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National Register of Historic Places
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Pulaski Courthouse Square Historic District

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number First, Jefferson, Madison, ^{and} Second Streets. N/A not for publication

city, town Pulaski N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Giles code 055

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership

street & number N/A

city, town N/A N/A vicinity of state N/A

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Giles County Courthouse

city, town Pulaski state Tennessee 38478

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Giles County Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission, 701 Broadway

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37203

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Pulaski Courthouse Square Historic District is comprised of 92 buildings in a nine block area around the 1909 Giles County Courthouse. These buildings are primarily commercial, date from the 1860's to 1930's and exhibit in their facade detailing a variety of architectural influences from the Italianate to the Art Deco styles. Of brick construction, the buildings range from one to three stories with the majority being two stories in height. The upper stories of the commercial buildings retain a high degree of integrity with most of their architectural embellishments intact. The first-story storefronts of many buildings, however, have been altered extensively, eighteen buildings do not contribute to the historical character of the district because they have been altered to the point that their architectural integrity is lost or they are relatively new, undistinguished buildings.

Pulaski's town plan dates from an 1809 state enactment, following an 1806 cession of Indian lands when several towns in southern Tennessee had their beginnings. The state act establishing Giles County appointed five commissioners to select a site for the county seat and to divide it up for auction. The two site requirements were that the town must be on Richland Creek and it must be near the center of the county. Occupying the center of the square first was an 1811 log courthouse. This courthouse burned after two years and was replaced by a two-story brick structure built by Archibald Alexander, which was used until the 1850's. The next courthouse, built in 1856, was said to be the "finest in the state," but it soon burned because of a faulty flue. Its 1859 replacement was designed by Heiman and was a two-story brick building with a cupola and bell. This courthouse lasted for almost fifty years until 1907 when it was destroyed by a fire. The present Beaux Arts building was designed by Benjamin N. Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, and constructed by George Moore and Sons of Nashville. The current courthouse was finished in 1909 at a cost of \$135,000 with furnishings.

Pulaski's town plan is laid in a grid pattern with the courthouse situated centrally in the town square. This arrangement, termed a block central courthouse square, has four streets which enclose the central courthouse and divide nine blocks into a grid shape with parallel First and Second Streets running north-south, intersected by parallel Madison and Jefferson Streets.

The relative simplicity of the buildings facing the square act as an excellent backdrop to the elaborateness of the courthouse. These rows of two or three-story, flat-roofed brick commercial buildings exhibit the changes in architectural style from the 1860's to the 1930's. A number of buildings incorporate round-arched windows with decorative corbeling and bracketed cornices.

Due to the establishment of leading businesses and the county court on the square, Pulaski became the largest town and trade center in Giles County. Pulaski's square continues to thrive and serve a variety of functions and social needs, as shown in its buildings.

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The buildings are categorized into contributing and non-contributing structures. Contributing buildings (C) are significant in the historic and architectural development of the district, possess compatible design elements, and maintain the scale, use, and texture of the district. Non-contributing buildings (N) are less than fifty years old and/or may disrupt the scale and texture of the district, have little or no historic or architectural significance, or have been considerably altered. They are listed below by street address, with historic name in parenthesis. The current occupant of each commercial building is listed at the end of the description.

1. Giles County Courthouse. 1909 (Benjamin N. Smith; Montgomery, Alabama). Beaux Arts. Three-story, nine-by-five-bay; brick, stone, marble, copper; hip roof with colonnaded dome and lantern; hexastyle portico on east and west facades. (C).
2. 105 N. First. Ca. 1870, ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, four-by-eight-bay; brick; second-story metal sheathing; flat roof. First-story facade altered. Amy Beth, (N).
3. 109 N. First (Opera House). Ca. 1868. Second Empire. Two-story, six-bay; brick; second-story windows enclosed; prominent mansard roof. First-story facade altered. Morris Harwell. (C).
4. 111 N. First. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof; segmental arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Abernathy Hardware. (C).
5. 113 N. First. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with corbeling; segmental arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Vogue. (C).
6. 115 N. First. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with corbeling; segmental arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Merle Norman. (C).
7. 117 N. First. Ca. 1870, ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; narrow horizontal bands of contrasting brick. First-story facade altered. Budget Shop. (C).
8. 121 N. First. Ca. 1912. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, nine-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; flat arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. National Store. (C).
9. 125 N. First. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeled cornice; bays divided by pilaster strips; second-story windows enclosed. First-story facade altered. Reeve's. (C).

