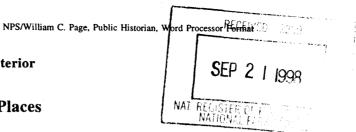
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1.	Name of Property		
histo	ric nameBURNSTEIN/N	MALIN GROCERY	
other	names/site number Malin's Kosh	er Delicatessen, Pickle Barrel Delicatessen, T	The Pickle Barrel
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Burnstein/Malin Grocery Name of Property		Polk County, Iowa County and State		
5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many lines as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one line)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)		
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6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions	s)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		
DOMESTIC/single dwelling		VACANT/NOT IN USE		
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Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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_ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.			
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_ B removed from its original location.	(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)		
_ C a birthplace or grave.	<u>N/A</u>		
D a cemetery.E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	Cultural Affiliation		
_ F a commemorative property.			
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Burnstein/Malin Grocery is a two-unit, multiple-purpose commercial building, whose name reflects the historical importance of the building.

One of the units is a house, which Frank W. Whitcomb had constructed circa 1893 as a 2-1/2-story, wood, single-family dwelling. This house was later converted into the Burnstein Grocery.

The second unit is situated in front of this building. It is a 1-story masonry load-bearing wall building constructed in 1940, when the property was enlarged as the Malin Grocery. Both of these units share a common wall and internal access. The units worked together historically with the grocery store in the front and the proprietors" residential quarters for at the rear.

The integrity of this building is very good. The surrounding neighborhood is classified by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as "slum blight."

UNIT 1

The first unit sits approximately 31 feet from the public pedestrian walk adjacent to 6th Avenue. Of balloon frame construction, this it is now clad with asphalt (sometimes called Inselbrick) siding and rests on a brick foundation.

The main block of this unit measures approximately 27' x 29'. It is covered with a front gable roof and a side gable roof, both of which intersect a hip roof. The side gable roof covers a 2-story bay window on the south. This roof system is covered with asphalt shingles.

A rear wing is situated behind the main block. One-story in height, it is covered with a hip roof and measures approximately 10' x 23'. A small enclosure projects behind this wing. Covered with a shed roof, it measures 7' x 7'. It is used as an entry from the rear of the house.

Fenestration is mostly 1/1 double-hung sash, although a few other configurations exist, such as a series of three windows on the first floor of the south elevation.

A brick chimney is centrally situated slightly east of the intersection of the hip roof and side gable.

On the interior, this unit features hardwood floors on the first and second floors. The first floor walls are now drywall, while the second floor walls retain plaster finishes. The house possesses a full basement, with a concrete floor and unfinished walls.

It can only be conjectured what alterations the Burnsteins made to the interior of the Whitcomb House. The Malins, however, removed the exterior wall from the front room of the house to connect that room with the new storeroom they built.

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Although some windows in the house have been covered over with plywood, original fenestration materials remain intact underneath. Overall, the condition of the house is fair.

UNIT 2

This is a 1-story masonry building, whose footprint measures approximately 19' x 27'. It is situated directly adjacent to the public pedestrian walk on 6th Avenue. The rear of the store abuts the facade of the house as described above.

The storefront of this building features a symmetrically designed facade. A front entrance is centrally located and features an inward-canted doorway flanked on each side by plate glass windows. Other fenestration is restricted to small windows set high in the south elevation.

A parapet surrounds the store and a brick chimney is situated about six feet from the rear of the building along the south elevation. The store has no basement. The building presumably rests on a concrete slab and footings.

On the interior, the store features one room with a concrete floor now covered with asphalt tile and carpeting. The walls feature plaster finishes. The rear of the store is open into one room of the house.

SITE

This building is situated on a parcel of land formed by the north 12.5 feet of Lot 56 and the south one-half of Lot 57 in Grand Park. Grand Park is an addition to Des Moines. The overall size of this composite parcel measures 37.5' x 130'.

The immediate site is densely built-up. A parking lot, paved in concrete, is situated immediately south of the Burnstein/Malin Grocery. "The New Lawn," an apartment building listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located at 1245 6th Avenue, stands within a few feet of the Burnstein/Malin Grocery to the north. The Burnstein/Malin Grocery is sited on the east side of 6th Avenue and faces west. An ancillary building, shown on a 1920 fire insurance map and located at the rear of the property, is nonextant. (See Continuation Sheet 7-5.)

The frontage of this parcel of land is generally level in topography along its north-south axis but on its east slopes quickly into the floodplain of the Des Moines River situated three blocks away.

