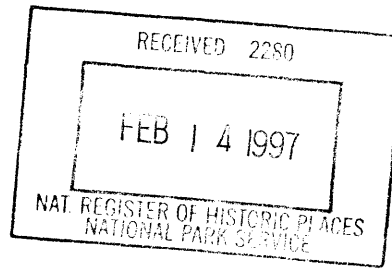


United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Christenberry Club Room
other names/site number KN. 7670

2. Location

street & number Southwest corner of Henegar and Shamrock not for publication N/A
city or town Knoxville vicinity N/A
state Tennessee code TN county Knox code 093 zip code 37917

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Herbert L. Boyer 1/31/97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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.) _____

Edson H. Beall 3/14/97
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Christenberry Club Room
Name of Property

Knox County, TN
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing

Noncontributing

1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic & Architectural Resources of Knoxville-Knox Co.

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: clubhouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: clubhouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Minimalist N.Y.A. Rustic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls STONE

roof SLATE
other WOOD, CONCRETE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** moved from its original location.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 year of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1939 - 1946

Significant Dates

1939

Significant Person

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Barber & McMurray, Architect; N.Y.A.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Knoxville-Knox Metro Planning Commission

Christenberry Club Room
Name of Property

Knox County, TN
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Knoxville, TN 147NW

1 16 236900 3987230
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ann K. Bennett, Senior Planner
organization Knoxville-Knox Co. Metropolitan Planning Commission date April 1996
street & number Suite 403, 400 Main Street telephone 423-215-2500
city or town Knoxville state TN zip code 37902

Additional Documentation

submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Knoxville (Mr. Victor Ashe, Mayor)
street & number 400 Main Street telephone _____
city or town Knoxville state TN zip code 37902

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Christenberry Club Room
Knox County, TN

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Christenberry Club Room (KN. 7670¹) is located on Shamrock Avenue, and shares a tract of land on which is located Christenberry School. The Club Room is located at the northeast corner of the tract. The building fronts on Shamrock. To the rear is a modern facility that serves as the Christenberry Community Center. Adjacent to the community center and undergoing construction is a new school. Parking lots and a paved drive mark the western and southern approaches to the building, while to the north and east are houses that make up part of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood.

The Club Room is a one story structure built of uncut brown sandstone laid in irregular courses. The building consists of two sections, built at the same time but designed to give the appearance of an original one and one-half story building on the east, with an adjoining one story ell. Both sections of the building are covered by a side gable roof finished with a slate roof covering.

The building has two primary elevations, one to the north, facing the residential neighborhood, and one to the south, approached by asphalt walkways and facing Christenberry Community Center. The northern facade is marked by a central enclosed projecting entry, roofed with a continuation of the structure's gable roof. It contains a plank door, a four light casement side window, and four light casement windows on each side of the projection. The door is approached by use of a marble step, and has been boarded over for security purposes. Three eight over eight double hung wood windows appear on the north elevation of the building. All have stone sills and wooden lintels.

On the south elevation, a central recessed porch, supported by square sawn wood columns, provides access to the interior, and serves as the primary entrance to the building. The plank door at this entry is also boarded over. A marble plaque on the wall under the porch roof is engraved with the following inscription:

"Christenberry Club Room. Built by N.Y.A. 1939. Barber & McMurry. Architects."

Three eight-over-eight double-hung windows appear on the south elevation with stone sills and wooden lintels.

The eastern portion of the structure is built with a stone exterior end fireplace flanked by six light casement gable end vents. Foundation vents are made of stones laid vertically with spaces between each stone. The adjoining one story ell is lower in elevation than the eastern portion of the structure, and is built with the same materials and fenestration. It also contains an exterior end stone chimney.

The interior of the Christenberry Club Room is divided into an entry, two bathrooms, and three meeting rooms. When the building is entered from the south, there is an entrance foyer. On the west end of the building is the largest room, which has a fireplace on the west wall. The room is approached from the foyer by marble steps, and has a marble floor. To the east is a small storage room and beyond that is another room with a centered

¹ Knox County Survey Number 7670

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fireplace on the east wall and a staircase to a balcony. The rooms on the eastern side of the building have wood floors. Throughout the building, the walls are surfaced with tongue and groove wood paneling. Crown molding with dentils appears in all rooms.

