington, Kentucky 41005
17-9	\ Wm. H. Treadway 162 Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005	17-10	\ Lee K. McNeeley 153 E. Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005
17-12	\ Earl Chas. Mathis 140 N. Garrard Burlington, Kentucky 41005	20-3	\ Mary McCarty 7424 U.S. #42 Florence, Kentucky 41042
18-2	\ Catherine Rudicill 151 E. Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005	18-3	\ Mildred Biddle 157 E. Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005
18-5	Stanley Clore 169 E. Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005	18-6	\ Joe Vick 129 Springfield Pk. Cincinnati, Ohio 45214
18-8 19-2A	\ Mary Kasper 1742 Petersburg Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005	18-9	\ Charles Kelley Burlington, Kentucky 41005

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18-7	\ Julius Smith 2631 Erie Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45208	15-19-20	\ Larry Gouge 458 North Bend Road Hebron, Kentucky 41048
18-10	\ Garnett Tolin c/o Sue Gaines Harless 641 Tally Road Lexington, Kentucky 40502	11-2 12-5	\ Claude Edwards 3 Valley Drive Florence, Kentucky 41042
19-2	\ Julia Ryle 105 Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005	12-1	\ A. H. Lizer 110 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005
19-6	\ A. E. Kirkpatrick 15 S. Orient Burlington, Kentucky 41005	12-4	\ Ruth Kelly Gallatin Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
14-1	\ Charles Bodie Rogers Lane Burlington, Kentucky 41005	13-1	\ Burlington Methodist Church Jefferson Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
14-5	\ Boone Co. Courthouse c/o Bruce Ferguson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	13-4	\ Grace Stephens 21 E. Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005
14-6	\ Myron & Jan Barker 16 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	15-1-2	\ Peoples Deposit Bank 1 East Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-4-5	\ Von A. Skeen 145 Bullitsville Road Hebron, Kentucky 41048	15-6	\ Ann Kreidler 11 Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-8	\ Rev. Albert Weaver 15 E. Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005	15-9	\ Albert Sebree 21 E. Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-11	\ Mary Matheny 96 Torrid Burlington, Kentucky 41005	15-12-13	\ Grover Jarrell 84 E. Torrid Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-15 15-17	\ Noel & Davie Walton 210 Belleview Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005	15-16	\ Wm. Teater & Co., Inc. Box 554 Lancaster, Kentucky 40444

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15-21	✓Boone Co. Road Dept. c/o Bruce Ferguson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	11-4	Bernice Ping Burlington, Kentucky 41005
11-3	✓Russell Hodge 141 N. Garrard Burlington, Kentucky 41005	12-3	Rev. W. M. Smith 1884 Belleview Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005
12-2	✓Lee McNeely 154 E. Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005	12-7	✓C. L. Cropper 104 N. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005
12-6	✓Robert Barnes 12 East Gallatin Burlington, Kentucky 41005	13-3	✓Jas. L. Brown 384 Idlewild Road Burlington, Kentucky 41005
13-2	✓Boone Co. Water Dist. c/o Bruce Ferguson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	13-6	✓Nellie & Robert Gulley 23 N. Garrard Burlington, Kentucky 41005
13-5	✓Galen Kelly Burlington, Kentucky 41005	Map 38-13	✓K. W. Ryle P.O. Box 183 Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-3	✓Boone County Jail c/o Bruce Ferguson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	6-4	✓Burlington Hardware Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-7	✓Boone Co. Farm Bureau 13 East Washington Burlington, Kentucky 41005	6-7	✓Charlie Brown 28 W. Washington Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-14	✓George Crider Burlington, Kentucky 41005	7-3	✓Raymond Smith 217 Washington Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005
15-18	✓Grace Rice 32 S. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005	8-1	✓Drs. Rodriquez & Alvarez 39 S. Jefferson Burlington, Kentucky 41005
11-1	J. W. Dunnett 140 N. Jefferson Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005	6-5	✓A. E. Stephens Estate 10 Washington Street Burlington, Kentucky 41005



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|--------------------|---|
| 6-8                | Lydia Jones<br>32 Washington Street<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005                 |
| 7-4<br>7-8-9       | Luther Smith<br>2161 Idlewild Road<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005                  |
| 8-2A               | Fire Department<br>Burlington,<br>Kentucky 41005                                  |
| 8-1A               | Robert Utz<br>Burlington,<br>Kentucky 41005                                       |
| 6-6<br>6-9         | Margaret Stephens<br>10 Washington Street<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005           |
| 7-1-2<br>Map 38-12 | Burlington Baptist Church<br>West Washington Street<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005 |
| 7-5-7              | Nelson Poston<br>447 Belleview Road<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005                 |
| 8-2                | Harold Congleton<br>65 Elwood<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005                       |
| 13-7               | Cecil Presser<br>24 N. Jefferson<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005                    |
| 17-1               | Clifford Groger<br>150 N. Garrard<br>Burlington, Kentucky 41005                   |

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of the design involved the replacement of the multi-staged central tower with a delicate cupola, perhaps a reference to the earlier courthouse in Burlington as well as a way to reduce costs.

The design is unusual in that most courthouses of the 1880s, and especially those of McDonald Brothers, were in Romanesque or eclectic styles, whereas the Boone County courthouse is Classical or more specifically Renaissance, in inspiration. The massing of the design--cross-shaped with subsidiary blocks in the four angles of the cross--was a favorite with McDonald Brothers, as shown in the similar courthouse of Adair County, Kentucky (1884-1886; entered on the National Register August 27, 1974). The first floor comprises offices on either side of the main, axial hallway. The principal staircase consists of two parallel runs flanking the hallway at the north or rear of the building; these runs lead to a floating against the outer wall, from which a single, central run leads to the second floor. The story-and-a-half courtroom is on the second floor of the main block and is lit by large round-headed windows on the east and west sides of the building. The remainder of the second floor--the rooms in the corner or subsidiary blocks--consists of jury rooms and offices for county officials.

On the exterior, brickwork set in a rustication pattern serves to unify all the constituent blocks of the building and establish a podium for the upper floors. At the second floor, however, the subsidiary blocks are differentiated from the central pieces, the ends of the "cross," by the treatment of the wall surface and the roof height. The centrality of the middle piece of each face of the building is emphasized by pediments; all but that of the entrance front take the form of a pavilion breaking forward slightly from the plane of the main block. Although the tall and slender entrance piece is treated to emphasize vertically, it is tied horizontally to the main mass of the building by the continuation of the strong cornice. The hipped roof is Georgian in feeling and is topped with an open octagonal cupola. In general, the wall surface and the roof forms are treated in such a way as to stress the interplay of masses and planes rather than to provide places for the eye to linger over delicately-wrought decoration. In such a taut system, proportionally greater attention is focused on the Doric entrance porch, the entablatures and the cupola--the only fully--sculpted features.

The old county clerk's office (see photos 7 and 26; site 148) was located on the south-east quarter of the public ground, across Washington Street from the courthouse. Stylistically Greek Revival and probably built in the second quarter of the century, it is a well-proportioned temple-form brick building distinguished by brick pilasters that mark each of the bays on all four faces. The flanks are four bays long, and the three-bay entrance front originally consisted of a central door between two windows. The clerk's office became the first building of the Boone County Deposit Bank in 1885. It served as a bank until 1925, when it was moved to its present site to make way for a new bank building.<sup>2</sup> Following the move, the building was used as the town post office.

