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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

West Capitol Street Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, bounded by RR tracks, Amity, Roach and Pearl Sts.

West Capitol, Roach, Mill and Pearl streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

VICINITY OF

Fourth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Mississippi

CODE

28

COUNTY

Hinds

CODE

49

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Chancery Clerk
Hinds County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South President Street

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The West Capitol Street Historic District is primarily commercial in character, but includes as well a railroad depot, parking garage, and two office buildings. Almost all buildings are brick. Architectural styles include Queen Anne, Sullivanesque, Colonial Revival, Art Deco, and Spanish Colonial Revival. Party-wall commercial structures line the north side of West Capitol Street for one block and the south side for one-and-one-half blocks. The majority of buildings on the north side of Capitol Street, which is the main, east-west thoroughfare in Jackson, were constructed by 1900 and form a unified row of low-scale structures in sharp contrast to the adjacent new Federal Building. Unique architectural features of these low-scale buildings include the Palladian facade treatment as well as the original storefront and interior of Bourgeois Jewelry Store at 220 W. Capitol St., the Queen Anne-style facade and original cast-iron columns of 218 W. Capitol St., the intact Colonial Revival facade with multi-paned transom incorporating the Cohen Brothers store name at 224 W. Capitol St., and the pilastered facade treatment of three other buildings in the row. Buildings on the south side of Capitol Street were constructed later, the earliest ca. 1895 with the majority between 1904 and 1923. These structures retain a higher scale, ranging from three to twelve stories. Architecturally outstanding structures on this side of Capitol Street include the Dennery Building, with corbeled drip molds and Queen Anne-style cornice, the Sullivanesque McClelland Hardware Building, and the Colonial Revival King Edward Hotel (entered on the National Register in 1976). Completing a square block on the south side of Capitol Street is the Standard Life Tower, a sixteen-story Art Deco skyscraper constructed in 1929, together with a one-story Art Deco commercial row and a two-story parking garage constructed in 1926. Extending north to Mill Street, the district includes several significant Colonial Revival-style buildings: the two-story train depot constructed in 1925, when the elevated railroad tracks which form the western boundary of the district were built, the Noble Hotel, ca. 1908, a three-story building located on Mill Street across from the depot, and a one-story commercial building, ca. 1915, originally constructed as a car showroom. Interesting street features of the district include three sidewalk decorations, a mosaic walkway with "Bon-Ton" spelled in tiles at 209-211 W. Capitol St., and two Art Deco sidewalk motifs in front of the two entrances to the Standard Life Tower, which match decorative panels of the building's exterior.

The most obvious architectural changes to the district include the loss of decorative parapets at 226-230 W. Capitol St. and the Bon-Ton Building, 209-211 W. Capitol St., and the loss of architectural features on other buildings in the district from cladding or infilling of facades. Original wooden canopies have been removed or replaced with aluminum. The Millsaps building, constructed in 1913, was originally six stories high but was raised to nine stories in 1945. Despite these changes the district retains much of its former character, especially when contrasted with the surrounding area, which is currently undergoing demolition and new construction.

Structures Within the District

Abbreviations at the end of each entry are "P. S." for Primary Significance, "C. S." for Contributing Significance, "M" for Marginal Significance, and "I" for Intrusion.

1. Smith-Pate Auto Company Building (126 N. Mill St.): Ca. 1915. Colonial Revival style. One-story three-bay brick commercial building. Modillioned cornice of concrete. Concrete diamond-shaped frieze ornamentation. (P. S.)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The West Capitol Street Historic District contains the earliest intact commercial facades in Jackson and some of the finest Art Deco architecture in the state of Mississippi. Reflecting the earlier importance of West Capitol Street as a turn-of-the-century commercial center and the subsequent growth and development of the capital city in the 1920s, the district is vitally important as a visual record of the commercial history of Jackson.

Prior to 1885 there was little commercial activity on West Capitol Street, the main business center being located near the Old Capitol on State Street and extending down East Capitol Street only as far as President Street. Only a few commercial establishments served the old railroad depot located where the present one stands, two hotels, a drug store, and a dry-goods store. Of these early commercial structures only the dry-goods store, at 232 W. Capitol St., retains a resemblance to its original appearance. By 1890 Jackson seemed to have recovered from the Reconstruction period. The population had increased and new houses were being built northwest and south of the old section of town. A newly established board of trade had begun to attract new industry to the city. In 1899 Jackson got its first electric street car. Thus new markets and improved transportation contributed to the new business activity on West Capitol Street so that by 1900 brick commercial blocks had been constructed on the north side of the street as far east as 214, and the 200 block entirely completed by 1925.