The Christenberry Club Room, in both its interior and exterior appearance, has not been altered since its construction, showing only the result of years of use, rather than more drastic changes. In 1995, the building was renovated. However, no changes were made to the building and original materials were retained, including the repair of slate roof tiles.

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Christenberry Club Room
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Christenberry Club Room is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A for the role it plays in illustrating the National Youth Administration, a New Deal program, and for the distinction it achieves in the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Community of which it has always been a part and under criterion C, for its architectural significance. It meets the requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Nomination "Historic and Architectural Resources of Knoxville and Knox County," under the context of Institutional and Organizational Buildings.

The Christenberry Club Room was built under the National Youth Administration (N.Y.A.). Although local records indicate that there were several rehabilitation and addition projects that were part of the National Youth Administration activities in Knox County, the Christenberry Club Room is the only known example of an N.Y.A. building that survives to illustrate their work here. The plans for the Club Room were the work of Barber & McMurry, a noted local architectural firm in Knox County. Barber & McMurry worked on several school buildings in conjunction with W. P. A. and P. W. A. funding. The design of the Club Room clearly reflects their enthusiasm and mastery of twentieth century revival styles. It was obviously designed to with the same care and architectural details and embellishments that can be found in their other work from the same era. The overall design of the building, with its suggestion of an original small colonial structure with an addition, shows an attention to detail typical of the firm.

The Christenberry Club Room functioned as an important part of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Community. That community was developed around the turn of the century, as part of the expansion of Knoxville made possible by the rapid expansion of industries and wholesale trade. The neighborhood has continued to develop through the years, and is composed of relatively small frame housing, some of which was constructed as recently as the 1950s. Many of the residents of the community speak fondly of the years when the structure was used as a Club Room, and provided a central meeting place, as well as a location for home economics demonstration clubs, community weddings, a voting place and other similar celebrations. Even after the room was taken over by Christenberry Junior High School in the 1950s, the long tradition of a neighborhood center was recognized by the city, which provided a community meeting place adjacent to the Junior High School Building.

After the Club Room ceased to function as a community meeting place, it was used by the adjacent Christenberry Junior High School as a band room, and remained in active use until a few years ago. The Knox County School Board is in the process of adding to and rehabilitating the Christenberry facility, in order to create a magnet school which will replace several of the nearby neighborhood schools. When the classes formerly served at the facility were moved to other locations in order to allow for construction, the Christenberry Club Room was boarded over and the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association approached the Knox County School Board and the City of Knoxville, asking that they be allowed to refurbish the building and use it as a community meeting space again. On behalf of the residents, the city has secured the building and intends to grant the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association a long term lease. The neighborhood association, in turn, has restored the building repairing original materials. The repair work followed the Secretary of the Interiors standards and included the repair of original roof shingles.

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The significance of the Christenberry Club Room lies in its continued importance to its community, as well as its architectural design and its association with New Deal programs. It provides Knoxville with an important reminder, and the only example of N.Y.A. involvement discovered in the city.

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Christenberry Club Room
Knox County, TN

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the southwest corner of the intersection of Henegar and Shamrock, 200 feet west along the south side of Shamrock, then 100 feet south to a point; thence 200 feet east to the right of way of Henegar, then 100 feet north to the point of beginning, being part of parcel FD36, Map No. 81, Knox County Records.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

This nomination encompasses the land and setting of the Christenberry Club Room.