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The Boone County jail (see photo 8 and site 151) has always been located on the south-east quarter of the public ground, next to the site of the original clerk's office and across from the courthouse. The present jail, built in 1928, is an undistinguished brick structure of a domestic rather than institutional character.

Commercial Buildings

The commercial district of Burlington has apparently always been confined to half a square in each direction from the intersection of Washington and Jefferson Streets. In the last part of the nineteenth century, the town had two hotels, Central House on the northwest quarter of the public ground, and Boone House on the southwest corner of Union and West Washington Streets. Only the Central House remains, and despite some alterations made to suit its present use as a store, it is recognizable as a nineteenth-century hotel (see photo 9 and site 144). It was apparently built in two stages from about the 1840s--the southern portion first and the northern section last; a wing to the west of the original core was apparently added in the twentieth century, and was not part of the hotel. A two-story brick structure with stone lintels and stepped parapet end walls, the Central House has numerous transomed doorways irregularly spaced on the first floor and a pair of doors at the second floor level facing Washington Street, indicating perhaps an exterior stairway or a gallery that covered the Washington Street sidewalk.

The old Peoples Deposit Bank (see photos 10 and site 139) is adjacent to the Central House on North Jefferson Street, and is thus also on the northwest quarter of the public ground. Built about 1906, it is a two-story brick and stone structure in an eclectic commercial style. Not used as a bank after 1928, the building is essentially unaltered, and the interior bank furnishings and woodwork remain intact.

The Dudley Rouse Blythe Store is located at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson Streets on the southwest quarter of the public ground. The building was constructed in 1921 on the same corner site of the turned store that had been owned and operated for the previous fifty years by Blythe's uncle, Dudley Rouse.<sup>3</sup> The angled corner entrance wall, set slightly behind the two street fronts, takes advantage of the prime location (see photos 11 and 29; site 149). The design is severely plain, and the only decorative device is a frieze-like band of repeated diamond shapes recessed in the brickwork.

Immediately west of the old hotel on Washington Street is the office and printing plant of the Boone County Recorder, the oldest continuously operating newspaper in the county, founded in 1875 by W. L. Riddell. The present office was built in 1939, and as was the case with the Dudley Rouse Blythe Store, the proprietor lived on the second floor of the building. It is a two-story brick structure with hooded entrances and a parapet wall on the street front, and is largely domestic in character (see photo 12 and site 145).

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Religious, Educational and Quasi-public Buildings

Two of Burlington's four churches are rectangular brick boxes constructed before about 1840, and both are located on North Jefferson Street. The Burlington Presbyterian Church (see photo 13 and site 137) was built in Greek Revival style probably in the 1830s. The flanks are four bays long with 12-over-12 pane windows, and the threee-bay front is articulated with brick pilasters. Two of the front bays were destroyed by the addition of an overhead door--a reminder of the building's use as a fire station--but a door in an outer bay survives, presumably one of two doors with elliptical fanlights. It would appear that the cornice originally continued across the front of building above the capitals of the four pilasters.

The Burlington Methodist Church (see photo 14 and site 134) was built in 1837 as an unornamented Flemish bond brick box four bays long. Although a remodeling of 1923 considerably altered the character of the church, the original nave end front was remarkably plain, consisting of a single, central door according to an old photo. In 1923, pointed arched windows replaced the original rectangular openings, the entrance front was divided into three bays by the addition of windows and tin pilasters, a strong cornice, probably of tin, was added, and a square, pilastered bell tower with open grill-work either replaced an earlier one or was added where there was none.

The First Baptist Church (see photo 2 and site 147) was organized in 1842. The first church building on West Washington Street, shown on the 1883 atlas, served the congregation from 1843 until 1892, when the present frame structure was built. This building is the finest example in the county of Stick Style religious architecture. The corner entry or bell tower is in two stages and is capped with a flared, pyramidal roof. The "west" window of the main fron was matched on the opposite end of the nave by a window of identical size and design until it was recently taken down. The fron gable is filled with vertical siding edged at the bottom with V notching and with sawn wood decoration at the peak. Inside, the ceiling of the nave is decorated with non-structural elements of open timberwork.

Burlington's black population has used the Burlington Baptist Church, a simple rectangular block in frame. Built perhaps in the early twentieth century, it replaced an earlier church on the same site labeled "Colored Baptist Church," on the 1883 atlas.

Boone (later Morgan) Academy, created by the county in 1814, was perhaps the first public school in the county of consequence. The first known Academy building was constructed either in 1836 or 1842 and was located just north of the original town limits.

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In the late nineteenth century it was replaced with a much less imposing frame structure on the western edge of Burlington (see photo 1 and site 146). Although smaller and simpler than Morgan Academy, the old school building is not without a certain institutional character: the front gable is filled with vertical siding edged at the bottom with V notching and an oculus is punched into the peak of the gable. It served as the main school of Burlington from about 1890 to 1910.

Domestic Buildings

Four small houses, two of log and two of brick, have survived in key locations from the first half of the nineteenth century. One of them is perhaps the oldest house in Burlington, because the 1883 atlas shows it astride the property line dividing lots 84 and 85 indicating it may have existed prior to the survey of the town. Sided with weatherboarding and much altered, only part of a massive stone chimney remains to testify of this early a construction date.

Another log house is located at the crucial corner of East Washington and Orient Streets. Built in two stages, one of two bays and one of three, it has lost its original chimneys and is covered with siding (see photo 17 and site 112). At the northwest corner of the original town is an early brick house that is now covered with siding. It is five bays wide with a high attic on the front facade, and the chimneys have been removed (see photo 4 and site 132). The building is reported to have been the site of the organization of the First Baptist Church in the early 1840s.<sup>4</sup>

Perhaps least recognizable as an early house is a gable-end entrance structure at the corner of North Jefferson and Union Streets. The brick construction is disguised with weatherboarding, and the two-bay entrance front and the three-bay sides may have been altered at some point: either the house originally had a door facing Union Street, or it may have been used as a store or school with a door in the gable end.

