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The James Street Commons Historic District today, contains one of the last and largest remaining concentrations of red-brick masonry townhouses which still exists in the City of Newark. This twenty-four block area, containing some sixty-four acres of land, possesses the finest examples of brownstone and brick structures clustered together anywhere in the city. James, High and Bleeker Streets are exceptionally fine residential concentrations and the old, but exceptionally fine townhouses dot the entire James Street area with their distinctive late nineteenth century-early 20th century flavor.

The area is basically a mixture of various uses. Residential purposes account for only eighteen percent of the total land useage. Twenty-eight percent is used for public/semi public, and twenty-three percent for commercial purposes. Intrusions are throughout the entire area. Parking lots have emerged during the past five years in large numbers. Of the total of one hundred and fifty vacant lots in the James Street area, ninety-five are presently used as parking lots. The number is considerably large in relation to the size of the district. Only one gas station exists in the area (corner of Orange and High Streets).

The brownstone structures are somewhat different in style from the typical buildings known as brownstones in New York, which are generally four stories high with a long flight of steps leading up to the entrance on the left of the structure. Although built from brownstone mined from Newark's own quarries, none are higher than three stories with only about four steps at the entrance. Almost seventyfive percent of the structures in the area are masonry and about ten percent frame/masonry. Eighty percent of the buildings in the James Street Commons Historic District are two or three stories in height. The residential structures are fair to good and the commercial buildings are in good to very good condition.

Halsey and Washington Streets as well as Central Avenue, possess the most numerous commercial enterprises in the district. Halsey Street is dominated by specialty shops such as galleries, boutiques and health food stores. Central Avenue is similar between Broad and University Avenue. Washington Street possesses mixed commercial and institutional uses. On this street can be found some of the most important institutions in the City of Newark. Orange Street is also

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The James Street Commons Historic District reflects the period of the post-Civil War when Newark was a growing vibrant industrial city. Primarily residential late 19th cenutry middle-class townhouses, the district is the last large area in Newark to evoke the feeling and character of the turn of the century. Indeed, as Newark's suburbs spread into the rest of basically agrarian Essex County in the second half of the 19th cenyury there is no other city in the county which has such a substantial collection of late 19th century townhouses compacted together in an urban streetscape. (Other cities in today's metropolitan Essex County do have central business districts and suburban regions which evoke images of turn of the century. And there are small pockets of townhouses, but none are similar to James Street Commons Historic District).

While the district is primarily a residential one, a number of socially uplifting facilities are within the area. Such buildings as the Newark Public Library, the Newark Museum, the Burnett School, the Salvation Army Building and the Mount Carmel Guilde Social Services Building represent both humanitarianism and monumental public architecture of the first quarter of the 20th century.

Also within the district are numerous late 19th century commercially oriented brick structures, generally undistinguishable from townhouses save the first story store front. There are numerous later commercial buildings in the district, however, which represent totally different architectural designs than those of the brick edifices. These buildings can be catagorized as Second Renaissance Revival, Georgian Revival, or Art Deco styles.

#### Architecture

The townhouses in the James Street Commons Historic District are decidedly similar in form if not in detail. Their conformity in size and shape was forced by the small

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commercially dominated, with various bars, grocery stores and meat packers. The side streets are a well balanced mixture of all uses, industrial, commercial, residential and institutional. Saint Michael's Hospital, on the corner of High Street and Central Avenue, provides excellent health care facilities.

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Geographically, the <u>James Street Commons Historic District</u> lies directly adjacent to Newark's Central Business District, with excellent public and private transportation modes. The majority of the district lies within the East Ward of Newark, county of Essex.

The most significant structures in the area are those which remain from the late nineteenth century, when the Washington Park area was one of the wealthiest and most fashionable districts in the city.

The Ballantine Mansion was completed in 1885 by John Holme Ballantine, second son of Peter, founder of the brewing enterprise. This mansion on 43 Washington Street was constructed on the site of the former Faitoute House, a stucco building demolished in 1878. The architect of the Ballantine Mansion was Edward Harney (1840-1924) who was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. The exterior of the house is composed of Philadelphia pressed brick, with red mortar. The stone is a fine grained greywacke sandstone from the Wyoming Valley. The front pillars are made of granite and the original walks are of four inch thick blue stone flagging. The home was altered in 1900 with the addition of the large library room on the third floor. Ballantine died in 1905 and in 1920 the residence was acquired by an insurance company which built the office-like structure to the rear. The Newark Museum purchased the building in 1936. Now undergoing extensive rehabilitation work, the mansion is the last remaining remnant of late nineteenth century opulence along Washington Park. The Ballantine Mansion is presently registered with the National Register of Historic Places.

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Washington Street also houses two fine Newark Churches, <u>Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral</u> and the <u>Second Presbyterian</u> <u>Church</u>. Saint Patrick's Cathedral, built in 1849, represents the Catholic influx into Newark and was later renovated by Jeremiah O'Rourke, who designed the great Sacred Heart Cathedral and Saint Michael's Hospital. This massive Gothic brick structure is presently on the National Register of Historic Places. The Second Presbyterian Church spans two centuries in the Washington Park area of the district. First built in 1811, a second edifice was built in 1888, when this area was attaining its greatest significance. All but a small rear portion of this edifice was destroyed by fire in the 1930's and was replaced by a late High Victorian Gothic style church.

Lyons Farms Schoolhouse, located in the Museum Garden, was built in 1784. This small structure was the first one built with brownstone from Newark's own quarries. George Washington was said to have spoke to pupils at this school on a visit. The Lyons Farms Schoolhouse, originally located on Elizabeth and Chancellor Avenues, is on the State Register of Historic Places as well as the Historic American Buildings Survey.

The <u>Lloyd Houses</u>, located at 86-88 University Avenue (formerly Plane Street) were constructed in the 1830's and bought by the Lloyd family in the 1870's. These houses possess some very delicate lintels, doorways, mantels and stairways. These two graceful townhouses reflect Newark as it had developed before the Civil War. A substantial industrial city in the mid-19th century only rarely is this fact demonstrated by Newark's present physical composition. The Lloyd Houses are on file in the Historic American Buildings Survey. Stucco exterior is of recent design.

The <u>Polhemus House</u>, (1859) was constructed for Eliza Polhemus, widow of Abraham Polhemus, Pastor of the North Reformed Church. This structure once served as a stop-off point in the underground railroad. In the basement of the house is a boarded up tunnel which at one time ran from Washington Street to University Avenue (Plane Street), which

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is thought to be a very early and primitive summer cooling system. After four generations of the Polhemus family resided here, it was converted to office space in 1949. This four story brick and brownstone building, with six interior levels, is believed to be the first house in Newark to have indoor plumbing, gas lights and a dumbwaiter. The structure is presently occupied by the firm of Bozzel and Jacobs.

Saint Michael's Hospital, located on High Street and Central Avenue, was completed in 1871, making it the oldest hospital in the city. The structure(s) were designed by Jeremiah O'Rourke, who also designed the sections added in 1888. Today, the facility adds stability to the area with its excellent health care services, in addition to being an extremely important historical structure.

The <u>Fewsmith House</u>, constructed in the 1850's by Joseph Fewsmith, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church from 1851 to 1888, stands at the corner of Central Avenue and Washington Street (across from Polhemus House). This large red-brick French chateau mansion is in exceptional exterior condition considering its age. For many years, it has served as offices for Doctors and dentists. Now vacant, the Fewsmith House is owned by the archdiocese of Newark.

Residence - 43 Blecker Street, (1849) was built by Alba Bangs and it is believed to have served as the first home of the city's first Roman Catholic Bishop. (James Roosevelt Bayley). This two and one half story structure with woodfinished basement and fireplace, was also believed to have been used in the underground railroad. More recently, a gray stucco exterior finish as well as an addition to the rear has been built. Original brickwork can be seen in the chimney and foundation. Now used as an attorney's office, the townhouse is in fine condition and helps form the basis of an extremely beautiful one block area near Rutgers University. The townhouse at 49 Bleeker Street, owned and restored by Johnson and Simpson, Graphic Designers, is another excellent example. Once in a bad state of deterioration, this lovely little townhouse stands out for its "old Newark" appearance.