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Knox County, TN

PHOTOGRAPHS

Christenberry Club Room
Henegar at Shamrock, southwest corner
Knox County, Tennessee
Tennessee Historical Commission
Ann K. Bennett
August 1996

South facade and east, looking northwest
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South facade, looking northeast
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East elevation, looking west
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North elevation, looking south
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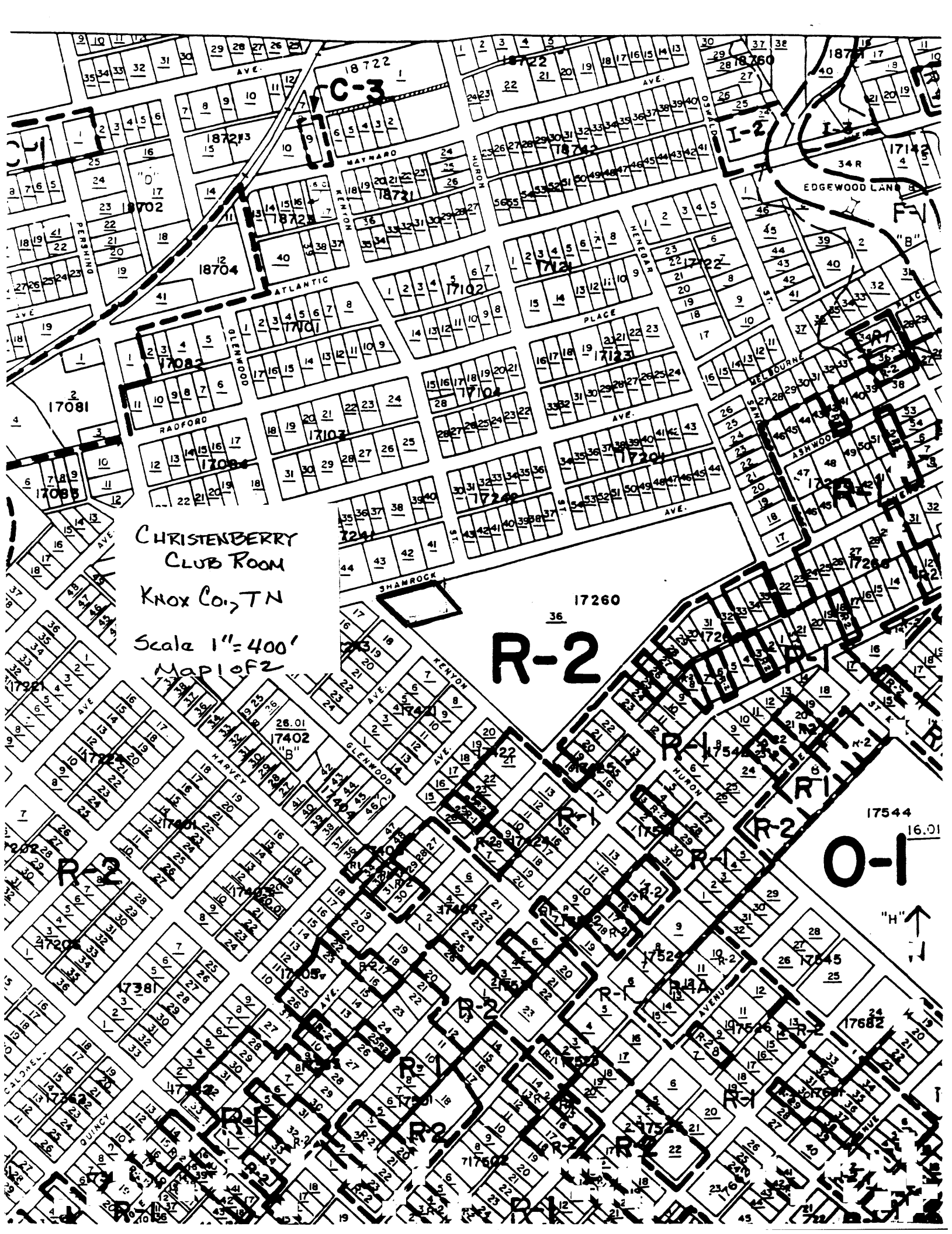
North elevation, looking southeast
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Northwest elevation, looking southeast
