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National Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hanson Historic District
other names/site number Hanson Historic District

2. Location

street & number Main Street not for publication
city, town Hanson vicinity
state Kentucky code KY county Hopkins code 107 zip code 42413

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Hopkins County Multiple Properties Listing

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

David L. Morgan 10-26-88
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date
State Historic Preservation Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

NA
Signature of commenting or other official Date
NA
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Arlene Byers 12/13/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
 COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store, Department
 Store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
 COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store,
 Restaurant

7. DescriptionArchitectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style
 Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
 walls Brick
 Wood/Weatherboard
 roof Other: Rolled or Composition
 other Shingles

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hanson Historic District is a significant collection of late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings located along a one block section of Main Street in Hanson, Kentucky. The buildings are one to two stories in height and are predominately of brick construction. The majority of structures were built between 1890 and 1910 and have been continually used for commercial or residential purposes. Within the district are eleven contributing and one non-contributing building. Most buildings are flush with the concrete sidewalks with little or no setback. Within the district is no major vegetation and most buildings are contiguous with few open spaces between buildings.

Most buildings constructed in the commercial block of Hanson are vernacular commercial buildings with details typical of the period. Many of the storefronts retain original cast iron columns or pilasters with floral designs in the base and capital. Many storefronts also feature their original frame bulkheads with large display windows and transoms. The three two-story buildings in the district feature rectangular sash windows with brick relief arching. On the upper facades many of the buildings display corbelled brick cornices with indented or large sawtooth patterns and decorative vent windows with cast iron grilles. Also within the district is a small frame gable front commercial building with additions.

The district is notable for its high degree of integrity. Many of the original storefronts are intact and display cast iron columns, frame bulkheads, double doors and display windows. Upper facade details also remain intact. Although a few of the buildings have had portions of their facades covered with plywood and other materials, the original fabric remains underneath. The only major additions to the buildings have been frame and metal awnings supported by metal posts which were added to storefronts in the early to mid-20th century.

The district is located between the Illinois Central Railroad tracks and Highway 41A. The district extends approximately two-thirds of a block in the historic commercial section of Hanson. Most buildings are occupied by a variety of businesses and renovation of several of the buildings are underway. Because none of the buildings has a street number properties are identified by their block and parcel number.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE/COMMERCE

Period of Significance

ca. 1890 - ca. 1935

Significant Dates

ca. 1890-
ca. 1935

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The Hanson Historic District is a collection of late 19th and early 20th century commercial and residential buildings. Largely unaltered, the district contains one of the largest remaining concentrations of historic commercial structures in the county and is significant under criteria C. The district is also notable under criteria A for its role as the historic commercial center of Hanson. The community was an important rail center for this section of the county during the late 19th and early 20th centuries and the buildings in the district illustrate this era of commercial prosperity.

Hanson was founded in 1869 on a fifty acre tract donated by Judge Robert Eastwood and Rev. Roland Gooch to the Henderson and Nashville Railroad (now the Seaboard Railroad). Hanson was named in honor of Henry B. Hanson, a civil engineer who worked for the railroad and platted the town. A passenger and freight depot was soon built adjacent to the tracks and Hanson became a shipping center for area farmers. By the 1880s, Hanson was a bustling community of over one hundred residents with six tobacco factories, sawmills, a hotel, bank and many brick and frame stores along Main Street.

In 1889, a fire swept through the commercial district and destroyed most of the existing structures. The commercial area was soon rebuilt with one and two-story brick and frame buildings. The present appearance of the Hanson Historic District dates from this period of rebuilding in the 1890s and early 1900s. These buildings contained the Rothrock general store, Weir Brothers general store, S.W. Ashby Grocery and other businesses. In addition to the commercial buildings, two houses were built, including the two-story brick Rothrock House. Throughout the early 1900s the community thrived and in 1909 the Hanson Bank was opened to serve area residents and farmers. The town continued to be an important center for tobacco warehouses and shipping during these years.