The facade of the Burnstein/Malin Grocery abuts the public pedestrian walk in front of the building. In this regard, the store's setback generally conforms with other improvements along this city block. The setback of the Whitcomb House, about 27 feet to the rear of the pedestrian walk, provides an irregular note to this line of setback.

The visual impression of 6th Avenue all along this course is that of an area densely built. Although many single-family dwellings occupied this portion of 6th Avenue in the Nineteenth and early

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Twentieth Centuries, only a few remain. Most city lots have been redeveloped for commercial or multi-family purposes. As a four-lane artery into downtown Des Moines from the north, 6th Avenue carries heavy traffic. Land use to the west and to the east of the site remains residential, most of which is in single-family dwellings, with some having been converted into multiple-family.

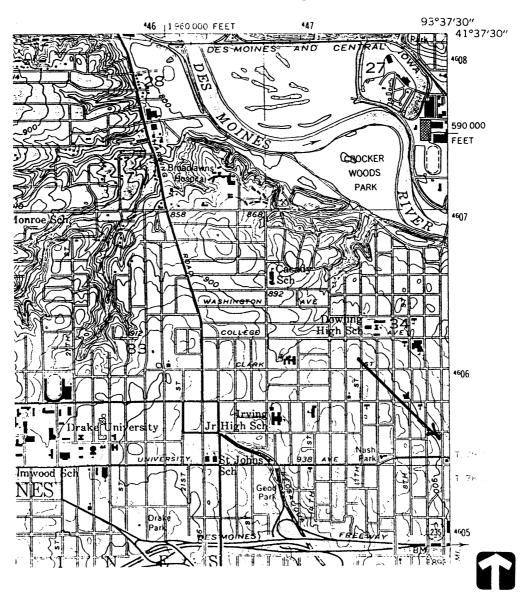
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SITE MAP

ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



Source: U.S.G.S. Map (7.5 Minute Series), Des Moines SW Quadrangle, 1956, Photorevised 1976.

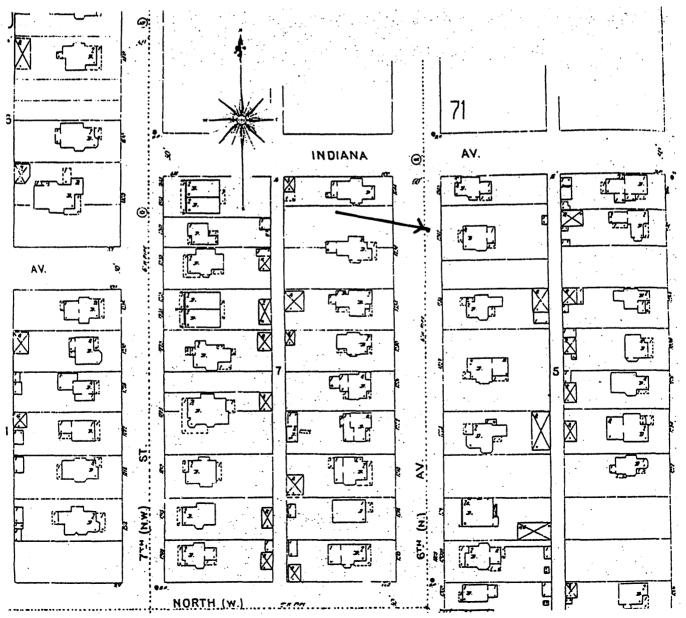
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1901 FIRE INSURANCE MAP

ARROW LOCATES HOUSE PRIOR TO COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT



Source: Sanborn Map Company, Des Moines, 1901, p. 67.



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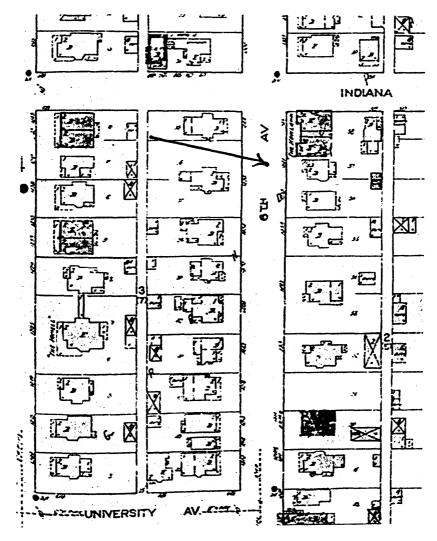
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1920 FIRE INSURANCE MAP

ARROW LOCATES SITE PRIOR TO COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT.

Compare this map with the 1901 fire insurance map.