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10. 129 N. First. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeled cornice; bays divided by pilaster strips; second-story windows enclosed. First-story facade altered. Edmundson's. (C).
11. 133 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-by-eight-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and metal cornice; flat arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Cato's. (C).
12. 201 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-by-ten-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; flat arched windows. First-story facade altered. Vacant. (C).
13. 203 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; flat arched windows. First-story facade altered. Vacant. (C).
14. 205 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Three-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows. First-story facade altered. Richmond Fabrics. (C).
15. 207-9 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeled cornice; elliptical arched windows. First-story facade altered. Hughes Gift Shop, Billiard Parlor. (C).
16. 208 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. One-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. Milk and Honey Cafe. (C).
17. 210 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. One-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. Vacant. (C).
18. 211 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeled cornice; elliptical arched windows. First-story facade altered. Solomon's Pool Hall. (C).
19. 212 N. First. Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. One-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. Direct Sales. (C).
20. 213 N. First. Ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; windowless second story; large plate glass windows on first story. Burt and Chapman Furniture Store. (N).
21. 214 N. First. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. Barber Shop. (C).
22. 216-18 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six bay; brick; gable roof; second-story, multiple-pane windows. Spotless Cleaners, Roller's Shoe Shop. (C).

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23. 217 N. First. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. One-story, one-bay; brick; flat roof. Pigg's Apparel. (N).
24. 221 N. First. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. One-story, one-bay; brick; flat roof. Ed's Furniture and Floor Covering. (N).
25. 222 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. One-story, four bay; brick; flat roof with stepped parapet; large plate glass windows. Building extends through to N. Second. Eslick Tractor Co. (C).
26. 223 N. First. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, five-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; wide corbeled cornice. Ed's Furniture and Floor Covering. (C).
27. 227 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows; decorative brick corbeling. Vacant. (C).
28. 226 N. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, four-by-eight-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; canted corners; second-story, multiple-pane windows. Building extends through to N. Second. Vacant. (C).
29. 229 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows; decorative brick corbeling. First-story facade altered. Vacant. (C).
30. 231 N. First. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows; decorative brick corbeling. First-story facade altered. Snitzer Plumbing and Electric. (C).
31. 235 N. First. Ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof; large plate glass windows. Otasco. (N).
32. 301 N. First. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-by-six-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; flat arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Giles County Furniture. (C).
33. 309 N. First. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; cast iron pilasters. Williams Upholstery. (C).
34. 311 N. First. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; cast iron pilasters. Tavern. (C).
35. 101 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-by-eight-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and cornice; rectangular hood molds on second story. Giles County Realty. (C).
36. 105 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and cornice; elliptical arched windows on second story. Singer Sewing Machine Shop. (C).

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37. 107 S. First (Union Bank). Ca. 1950. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick and stone; flat roof; ashlar front facade. H&R Block, James Mackey, Attorney. (N).
38. 108 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story; cast iron pilasters on first story. Scoggins Beauty Schop. (C).
39. 109 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story; cast iron pilasters on first story. Evelyn's Coiffures. (C).
40. 111 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Vacant. (C).
41. 112 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Keller Real Estate. (C).
42. 113 S. First. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; second-story windows enclosed. First-story facade altered. Pulaski Office Supply. (N).
43. 114 S. First. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Beauty School. (C).
44. 115 S. First. Ca. 1950. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof. Tommy Campbell, Land Surveyor. (N).
45. 119 S. First. Ca. 1980. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof. Henry and Henry Law Offices. (N).
46. 123-25 S. First. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. Elaine's Dress Shop. (C).
47. 127 S. First. Ca. 1870. Italianate. One-and-a-half-story, six bay; frame; gable roof. Former residence now law office and gift shop. (C).
48. 131 S. First. Ca. 1880. Italianate. Two-story, five-bay; frame; hip roof; one-story front porch. Tourist Home. (C).
49. 100 W. Jefferson. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-by-five-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; second-story windows altered. First-story facade altered. Vacant. (C).