With the decline of passenger and freight service in the 1930s the prosperity of the town decreased. Over the next several decades the major tobacco and roller mills in the community either burned or were razed and many of the commercial buildings also were razed. Despite these changes in the community, a tightly grouped collection of the late 19th century historic buildings continues to be the commercial center of the town. Today, there is renewed interest in the community to preserve and restore this block of buildings.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA
 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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.2 acres

UTM References

A

16	457370	4140130
Zone	Easting	Northing

C

16	457360	4140040
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

16	457450	4140140
Zone	Easting	Northing

D

16	457420	4140030
Zone	Easting	Northing

Hanson Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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Hanson Historic District - Individual Property Descriptions:

1. Block 10, lot 9, Main Street: This building is a one-story brick, commercial structure built ca. 1890. It retains its original storefront with multi-light display windows, three-light transoms, cast-iron Doric pilasters made by Pullis Brothers of St. Louis, panelled bulkheads and the original frame and glass double doors. The upper facade has recessed rectangular brick panels with round vents of cast-iron grilles. Above the panels is a stringcourse of mousetoothing, and at the cornice is a row of corbelled brick in a sawtooth pattern. (C)
2. Block 10, lot 8, Main Street: One-story brick commercial building erected ca. 1890. On the main facade are the original brick bulkheads and four-light display windows. The upper half of the windows are covered with plywood. The original main entrance was replaced with a ca. 1980 frame door. The door and window bays have brick relief arching. The upper facade has corbelled brick relief decoration and a corbelled brick cornice. (C)
3. Block 10, lot 7, Main Street: Two-story brick, commercial structure built ca. 1890. The original storefront consists of multi-light display windows, frame bulkheads, frame and single-light glass double doors, panelled bulkheads and cast-iron, engaged, Ionic columns. The side entrance leads to the second floor and has an original single light glass and frame door. A transom appears at each bay of the storefront. The second story windows are 4/4 sash with brick relief arching. At the roofline is brick relief corbelling in a sawtooth pattern. Over the storefront is a ca. 1940 frame canopy. (C)
4. Block 10, lot 6, Main Street: One-story brick, commercial structure built ca. 1890. On the main facade is the original storefront with frame and glass, double doors with a two-light transom. The two-light display windows have brick bulkheads with recessed rectangular panels and two-light transoms set in segmental arches. Above each bay of the storefront is brick relief arching. Above the arches are brick dentils and at the roofline is sawtooth brick decoration. (C)
5. Block 10, lot 5, Main Street: One-story brick commercial building built ca. 1920. It retains the original main entrance with a three-light frame and glass door placed in the clipped or chamfered corner of the building so that it is oriented towards both Main Street and Hwy 41. The original two-light display windows have been retained, but transoms over the door and display windows have been covered. At the roofline is tile coping. The interior has been remodeled. (C)
6. Block 11, lot 6, Main Street, Rothrock House: Two-story brick building constructed ca. 1895. The house has two interior end brick chimneys and a very low pitched hipped roof. At the rear of the house is an original brick ell with

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an enclosed ca. 1940 frame porch. On the main facade is an original two-story porch with eave brackets and added wrought iron posts and railing. The main entrance has an original wood door with a two-light arched transom. Windows are original two-over-two sash with brick relief arching. At the roofline is a corbelled brick cornice in a sawtooth pattern. On the central bay of the second story is an original two light glass and frame door leading to the balcony. (C)
At the rear of the building is a ca. 1960 frame garage. (NC)

7. Block 11, lot 5, Main Street, Rothrock General Store: Two-story brick commercial structure built ca. 1895. On the main facade is the original storefront with frame bulkheads and multi-light display windows with three light transoms. Over the main entrance is a two-light transom. The storefront retains the original cast-iron columns with Ionic capitals. At the roofline is decorative brick corbelling in a sawtooth pattern. The interior retains its original tongue in groove ceiling and wall cabinets. (C)

8. Block 11, lot 5, Main Street: One-story frame, gable-front residence built ca. 1900. The main entrance has the original glass and frame two-light door with a single-light transom. The windows are original 1/1 sash. The gable field contains a rectangular vent window. The building has weatherboard siding and a brick foundation. The gable roof is covered in composition shingles. The frame awning is original but has ca.1940 metal posts. At the rear of the building is a ca. 1960 frame addition. (C)

9. Block 11, lot 5, Main Street: One-story, brick commercial building constructed ca. 1895. The storefront has the original cast iron Ionic columns, frame bulkheads, and the original frame and glass double doors. Over each bay of the storefront is an original two-light transom. The glass areas of the entrance and display windows are covered with plywood. Above the storefront are recessed brick panels with round vent windows which contain decorative cast iron grilles. The brickwork at the roofline is corbelled with a simple modillion block motif. (C)

10. Block 11, lot 4, Main Street: One-story brick, commercial structure built ca. 1895. The original storefront is retained with frame and two-light glass double doors with a two-light transom and four-light display window with a three-light transom. Above the door is a small flat roof supported by knee-brace brackets. The door and the window are set in segmental arches within recessed rectangular panels. Flanking the doors are ca. 1980 fluted wood pilasters. Above the storefront is a recessed panel with two circular vent windows with cast iron grilles. At the roofline is a corbelled brick sawtooth relief frieze. (C)