There are three grand Federal houses in Burlington. All are of brick, all are five bays wide, two stories high and double-pile in plan, and all are located north of the courthouse. The Tousey House is least altered on the exterior (see photo 18 and site 136). It was built in the 1820s by Erastus Tousey, who bought lot 32 on which the house stands in 1817 for \$25. Two walls were constructed in Flemish bond--east and south--and although both pairs of interior end chimneys have been removed, an old photo shows their form. The windows of the second floor consist of 12-over-12 pane sashes, and the first floor windows are 6-over-6. All openings are topped with gauged brick--jack arches over the windows and a semi-circular arch over the fanlight of the main entrance. The narrow, wooden cornice is mitred back against the plane of the wall short of the corners--an eighteenth-century feature that appears late and fairly frequently in Boone County. The house underwent interior remodeling in the 1830s, resulting in three double parlors in Greek Revival style--on either side of the central stairhall of the first floor and on the south side of the second floor stairhall. The staircase

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is apparently a survivor of the Federal interior--the elements are simply molded and the landing cuts across the central window of the rear facade. Erastus Tousey, the original owner, died in 1863 at age 65 and is buried in the Burlington Cemetery. The house remained in the Tousey family until 1884, and was subsequently used as the Burlington Hotel (1902-1908) and as a grocery (about 1918).<sup>5</sup>

The house on lot 1 (see photo 19 and site 138) was also built in Federal style in the 1820s and also received a Greek Revival remodeling in the 1830s. The lot was bought in 1828 by Elijah Kirtley, apparently an early speculator in Burlington land as well as a resident, from Cave Johnson for \$250. The difference in cost between this lot and the lot Erastus Tousey bought for his house in 1817 suggests that a house had already been built on lot 1. It was nevertheless not the residence of Cave Johnson, one of the organizers of Boone County, because he lived on the Ohio River in the northern section of the county. Although the exact appearance of the original first floor of the main elevation is uncertain, it seems likely that there were two doors placed asymmetrically in the five-bay front--one entering the stairhall at about the same point as the present Greek Revival doorway, and one entering the parlor in the central portion of the three southern (right) bays. The dining room, to the rear of of the parlor, contains the original Federal style woodwork as do the upper floor chambers, but the parlor, the stairhall and perhaps the staircase, which curves continuously three floors to the attic, were reworked in a relatively sophisticated Greek Revival style. Both parlor mantel and main doorway are distinguished by semi-engaged, fluted Greek Doric columns. Similarities between the Greek Revival remodeling of this house and the Tousey House and the Greek Revival elements of the Robert Chambers House (listed on the National Register October 10, 1975), half a mile south of Burlington suggest that the same builder worked on all three. The Robert Chambers House (site 153) was built between 1832 and 1836 by brickmason Jessie Kelly and carpenter Thomas Zane Roberts.<sup>6</sup>

The third important Federal period brick house is the Elijah Kirtley House (see photo 20 and site 140), built probably within ten years after Kirtley bought the lot in 1815. The irregular disposition of the five bays on both floors may be accounted for by a multi-staged building process or by later alterations to suit changed owners or uses. Nonetheless, the Federal style mantels, the three-light transomed central doorway and many of the 6-over-6 paned windows appear roughly contemporary with the first block of the house. Given the primary location of the Elijah Kirtley House, facing Union Street behind the courthouse, it should not be surprising that several of the foremost citizens of Burlington have lived there. These include Fountain Riddell, a Burlington attorney from 1858, state legislator between 1860 and 1861, and founder and president of the Boone County Deposit Bank, and his son-in-law, A. B. Renaker, cashier of the Boone County Deposit Bank.<sup>7</sup>

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Another large brick house whose significance rests partly on its location facing old Union Street is the Dr. J. M. Grant House (site 152). The two-story, three-bay main block with a two-story ell bordering South Jefferson was built probably in the 1860s in Greek Revival style. The brickwork indicates that the original first floor windows were perhaps full length; little of the original interior finishing remains.

The Gaines-Winston House (see photo 21 and site 128) in the northeast section of the original town is the largest extant house built in the Greek Revival style. It comprises a two-story, central passage frame block appended to a single pen log house. John Gaines presumably built the log house before mid-century, and Albert G. Winston, a Burlington lawyer-farmer who served as circuit clerk of the county from 1862 to 1868, presumably built the frame addition as well as the two-story log outbuilding to the rear of the house in the late 1860s or early 1870s.<sup>8</sup> The interiors are finished with Greek Revival moldings, and the central door on the second floor originally opened onto a small, square porch.

A small Greek Revival house that adds much to the character of North Jefferson Street has been associated with the neighboring Burlington Methodist Church almost since its construction in 1857. Nothing is known of its early occupants, and it has been used by the church for various purposes since about 1880. A simple two-story brick house with a hall-parlor plan and stone lintels and sills, it of all the nineteenth-century cottages in Burlington most clearly reflects its period (see photo 22 and site 135).

Burlington's closest equivalent to the cottage orn'ee of the early nineteenth century is the Duncan-Riddell House (see photo 23 and site 131), built sometime in mid-century by Boone County Circuit Clerk J. W. Duncan. It consists of a story-and-a-half main block, five bays wide, with a one-bay wing on the north and a low kitchen wing on the west. The frame structure is covered with both vertical and horizontal weatherboarding, decorative barge boards are used on both the main block and the north wing, and heavy scroll brackets in the angles of the present porch and the front wall may originally have supported a narrow porch roof. From about the turn of the twentieth century, it was owned by Judge Nathaniel E. Riddell, county judge for decades after 1906, president of Boone County Deposit Bank and later the Peoples Deposit Bank in Burlington--educated at Morgan Academy and the Cincinnati Law School. The small wing to the north of the house may have been added by Judge Riddell as an office.<sup>9</sup>

There are only two buildings in Burlington that reflect some of the more innovative trends in American architecture at the end of the century--the Senator S. Walker Tolin House and the Dr. L. H. Crisler House (lot 74, facing Orient Street), both built probably in the 1890s. Whereas in traditional architecture in the county the wall surface was treated as a plane, in the Tolin House (see photo 24 and site 141) the fancy brickwork, including a mousetooth cornice that marks the second floor line, gives depth to the wall surface. S. Walker Tolin was a state senator for a time and a lawyer in Burlington. The Crisler House represents a departure from the traditional sense of simple, cubical massing in that the main feature is an open, porch set into the corner of the first floor.

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Regularity and centrality were common qualities of county seat plans, but in one respect, the manner in which the central square was established, the Burlington plan is unique in Kentucky. The original intentions for the town appear in the plan drawn about 1805, perhaps by the first county surveyor, Moses Scott.<sup>12</sup> This plan was duplicated in all respects but the treatment of the central square in the 1883 atlas of Boone County.<sup>13</sup> The plan called for twelve squares of plots grouped about the intersection of two principal roads, Jefferson Street running north-south and Washington Street running east-west. These two streets were to be seventy feet wide, and all others were to be sixty feet wide. Although rectangular blocks most readily lent themselves to commercial development, the surveyor perhaps judged perfect squares more appropriate for the seat of county government. The problems associated with square blocks were alleviated by providing a system of alleys that cut through each of the squares. In similar compromising fashion, the first surveyor adopted a central, axial courthouse square, called "Publick Square," but either use or a later surveyor eliminated the major inconvenience of such plans--the disruption of traffic. This was accomplished by allowing the major arteries to cross the square instead of traveling around it, a solution made formal by the 1883 atlas.

This compromise, perhaps reached only a few years after the drawing of the first plan, produced four rectangular plots inside the square, one at each corner of the main intersection. The courthouse was placed on one of these plots, the clerk's office and the jail on another, and the other two were later sold for commercial development. One advantage of this sort of plan was that it provided a greater number of prime lots--around the perimeter of the square as well as within it--than either of the traditional alternatives, the axial square and the uncentralized grid of streets. The 1883 atlas indicates that in the nineteenth century there were many buildings oriented toward the street that formed the perimeter of the square--Union Street--but today only two of these survive (sites 140 and 152 on map 3). Part of the public ground passed into private hands as early as 1817, when the county court gave Robert Johnson, one of the donors of the town land, one quarter of the public ground, either the northwest or the southwest quarter, in exchange for lots 13 and 14 and half of lot 58. Also, in its present form Union Street itself is a series of alleys and parking lots rather than the formal core of the town. Nonetheless, enough of the nineteenth century plan remains to give an idea of the pragmatic ingenuity of this unique town plan.