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50. 102 W. Jefferson. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling; second-story windows altered. First-story facade altered. Adele-Paige Custom Interiors. (C).
51. 104 W. Jefferson. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Store front altered. Beasley's Shoe Store. (C)
52. 106 W. Jefferson. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. First-story facade altered. Harwell's Ready-to-Wear. (C).
53. 112 W. Jefferson. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, six-by-three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Store front altered. Fred's Dollar Store. (C).
54. 200 W. Jefferson (First United Methodist Church). 1895 (W. R. Heavenou; Jackson, Tennessee); 1926. Victorian Gothic. Three-story, three-by-fifteen-bay; brick; gable roof on sanctuary, flat roof with parapet on 1926 annex; four-story steeple with spire near Jefferson and Second corner, small steeple adjacent to annex; two-story, brick fellowship hall (1964) on Jefferson. First United Methodist Church. (C).
55. 107 E. Madison. Ca. 1950. Commercial vernacular. One-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof; large plate glass window. Eubank's Barber Shop. (N).
56. 109 E. Madison. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeled cornice; segmental arched windows and doorway. Vacant. (C).
57. 113 E. Madison. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeled cornice; segmental arched windows and doorway. Vacant. (C).
58. 115 E. Madison. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet. Store front facade altered. Vacant. (C).
59. 103 W. Madison. Ca. 1870. Italianate and commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-by-four bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; segmental and elliptical arched windows. First-story facade altered. Sports World. (C).
60. 105 W. Madison. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story now enclosed. First-story facade altered. Clothes Pen. (C).
61. 107 W. Madison. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story now enclosed. First-story facade altered. Rost Jewelers. (C).

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62. 111 W. Madison. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Fowlkes Law Office. (C).
63. 113 W. Madison. Ca. 1870, ca. 1930. Art Deco. Two-story, three-bay; stuccoed brick; flat roof with parapet; second-story bays divided by plain buttresses; second-story windows enclosed. First-story facade altered. Pigg and Parson. (C).
64. 115 W. Madison. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Kimberly White Photos. (C).
65. 117 W. Madison. Ca. 1880. Eclectic. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof; metal cornice with segmental pediment and urns; rusticated second-story windows with pediments. First-story facade altered. Bank of Giles County. (C).
66. 207-211 W. Madison. Ca. 1860. Commercial vernacular. One-story, five-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Farm Bureau. (C).
67. 100 N. Second. Ca. 1860. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, two-by-six bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. The Peddler. (C).
68. 104 N. Second. Ca. 1900, ca. 1980. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof; second story covered in metal sheathing. First-story facade altered. Watson's Plumbin and Electric. (N).
69. 108 N. Second. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, four-bay; brick; flat roof with metal cornice; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Second Hand Shop, WMGL.(C).
70. 110 N. Second. Ca. 1870. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, four-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and metal cornice; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Trophy Shop. (C).
71. 114 N. Second. Ca. 1900, ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, four-bay; brick; flat roof; new brick veneer and windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Grand Prix Jewelry and Gift Shop. (N).
72. 116 N. Second. Ca. 1860. Commercial vernacular. Three-story, five-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and metal cornice; segmental arched hood molds. First-story facade altered. Originally a hotel. Vacant. (C).
73. 118 N. Second. Ca. 1900, ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, two-bay; brick; flat roof; new brick veneer and windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Forrester Law Office. (N).

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74. 120 N. Second. Ca. 1900, ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, two bay; brick; flat roof; new brick veneer and windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Harwell's Real Estate. (N).
75. 126 N. Second. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; corbeling; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. Sunshine Cleaners. (C).
76. 128 N. Second. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof; large plate glass windows. Gibson and Cardin Drug Company. (C).
77. 130-34 N. Second. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, six-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows on second story. First-story facade altered. TV Cable, New York Life Insurance Company. (C).
78. 138 N. Second. Ca. 1930. Art Deco. Two-story, five-by-ten-bay; concrete; flat roof with parapet; curved corner bay. Hunter and Smith Furniture Company. (C).
79. 216 N. Second. Ca. 1920, 1947. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, nine-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; multiple-pane windows on second story. One-story, four bay, brick addition (1947) to the north. Sharp Motor Co. (C).
80. 217 N. Second. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; decorative brick corbeling. First-story facade altered. Pulaski Body Shop. (C).
81. 102 S. Second. Ca. 1860. Commercial vernacular. Three-story, six-by-six bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and metal cornice; elliptical arched windows on second and third stories. First-story facade altered. Speer Insurance, WKSRS, Giles Free Press. (C).
82. 106 S. Second. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Vacant. (C).
83. 108 S. Second. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Bakery. (C).
84. 110 S. Second. Ca. 1910, ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three bay; brick; flat roof. Store front facade altered. Horn Insurance. (N).
85. 112 S. Second. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Sanders Real Estate. (C).
86. 114 S. Second. Ca. 1910, ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof. Store front facade altered. Henry Law Office. (N).
87. 115 S. Second. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows on second story. Bargain Center. (C).