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Other notable structures already mentioned, such as The Newark Museum, Public Library, and the old row townhouses on James, High and Bleeker Streets, as well as many commercial and industrial buildings also dot the area. The Firehouse Company Number two built in 1888, still stands on University Avenue (#55). This two story masonry structure housed the company from 1888 until 1932 when they moved to the present High Street site. The site has been used by meatpackers since 1933. In 1975, the structure was purchased by John Mulholland.

Very little building has occured since the First World War period in this district, thus the old has remained predominant, although numerous vacant lots, created by Urban Renewal of the late 60's early 70's do exist.

A composition description of the late 19th century early 20th century townhouses in the district could be related thusly; Three story, three bay, side entrance rectangular brick dwelling with a flat roof. The roof has a bracketed cornice, sometimes with frieze paneling. If the windows have not been modernized they are 2/2 Victorian double-hung sash with stone lintels and sills. The lintels are either plain or carved. The first two floors have projecting bays. The foundation with a half-exposed basement is rock-faced ashlar stone.

There are variations, of course. (It would probably be difficult to find many townhouses which fit this composition description perfectly.) There is an occasional two or four story structure. Also, some of the units have two or four bays, instead of three. The flat roof with bracketed cornice, though, appears nearly universal in the district. Brick is typical but frame construction is not unknown. Brownstone edifices also appear, but generally these structures are merely faced with brownstone and completed on the side and rear facades with brick. The windows may have trapazoidal rock-faced flat stone lintels, segmental or round arches with or without keystones, triangular pediments, or segmented hooded molds. (Unique to the district and perhaps all of Newark, however, is one townhouse (see photo S) which has brick ogee window arches with pattern brickwork.) The builder

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may have totally disregarded the projecting bays or merely included second story oriel windows. And the foundations were sometimes brick instead of stone. The variations are nearly endless.

Ornamentation is minimal, but various structures are quite decorative. Decorative trim includes iron balcony, stairway, and fence railing, rooftop cresting, terra cotta panels and festoons in the friezes.

In the James Street Commons Historic District there are an estimated total <u>374 building units</u>. Of these only 16 were built in the mid-19th century, 186 were erected sometimes in the late 20th century, 101 were constructed at the beginning of the 20th century, 34 were built before 1926, and 37 are modern structures. While not numerous, as the modern edifices are frequently sizeable their adverse visual impact on the district is increased.

Following is an inventory of all the properties in the James Street Commons Historic District. The data for this list was derived from actual field surveys of the buildings and analysis of historical fire insurance maps dating from 1908 to 1926. While all practical care was exerted to produce an accurate breakdown, errors possibly exist.

Warren Street (#sl-23) Photos 1,A.

- #1-3 Built before 1926. Two story masonry commercial structure.
  - 5 Early 20th century. 3 story brick structure.
  - 7-21Late 19th century. 3 1/2 story pattern brick dwellings. Frame bay and oriel windows. Flat roofs with brackets under eaves. Rear wings. Eight residential units, many now with commercial adaptations. (See photo #1)
    23 Built before 1926. One story brick building.

Linden Street (s 2-20, 1-11) Photos 2A, B.

2-10Early 20th century. Excellent Art Deco 2 story masonry commercial structure. Also refer to 87-89 Halsey Street. (See photo B)

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28-34 Burnet Street School Revival five story b	orick educationa	al facilit	-y
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38-40 Mid 19th century. 2 Two units, both with 6 (See photo 15A)	l/2 story fram		
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- 37 Early 20th century. 3 story frame dwelling with 2 story front bay.
- 39 Early 20th century. 3 story frame dwelling with front bay.

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- 41 Vacant lot.
- 45 O'Rourke House. 3rd quarter 19th century, 3 story brick dwelling with 4 bay front. Flat roof with brackets. Rock-faced stone foundation with exposed basement.
- 47-51 Early 20th century. 2 story brick townhouses. Decorative brick. Flat roof with brackets, 3 units.
- 53 Vacant lot.

Halsey Street (s 1-99) Photos A, B, C, 3, 4, 5, 23 & 24 A

- 1-7 Globe Indemity Insurance Building. 1920 Second Renaissance Revival. 5 story fireproof limestone structure with steel frame and reinforced concrete floors. 11 bays by 5 bays. Rectangular block form. 1st and 3rd floors have large arched windows while 2nd & 4th floors have paired rectangular windows. Architect was Frank Goodwillie. Occupied by the Veterans Administration since 1946, (See photo 23).
- 9-19Early 20th century. 2 story commercial building with tile facing. Art Deco. (See photos 4,5)
- 21 Early 20th century 3 story brick commercial structure. Windows in groups of threes. Flat roof.
- 23-31 Late 19th century 3 story brick townhouses. Roof 3 bay, side halls. Flat roofs with brackets. (See photo C)
- 33 Late 19th century. Vaguely Romanesque. 3 story brick structure with exposed basement.
- 35-39 Early 20th century. 4 story structural steel commercial building. Excellent industrial structure indicating modern construction and how technology opened a building up to more windows for natural light. (See photo 24 )
- 41-49 Late 19th century. 3 1/2 story building with flat roof and brackets. Several units now with perma-brick fronts.

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- 51-53 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling
- 55 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling.
- 57-59 Late 19th century. 3 story brick townhouses.
  - Flat roof with paired brackets.
- 61 Modern 3 story concrete commercial building. (see photo #3).
- 65-67 Late 19th century. 3 story brick structure. Vorsoirs. Flat roof. First floor commercial front.
- 69-75 Parking lot.
- 77 Modern one story brick and cinder block structure.
- 79-85 Late 19th century. 4 units. 3 story brick
  - townhouses. Flat roof with cornice and brackets. 79 Halsey Street is the more elegant of the lot.
- 87-89 Early 20th century. 2 story Art Deco structure. Tile surface. (see photo B)
- 91-93 Newark Sunday Call Building. 1923. Four story brick and concrete structure. Currently commercial, and originally office of city newspaper.
- Built before 1926. 3 story brick building with stepped 95 roof.
- 97-99 Built before 1926. 2 story brick commercial structure with flat roof.

James Street (#'s 1-131, 2-110) Photos 10, 11, 12, 21,

- 22, 248, L, M, S, T, and W. #1-13Second Presbyterian Church 1933, 1888. Late Gothic Revival church designed by architect William Bayard Willis. Replaced Richardsonian Romanesque edifice built in 1888 and destroyed by fire in 1930. Recent church has two towers and clerestory. Ashlar stone construction with limestone time. (see photo 21). A small 3 bay portion of the 1880's Romanesque edifice
  - survived in the rear. (see photo 22). 15-17 Church Building. 1929. Four story brick building with brownstone trim. Part of Presbyterian property. (see photo #24B).
  - 19-25 Late 19th century. 3 story brick townhouses. Flat roof with bracketed cornice. 3rd floor windows have rounded arches, 2nd floor has oriel windows, first floor with double central entrances. Four dwelling units. (see photo M)

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29	"The Colonial" (Hotel?) Early 20th century. Four story
	brick structure with bay windows.
31	Late 19th century 3 story brick dwelling. Flat roof.
33	Late 19th century. 3 story, 4 bay brick dwelling.
	Flat roof with bracketed cornice.
35	Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling with projecting frame bay window. 4 bays, center entrance. Flat roof
~ 7	with bracketed cornice.
37	Mid-19th century. 3 story, 3 bay, side hall brick
	structure. Windows have 6/6 sash. Flat roof with
	panelled frieze and brackets. (see photo L)
39	Mid-19th century. 3 1/2 story brick building. Gable
	roof. Some 6/6 sash windows (see photo 10)
41-4	47 Rutgers Garage. Built before 1926. 2 story
	masonry commercial building.
46-0	61 Late 19th century. 3 story brick townhouses. Flat
	roof, festoon cornice, and frieze. Corner lot turret.
	Rock-faced foundation. Decorative lintels. 7 dwelling
	units. (see photo 12)
63-	65 Vacant lots.
69-	71 Early 20th century. 3 story brick and frame structures.
73	Late 19th century. 3 story brick commercial building.
	Flat roof with brackets. Partial store front.
75-	77 Vacant lots.
89	Furniture Warehouse/Auto Garage, 1920's One story frame
	and brick commercial building.
91	Early 20th century. 3 story brick dwelling with rectangular
	drip mold arches. Flat roof with bracketed cornice.
93	Modern one story brick commercial building.
99-	105 Vacant lots.
107.	-109 Late 19th century. Double house, 2 story frame
	dwelling.
111.	-131 Late 19th century. 2-2 1/2 story frame dwellings
	set back from the street. (#127 is a one story cinder
	block structure) Both the set-back and the frame
	construction are unusual in this tightly-packed urban
	area.
2.2	2 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Offices. Modern 20 stories.
24-	26 Parking lots.