Alfred Bourgeois first located his jewelry store in 1886 on South State Street. Several years later he moved his business to West Capitol Street and by 1900 had built the brick building at 220, just west of his shop's relocation. This store has remained in the Bourgeois family for almost eighty years and according to the owners is the oldest continuously owned family business in the state. Containing its original cherry display cases and ceiling of German steel pressed in a floral pattern, it was the first completely fireproof building to be constructed in the area and the floor is said to be the first tile floor in the state (Jackson: Bourgeois Building, Hinds County, Statewide Survey of Historic Sites, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson). S. P. McRae located his first store at 216 W. Capitol St. in 1902. McRae's is now the largest locally owned department-store chain in Mississippi. By the 1920s he had moved east on the same block to 200-202, where the store remained for more than thirty years. Also located on this block, at 232, were the law offices of prominent black attorneys Beadle and Howard. Perry Howard later moved to Washington and became leader of Mississippi's "Black and Tan" Republicans (Carroll Brinson, Jackson/A Special Kind of Place [Jackson, Miss.: City of Jackson, 1977], p. 211).

Development of the south side of West Capitol Street was slower, with construction not being completed until 1929. The commercial block which now incorporates 209-215 W. Capitol St. was one of the first commercial blocks on the south side of the street and

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 9 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Jackson, Miss.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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B 1,5 764680 3577120

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 1,5 764670 3576890

D 1,5 764540 3576910

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boundaries are as indicated by the red line on the enclosed lot and block map, following property lines with the exception of lots 74 and 75, which include just over half of each lot as shown.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Adele Cramer, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Department of Archives and History

DATE

September 12, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

(601) 354-7326

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Robert R. Hilliard

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE October 19, 1979

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

for W. Ray Luce

DATE 3/13/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Ann A. [unclear]*

DATE 3/11/80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Boston Investment Corp.
207 W. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Bourgeois Realty
220 W. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Lazar and Leonard Cohen
224 W. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Ruben Cott
214 W. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Charles Denney
Rt. 2, Box 346 CAD
Hwy. 49 North
Jackson, MS

Dixie Vending Co.
112 N. Mill St.
Jackson, MS 39201

M. E. Hawkins and Sara Edwards
attn: Mrs. J. R. Hawkins
922 Morningside Dr.
Jackson, MS 39202

Coleman Frye
P. O. Box 202
Jackson, MS 39205

John George
c/o Manuel George
1850 Cheltenham La.
Columbia, S. C. 29206

John Gouras
123 W. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Illinois Central Railroad
c/o John F. Belt Real Estate Dept.
233 N. Michigan Ave. C.
Chicago, IL 60601

John V. Imbragulio
305 Vincent Bldg.
Jackson, MS 39201

George Kountouris
123 W. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Eva Hart Lewis
c/o M. S. Lewis
P. O. Box 1353
Jackson, MS 39205

McRae's Inc.
Accounting Dept.
P. O. Box 20080
Jackson, MS 39209

D. H. Orkin
4115 Crestview Dr.
Jackson, MS 39211

Stanley Orkin
c/o Deposit Guaranty National Bank Trustee
P. O. Box 1200
Jackson, MS 39205

Sidney Robinson, Jr.
P. O. Box 10917
Jackson, MS 39209

Seymour and Ida Lee Schwartz
100 E. Capitol St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Standard Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 1729
Jackson, MS 39205

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Vincent Inc.
c/o L. E. Matthews
Rt. 3, Box 267
Florence, MS 39073