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West elevation, looking east
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Exterior detail, plaque with construction date and architect
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Exterior detail, plaque with construction date and architect
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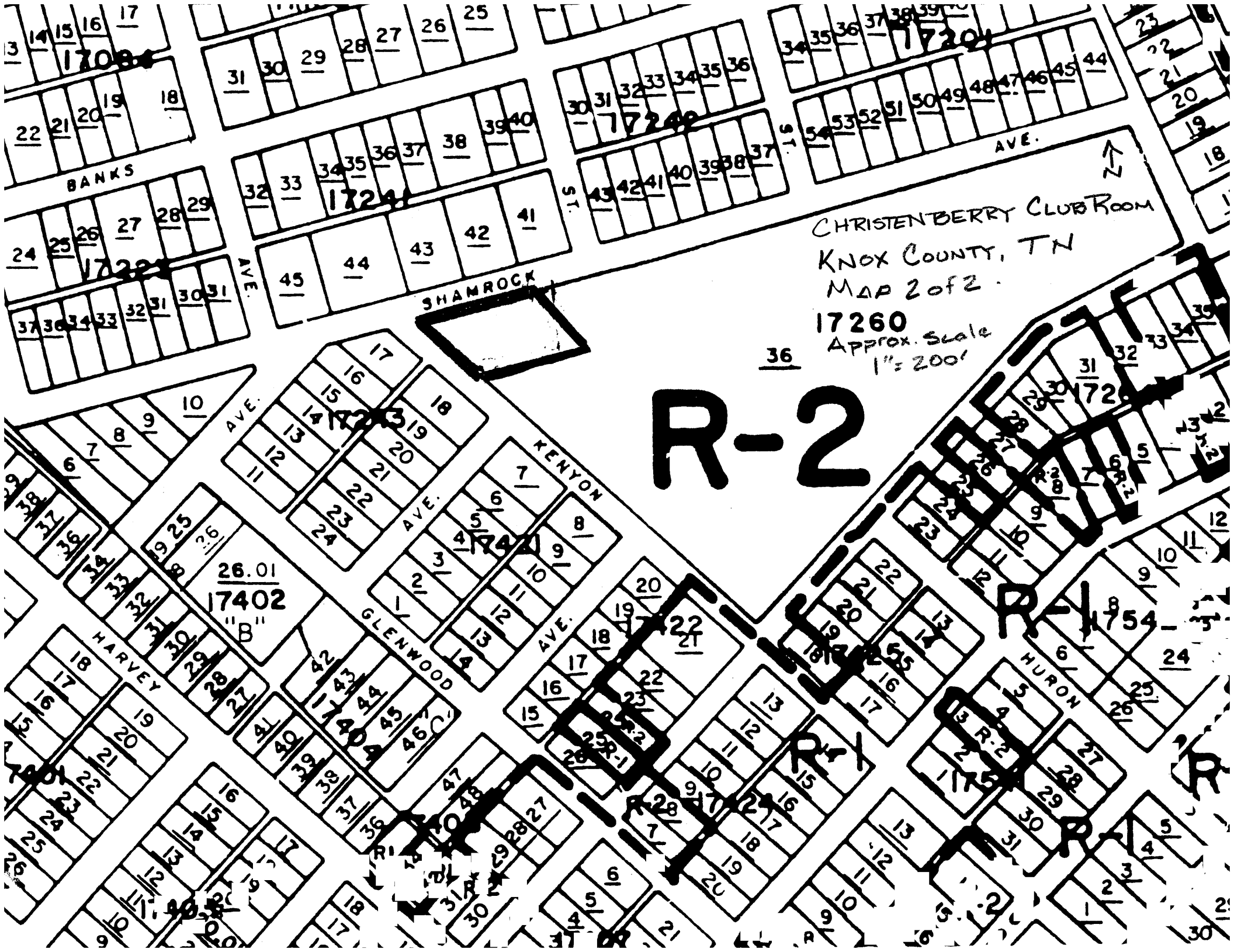


CHRISTENBERRY
CLUB ROOM
KNOX CO., TN
Scale 1" = 400'
Map of 2

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1708

17204

17249

1724

1722

CHRISTENBERRY CLUB ROOM
KNOX COUNTY, TN
MAP 2 of 2

17260
Approx. Scale
1" = 200'

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17402
"B"

1754