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28-30 Late 19th century. 3 1/2 story brick townhouses with flat roof and bracketed cornices. Corbelled brickwork. Bay windows. 32-34 Late 19th century. 3 1/2 story brick dwellings. 36-42 Parking lots. 44 Late 19th century. 2 1/2 story brick dwelling. 44A Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 46-70 Late 19th century. 3 story brick townhouses. Flat roofs. Multiple designs including trapazoidal stone lintels, bay windows, flat roof with bracketed cornice, pattern brickwork. Excellent ornamentation. 72-102 St. Michaels parking lots. 106-110 Early 20th century. 2 story frame dwellings. Broad Street (#'s 471-491) #471-473 Early 20th century. 2 story masonry and frame structure. 475-479 Mid-Atlantic Bank. Modern one story masonry structure. 481-491 Parking Lots. Summit Avenue (#'s2-68) Photos 18, 20 # 2-6 Late 19th century. 3 story frame dwelling. 8 Late 19th century. Mansard 2 1/2 story frame dwelling with brick foundation. 10 Late 19th century. 3 story frame dwelling. 12-14 Vacant lots 16 Late 19th century. 3 story frame dwelling. Queen Anne style. Vacant lot. 18 Late 19th century. 2 story frame dwelling with oriel 20 window. Queen Anne. 22-28 Late 19th century. 2 story brick dwellings. 6 total dwelling units. Windows have segmental arches. Bay windows. Two bays wide for each unit. (see photo 20). 30-44 Yellow Cab Company Building. Built before 1926. One story brick commercial structure. (see photo 18). 46-54 Sitting Park (between Sussex and Central Avenues). 56-60 Modern 3 story brick Commercial building. 62-68 Late 19th century. 3 story brick structure with corbelled walls.

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Essex Street (#'s 8-30, 1-49)

- 8-12 Hotel Lee. Early 20th century. 3 story brick structure with perma-brick facing.
- 14-24 Buick Motors Garage. Built before 1921. One story brick commercial building, originally operated by Buick Motors.

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- 26-30 Coffin Factory. Early 20th century. 3 story brick building. Sanborn Insurance maps records as a commercial casket maker in early 20th century. 34-36 Parking lots for garages.
- 1-35 Parking lots.
- 37-41 One story garage. Early 20th century (See #82 University Avenue).
- 43 Early 20th century. Two story frame dwelling.

New Street (#'s 40-60, 41-63), Photo 3.

40-42 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwellings with flat roof and brackets.

44-56 Parking lots.

58-60 Modern one story brick commercial building.

41 Early 20th century. 3 story brick townhouse.

- 43-45 Vacant lot.
- 47-49 Built before 1926. 3 story tile faced commercial building.
- 51-53 Late 19th century/modern facing. 3 story brick dwellings. 2 units.
- 55-63 Late 19th century/modern facing. 3 story brick townhouses. 5 units, all with 3 bays, side hall.

Washington Street (#'s 5-91, 82-158) Photos 1A, 2A, 25, 30, 31, D, F, H, Y.

5 Newark Public Library (1901). Second Renaissance Revival. Excellent public facility of substantial proportions. Three large stories (68 feet high) with nine bay front faced with <u>limestone</u>. Brick side and rear facades. First and second story round arch windows with third floor rectangular windows. All floors are divided by stringcourses. Hip roof with bracketed overhang. Arcaded first, 2nd, & 3rd floor interiors with center open court to the roof skylighting. Architects Rankin & Kellogg of Philadelphia. Photo #30.

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15 American Insurance Company Building. 1929-30. Georgian Revival 21 story commercial edifice built by architects Jolan H. & Wilson C. Ely of Newark. Excellent example of style as applied to skyscraper dimensions Red brick with limestone highlighting, including full classical protico. Photo 25, 31.

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- 33 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Building. Modern 17 story concrete and glass commercial structure.
- 43 Ballantine Mansion. Late 19th century, Blend of Renaissance and Romanesque styles. House has a truncated hip roof and central cross gable and pavilion with flanking bays. Brick with Wyoming Valley Gray sandstone foundation, stringcourses, window surrounds, and porch. Architect was George Edward Harney. National Register. Photo F.
- 49 Newark Museum (1925-6). Small austere Second Renaissance Revival style three story stone edifice. Jarvis and Hunt of Chicago, architects. On the Museum property is the Lyons Farm School (HABS), a primitive 1 1/2 story small sandstone educational structure. Built in 1784, the schoolhouse was dismanteled and reconstructed in the Museum Garden in 1938. Also in the garden is the Prudential Fountain from the now destroyed (1957) edifice designed by noted architect George B. Post in the Richardsonian Romanesque style for the Prudential Insurance Company. Has domed peak and ogee arches.
- 53 YWCA Building. (1913). Four story brick social service structure. Behind the Y is a 2 story Second Empire house.
- 61 Built before 1926. 2 story brick commercial structure.
- 63-67 Parking lots.
- 69 Polhemus House (1859). Four story brick and brownstone building with six interior levels. Believed to be the first house in Newark to have indoor plumbing, gas lights, and dumbwaiter. Boarded up tunnel in basement probably an early ventilation system, although reputed to be an underground railroad station for escaping slaves.

St. Patrick's Pro Cathedral (1850, 1875). Gothic Revival style church edifice with clerestory and projecting central tower with spire. The main tower is

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flanked by smaller two story towers. This early Newark Church is highlighted by Gothic arched tracery windows separated from one another by buttressing. Constructed of brick on an uncut stone foundation. Designed by Patrick C. Keely, a prolific Catholic architect. National Register. (see photo 33).

- 91 St. Patrick's Rectory. Early 20th century. Small irregularly formed brick 3 story Jacobethan structure with stone ornamentation, Rectangular windows divided by stone mullions, large triangular wall dormers and gables. Tudor arched doorway.
- 82-84 Vacant lot.
- 86 Late 19th century. 3 story brick building with brownstone facing. Flat roof with bracketed cornice.
- 88-90 Modern 2 story concrete and glass commercial structure.
- 92 Early 20th century. Art Deco. 2 story graystone and tile commercial building.
- 96-104 Veterans Bureau. 1930. Modern two story textured concrete massive structure.
- 106 Early 20th century. 1 story brick and frame structure.
- 108 Late 19th century. Square 3 story brick dwelling. 3 bay, side entrance. First two floor bays have segmental arches with voissoirs. The window arches on the second floor, however, are round with a stone stringcourse beneath the eaves to distinguish the two floors from the last. The roof has an overhang with bracketed cornice. Could possibly be characterized an Italianate building with High Victorian Gothic characteristics. See photo H.
- 116 Early 20th century. 3 story brick dwelling. Flat roof with bracketed cornice.
- 118-132 Parking lots.
- 134-136 Modern one story buff brick garage.
- 138 School for the Deaf. Early 20th century. One of the best Art Deco structures in the city. Constructed of brick, this substantial 3 story edifice is divided into panels by brick pilasters capped by carved stonework. The center panel has double pilasters and a massive decorative top panel forming a parapet. See photo Y.
- 142 Early 20th century. Rectangular flat-roofed 2 story brick commercial building with a front facade facing of concrete.

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144-152 Parking lots.

154-158 Late 19th century. Excellent 3 story brick commercial building. Apparently built as one structure, but to house 3 separate businesses. Two story brick unit at the rear is contemporary with main unit. See photo 1A.

Eagles Street (#'s 2-56, 5-56) Photo 14.