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In consideration of Burlington's small size (pop., 350), architectural styles span a rather wide range. There are four early 19th-century houses remaining. Two are of log construction and two are of brick, but weatherboarding on all conceals the original fabric (see photos 4 and 7).

North of the courthouse are three sizeable Federal-style residences that date from the 1820s and share certain similarities (see photos 18, 19, and 20). The Greek Revival is well represented in public buildings by the former county clerk's office (see photo 7 and 26), and in residential architecture by a small house (see photo 22) on North Jefferson Street.

The Duncan-Riddell House (see photo 23) is Burlington's finest example of an ornamented cottage. Both vertical and horizontal siding are employed on this mid-19th century frame dwelling. Later 19th-century trends are observed in the Tolin House (see photo 24) whose decorative brickwork between floors shows a departure from the prevalent smooth planes of Boone County.

The 1892 Baptist Church (see photo 2) is an attractive product of the Stick Style as employed in ecclesiastical buildings, and its nonfunctional interior timberwork is of special note.

The Boone County Courthouse (see photo 6) is appropriately the largest and most sophisticated edifice in Burlington. Located at the intersection of the two major streets, the design of this third courthouse occupying the same site is attributed to the McDonald Brothers of Louisville. This architectural firm was responsible for numerous such structures in the southeastern United States. However, the Renaissance-inspired Burlington building is somewhat unique among most late 19th-century courthouses, especially those of McDonald Brothers, which were Romanesque or eclectic.

Although the early 20th-century Dudley Rouse Blythe Store (see photos 11 and 29) is a chaste commercial building, it is notable for the manner in which it occupies a desirable corner location.

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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Burlington Historic District (building move petition)

other names/site number See Table 1 for Site Numbers and Property Names

2. Location

street & number Bounded by Ohio (Water), Temperate, Orient, and Torrid Streets not for publication N/A

city or town Burlington vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41005

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this    nomination X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide X locally. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive 2-21-02  
Signature of certifying official/Title Director, KHC Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<u>  </u> entered in the National Register <u>  </u> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<u>  </u> determined eligible for the National Register <u>  </u> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<u>  </u> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<u>  </u> removed from the National Register	_____	_____
<u>✓</u> other (explain): <u>approved for the</u> <u>move of the Clerk's Building (currently</u> <u>at 3009 Washington St.)</u>	<u>Beth Boland</u>	<u>4/12/02</u>

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously-listed resources in the count)

private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
20	110	buildings
		sites
	46	structures
		objects
20	156	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)  
N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**  
27

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)  
DOMESTIC: Single dwelling, hotel  
COMMERCE/TRADE: Financial institution, business  
GOVERNMENTAL: Courthouse, correctional facility,  
government office  
RELIGIOUS: Religious facility

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)  
DOMESTIC: Single dwelling, hotel  
COMMERCE/TRADE: Business, restaurant  
GOVERNMENTAL: Courthouse, correctional facility  
government office

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)  
EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal,  
MID-19TH CENTURY: Greek Revival  
LATE 19TH CENTURY & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS:  
Classical Revival

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Stone  
walls Brick, wood  
roof Tin  
other N/A

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Refer to continuation sheets

Name of Property

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**Period of Significance**

A. D. 1805 to 1939

**Significant Dates**

N/A

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- 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

Name of repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council



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Boone, KY

Name of Property

County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
16	697300	4322430 A	16	697300	4322000 B	Burlington, KY Quad
16	696690	4322000 C	16	696690	4322430 D	

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Various Private owners; Boone County Fiscal Court

street & number 2950 Washington Street telephone 859-334-2100

city or town Burlington, KY state KY zip code 41005

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Introduction

The Burlington Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in April 1979 (see Figures 1 & 2). This paperwork documents existing conditions in the district to support this petition to move a contributing building within the district. The district was nominated based on 1) the significance of the 1805 orthogonal Burlington town plan (featuring a central public square), which is unique in Kentucky, well executed, and still apparent, and 2) the significance of Burlington's architecture, which is primarily Federal and Greek Revival.

The community of Burlington has evolved in the more than two decades since the Burlington Historic District was listed in the NRHP. The population of Boone County has nearly doubled from 45,842 in 1980 to 85,072 in 2000 and an ongoing building boom continues in the eastern half of the county. Despite this growth, the Burlington Historic District has experienced very little residential or commercial construction. Of the 27 contributing buildings discussed in the 1979 nomination, 7 have been demolished or burned, 8 have undergone substantial rehabilitation, and 12 have changed minimally (see Table 1). While 7 of the original 27 contributing buildings have been lost, at least 12 (perhaps as many as 20) other buildings within the district could be considered as contributing elements if the district were amended. These include a handful of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Colonial Revival and Bungalow residences, as well as a few 19<sup>th</sup> Century structures that were not included in the 1979 nomination. The orthogonal town plan with a central public core is still very apparent: no major changes to the road system or town plan have occurred since 1979.

The portion of the district that has changed the most over the past two decades lies at the southwest corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets, north of Alley No. 3 depicted on the 1883 atlas contained in the original nomination. In the early 1980s, the Burlington Baptist Church demolished their 1892 Stick Style church (Be 147) and replaced it with a new facility to accommodate a growing congregation. The building was one of only two known examples of the Stick Style in the county. The Church has since acquired the balance of the block and, despite numerous attempts at compromise, demolished the 1921 Rouse-Blythe corner store (Be-149) in early 2001. At this time, only the Boone County Clerk's Building (Be-148) remains near the southwest corner of the original center of Burlington.

The Boone County Fiscal Court is committed to maintaining the Burlington Town Plan, which is critical to the integrity of the Burlington Historic District. While very little commercial and residential development has occurred in Burlington since the Burlington Historic District was

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listed in the NRHP, County government has expanded to keep pace with growth in Boone County. In 1980, the Boone County Administration Building was erected along Washington Street on a site east of the 1889 courthouse. By 1990, the County government had occupied other residences (e.g., the Parks Department) in the block north and east of the courthouse. With the exception of several businesses and one residence, the county now owns most of the property bounded by Jefferson, Gallatin, Garrard, and Torrid Streets. Boone County government continues to expand within these two blocks east of Jefferson Streets, an area that is about 8 times the size of the original eastern half of Union Square. The Boone County Justice Center is currently under construction on the northeast corner of Torrid and Jefferson Streets (south of Washington Street). Although Boone County government has expanded beyond the historic government campus defined by Union Square, this growth continues to respect the original Burlington Town Plan. New construction has been architecturally sensitive to the "Burlington Style," which is loosely defined by the preponderance of Federal and Greek Revival brick structures. More importantly, the 1805 Burlington Town Plan will remain intact and no rights of way will be closed.