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- 88. 117 S. Second. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; elliptical arched windows on second story. Vacant, St. John's Lodge. (C).
- 89. 118 S. Second. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Scoggins. (C).
- 90. 120 S. Second. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story, three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet and corbeling. Fagan Morris. (C).
- 91. 122 S. Second. Ca. 1940. Georgian Revival. One-story, six-by-three-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; large multiple-pane windows with jack arches and keystones. Public Library. (N).
- 92. 128 S. Second. Ca. 1960. Georgia Revival. One-story, three-by-ten-bay; brick; flat roof with parapet; jack arched windows with keystones. Tennessee Human Services. (N).

An architectural survey of Pulaski was conducted for the Tennessee Historical Commission in 1979 by students in the Historic Preservation Program at Middle Tennessee State University. This survey was updated between September 1982 and February 1983 by Margaret Butler and James Mackey, Giles County Historical Society, and by Lloyd Ostby, Tennessee Historical Commission. Historical research was done by Margaret Butler at the Giles County Public Library and by Lloyd Ostby at the Tennessee State Library. Additional material was gathered by Kim Chiles, student at O'More School of Design. Using this information, Lloyd Ostby determined the boundaries and the significance of the district and its individual properties.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1860's - 1930's **Builder/Architect** Multiple

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Pulaski Courthouse Square Historic District is being nominated under National Register criteria A and C for its importance in the architectural, governmental and commercial development of Pulaski and Giles County. As a collection, the buildings of the district represent the best examples of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century commercial architecture in Pulaski and Giles County. The district is architecturally among the finest courthouse squares remaining in Middle Tennessee.

Established on Richland Creek, Pulaski prospered throughout the early nineteenth century as the most important social, governmental, and business center in agrarian Giles County. During the Civil War, Pulaski was the site of the hanging of Sam Davis, the young Confederate hero. Following the war, the Ku Klux Klan was formed in a small commercial building still standing within the boundaries of the district. In the late 1860's after several fires, the current architectural character of the court square district began to take shape with brick buildings replacing wooden ones.

By the turn of the century, Pulaski had a population of about 4,000. There were a number of important industries, and the town was showing a steady growth. In 1915, six years after the current courthouse was completed, the town government ordered all trees around the square to be cut down and all poles removed to make way for new paving and curbing. Twenty electric light standards were installed around the square, and the business men subscribed to a fund for the installation. However, it was not until 1923 that the streets around the square were finally paved after considerable public pressure.

The appearance of the district has not changed significantly from that period. It is still dominated at its center by the Giles County Courthouse, one of the state's finest Beaux Arts buildings and one which has undergone almost no alterations from its date of construction. Although the first-story facades of many commercial buildings within the district have been altered, the majority of upper stories retain a high degree of their original architectural integrity. Facing the northwest corner of the square is the First United Methodist Church, which is the largest and best example of Victorian Gothic architecture in Pulaski and Giles County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 16 acres

Quadrangle name Pulaski, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Herbert L. Hoyer

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 7/7/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
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Keeper of the National Register