- 2 (See 106 Orange Street)
- 4 Roth & Company, Meat Packers. 1919. One and two story brick commercial building which expands to the rear and extends to University Avenue (see 49-51 University).
- 6-10 Late 19th century. 2 story brick townhouses with exposed basement. 3 units. Each unit has 3 bays and a side entrance with brownstone steps to doorway. Windows are 2/2 sash with segmental arches and brownstone cornices. The roof is flat and has projecting bracketed frame cornice. See photo 14
- 12 Late 19th century, 3 story frame dwelling with flat roof and a projecting cornice with paired brackets. Currently has asbestos shingles. 3 bay side entrance. A 2 story, 2 bay wing, probably original to the main unit is on the west facade. See photo 14
- 14-28 Late 19th century. Eight units. Identical to #'s
  6-10 save 28 Eagles Street which is now commercial. See
  photo 14

30 Modern one story brick commercial building.

- 32-40 Parking lot.
- 42-44 Good Will Home and Rescue Mission. Early 20th century. 4 story rectangular brick social services building. Stuccoed and altered.
- 50-56 Vacant lot.
- 5-7 (see 108-110 Orange Street)
- 9-11Modern one story brick commercial structure.
- 13-17 Parking lot.
- 19-47 Burnet School Property. Building ca. 1900-1925.
- 49-51 Modern 2 story brick dwelling.
- 53-55 Vacant lot.

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High Street (#'s 210-326, 233-321) Photos 16, 26 27, 28, 29, V, W, & Z.

210-214 Built before 1926. One story small garage.

Built before 1926. Used 216-230 Bartlett Building. for various light manufactures this is a 5 story brick industrial structure.

- 232-234 Vacant lot
- 236-238 Built before 1926. 2 story brick Commercial building with stepped roof.
- 240-250 Built before 1926. Classrooms for New Jersey Institute of Technology. 3 story rectangular industrial edifice.
- 252-306 St. Michaels Hospital. 1871, 1888. Located on High Street and Central Avenue the original 1871 portion is the central 9 bay 4 1/2 story brick unit. Has rock-faced stone lintels and Gothic arched central entrance vestibule flanked by 3 bay projecting wings. The roof is Mansard with intersecting gables. Later rectangular brick wings are a full 5 stories with flat roof. This section built in 1888, was designed by Jeremiah O'Rourke, as was the 1871 portion. Tower with steep pitched hip roof on end facade. See photos 26, 28, 29
- 308-310 Vacant lots
- 312 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 3 bay. Flat roof with panel frieze and brackets.
- 314-318 Vacant Lot.
- 320-326 Late 19th century. 3 1/2 story brick townhouses.
- 4 units with 3 bays, side hall. 233 Built before 1926. 2 story buff brick commercial building.
- 235-237 Modern one story brick commercial building.
- 239-243 Hook & Ladder Co. #2. Built before 1926. 3 story brick and brownstone building.
- 245 Vacant lot.
- 247-247 1/2 Late 19th century. 2 story brick building with stucco facing. Double house with 4 bays.
- 249 Early 20th century. 3 story brick dwelling with oriel windows. 3 bays.
- 251 Late 19th century. 3 story brick structure with oriel window. First floor store front.

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- 13-37 (see 92-94 Washington Street)
- 39-41 St. Patricks Convent (Sister House). Early 20th century. Rectangular 4 bay by 6 bay 3 story brick structure with overhanging hipped roof. Each floor 2nd floor windows separated by stone stringcourses. have brick label moldings. See photo 32.

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- Bishop Bayley House. 1849. Built by Alba Bangs this is 43 a 2 1/2-3 story brick dwelling with a gray stucco facing. Rear addition. Original brickwork visible in chimney and foundation. Presently a professional office.
- Early 20th century. 2 story brick and brownstone 45 building. 2 bay. Projecting bay windows. Flat roof. See photo G.
- Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling with 3 bay, 47 side hall. Flat roof with bracketed cornice.
- Early 20th century. 2 story brick townhouse. Currently 49 professional offices.
- Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling with modern 51 facing.
- 53-55 Late 19th century. 3 story brick structure with modern facing. Flat roof. 2 units.
- Modern one story brick commercial building. 57
- 71-73 Late 19th century. 2 story brick townhouse with rock-faced brownstone foundation. Decorative brickwork. Romanesque pretensions. See photo P.
- Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling with rock-75 faced brownstone foundation and frame bay windows. See photo  $Q^{2}$
- Late 19th century. 4 story, 2 bay brick commercial 77 building with upper floor balconies See photo R.
- Mid 19th century. 2 1/2 story frame dwelling. Gable 79 end front facing street. Windows are 2/2 sash. 3 bay, side hall.
- Similar to #79. Mid-19th century. 81 11 11
- Mid-19th century. 83
- 85-87 Late 19th century. 3 story brick townhouse.

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- 3 bay, side hall with oriel windows. 2 units. Vacant lot 89
- Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 3 bay, 91 side hall. Flat roof with bracketed cornice.

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93-101 Hotel Regent. Built before 1926. 5 story buff
brick hotel. 103 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 3 bay,
side hall. Flat roof with bracketed cornice and paneled
frieze.
105 Mid-19th century. 3 story frame dwelling. 3 bay, side
hall, flat roof. Windows are 6/6 sash.
107-115 Parking lots.
117-145 Warehouses and Factories with Central Avenue
address.
University Avenue ( $\#$ 's 40-164, 45-167) photos 8, 9, 13
University Avenue (#'s 40-164, 45-167) photos 8, 9, 13 I, J, K, N, O.
#40 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling.
42 Modern one story brick and concrete commercial building.
44-50 Early 20th century. 2 story brick townhouses with
present-day commercial usage. 5 units.
52-54 Early 20th century. 4 story buff brick rowhouses. 2 units.
56-58 Vacant lots
64 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling.
66-68 Early 20th century. 3 story brick and concrete
buildings. 2 units.
70-72 Vacant lots.
74 Built before 1926. 2 story buff brick commercial
building. 76 Late 19th century. 3 story brick building.
76 Late 19th Century. 5 Story brick building. 78-80 Vacant lots.
82 Early 20th century. Art Deco. 2 story brick commercial
building.
82 1/2 Early 20th century. 2 story brick and frame residence
86-88 Lloyd Houses. 1830's. Greek Revival (HABS) two-
2 1/2 story masonry dwellings with modern stucco facing.
3 bay, side entrance. Windows are 6/6 sash with delicate
entablatures. Recessed entranceway. See photo N)
90 Vacant lot. 92 Early 20th century. 2 story frame dwelling.
94 Modern one story brick structure.

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96 Mid 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 4 bay by 3 bay, on the corner of James and University. Windows 6/6 sash with flat stone lintels. First floor currently commercial.
108-112 Vacant lots.
114-116 Ballantine Carriage House. Late 19th century
2 1/2 story brick carriage house with steep-pitched hip
roof and three interrupting gables. Scalloped slate
shingles. First floor has two large round arch carriage
doors. Dependency of the Ballantine Mansion on Washington
Street.
118-130 Brick wall enclosing Museum Garden.
134-154 Parking lots.
156 Early 20th century. 3 story frame dwelling.
158 Parking lot.
160 Modern (1929) 2 story buff brick commercial building.
162 Early 20th century 3 story buff brick residence.
164 Early 20th century 3 story buff brick residence and
commercial building.
41 Late 19th century. 3 story brick building.
43-45 Modern one story brick garage.
47 Vacant lot.
49 Early 20th century. 2 story brick commercial building.
51 1919. 2 story buff brick commercial building.
53 Early 20th century. 4 story masonry commercial building.
55 Hook and Ladder Co. #7. (1881) 2 story brick structure
with stone trim. Gable roof with pediment See photo O.
57-63 Parking lots.
65 Goodwill Mission. Modern 2 story brick and glass
commercial building.
67-77 Lots for Mission.
79 Modern 2 story brick and cement commercial building.
81-83 Parking lots.
85-87 Built before 1926. Two story brick garage.
89-93 Built before 1926. One story garage.
95-99 Parking lots.
101-109 Bambergers/ Mt. Carmel Guild Social Services Center.
Early 20th century. 4 story brick commercial building,
originally Bambergers store. 6 bay front with stepped
gable roof. See photo K.