L. O. and Ben Walker
P. O. Box 8464
Jackson, MS 39204

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2. Commercial Building (118 N. Mill St.): Ca. 1930. One-story 2x1-bay brick commercial building with hinged brick corners and original corrugated metal canopy. (C. S.)
3. Noble Hotel (108-114 N. Mill St.): Ca. 1908. Colonial Revival. Three-story 4x2-bay brick building with metal block cornice. Concrete cornice at first-floor level. (P. S.)
4. Union Depot (W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1925. Colonial Revival. Two-story 5x6-bay brick building with classical ornamentation in concrete. Round-arched windows with radiating muntins. One-story addition on west side above which is constructed elevated railroad tracks. One-story gable-roofed building attached at rear. (P. S.)
5. Gulf Finance (236 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1940. Two-story 2x10-bay commercial building clad with concrete. Enamel-paneled first floor. Casement windows. (M.)
6. Capitol News (232-234 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1928. Spanish Colonial Revival. Two-story four-bay commercial building of concrete block. Tile roof. Round-arched windows. Urns and corbel table detail. Storefronts altered but one rope-turned column still visible. (C. S.)
7. Commercial Block (226-230 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1885, altered ca. 1910 and 1945. Two-story ten-bay commercial building with concrete-clad pilastered second floor and horizontal band of marbelized glass between floors. (C. S.)
8. Cohen Brothers (224 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1895, altered ca. 1918. Colonial Revival. Two-story two-bay brick commercial block. Modillioned cornice on first and second floors. Raised brick rectangular enrichment with concrete corner blocks. Multi-paned transom with "Cohen Brothers" in center. (P. S.)
9. Commercial Block (222 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1895 with later alterations. Two-story two-bay brick commercial building with patterned brick frieze to match 220 W. Capitol St. Recessed rectangular panels above windows. Rosette tie-rod caps. Aluminum panel covers transom area. (C. S.)
10. Bourgeois Jewelers (220 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1900. Colonial Revival. Two-story three-bay brick commercial block with Palladian facade treatment and patterned brick facade decoration. Leaded glass transoms. Original interior. (P. S.)
11. Commercial Block (218 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1897. Queen Anne. Two-story four-bay brick building with bracketed iron frieze and bracketed window lintels. Rectangular ventilator panels with metal grates. Original cast-iron columns. Date 1897 in frieze. (P. S.)

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12. Lott Furniture Co. (216 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1895, altered 1951. Two-story six-bay brick commercial building with glass block windows. Original openings altered. Original decorative grates remain. (C. S.)
13. Commercial Block (210-212 W. Capitol St.): Before 1885, storefront ca. 1945. Two-story four-bay commercial building. Concrete infilled facade, but shape of original cornice still apparent. Ornate cast-iron lintels visible. Original rosette tie-rod caps. (P. S.)
14. Commercial Block (206-208 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1910. Classical Revival. Two-story six-bay brick building with pilastered upper story. Metal modillioned and denticulated cornice. Corbeled brick above pilasters. (P. S.)
15. Commercial Block (200-204 W. Capitol St.): Constructed as two buildings: 202-204 (western section), four bays constructed ca. 1910; 200 (eastern section), two bays constructed ca. 1915. This building, now clad with concrete, once matched 206-208 W. Capitol St. Pilasters remain but cornice has been removed. (C. S.)
16. Dennery Building (113-117 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1898. Queen Anne. Two-story 5x5-bay brick commercial block. Bracketed cornice. Windows set in recessed bays. Raised brick drip molds with corbeled ends. (P. S.)
17. Commercial Block (119 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1925. One-story former Spanish Colonial-style recently remodeled to "Old Town" appearance with brick veneer facade, round-arched windows, and metal grillwork. (I.)
18. Mayflower Cafe and Thomas' Great M. Store (121 W. Capitol St.): East section of building ca. 1898, west section ca. 1901. Two-story 4x11-bay brick building with stucco front ca. 1945. Original windows with segmental-arched heads and raised brick drip molds as well as corbeled cornice remain on west elevation. Art Moderne canopy with neon enrichment. Art Deco neon sign. (C. S.)
19. Millsaps Building (203 W. Capitol St.): First through six floors constructed 1913. Seventh through ninth floor added 1945. Nine-story 3x7-bay brick commercial building with paired windows recessed between pilasters. Corbeled cornice. Original classical feeling of building altered more toward Art Deco when building raised. Original rusticated concrete and console keystone remain visible on one section of the first floor. (C. S.)
20. Boston Investment Co. (207 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1913. One-story two-bay commercial building with stepped parapet roofline clad with marble panels. Original facade treatment was probably same as first floor of the Millsaps Building. (M.)