The Boone County Clerk's Building

The Boone County Clerk's Building (Be-148) is the last survivor of Boone County's original trio of government buildings, which included a jail and the 1817 brick Courthouse. While a number of temple form Greek Revival churches were built in Boone County, the Clerk's Building is one of the earliest in the style and the only one ever built for the government. A courthouse, jail, and the Clerk's Building stood at the heart of Boone County in Burlington's Union Square for much of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The present Courthouse (Be-143) replaced the 1817 building in 1889 and the original jail was replaced in 1928 by a larger brick building (Be-151). With the passing of its 19<sup>th</sup> Century companions, the Clerk's Building became the sole survivor of the formative decades of Boone County government.

Upon completion of the 1889 Courthouse, the Clerk's Building was sold to the Boone County Deposit Bank. This sale marked the beginning of the building's second period of community service. The Boone County Deposit Bank was known as "one of the strongest and most prosperous inland banks in the state, housed in a substantially constructed building on Court Square, the interior equipment being adequate to every demand of such an institution." This "equipment" was a vault, described as "a massive time-lock Hall burglar-proof safe, set inside

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of - virtually speaking - an impregnable fire-proof vault." The historic vault still graces the interior of the Clerk's Building.

After nearly four decades of business in the Clerk's Building, the Boone County Deposit Bank began building a new facility on the site in 1924. The Clerk's Building was jacked up and rolled on logs across Jefferson Street to a bank owned lot at 3009 Washington Street, between the Boone House and the Rouse-Blythe store (Be-149), and "on the site of the post office building, which was destroyed by fire...the moving of the building did not interfere with the bank doing business, as they continued to receive and hand out money as they moved along." The 1925 building (Be-150) remained a bank until 1991 and now houses the staff of the Boone County Planning Commission.

Following completion in 1925 of the new bank building on the original site of the Clerk's Building, the Clerk's Building returned to government service as Burlington's U.S. Post Office on its new site at 3009 Washington Street. The structure functioned in this capacity until 1960, when a new postal facility opened on south Jefferson Street. For the last 40 years, the Clerk's Building served as offices for a number of private concerns, most recently Smith's Garage.

The Clerk's Building survived relocation from its original site and nearly 170 years of use in remarkably good condition. Despite the patchwork of paint marring its exterior, the brick remains in good condition. After it became a bank, the centered front entrance was replaced by a window and a new doorway was balanced by a window built into the wall on the left side of the façade. Inside, the original woodwork, plaster walls, and triple barrel vault ceiling survive behind wood paneling and a dropped ceiling. The Clerk's Building retains nearly all its original building material.

### Integrity of the Clerk's Building Locations: Past, Present, and Future

Originally, the Clerk's Building was sited in Union Square on the south side of Washington Street (2995 Washington Street), across from and facing the 1817 Courthouse (see Figures 3 & 4). As discussed, the building was relocated to 3009 Washington Street in 1924. It again faced Washington street and was technically still within the original Union Square, although the west half of the square had come under private ownership by the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. In

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both instances, the Clerk's Building faced into the center of Burlington and fronted on a public street.

Today, the southwestern portion of Union Square looks nothing like it did in 1979. As mentioned, the 1892 Stick Style church has been replaced and the 1921 corner store is gone. The Clerk's Building is the last historic structure on a block that is otherwise barren (see Photographs 1 & 2 and Plates A & B). With the loss of the two buildings that anchored the ends of the block, this corner retains little of its historic integrity. The original site of the Clerk's Building is occupied by the Neoclassical Boone County Deposit Bank building, which now houses the Boone County Planning Commission.

The proposed new site of the Clerk's Building is along Gallatin Street adjacent to a c. 1920s frame bungalow residence (Be 593), which is occupied by the Boone County Parks Department (see Photograph 3 and Plates C, D & E). Not a contributing element in the Burlington Historic District, the Parks Department replaced an earlier building that stood on the corner; it continues to anchor the southwest corner of Gallatin and Garrard Streets. Two late 19<sup>th</sup> Century frame residences sit on the north side of Gallatin Street, across from the Parks Department and proposed new site of the Clerk's Building. The proposed site is currently part of a large surface lot that provides parking in Burlington. While no structures are present on the site, excavation will be monitored to ensure that no significant archaeological deposits are disturbed during site preparation.

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Proposed Relocation of the Boone County Clerk's Building

The Boone County Clerk's Building and surrounding property is presently owned by the Burlington Baptist Church. The Church demolished the Blythe Store in March, 2001, and has made it quite clear that they will demolish the Clerk's Building, which is seen as the last impediment to an unobstructed view of the church from the corner, unless it is moved immediately. The church has rejected proposals to restore the Clerk's Building on its current site or on any adjacent lot at the southwest corner of Jefferson and Washington Streets.

Earlier in 2001, Boone County Fiscal Court approved Resolution 01-75, a grant of \$30,000 to fund relocating the Clerk's Building to Katelyn's Honey, a small business located approximately 4 miles south of Burlington (see Attachment 1). However, cost estimates (\$100,000) for a move of that distance proved prohibitive to the small business and the idea was abandoned.

Following an outpouring of local support and letters from the Kentucky Heritage Council and Cincinnati Preservation Association, Boone County Fiscal Court voted unanimously to save the Clerk's Building (see Attachments 2 to 4). On July 24, 2001, Fiscal Court approved Resolution 1-150, declaring a state of emergency and authorizing immediate execution of a contract with a moving company to relocate the Clerk's Building (see Attachment 5). Hub & Weber Architects of Covington, KY, were retained to draft plans for a new site and Edwards Moving, of Shelbyville, KY, was contracted to move the structure.

To address the concerns of Boone County citizens and Fiscal Court, the county's Administration, Property Maintenance Department, and Historic Preservation Review Board worked together to select an appropriate new site for the Clerk's Building. The structure will be restored to Secretary of the Interior Standards, although a detailed restoration plan will not be developed until after the building has been safely moved. Several criteria were considered in selecting the proposed site depicted on the accompanying figures. Most importantly, the building must be relocated to property owned by the county. The county owns most of the land between Torrid, Jefferson, Gallatin, and Garrard Streets. Secondly, the building must remain within the Burlington National Register Historic District. Third, the building orientation must be consistent with the 1805 orthogonal Burlington Town Plan (i.e., it's new site should not be skewed). Finally, the building's new site should be compatible with future development to be specified in the Burlington Town Plan, which is currently under way. One certain proposal of the Burlington Town Plan will be to redesign the landscaping and pedestrian and vehicular flow in and around the government campus, which is roughly bounded by Torrid, Jefferson, Gallatin, and Garrard.