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111-117 1/2 Late 19th century. 2 story brick townhouses. 6 units. Each unit has a 3 bay, side hall first floor with flat stone lintels. The second floor has round double row brick arches. The roof is flat with bracketed and decorative cornice. See photo I 119-121 Parking lots. 123-127 Early 20th century. 3 story brick storage building. 129 Late 19th century. 3 story brick structure. 131 Late 19th century 3 story brick residence 133 Modern 2 story brick building. 135-137 Vacant lots. 149 Late 19th century. 3 story brick building. 151 Late 19th century. 3 story brick building. 153-155 Late 19th century. 3 story brick townhouses. 2 units, 3 bay, side hall. Flat roof with bracketed cornice. 157 Modern 2 story frame building. 159 Parking lot. 161-161 A Late 19th century. 3 story frame residence with commercial first floor. Asphalt shingles on sides. Flat roof with bracketed cornice. 163 Parking lot. 165 Mid-19th century. 2 story frame dwelling with first floor concrete commercial projection. 3 bay Gable roof. 167 Late 19th century. 3 story brick residence with store on first floor. 3 bay. Flat roof. Orange Street (#'s 56-144) Photo 15 #56-60 Early 20th century. One story brick commercial building. Decorative brickwork with stepped gable front. Late 19th century. 3 story brick building with gable 62 roof. 64 Vacant lot. 66-68 Trent Theatre (1914). One story brick commercial building. Early 20th century. 3 story frame and stucco building. 74 76 Small vacant lot.

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78-80 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. Flat
roof with bracketed cornice.
82-88 Parking lots.
90-92 Late 19th century. 3 story masonry and frame
building. Flat roof with brackets.
94 Late 19th century. 3 story brick residence with commercial
adaptations. Flat roof with brackets.
96 Late 19th century. 3 story brick building. Flat roof
with brackets.
98 Late 19th century. 3 story frame building with slightly
pitched roof. One story modern store front.
100-102 Vacant lots.
104 Late 19th century. Narrow 3 story masonry and frame
building. Oriel window.
106 Drug Store. Early 20th century. 3 story brick commercial
building with 2 story brick rear wing. Pattern brickwork.
108-110 Early 20th century. 3 story brick dwelling.
112 Early 20th century. 2 story frame dwelling with a one
story commercial front.
114 Early 20th century. 4 story brick structure. Pattern
brickwork.
116-124 Parking lots.
126 Late 19th century. 2 story brick commercial building
with pitched roof.
128 Modern one story brick commercial building.
132-144 Modern one to two story commercial cinder block
structure.
Structure.
Central <u>Avenue</u> (#'s 38-156, 31-119) Photos 4, 26, 33, D.
#38-40 Parking lot.
42-50 Salvation Army Building. Modern 2 story buff
brick structure with flat roof.
Drick structure with flat 1001.
64-72 St. Patrick's Pro Cathedral (see Washington Street)
74 St. Patrick's/Helen Keller School. 1888. Jeremiah
O'Rourke, architect. 3 story brick edifice. 6 bay
front with slightly projecting center 2 bays. 3rd
story central pavilion has arched window. Foundation
is rock-faced limestone as are the window sills and the
flat lintels on the 2nd and 3rd floors. First and

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second floors are separated by a rock-faced limestone stringcourse. Flat roof with corbelling. 76 St. Patrick's School property. Early 20th century. One story masonry structure. 78-86 Vacant or parking lots. 94 Modern one story brick commercial building. Early 20th century. 2 story stone dwelling. 96 Early 20th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 98 100 Early 20th century. 3 story frame dwelling. 102 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 104 Parking lot. 106 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling. 108 Bruilt before 1926. 3 story frame structure. 110-112 Parking Lot 114 Built before 1926. 3 story brick building. 116-128 Parking lots. 132 Late 19th century. 2 story brick dwelling. 134-136 Early 20th century. 2 story brick townhouses. 138-142 Vacant lots. 144-152 Parking lots 156 Modern 3 story brick and stone commercial structure. 31-39 Art Deco. Built before 1926. 2 story concrete block commercial building with geometric decorative motifs on top level See photo 4 41-43 Art Deco. Built before 1926. 2 story brick building with concrete facing. Flat roof. Salvation Army Building. Art Deco. Built before 1926. 45 3 story concrete faced structure with brick rear. See photo D Fewsmith House. Richardson Romanesque. Late 19th 47 century. 2 1/2 story brick building, corner of Central and Washington. Rock-faced foundation and archways. Corner turret. Gable roof with interrupting gables. Slate roof. See photo D. 49-55 Modern 2 story concrete block commercial building. 65 Late 19th century. 3 story brick structure with stone lintels. 67 Parking lot. Modern one story brick commercial building. 69 71-73 Vacant. 75-101 St. Michaels Hospital parking area.

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103 Modern one story metal and glass commercial building.

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- 105 Early 20th Century. 3 story brick dwelling with projecting frame bays.
- 107 Late 19th century. 3 story brick frame townhouse with brownstone foundation.
- 109-111 Late 19th century. 3 story brick dwelling.

113-119 Vacant and parking lots.

#### Washington Park Photos E, 25

Triangular shaped park area originally created in the 18th century. Sculpture within park consists of a work by J. Massey Rhind depicting George Washington beside his horse, atop a mound, bidding farewell to his troops (1912) (see photo 25); and a statue of Christopher Columbus honoring Italian contributions in America cast in Rome by Guiseppe Ciochetti (1927). Several other statues are within this landscaped park.

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The potential for preservation makes a strong statement about the significance of the James Street Commons Historic District to the future of Newark, as well as its past. The area's current varied uses give the city its art center--the Newark Museum, library center--the Newark Library, commercial uses Blue Cross/Blue Shield ) that recently decided to remain in Newark and construct a new building in the district) and American Insurance Company (that recently decided to leave Newark. Rutgers University has many administrative offices in the district, and may make use of the American Insurance Company building for educational purposes. The area has been shown to have been very important in Newark's industrial past and does yet retain some industrial uses and the nearly entire north side of the Orange Street boundary houses a large Westinghouse manufacturing operation. Important political figures once lived around Washington Park, religious uses remain in St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral and the Second Presbyterian Church, and the past social fabric of the area has been reported. The current social conditions explain the recent interest in preservation of the area.

Beginning September 1, 1974 the city studied the James Street are aunder a National Endowment for the Arts grant in the amount of \$49,055, that was matched in-kind by the Mayor's Policy and Development Office. The level of home ownership in the 1960 census was over 50% and dropped to 38% owner occupied and 59% absentee residential owners in a 1973 survey. A large number of current residents receive public assistance (42%) and many are senior citizens (25%). The unemployment level is higher than the rest of the city of Newark and the ethnic and racial representation is largely Hispanic and Black. As has previously been mentioned, the rate of building demolition and subsequent parking lot use was high , but this has nearly ceased through the course of this study. City agencies, business representatives, and private citizens are all anxious to see the James Street Commons Historic District rehabilitated.

There are several areas of strength which indicate likely preservation success:

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1. The high number of masonry and brick structures (over 70%) yield a better stock for rehabilitation because of an economic life longer than frame structures.

2. The majority of the structures are in good or fair condition.

3. The historical and architectural significance of not only those easily identified major buildings, but also those more "common" row houses. Also, later period commercial structures are not without interest.

4. The cultural amenities which have long existed in the area are expected to be attractive to new residents, and potentially able to increase services useable by near residents.

5. The proximity to the Central Business District and educational institutions and its large number of jobs which employ persons who may be interested in becoming residents in such an area undergoing restoration.

6. The existence of already rehabilitated buildings. Several law offices, architects offices, and graphic designers are current residents and have been for some time. The main goal is to encourage strong adaptive commercial and residential uses in the rowhouses. This is a first step which is already somewhat evident.

7. Residents in the area have expressed interest in restoration activity for their neighborhood. Some members of the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee represent future residents in the area and there are marketable homes for those persons who wish to take part in "brownstoning" efforts so familiar to other cities, but absent in Newark at this time.

8. Perhaps the greatest strength is the variety of interests and the intensity of cooperation expressed so far in work with the area. The Executive Board of the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee served in an advisory capacity to the Mayor's Policy and Development Office throughout their one and a half (1 1/2) year study. Both J. Bernard Schein and Samual Miller, Directors of the Newark Public Library and Newark Museum respectively, also served as advisors and they continue to be involved in the implementation process. The Newark Chamber of Commerce has expressed interest and Don Dust, Chairman of the Newark Preservation and Landmarks

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Committee, and Chamber of Commerce staff member, has been and continues to be intimately involved in the district. Various city agencies continue to be directly involved as implementation steps are now being taken. M.P.D.E., (Mayor's Policy and Development Office) is continuing its planning function, the Newark Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Housing Development Rehabilitation Corporations are accepting primary roles in housing and the Department of Engineering and Public Works are preparing street and sidewald improvements for the district.