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Chief of Registration

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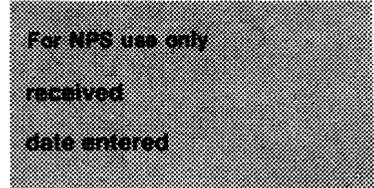
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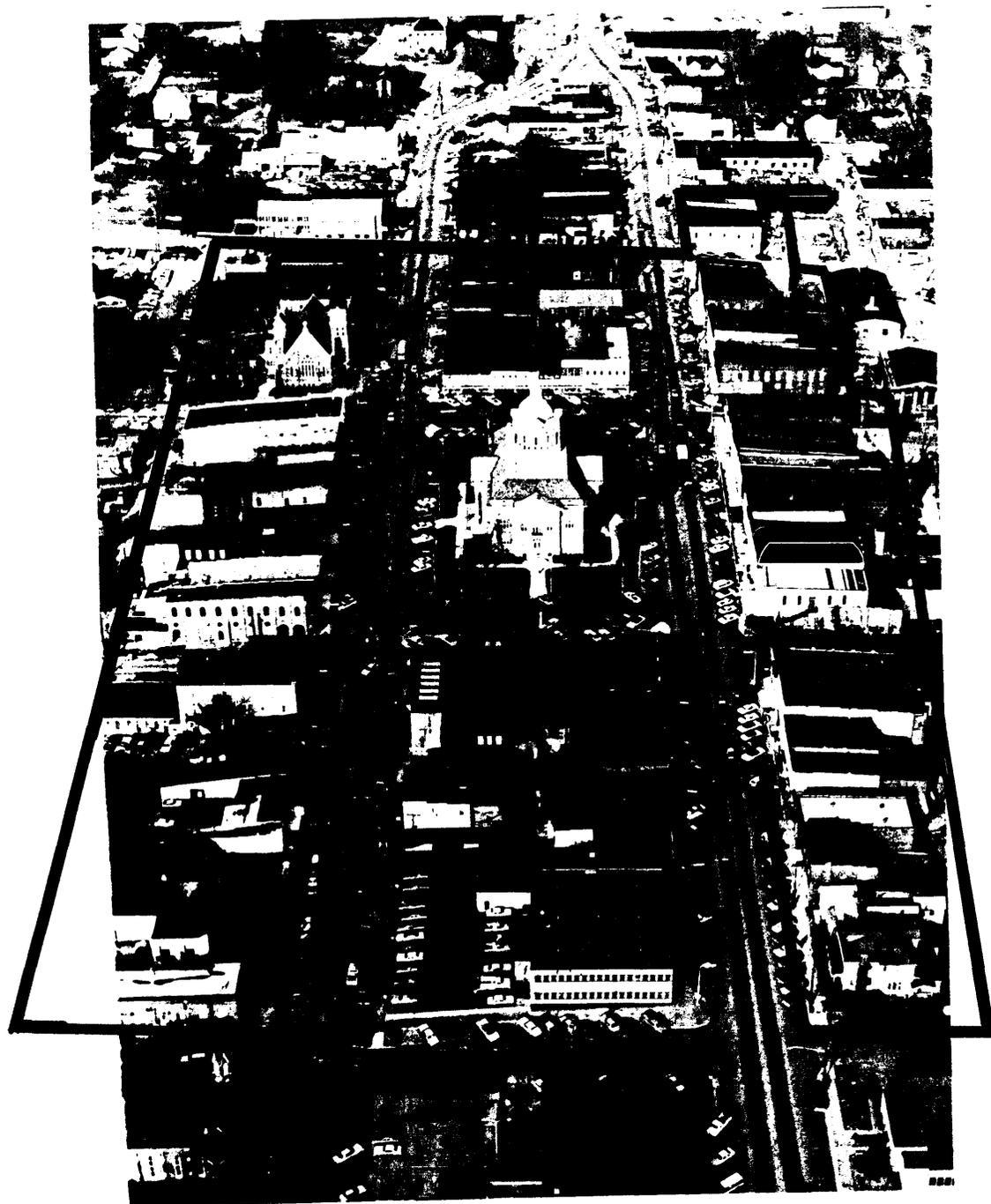
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Verbal Boundary Description

The district is generally bounded on the north by Washington Street, the east by First Street, the south by Flower Street, and the west by Second Street. The boundaries include the courthouse and square, the buildings facing the square, and the buildings along First and Second Streets leading into the square between Washington and Flower Streets. There are also a few buildings in the district along Madison and N. First Streets just outside of the general boundaries. The nominated area contains all of the historic core of Pulaski's central business district.



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First, Jefferson, Madison, Second Streets
Pulaski, Giles Co., Tennessee