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Of the five options proposed by Hub & Weber, the one that best meets the above criteria is shown on the enclosed figures. While an ideal site for the Clerk's Building would have been somewhere within Union Square, there are no open lots on the square. The proposed site of the Clerk's Building will be on Gallatin Street adjacent to the Boone County Parks Department (Be-593). The structure will be set back from Gallatin Street the same distance as the Parks Department and oriented on an axis facing the rear entrance of the 1980 Boone County Administration Building. The building will once again face the center of Burlington and will front on Nicholson Street (Alley No. 1 on the 1883 Atlas), which is an open public right-of-way. Although facing the Clerk's Building toward Gallatin Street (a wider public street) might seem more appropriate, a southern orientation toward the Administration Building is more practical given the future of Burlington. Both the Parks Department and Administration Building have formal entrances on public streets (Gallatin and Washington, respectively). However, their effective public entrances open onto the large parking lot. A key proposal of the Burlington Town Plan will be the redesign of the rear entrance of the Administration Building to make it a more formal entrance. The parking lot will be developed into a more formal public space and the Clerk's Building and Administration Building will be connected visually and physically by landscaping and pedestrian access. The Clerk's Building will become the northern anchor of a new formal public space that will supplant the existing parking lot. This will restore the Clerk's Building's connection to the government center of Burlington for the first time since it was moved from its original site in 1924.

The Clerk's Building served Boone Countians for well over a century as a government building, bank, and post office. As an integral part of the proposed new Burlington Town Plan, the relocated Clerk's Building will offer a unique opportunity to celebrate the foundation of Boone County government, planning, and public service. Together, the Clerk's Building, 1889 Courthouse, 1980 Administration Building, and new Justice Center will stand as symbols of two centuries of Boone County, history, growth and prosperity.

**TABLE 1: BURLINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT:  
CONTRIBUTING BUILDINGS AND STATUS IN 2001**

NAME	ADDRESS	SITE #	DESCRIPTION	STATUS (CURRENT USE)
Gaines-Winston House	140 Garrard St.	Be 128	c. 1870 Greek Revival I-House	Burned 1992
House	2966 Gallatin St.	Be 129	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century frame house	Minimal changes (residence)
Rice House	2976 Gallatin St.	Be 130	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century frame house	Minimal changes (residence)
Duncan-Riddell House	5931 Jefferson St.	Be 131	c. 1870 Carpenter Gothic house	Demolished 1998
Willis Graves House	5825 Jefferson St.	Be 132	c. 1830 Federal brick house	Rehabilitated 1995 (bed & breakfast)
Burlington Methodist Church	5952 Jefferson St.	Be 134	1837/1923 brick Greek Revival church	Minimal changes (antique shop)
House	5954 Jefferson St.	Be 135	c. 1857 brick Greek Revival house	Rehabilitated (offices)
Erastus Tousey House	5963 Jefferson St.	Be 136	c. 1822 brick Federal house	Rehabilitated 1988 & 2001 (restaurant)
Burlington Presbyterian Church	5974 Jefferson St.	Be 137	c. 1840 brick Greek Revival church	Rehabilitated 2001 (Boone County Maintenance Department)
Foster-Sanford House	5982 Jefferson St.	Be 138	c. 1832 brick Federal house	Rehabilitated 1996 (offices)
People's Deposit Bank	5995 Jefferson St.	Be 139	1906 brick Neoclassical bank	Minimal changes (insurance office)
Renaker (Kirtley) House	2970 Union Square	Be 140	c. 1830 brick Federal house	Rehabilitated 1992 (Boone County Human Services)
Senator S. Walker Tolin House	2992 Washington St.	Be 141	c. 1890 brick house	Rehabilitated (offices)
House	E. Washington St.	Be 142	c. 1830 brick house	Demolished c. 1980
Boone County Courthouse	2988 Washington St.	Be 143	1889 brick county courthouse	Partially Rehabilitated 1992 (Boone County Courts)



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NAME	ADDRESS	SITE #	DESCRIPTION	STATUS (CURRENT USE)
Central House	5991 Jefferson St.	Be 144	c. 1840s brick hotel	Minimal changes (Burlington Hardware)
Boone County Recorder Building	3012 Washington St.	Be 145	1939 brick newspaper office	Minimal (Burlington Hardware)
Old School House	3024 Washington St.	Be 146	c. 1890 frame schoolhouse	Minimal changes (residence)
Burlington Baptist Church	W. Washington St.	Be 147	1892 Stick Style church	Demolished c. 1985
Boone County Clerk's Building	3009 Washington St.	Be 148	c. 1836 brick Greek Revival office	To be relocated
Rouse/Blythe Store	3003 Washington St.	Be 149	1921 brick Commercial style store	Demolished 2001
People's Deposit Bank	2995 Washington St.	Be 150	1924 brick Neoclassical bank	Rehabilitated 1989 (Boone County Planning Commission)
Boone County Jail	2981 Washington St.	Be 151	1928 brick jail	Minimal changes (Boone County Parole)
J.M. Grant (Johnson-Buckner) House	1986 Union Square	Be 152	c. 1860s brick Greek Revival house	Demolished 1999
House	6031 Orient St.	Be 591	c. 1830s/1900 Queen Anne house	Minimal changes (residence)
House	5981 Jefferson St.	None	c. 1840 brick house	Minimal changes (residence)
House	Gallatin St.	None	c. 1800 log house	Demolished c. 1980

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 1883 map of Burlington  
 An Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and  
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Map 3