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building lots in addition to the professional limitations of the builders. Few of these residential edifices were designed by architects. Instead, they were merely pieced together from either various pattern books of the period or the memory of an experienced master builder. While the academic training of the various anonymous builders was certainly restricted their overall craftsmanship has never been in question. These builders sometimes unknowingly incorporated different aspects of various styles into a The smallness of scale and the skill with which the facade. building was erected, however, kept all but the most incongruous buildings from being ridiculous. And, although sometimes awkward, the composition was generally a pleasing one; often repeated again and again in the same streetscape. The various motifs used in construction, though, prevents one from positively catagorizing most of these edifices as other than Vernacular Victorian Townhouses.

In the James Street Commons District, however, these townhouses are generally well preserved as a unit and provide numerous streetscapes which reflect a burgeoning Newark of the late 19th early 20th century. Nowhere else in the city does such a unified and intact aesthetic area exist today. Also, Newark was the only urban center of Essex County until the second quarter of the 20th century. Primarily an agrarian county elsewhere in the first half of the 19th century the towns which eventually appeared were much smaller. Consequently, today, Essex County has no other area which so ably portrays the late 19th century urban streetscape.

Architecturally important key buildings within the district include:

- St. Patrick's Pro Cathedral. 1846. Excellent example of Gothic Revival style Architect was Paul keely, noted prolific designer of Catholic religious edifices throughout the country. National Register.
- St. Patrick's Rectory. Early 20th century. On the same block as the cathedral this is the only Jacobethan style facade in the district and one of the few in Newark.

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- Ballantine Mansion. 1885. Ecclectic blend of Renaissance and Romanesque styles, this restored building owned by the Newark Museum, was designed by architect George Edward Harney and is one of the few private dwellings in the district known to have been professionally designed.
- Prudential fountain. 1892. The Prudential Insurance building was designed by noted architect George B. Post in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, but was demolished in 1957. Saved by the Newark Museum, however, was this primarily Victorian Gothic water fountain which has a domed peak and ogee arches.
- Lloyd Houses. 1830's. (HABS). Built in two separate units these Greek Revival style structures vividly represent Newark prior to its most extensive period of development. Window cornice entablatures and finely detailed trabeated Greek Revival doorway establish this as the finest Greek Revival structure in the district and one of the few 2nd quarter 19th century structures in the city.
- St. Michaels Hospital. 1871, 1888. Jeremiah O'Rourke, architect. Second Empire style. This is a large four story brick institutional building with a Mansard roof. O'Rourke also designed an attached four story flatroofed brick wing. This is the only Second Empire style public building in the district and one of the few in Newark.
- There are three impressive Second Renaissance Revival style buildings in the district and they represent the best of the style in Newark, the county, and even the entire state. The most elegant of the three is the Newark Library (1901), a three story, nine bay front limestone faced public edifice of superior proportion and design. The three floor arcaded library interior with a center open court to the skylight is well maintained and basically original with details of tile mozaics and marble columns. The architects were the Philadelphia firm of (John Hall) Rankin and (Thomas) Kellogg.

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The Globe Indemity Insurance Building (1920) is also Second Renaissance Revival and is a five story, ten bay limestone commercial edificed designed by architect Frank Goodwill facing Washington Park. It is the only commercial structure of this style in the district.

The Newark Museum (1925-6) is an austere facade three story stone public building in the Second Renaissance Revival style and is one of the best examples of the style in the city.

While not yet fifty years old the twenty-one story American Insurance Company Building (1930) is nonetheless an excellent example of Georgian Revival architecture as applied to monumental skyscraper dimensions.

#### Education

Within the James Street Commons Historic District are a number of Newark's most important extant educational facilities.

The Lyons Farm Schoolhouse (HABS-NK-180), was built in 1784 and moved to the rear of the Newark Museum in 1938 and is the oldest extant schoolhouse in all of northeast New Jersey and one of the earliest exciting educational facilities in the state. Also, it is one of only a handful of 18th century structures within the city boundaries of Newark. The schoolhouse was not only an educational, center but functioned as a focal point for religious social, and political affairs as well.

St. Patrick's Catholic School (1888), now the Helen Keller School, is the oldest parochial educational facility in Newark and one of the oldest extant catholic schools in New Jersey.

The Burnett School was built in 1906 and is characteristic of educational facilities built in the cities at the turn of the century and represents educational theory and philosophy practically applied in New Jersey.

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The huge and monumental Newark Public Library, built in 1901, gives some indication as to the wealth once in evidence in the city. Maintaining most of its interior and exterior configuration when it was erected and lauded as the states' premier library it remains today the largest public library in New Jersey, although rivaled by the newer libraries of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.

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The most recent educational edifice within the district is the Newark Museum which was erected in 1926 using a \$750,000 gift from Louis Bamberger. The museum, one of the few in the entire state, has been responsible for numerous innovative museum programs which are renowned throughout the state for their educational and cultural themes.

#### Community Planning

The Upper Commons is without doubt the most significant natural item in the James Street Commons Historic District. This parcel of land, today known as Washington Park, was originally set aside as a Market Place. Yet, it was not intended by the founders to be a market in the sense that we mean today. It was more like a clearing house for the disposal of livestock. This practice was abandoned for several generations, then was revived again in 1768 when a market or "fair" was opened on that spot. The name of the James Street Commons district is partially derived from the original name given to the park. One of the park's early names was that of the "Upper Commons". Upper is in reference to the Commons position on Broad Street. Lincoln Park was designated as the "Lower Commons" or "South Commons" because of its position on the southern end of the town. Military Park or the "Training Ground", was the third "Commons" set aside by the early founders. By putting aside these parcels of greenery along the natural contour of Broad Street, the early settlers guaranteed that some properties in Newark would not be touched by progress. This same policy was common in New England towns at this time. In the long run, however, the land was in reality to serve a more useful purpose to the health and beauty of the city by making it a park. The transition from Commons and Market Place to park took place after the Revolutionary War, and it has remained so ever since.

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#### Sculpture

Within Washington Park are the works of noted sculptures of the 20th century such as J. Massey Rhind's depiction of George Washington beside his stead bidding farewell to his troops (1912) and a statue of Christopher Columbus honoring Italian contributions in America. The sculpture of this work was done by Guisseppe Ciochetti of Rome. Another statue in the park is a memorial to Seth Borden.

#### Social/Humanitarian

The Saint Michael's Hospital is one of the oldest extant hospitals in New Jersey and has functioned as the medical center for Newark until the present day.

The Polhemus House was owned by Abraham Polhemus, an ardent abolitionist who probably operated an underground railroad station for blacks in the house in the mid-19th century.

#### Historical Narrative

The advent of commerce and industry into the James Street area is one of slow growth followed by a period of giant strides and rapid development. Prior to the Revolutionary period, very little industrial activity is evident in the area. However, as early as 1768 and possibly prior to that date, the James Street Commons Historic District had the city's first foundry. Vesuvious Furnace, located on the present site of the Second Presbyterian Church (corner of Washington and James Streets) produced many kinds of wares all of which were considered to be among the very best made in the nation. Made in Newark became a trademark representing a whole new meaning of commercial value in the city. The Newark Stove Foundry, as it was also known, was owned by Moses Ogden, one of the first proprietors of this industry. In 1810, the building was sold to the trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church which soon after constructed its first religious edifice on this site. The iron which was used in this foundry during its later years, was mined from Morris and Sussex counties and the canon balls manufactured here

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proved to be of valuable necessity for the continental army throughout the war.

The town's first brewery was also established early in this area. In 1795, Thomas Morton erected the building which would usher in one of the premier industries in Newark's industrial history. Brewing was destined to be one of the largest and most prosperous industries in Newark as the nineteenth century was born. This first site, on the corner of High and Orange Streets, was later razed to make room for newer factory buildings.