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21. Bon-Ton Cafe (209-211 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1890, later alterations. Two-story brick commercial building. Upper stories covered with enamel panel. Tile sidewalk reads "Bon-Ton Cafe." (I.)
22. Liberty Loans (215 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1890, later alterations. Two-story commercial building with concrete-clad upper story, enamel paneled first floor. (I.)
23. McClelland Hardware Building (217 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1904. Sullivanesque four-story eight-bay brick commercial building with corbeled cornice and curved, stepped parapet. Windows recessed in four-story arcaded bays. (P. S.)
24. King Edward Hall (221 W. Capitol St.): Ca. 1960. One-story three-bay building with recessed entrances at end bays. Mosaic tile on first floor. Concrete solar screen on second floor. (I.)
25. King Edward Hotel (Capitol at Mill Sts.): Ca. 1923. Colonial Revival. Entered on the National Register in 1976. (P.S.)
26. Garage on the corner of Mill and ^{East} Roach Sts.: 1926. Classical detailing. Three-story brick and concrete garage with large rear addition. Central bay decorated with pilasters, topped with curved parapet. Scrolled ornament adorns doorway. Corner pilasters with geometric designed. Horizontal bands of concrete divide the floors. (P. S.)
27. Standard Life Tower (127 S. Roach St.): Ca. 1929. Art Deco sixteen-story 5x8-bay skyscraper of concrete and brick. First two floors are designed in low scale with setback battlements and stepped window openings. The main block of the building rises from center of the two-story section. Setback design. Enamel spandrel panels on twelveth and thirteenth floors, which utilize Art Deco motif and match sidewalk pattern at entrances. Art Deco lobby intact. (P. S.)
28. Commercial Block (111-121 S. Roach St.): Ca. 1929. Art Deco one-story six-bay commercial block. Each bay recessed between pilasters and decorated in a different Art Deco motif. Parapeted roofline of each bay also articulated in an individual Art Deco design. (P. S.)

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housed a bank, dry-goods store, and grocery. Part of the building later became the Bon-Ton Cafe, one of Jackson's fanciest restaurants. The Dennery Building, constructed by 1900, is outstanding for its upper floors, articulated in the Queen Anne commercial style, and its first floor, which has been compatibly modernized. The four-story McClelland Hardware Building at 217 W. Capitol St., one of the few Sullivanesque structures remaining in Jackson, was built in 1904. It remained the home of the McClelland Hardware Company until 1926, when the building became the Montgomery Ward Department Store. Constructed in 1913, the Millsaps Building, at 200-205 W. Capitol St., was the first home of the Jackson State National Bank. Rapid development of the remainder of the block began in 1923 with the completion of the King Edward Hotel, considered at the time to be the "most modern in the country" ("The New Edwards Hotel to be Opened Saturday; Most Modern in Country," Clarion-Ledger, [Jackson, Miss.], Dec. 28, 1923).

In 1925 the present depot was constructed and the hazardous tracks which crossed Capitol Street at ground level were elevated. In 1926 the classically detailed garage on the corner of South Mill and Roach streets was built for the R. E. Hines Motor Company as a Chrysler dealer showroom, and in 1929 the Art Deco Tower Building was constructed by the Enochs, who owned the King Edward Hotel. Constructed as a monument to the family who had acquired wealth in the lumber industry, the Tower was built in five and one half months, with twenty-four hour shifts stopping only on Sundays (Stephen Rassenfoss, "Construction Raises Capitol Property Values," Clarion-Ledger [Jackson, Miss.], real estate section, July 29, 1979, p. 1).

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West Capitol Street Historic District

Designed by Jackson architect, Claude Lindsley, the Tower Building is one of only three Art Deco skyscrapers in the state and is outstanding for both its interior and exterior detailing. Utilizing the typical set-back design the building also displays decorative panels with geometric motifs which are highlighted with 14K gold leaf. This motif is replicated (minus gold leaf) in the sidewalks in front of both entrances. The interior hallway is particularly lavish utilizing a variety of materials and geometric forms. Linking the skyscraper with some of the lower scale buildings in the district is the 1-story building just north of the Tower which employs a different Art-Deco motif in each bay. Visually, the transition from low-scale to high-rise is not abrupt. Buildings on the south side of West Capitol Street which vary from two to nine stories make the transition between the 2-story buildings on the north side of West Capitol and the Standard Life Tower on Pearl Street.

TOWN

HAMILTON STREET

STREET

ALBA ST.

ST.