The site of the Whitcomb House has been reduced in size, facilitating the construction of "The "New Lawn" on the north and a single-family dwelling on the south.





Source: Sanborn Map Company, Des Moines, 1920, p. 316.

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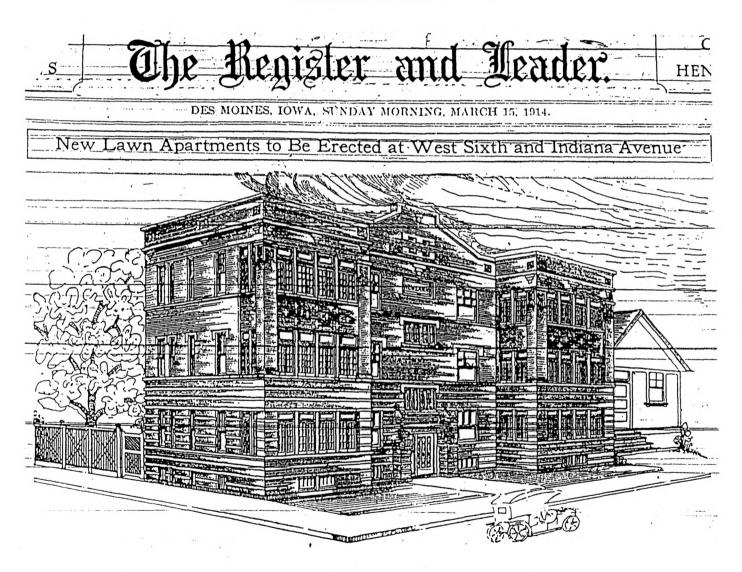
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WHITCOMB HOUSE

DEPICTED IN 1915



This drawing pictures the Whitcomb House to the right of the New Lawn.

Although grossly lacking in scale and crude when compared with the professional drawing of the apartment building, it accurately depicts the near proximity of the two properties.

Source: The [Des Moines] Register and Leader, March 15, 1914.

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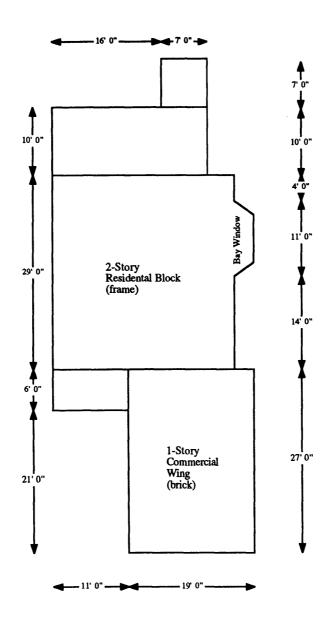
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1241 6TH AVENUE FOOTPRINT





Source: Des Moines City Assessor Office measurements. William C. Page, computer drawing.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

First constructed circa 1893 as a single-family dwelling for Frank W. Whitcomb, converted into commercial use as a grocery in 1923, and expanded in 1940 by the addition of a commercial room on its facade, the Burnstein/Malin Grocery is significant, locally under National Register Criterion A, as a surviving reminder from a bygone era of neighborhood business vitality, when numerous individual small commercial establishments were scattered among, and characterized, the community.

The Burnstein/Malin Grocery is also locally significant, under Criterion C, because it calls attention to the continued viability of an old architectural form/building type--the modified residence-specialty store. Located on a well-traveled streetcar line in a densely populated neighborhood, the core structure--a single-family dwelling--was expanded by the construction of an attached commercial unit in 1940 to retail groceries. Although the modified residence-specialty store was a highly-visible phenomenon along 6th Avenue from the 1930s through the 1950s, Burnstein/Malin Grocery is one of the two surviving examples of this architectural form along 6th Avenue in North Des Moines today.

The period of significance, under Criterion A, for Burnstein/Malin Grocery is 1923-1947, the period when this small commercial establishment flourished in North Des Moines. The period of significance, under Criterion C is 1923 and 1940, the years when the commercial units began and expanded.

The property contains one resource for this nomination-the building itself, which is contributing.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCE

North Des Moines entered a period of transition in the second quarter of the Twentieth Century. Between 1920 and 1937, for example, the number of commercial establishments along 6th Avenue increased five-fold, from 10 to 53. The conversion of the Frank W. Whitcomb House from residential to commercial use illustrates this transition. (See Chapter I of the cover document.)