Prior to 1800, the addition of new streets in the James Street area was limited. In fact, until about 1780, the original four roads were still the only true streets in the town. Growth in the Commons area necessitated the formation of new roadways for travel. About 1805, Orange Street, New Street and High Street were all added to the street pattern of the James Street area. West Back Street, which had lost its "Lane" status after the Revolution, became Washington Street. As the town doubled in population in the 1830's and 1840's, and as incorporation as a city became a reality, the present street pattern emerged in the James Street area. Plane Street (today's University Avenue), James Street, Warren Street, Halsey Street, Eagles Street, Bleecker Street, and North Essex Street are evident in the 1830's. In the 1860's the final changes were made and Burnett Street was carved out of a portion of Orleans Street (now covered by Rutgers University). North Essex Street became Essex Street at this time also and in 1872, the part of Nesbitt Street east of High Street became Central Avenue. It was not until January 1, 1967, that Plane Street became University Avenue.

As the city was officially incorporated in 1836, industrial greatness was only around the corner. The coming of one man in particular, made this possible. No study of this area would be complete minus the name of Seth Boyden. This multi-faceted industrialist came to this city in 1815 from Foxboro, Massachusetts, and he built his first factory on Orange Street. His two most important inventions were
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founded on this site. Patent Leather was conquered in 1818, the first of its kind in Newark, and in 1826 he discovered the process of making malleable iron, the first of its kind in the nation. Later, tired of seeing the city's industries lack of motivity the invented Newark's first steam engine. Boyden, however, was never the kind of person to seek profit. His discoveries completed, he simply sought new ideas. While others managed to make a great deal of money from Boyden's lack of patents, no individual could take more credit for ushering in the indistrial age into Newark than Boyden. His contributions are second to none and he helped start the James Street Commons Historic District on its way to modern industrialization.

Seth Boyden's influence is obvious in the following decade of the 1830's as a drastic change begins to take place. A great number of ramshackle shops and mills were built throughout the district. In the 1830's, but especially the 1840's, the area around Washington Park became saturated with Shoemakers, Blacksmiths, Masons, Carpenters, Carriage Makers and other trades people who now resided and/or worked in this growing section of Newark. The Lloyd Houses, which still stand on University Avenue (formerly Plane Street, 86-88), are the last remnants of housing during this period. Constructed in the 1830's, these two adjacent three story buildings were bought by the Lloyd family over forty years after construction. The elaborate doorways, lintels, mantels and stairways are considered to be of outstanding design and workmanship.

As Newark continued to skyrocket in growth, so did the James Street area. The Civil War was rapidly approaching and, at this time, the district began to take shape. Important individuals began making their homes around the park area. These included George and Theodore Frelinghuysen, Joseph Fewsmith and other prominent professional folk. The area also retained its "old Newark" flavor, with the Ward family, Baldwins, Cranes, and Burnetts still very much in evidence. In the decade preceding the Civil War, most of the block between Washington, James, Essex and Orange Streets

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was occupied by various members of the Ward family. Dirt roads, tree shaded streets, and houses set-back with fences, scrubs and fruit trees predominated. Wells were still evident in most of the yards and men of all ranks walked to work on a daily basis. In the 1850's, when the city had about sixty-thousand people, the Washington Park area was beginning to show signs of emerging as a fashionable residential district.

Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, on the corner of Washington Street and Central Avenue, was dedicated on March 17, 1850. Its completion ushered in the early Catholic influx into the city. Renovation work was done in 1875, with Jeremiah O'Rourke in charge of its design. O'Rourke, an Irish immigrant, also was responsible for the design of Saint Michael's Hospital in 1871 and 1888. Mr. O'Rourke resided on Burnett Street most of his remaining life in this country, and it is believed that he designed several houses on Burnett Street, including his residence (number 45). He died in the area in 1915.

In 1859, the Polhemus House was constructed at 69 Washington Street near the corner of Central Avenue. Dr. Abhaham Polhemus, who constructed the mansion, was an ardent abolitionist and allowed the home to be a stop on the Underground Railroad. This was made convenient by a tunnel which ran from Washington Street to Plane Street. This four story brick and brownstone building is believed to have been the first house in Newark to have indoor plumbing. Today, the firm of Bozell and Jacobs occupies the structure.

The two and a half story structure still standing on 42 Bleeker Street is believed to have been the first home of the first Roman Catholic Bishop. Constructed in 1849 by Alba Bangs, this home has a gray stucco finish exterior with original chimney and foundation. It is believed to have also served in the Underground Railroad network. Today, the structure is occupied by the Weingloss Attorneyship, and stands on one of the more stable and restored blocks which exists in the James Street Commons Historic District.

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The most rapid urbanization of the older east coast cities took place in the pre-Civil War period. By 1860, when the war began, the City of Newark was United State's eleventh largest city in population but was first industrially. At that time, more than seventy-three per cent of its population was engaged in manufacturing. It is during this post-war period that the James Street Commons Historic District reached it's zenith. As a residential community, there were none wealthier than the area around Washington Park. Nowhere could there be found a more fashionable living area. As the new wealthy emerged, this area reaped the greatest dividents. During these last thirty years of the nineteenth century, wealthy industrialists, merchants and financiers constructed beautiful and expensive homes along the park frontage and on some of the adjacent streets. The area then became a very tranquil, tree shaped district with various expanding industries surrounding it. Green lawns were the general rule and well cared for houses predominated. The Second Presbyterian Church, first built in 1811, was still small at that time, yet it dominated the corner of Washington and James Streets. In 1888, the second edifice was constructed and it was much larger, fitting in well with the new and larger mansions being constructed all around it.

The owners of the homes around Washington Park and on the nearby streets, remained basically professionals; lawyers, doctors and bank and insurance company presidents. As the local industries such as brewing, leather and jewelry expanded, their owners joined the elite of Newark's society and built their new homes in the more exclusive neighborhoods such as the area around the various parks. Brownstone, which was quarried on the hill near Bloomfield and Mount Prospect Avenue, was pftem the facing material used, although an occasional white frame mansion broke the sombar line.

No industry can better exemplify Newark's rapid rise to power and wealth than that of Brewing, and no home along the park frontage can better show the extravagant richness and splendor which came along with these people than the Ballantine Mansion. During the 1880's and 1890's beer became king in

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Newark stature. John Holme Ballantine built a home befitting a man of baronial stature. John was the second son of Peter, who was the founder of the brewery. He built the home on 43 Washington Street in 1884-1885 and his family moved into the structure in 1885. This substantial structure, still standing and now undergoing extensive rehabilitation work, best exemplifies the character of the area during this period. It not only portrays the actual life-style and mind of the late nineteenth century, but it shows us a solid, comfortable and prosperous era. It stands as a physical reminder of a time when the area surrounding Washington Park was both an industrial and commercial center and a beautiful and desireable place in which to live.

On James Street itself, the Ballantines built the redbrick townhouses which are still in evidence today. These masonry structures were much in demand. Compared to the large structures facing the park, these buildings were considerably smaller and they were also very close together. Most of these had iron grillwork fencing in their fronts. Hitching posts for horses and stone blocks for getting in and out of carriages were also very widely used. Gas lamps with electric arches were just then coming into widespread use and they bagan to dot the area. The James Street rowhouses represents only one aspect of the Ballantine speculation in the city.

On the western edge of the district, High Street had its own kind of appeal during this era. Those seeking a beautiful and sometimes outstanding view overlooking the workshops and storefronts, found it on the highest point in the area. High Street had the advantage of being within short walking distance of Newark's center. But even more significant to the individuals who chose to live here was the fact that they had excellent access to their places of work and at the same time were nearest to all of the city's places of significance and central business district. During the waning days of the nineteenth century, business executives gave very close and constant personal attention to their firms. Well-to-do factory owners built homes as close as possible to their enterprises, the better to supervise them day and night. The same can be said of the adjacent streets which were also beginning to build very rapidly.

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Although the advent of the streetcar began to change the area around the turn of the century, by making it possible for people to commute greater distances, the business and social leaders continued to cluster around the By 1890, park area. But decline was evident in the Commons. the Ballantine family had occupied three large mansions around Washington Park. John Holme had the spectacular Ballantine Mansion, his brother Robert F. onwed and resided in the three story, twenty room brick structure at 37 Washington on the corner of James Street. Herbert also resided in the immediate area, being the owner of a brownstone home on Washington Place. But in 1895, John Holme died. Robert F., the youngest of the brothers, died in 1905, while Herbert's fate is not known. Thus, a mere quarter of a century after settling in the area, the most powerful family in the Commons was almost non-existent. The long, long lineage of the Ward family was also negated after the turn of the century. With Governor Marcus Ward's death in 1913, the site now occupied by the Newark Museum was without a member of the same Ward family for the first time in Newark's long history. Thus, in the second decade of the new century, the James Street Commons Historic District lost not only its most powerful family in terms of wealth and prestige, but its most stable clan as well. Many other wealthy groups of people began moving from the area around the time of the first World War, in favor of more desireable areas near the city's outskirts or neighboring suburbs. The property abandoned by these well-to-do individuals began to deteriorate after some time as people not able or willing to finance the up-keep of the land, filled the vacuum.