STREET

78

GRIFFITH STREET

STREET

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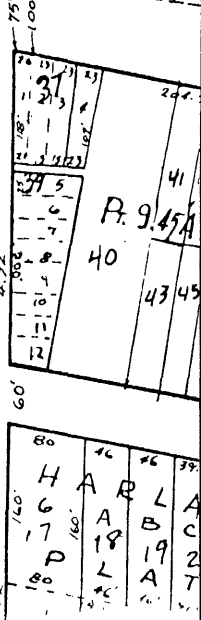
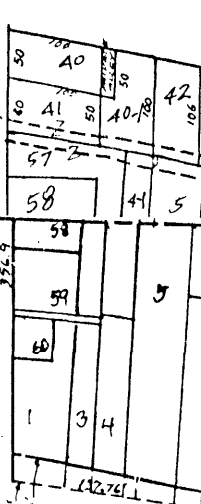
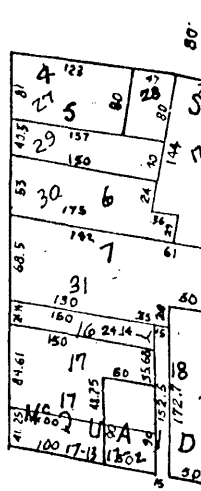
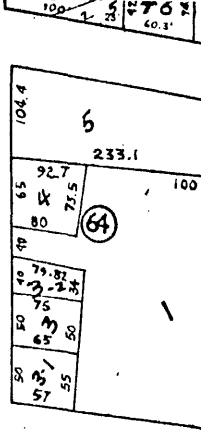
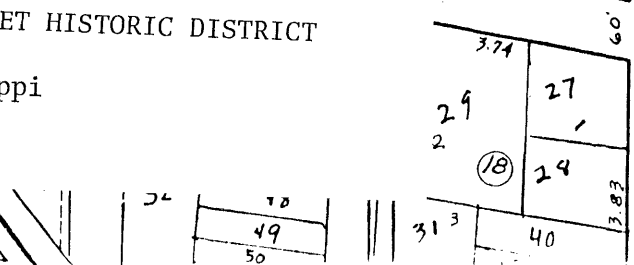
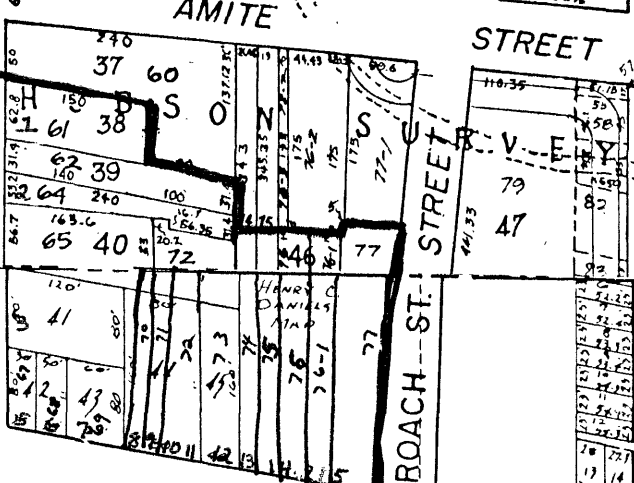
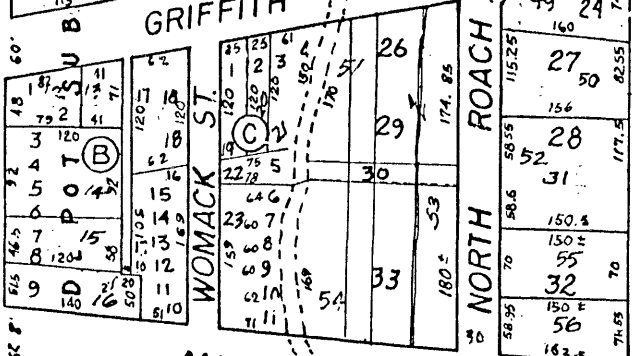
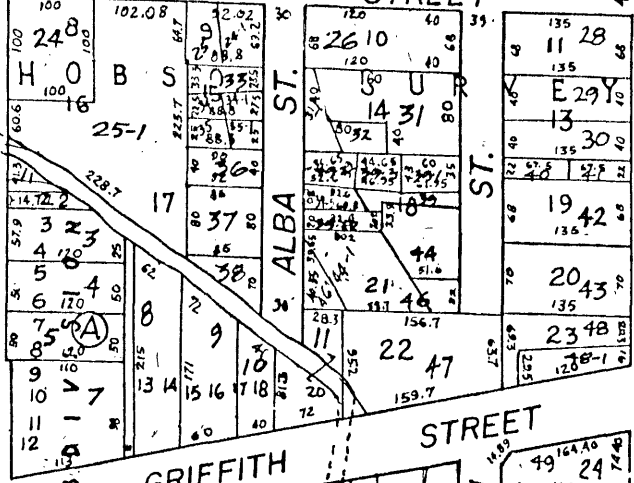
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