Although North Des Moines remained a popular residential section of the city between the two World Wars, it slowly changed from one of mostly single-family dwellings into increasingly one of multiple-family dwellings. Burnstein/Malin Grocery calls attention to an era of transition for North Des Moines. The modification of the Frank W. Whitcomb House into a commercial property illustrates a change in land use from residential to mixed residential-commercial along 6th Avenue. The Burnstein/Malin Grocery also illustrates the continuing economic vitality of the neighborhood during this period.

Most of North Des Moines had been built during the Victorian period. The Lowry Goode Boom of the late 1880s and early 1890s and the more restrained but nonetheless steady improvements of the pre-World War I years filled the plats of North Des Moines almost to the brim. Following the war, Americans settled in to enjoy "Normalcy" and experienced a high standard of living with new forms of entertainment, domestic amenities, services, and consumer products. The automobile accelerated its

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changes to the American way-of-life, which it had already begun, and the number of new cars and licensed drivers proliferated. In Des Moines the downtown continued to exert its dominant influence over urban life in the community, but North Des Moines remained a clearly-recognizable neighborhood where residents could obtain many of life's staples from commercial establishments like Scruby's Grocery Store. What residential construction occurred during the 1920s in North Des Moines was by way of in-fill.

The population density of the neighborhood continued to grow. Some new single-family dwellings were constructed on previously unimproved city lots, often in Period Revival architectural styles. Several highly-visible apartment buildings were constructed, like the Ayrshire Apartments and the Bailey Court Apartments. An emerging trend during the period was the conversion of many large, single-family dwellings into apartments, a phenomenon noted and criticized by city planner Harland Bartholomew in the 1930s. (See Chapter I in cover document.)

The growth of North Des Moines' population stimulated commerce. Already existing businesses, like Scruby's Grocery, continued to provide for the neighborhood's retail and service needs, and new businesses were established as well. New commercial construction in North Des Moines during the 1920s was generally limited to enterprises requiring specialized facilities. The automobile repair and body shop was a prime example of such a new demand. The 1930s and the nation's Great Depression effectively curtailed most new construction in North Des Moines, as elsewhere in the city. By the end of World War II, the initial wave of economic vitality in North Des Moines began to wane. A great wave of potential new homeowners, thwarted by the war's housing shortage, now looked to the city's outskirts, where tract housing provided new and attractive single-family dwellings. Many of these people had lived in rental properties downtown and in North Des Moines during the war years but purchased new houses in the new tracts as their financial situation allowed.

In 1932 Samuel and Ida Malin purchased the Frank W. Whitcomb House from Abram and Bell Burnstein. The Burnsteins had acquired the title of the property at 1241 6th Avenue in 1923. Previous to this, the Burnsteins had operated a grocery store at 128 East Locust Street (City Directory:1920:226). When they purchased the Whitcomb House, they converted it into a grocery business.

From 1932 to 1940, "Sam" Malin operated the grocery business from this house and lived on the premises with his family. In 1940, the Malins constructed the present commercial building on the site (City Assessor's Office) for a retail groceries and meat store. The Malins' business remained in operation at this site through the 1960s. During the late 1950s and early 1960s, Sam specialized his business, indicated by the new styling of its name: "Malin's Kosher Delicatessen" (City Directory 1962:499). He and his family continued to live on the site at the rear of the building (*Ibid.*). In the 1960s, the present owners purchased the building and operated the business until 1997.

Since about the 1960s, the number of businesses along 6th Avenue has declined. A number of commercial buildings are also presently vacant. In 1997, only about 30 commercial establishments remained along this corridor, either as functioning businesses or as vacant historic buildings. About six of these buildings have been constructed since World War II and an additional five of these

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buildings have been built within the last 15 years. These statistics, compared with those of 1924 and 1954, show that the Burnstein/Malin Grocery numbers among the few surviving commercial buildings dating from the first quarter of the Twentieth Century. (See Chapter I in cover document.)

ARCHITECTURE

Burnstein/Malin Grocery is architecturally significant because it illustrates a new type of architecture emerging in urban centers of Iowa during the Twentieth Century--the modified residence-specialty store. In 1940, Samuel and Ida Malin constructed an attached commercial unit on the facade of the Frank W. Whitcomb House. This provided the Malins a store for their grocery business and a residence for their family. The modified residence-store emphasized practicality of design, and the Burnstein/Malin Grocery provides a good case study of this little studied architectural form.