Sites circled in red discussed  
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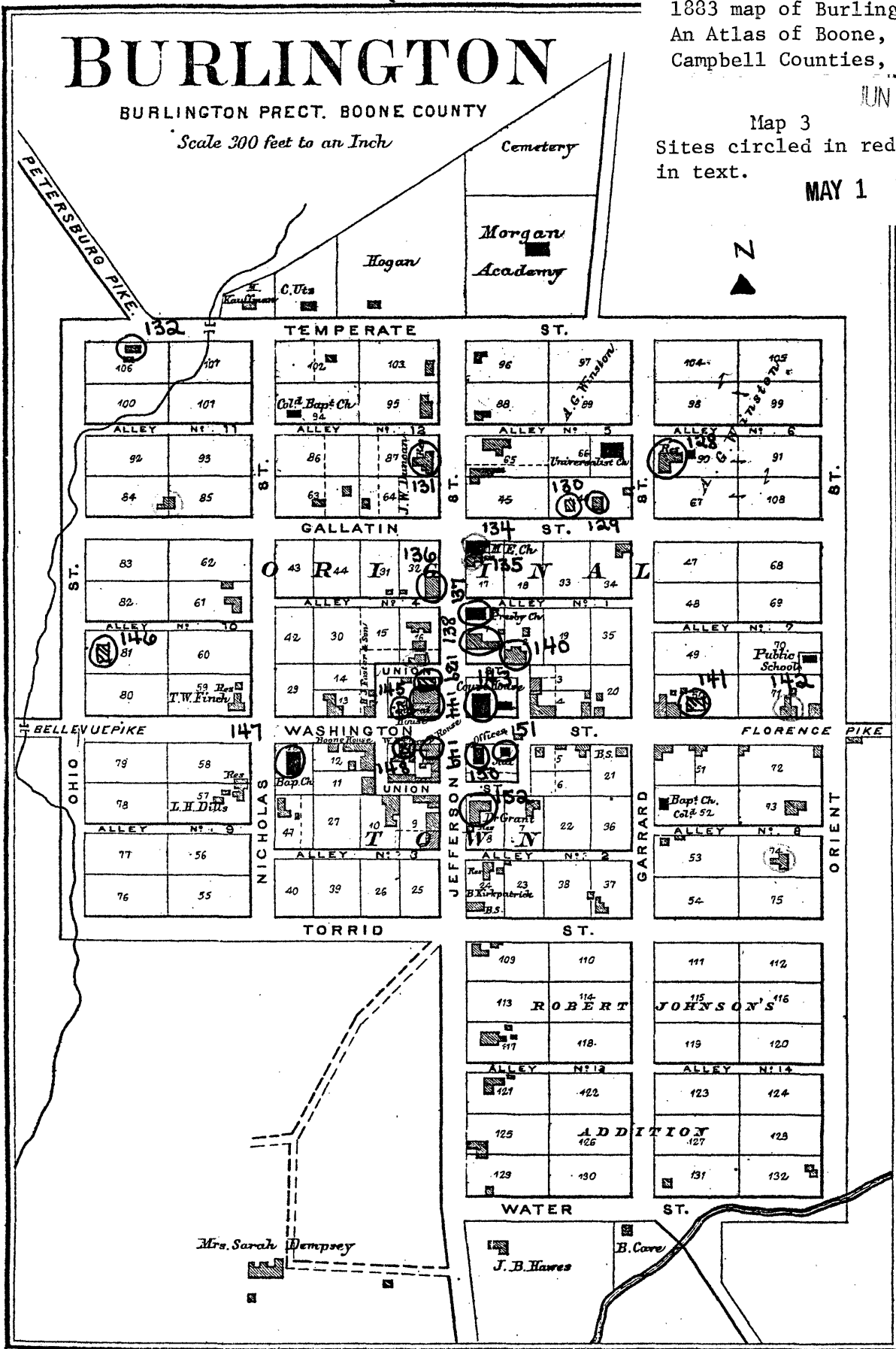
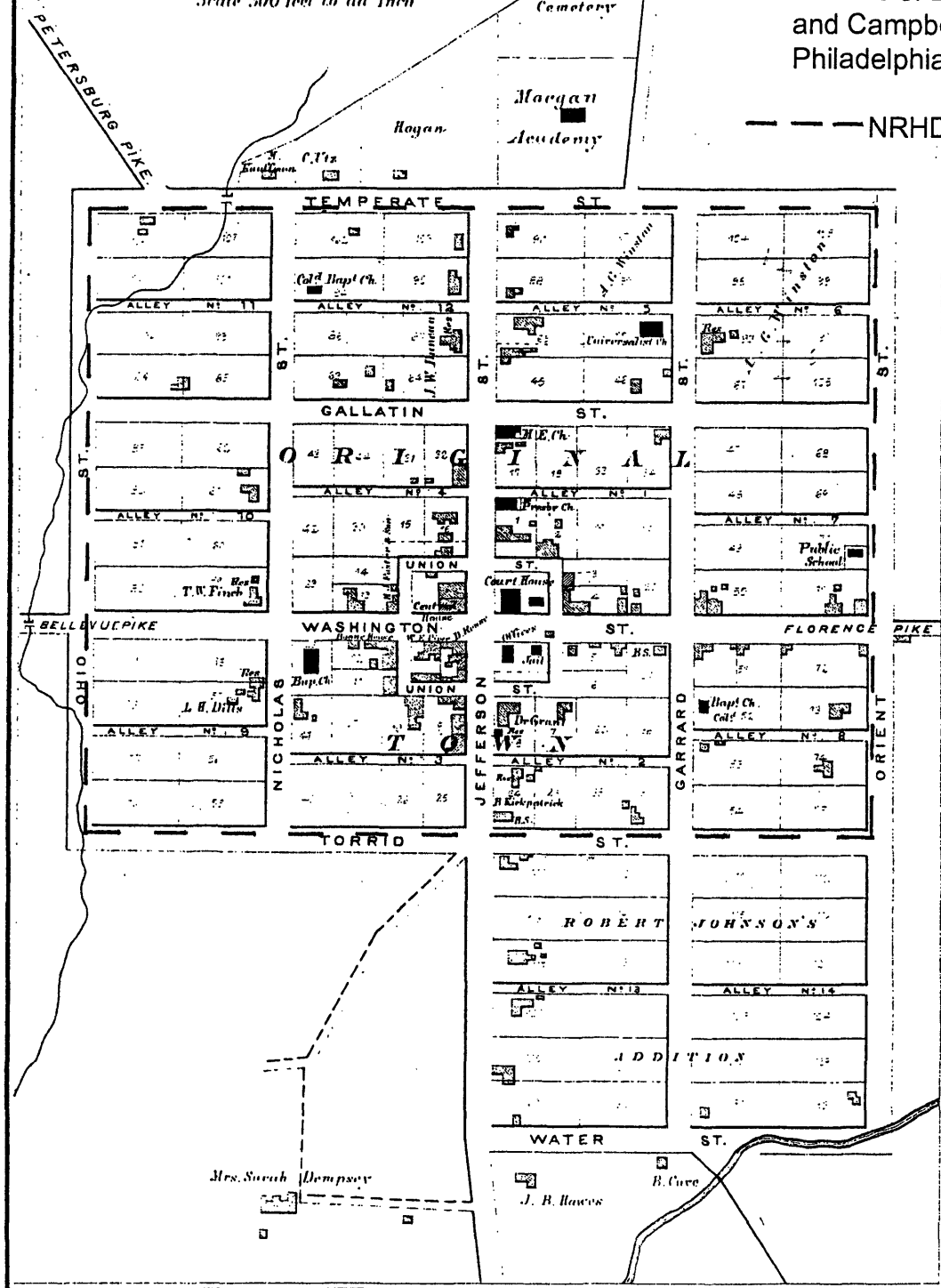