11. Block 11, lot 3, Main Street: Two-story brick, commercial structure built ca. 1895. The original three bay storefront is intact and consists of frame and glass double doors with a two-light transom and multi-light display windows. The

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second story has 1/1 sash windows with brick segmental arches. Above the windows are recessed rectangular panels containing rectangular vents with cast-iron grilles. The windows on the side and rear facades are 4/4 sash. Across the storefront is a ca. 1940 fixed wooden canopy. (C)

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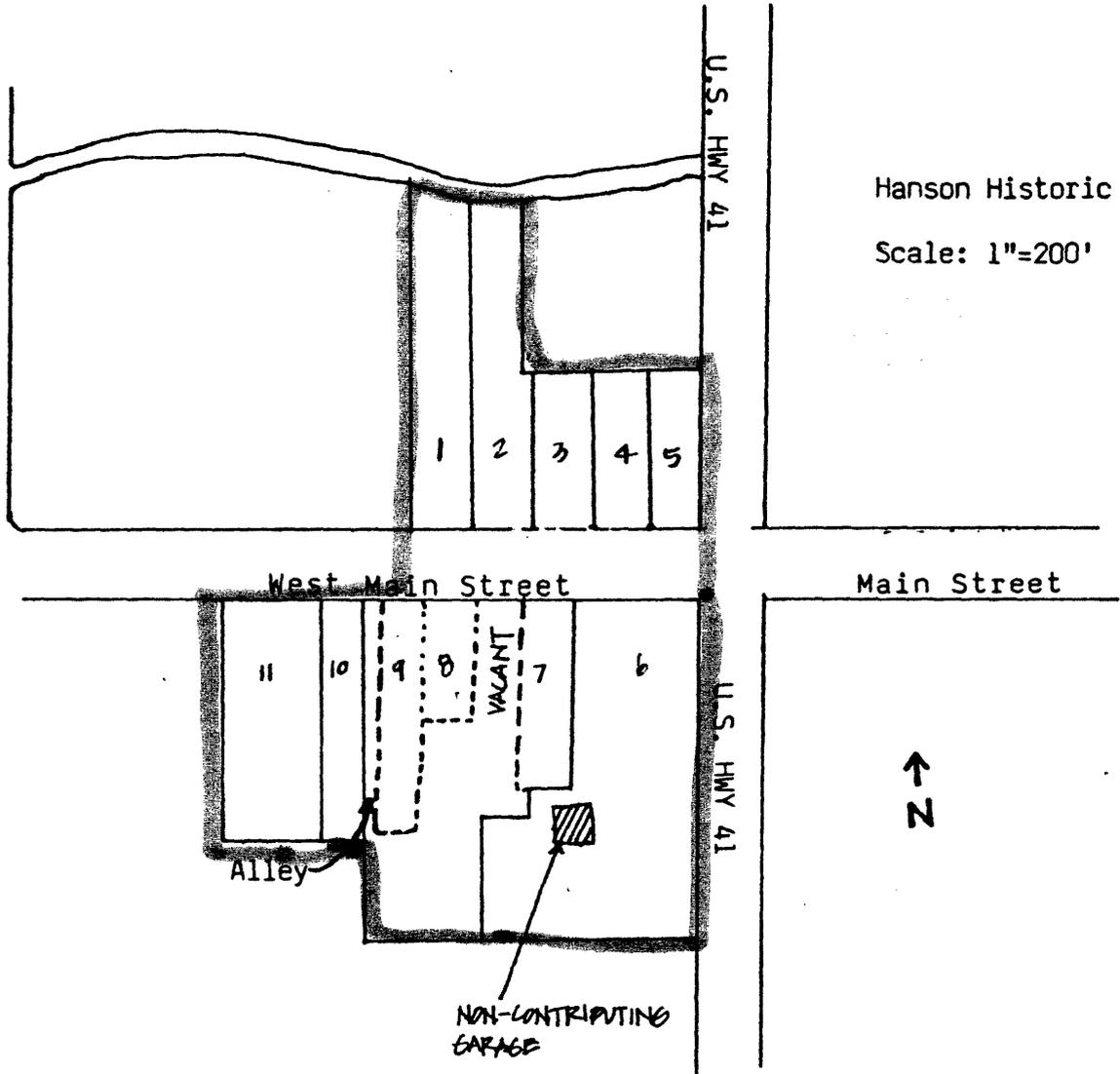
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Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Hanson Historic District is illustrated on accompanying Hopkins County tax map 180 and a sketch map of the district. Included in the boundary are lots 5 through 9 of block 10 and lots 3 through 6 of block 11.