Background

In 1893, Frank W. Whitcomb purchased this parcel of land--containing the south one-half of Lot 57 and the north 12.5 feet of Lot 56--from the Grand Park Land Company (Book A2:221). Whitcomb proceeded to erect a new single-family dwelling on the site, the resource which remains extant today. During the 1890s, Whitcomb was employed as a salesman by the Ely Walker Dry Goods Company of Saint Louis, Missouri (City Directory 1899:744). Whitcomb and his wife continued living at this address until 1908, when they sold the property (Title Transfer Book 2B:221).

Later transfers of title to the property occurred with its purchase in 1923 by Abram and Bell Burnstein. The Burnsteins operated a grocery story at 123 East Locust Street (City Directory 1920:226). For a brief time, they operated a grocery story at 1241 6th Avenue in the early 1930s (City Directory 1932). Henry A. Luka, a dentist, also housed his practice at this site (*Ibid.*).

In 1932, the Burnsteins sold this property to Sam and Ida Malin. From this time, the Malins operated their grocery business from the site. Dr. Luka continued his practice here until about 1937.

Form

Sam and Ida Malin's transformation of the Frank W. Whitcomb House into a modified residence-specialty store illustrates many characteristics of that form--the preferred location along a well-traveled streetcar line, the residential function of the core structure retained for the proprietor's use, construction of the store unit fronting the dwelling's facade, internal access between the two units, the commercial unit designed without architectural reference to the core structure, and the store unit directly abutting the public right-of-way.

The modified residence-store as an architectural form enjoyed popularity during the first half of the Twentieth Century. Municipal regulation became increasingly common in the Twentieth Century and

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cities in Iowa enacted zoning ordinances to regulate land use and building construction. In 1926, Des Moines enacted its first zoning ordinance. These regulations separated residential from commercial land uses. They also allowed commercial buildings to abut the public right-of-way. Following World War II, these regulations were revised. Now, a front yard setback of twenty-five feet from the right-of-way was required for commercial buildings. Although existing establishments--such as the Burnstein/Malin Grocery--were grandfathered under these revisions, these new regulations spelled the end for those modified residence-specialty stores whose conversions had included facade expansion. Today, few examples of this form remain in North Des Moines to illustrate this chapter in local history when neighborhood businesses fulfilled a vital need for nearby residents.

The modified residence-specialty store took several forms on 6th Avenue. In some instances, the commercial unit was attached to the residence, providing the proprietor, who often lived in the dwelling at the rear, convenient access to the shop. Samuel and Ida Malin chose this design. In other instances, the commercial unit was constructed at the front of the residence but disattached from it. The Jones Shoe Repair Shop at 1209 6th Avenue illustrates this configuration. (See Continuation Sheet 8-11 for an historic photograph.) Whatever design chosen, the modified residence-specialty store dramatically affected the streetscape. The historic photograph mentioned above clearly shows how they increased its visual density.

Two other examples of this architectural form--the Y-Not Grill at 1323 6th Avenue and the commercial building at 1540 6th Avenue--remained extant along that avenue in North Des Moines into the 1990s. Dating from circa 1947, the Y-Not Grill was razed in 1996. The other resource remains extant.

PRESENT STATUS OF PROPERTY

Until January 1997, this building continued to serve a retail purpose as a well-patronized delicatessen, closely related to its original function as a food market. Known as the Pickle Barrel Deli, this business has ceased operations. The future of this building is uncertain.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH AND REGISTRATION

Further research is recommended concerning other modified residence-specialty stores in Des Moines and elsewhere in Iowa. Although never large in number, these resources illustrate a phenomenon, which occurred in many cities and towns across the state.

POTENTIAL FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Although the site's potential for archaeological research is, as yet, unevaluated, there appears to be little in this regard. No known resources have stood on this site historically prior to the construction of the Frank W. Whitcomb House. Data associated with ancillary structures located on the site and shown on the 1901 fire insurance map might yield some information.

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6TH AVENUE MIXED LAND-USE

PHOTOGRAPHED DURING A WPA STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN 1938



This historic photograph clearly depicts the mixed land use along 6th Avenue in the 1930s. Higher land uses are transforming the street from single-family residential. A multiple-family dwelling, known as the University Apartments with the Walker Drug Company on the first floor, is shown on the far right. Jones' Shoe Repair Shop is located at 1209 in a disattached building fronting a small single-family dwelling, which itself may be serving now a commercial purpose. The 2-story residence at 1213 6th Avenue (on the left) remains the only improvement with a Victorian-era setback from the street.

Source: Paul Ashby Photographic Collection, State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The north 12.5 feet of Lot 56 and the south one-half of Lot 57 in Grand Park in the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundary contains all land historically associated with this resource.

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