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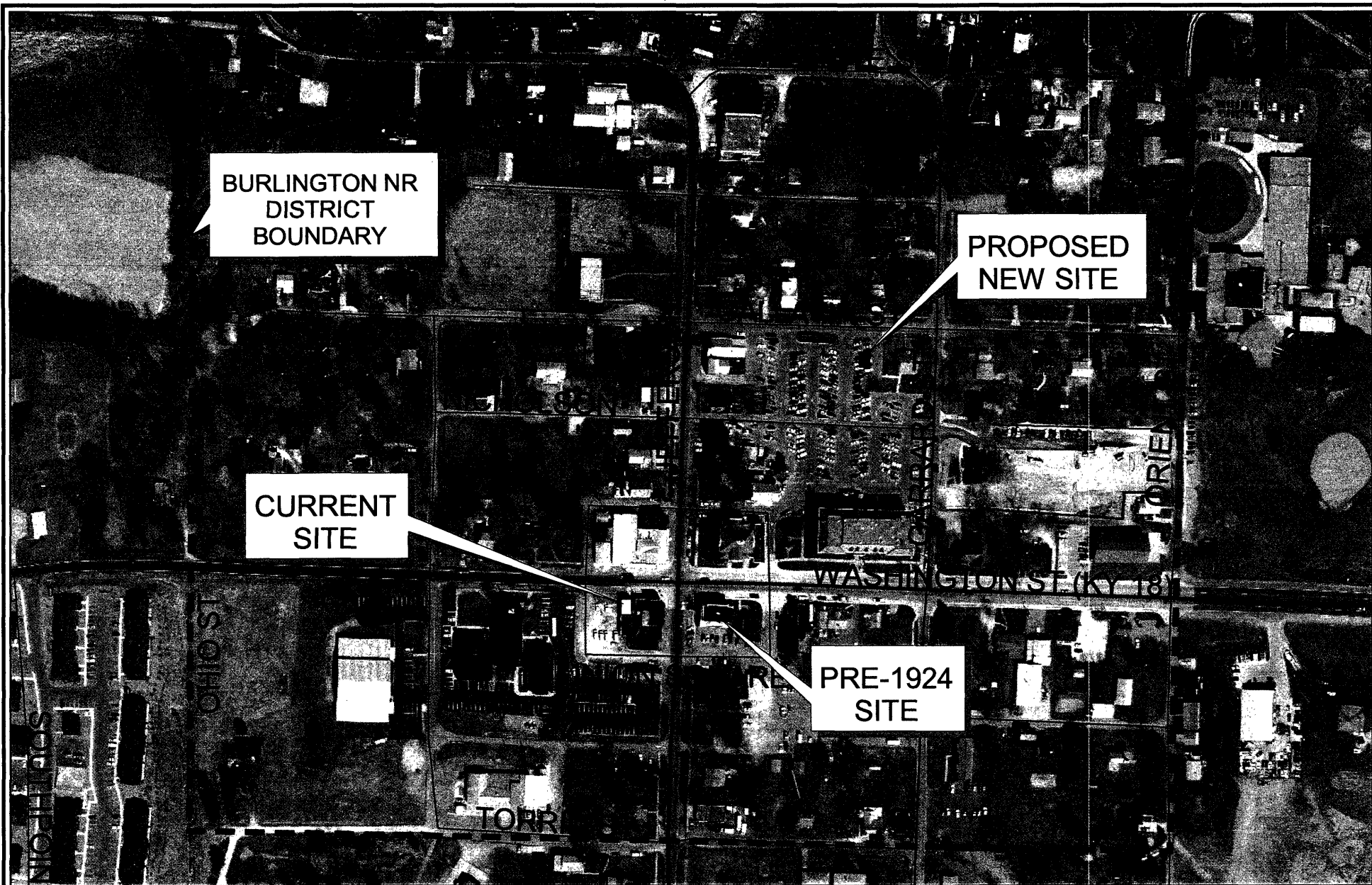
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**FIGURE 3: Boone County Clerk's Building - Current Site and Proposed New Site in Burlington NR Historic District**

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**FIGURE 4: Boone County Clerk's Building - Site Plan  
Showing Nearby Historic Properties and  
Photo and Plate Locations**

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Plate A: View of current site looking southwest



Plate B: View of current site looking southeast.



Plate C: View of proposed new site -  
approximately between red vehicles.



Plate D: View of 1980 Boone County  
Administration Building from proposed new site


## **BOONE COUNTY CLERK'S BUILDING: SITE VIEWS**



Plate E: View west along Gallatin Street. Proposed new site is to the left of the pickup truck.

## **BOONE COUNTY CLERK'S BUILDING: SITE VIEWS**

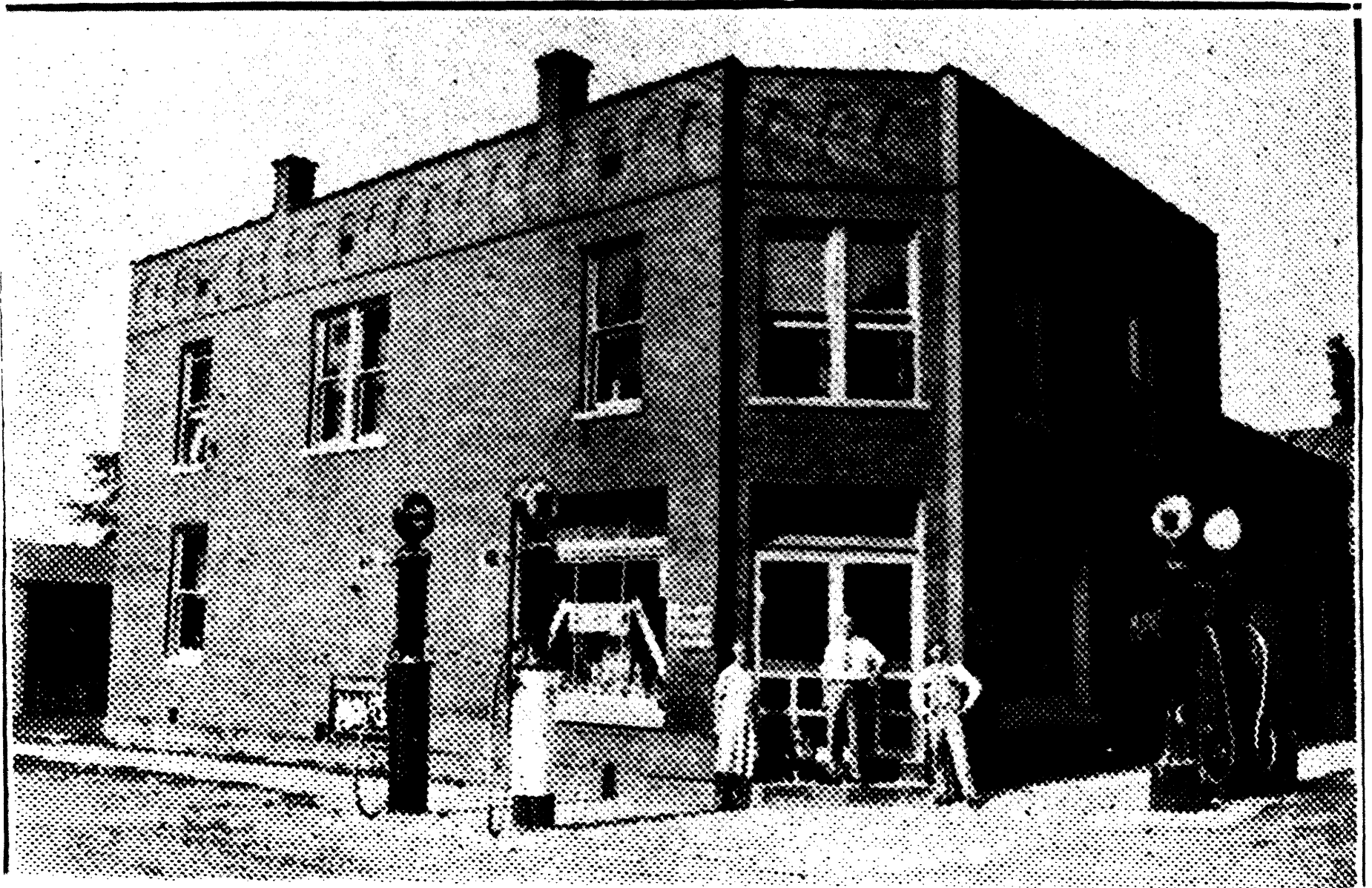
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Photo . Rendering for the  
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WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
SALEM, IND.





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Burlington, Kentucky  
Photographer unknown, 1920s

Photo of Former Dudley Rouse  
Blythe Store, 1920s.