Verbal Boundary Justification: The boundary is drawn to include all extant pre-1935 commercial structures in the downtown area of Hanson. The boundary is drawn to exclude adjacent non-historic properties and vacant lots along Main Street.



Hanson Historic District

Scale: 1"=200'

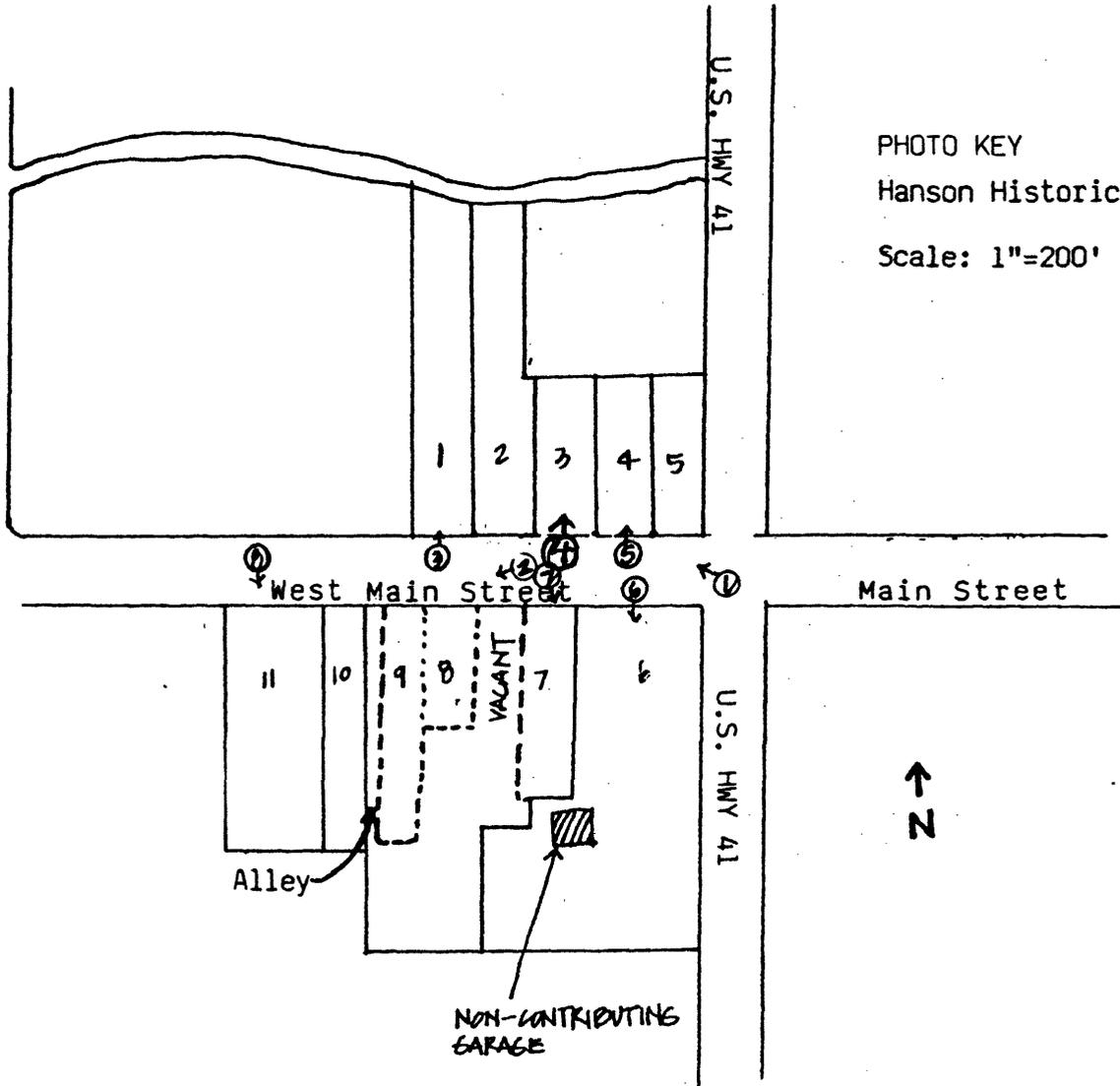
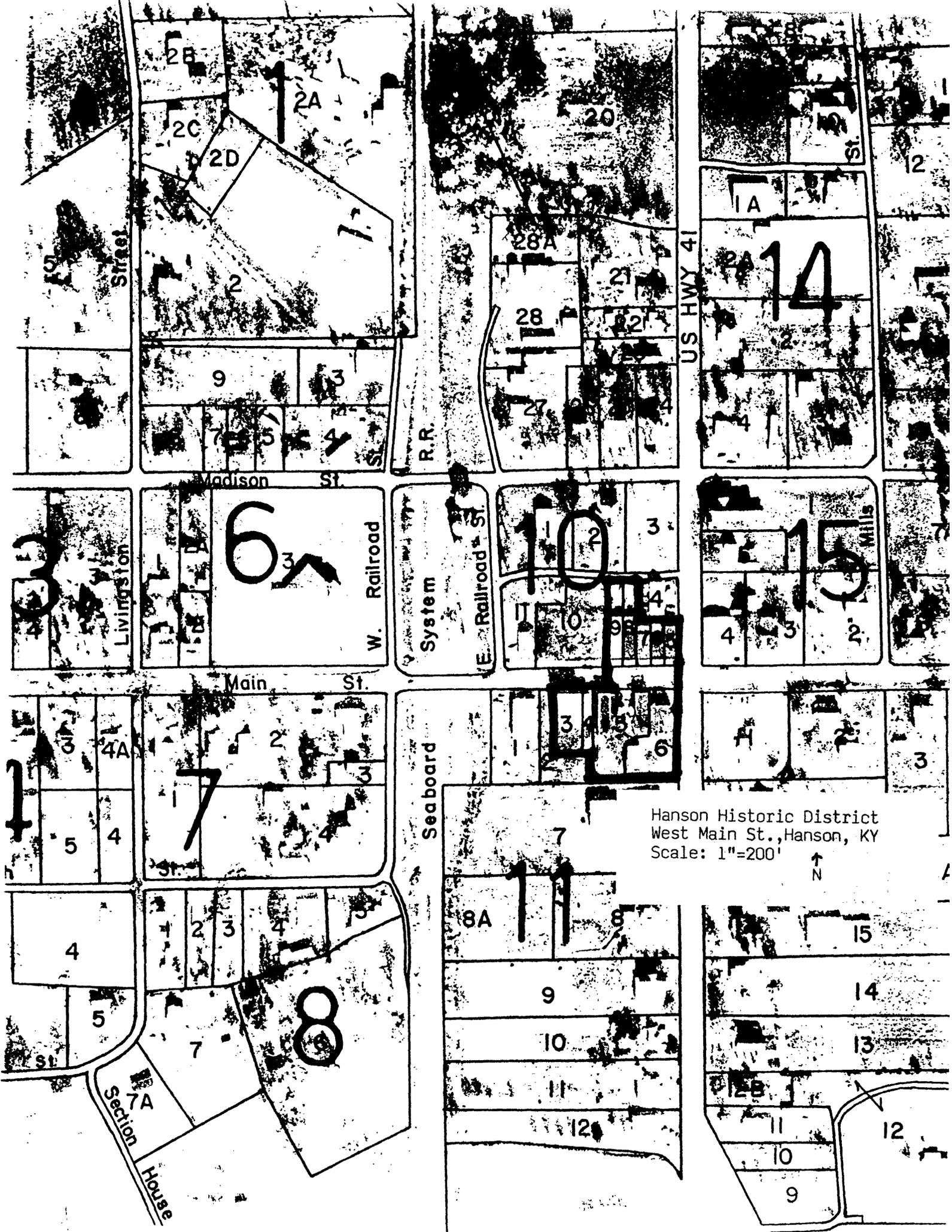


PHOTO KEY

Hanson Historic District

Scale: 1"=200'



Hanson Historic District
 West Main St., Hanson, KY
 Scale: 1"=200'



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Photo Key - Hanson Historic District

1. Hanson Historic District
Location: Main Street, Hanson, KY.
Photos: Thomason and Associates
Neg: KY Heritage Council
Date: February, 1988
View: Main St., north side.
Photo #: 1 of 8

2. View: Main St., south side
Photo #: 2 of 8

3. View: Main St., north side, property #1.
Photo #: 3 of 8

4. View: Main St., north side, property #3.
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5. View: Main St., north side, property #4.
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6. View: Main St., south side, property #6.
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7. View: Main St., south side, property #7.
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8. View: Main St., south side, property #11.
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