In many instances, the diminishing residences were replaced by insititutions. The brownstone townhouse which for many years stood directly across from Washington Park, and owned by Caleb Ward, Wholesale grocer, was demolished in the late 1890's to make room for the giant new Newark Public Library. Completed in 1901, this four story granite and marble structure was designed by John Hall Rankin and Thomas Kellog. Now occupying 5 Washinton Street, it is the core of

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the city's eleven branch, one million plus volume system. The structure, although remodeled in 1952, retains most of its original character. It remains the largest public library in the State of New Jersey.

Completed in 1920, the Globe Indemity Insurance building (Veterans Administration) replaced the frame and brownstone buildings which occupied Washington Place. Prior to the turn of the century, these beautiful buildings housed individuals such as, Edward and George Duryea, two lawyers; as well as Howard and Alice Hayes. Other brownstone rowhouses, occupied by Herbert Ballantine of the famous brewing family, Fayette Smith, and James Smith, a well known politician and United States Seantor, were also demolished to make room for the new structures which occupied Washington Place from Halsey to Washington Street.

Probably the best example of institutional replacement of residences is that of the Newark Museum occupying 49 Washington Street. That spot had been lived on by the same Ward family since Newark's settlement in 1666, when Washington Street was known as West Back Lane. But after the passing of Marcus Ward (former Governor), the last of the line, the home was abandoned. A short time thereafter, the frame building was leveled, and in 1926, the new Museum was completed. The three story limestone structure was given to the city by Louis Bamberger, who put up the \$750,000 to construct it. The Museum now houses treasures from every part of the globe, with it //s Tibetan collection enjoying international recognition. The central court now has a Museum of Science and Industry, an Art Museum, a Children's Museum complete with a mini zoo, and a Planetarium. The beautiful and spacious garden, located directly behind the Museum building, houses contemporary sculpture, the Fire Museum, Carriage House and Lyons Farms Schoolhouse.

Both the Museum and Library are enduring trubutes to John Cotton Dana, who made these into cultural facilities second to none. Both of these excellent institutions are at the disposal of Newark's citizens, and being located within the James Street Commons Historic District, puts them in close walking distance to every part of this area.

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Other demolition continued throughout the new century and right through the war periods. In 1930, the American Insurance Company completed it's new sixteen story structure next door to the Library. More brownstone townhouses, once occupied by Bank and Insurance Company Presidents, disappeared.

More recently, the fifty-five acre area which was cleared in the early sixties to make room for Rutgers University and New Jersey Institute of Technology, also infringed upon the district. Before these two educational institutions were built, the area which they occupy was a very contiguous part of the James Street Commons Historic District. Today, they form the majority of the district's southern boundary.

Two factors contributed significantly to the decline of the James Streets Commons District and Newark in general the second half of the 20th century. Physically, the most devastating factor was implemented by the Urban Renewal program of the early 1960's. This program was begun under Johnson's Great Society in order to improve the urban habitat and provide city dwellings with a healthy and safe living environment. Unfortunately, though misguided, misinterpreted, and ineffective leadership Urban Renewal did not revitalize Newark at all, but performed almost a directly opposite function in removing large sections of what was labeled substandard housing. A good deal of this urban removal, sadly, wiped out substantial areas of Newark's patrimony for the sake of proposed redevelopment. With some creative planning most of these areas could have been revitalized. When the money was depleted, moreover, only parking lots surfaced.

The Newark riots in the summer of 1967, while certainly causing substantial physical damage throughout the city (estimated at some #12,000,000), was more harmful in frightening incalcuable resources, both real and potantial, away from the city by locking into a very real psychological fear of social unrest.

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Newark from the 1920's onward had been hurt economically by the extended availability of the automobile. Increased mobility enticed the middle income city residents into the suburbs. Certainly even before the end of the 19th century the suburbs had been more desireable than the congested city, but it was inexpensive automobiles which made the move practical for the middle-income family. This left primarily low-income families (generally immigrants, blacks, puerto ricans) to live in Newark while the people controlling the finances of the cities businesses resided miles away in a convenient suburb.

When the poor of Newark reacted to this and other compounded situations violently in the sweltering summer of 1967 this already decaying city was dealt a severe blow.

Today, Newark has yet to recover fully from the physical and psychological devastation affected by both Urban Renewal and the riots, but its plans for rehabilitating its cultural resources is a forward step in instilling pride in Newark once again and encouraging migration into the city. Form No. 10-300a (Rev. 10-74)

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#### James Street Commons Historic District

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- 64 Banking Co. of Newark, Compt Dept. / 744 Proad St. Newark, N.J. 07102
- 78 Best Parking Inc. \* 174-176 Orange St. Newark, N.J.
- 94 Jacob Strulowitz \* 96 - Eleanor Kantor \*
- 198 Fedro Carrasquillo \*
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12<sup>1</sup><sub>25</sub> - Minnie Smallwood \* 11 - Greenfield Auto Sales & Leasing Corp. 11<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub> - Summit Street - Prem. 21<sup>1</sup><sub>25</sub> - Arnold & Ursella John\*

28 - Colvin M. & Oswald L. Phillip 28 Summit Street

## Sussex Avenue

1 /- Mneller Supply Co. Inc. 1 Sussex Ave. or 156 High Street

## University Avenue

42 - Herman F. & Max Rekeen, C/O J. Rekeen, Agent 60 Park Pl. Newark, N.J. 07102

76 \_ Marlene Russo \*

- 78 Morris Mandelbaum 31 Highland Ave. Maplewood, N.J.
- 82 Rutgers State University <sup>1</sup> Queens Campus North Brunswick, N.J.
- 92 Frank Penn & Morris Bruce Suite 251, 420 Lincoln Ed. Miami Beach, Florida
- 108-12 Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co. /1520 Broad St. /Newark, N.J.
- 45 /Jacob & Gertrude Strulowitz \* 33 Broadway Newark, N.J. 07104
- 47 Joseph & Anne Stolfi\* resident of 47

## University Ave. cont.

111 - Anthony & Stella Colonnello\* 5h Longfellow Avenue Newark, (Vailsburg) N.J. 07106

- 115 Sophia Givens 115 Plane St. Newark, N.J. 07102
- 117 Ella Smith\* No address
- 1175 Asher H. & Clara L. Conn \* resident
- 131 Nikela & Maria Kuridza\* 131. University Avenue Newark, N.J.
- 165 Morton & Rachela Bach \* resident
- Halsey St.
- 74 / Chase Newark Corp. B/D 7/7/65
- 41 William C. Dodds 16 Bleeker St. Newark, N.J. 07102
- 59 Harry Troy Hldg. Co. C/O Harry Trey 59 Halsey St.
- 69 Bertha & Saruel & Adelaide Meyer
  C/O Maiden Lane Parking Co.
  180 Washington St.
  Newark, N.J. 07102
- 71 First Methodist Church (C/O Maiden Lane Parking Co., 180 Washington St.) 73 - "

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79 - Anne Demerjian \* resident

# Halsey St. cont.

- 91 Halsey St. Corp.\* 91 Halsey Street
- 95 -/Rose B. Rosenbaum 374 Redmond Rd. So. Crange N.J.
- 99 - Temlan Realty Corp. 5 384 East 149th St. Bronx, N.Y.

Warren St. 

5 \_ - Earle Inc. B/D 11/20/62

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13 Rutgers State University Queens Campus Queens Campus New Brunswick, N.J.

## Broad St.

- 471 Edward M. Crane, Jr. John B. Plum, Trustees C/O Feist & Feist 58 Park Place Newark, N.J.
- -/National Newark & Essex Bank Go.\* 477 Banking Co. of Newark 744 Broad Street Newark, N.J. 07102

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