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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Railroad Call Historic District

Other Name/Site Number: PU 9977, PU 9978, PU 9979

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 108 - 114 S. Pulaski St.

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Little Rock

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Pulaski Code: AR 119 Zip Code: 72201

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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County and State

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Catherine A. Sater _____ 5-30-97
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

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

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Commerce Sub: Professional

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival

Materials: foundation Brick, Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

Constructed in 1906, the Railroad Call Historic District consists of three single-story, transitional Colonial Revival-style houses at 108-114 South Pulaski Street in Little Rock. The site is located one block from the Little Rock Missouri Pacific Railroad Station and three blocks from the present State Capitol grounds.

Elaboration

Three single-story, transitional Colonial Revival-style houses stand now much as they were when completed in 1906. They are supported on masonry foundations and are wood-framed, clapboard-sided with gabled roofs. There are full-width front porches at 112 and 114 South Pulaski with the east gables detailed with fishscale shingles. The house at 108 South Pulaski is of more modest construction and has a half-width front porch. The original two-over-two, double-hung, wood windows remain, only the entrance windows at 112 and 114 South Pulaski have one-over-one sashes. The porches at 112 and 114 South Pulaski were reconstructed during conversion of the buildings to offices. All of the roofs are now covered with asphalt composition shingles. The original side porches on the south side of 112 and 114 were enclosed at an unknown date with one-over-one windows. The rear porch of 108 was enclosed also. No other structures are on the site.

The interiors are mostly undisturbed with only minor modifications. Horse hair-reinforced plaster on wood lath remains on approximately fifty percent of the walls. Although modest in size, the interiors have much in common with more commodious residences of the time. Significant features include eleven foot high ceilings, four-panel wood doors with single-pane transoms, molded trim with patera corner blocks. The door hardware is brass plated. The original wood floors, pine at 112 and 114 and chiefly oak at 108, also remain intact.

The site is located one block from the Little Rock Missouri Pacific Railroad Station (NR 6/17/77) and three blocks from the present State Capitol grounds.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1906

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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

Summary

The Railroad Call Historic District is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance for its depiction of intact railroad worker housing that developed around the nearby Missouri Pacific Depot at the turn of the century.

Historical Background

The Memphis and Little Rock Railroad was chartered in early 1853, but construction did not begin until 1857. By the end of 1858, only thirty-eight miles from Hopefield (now West Memphis) to Madison on the St. Francis River were completed. Work on the western section began in 1859, and a section to DeVall's Bluff was completed by 1862. The Civil War halted further development. Construction resumed after the war, and the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad officially opened on August 21, 1871. At this time, service extended to the north side of the Arkansas River at Argenta (present-day North Little Rock). In April, 1873, the Baring Cross Bridge Company was incorporated in order to build a bridge across the Arkansas River from Argenta to Little Rock. The bridge was built and leased to the Cairo & Fulton Railroad Company later that year.

Work began in 1906 for a much larger and grander train station to replace the 1873 building. It was completed in 1909. At the same time, approximately four blocks away, construction was underway for the present Arkansas State Capitol (NR 6/28/74) which was completed in 1915. Transportation to this area of Little Rock was provided by electric trolley, which had reached the Pulaski and Markham Street intersection c. 1893.

Still, due to the limited nature of both private and public transportation at the turn of the century, workers needed to live in the vicinity of their employment. The area surrounding the Missouri Pacific train station supported a community of workers. Large groups of houses were built on narrow lots. Many of the groups had identical floor plans and were generally small and closely placed in the block. Cora Faust, responsible for the house at 108 South Pulaski Street, and J. T. McDonnell, who built the identical-plan houses at 112 and 114 South Pulaski, were two of the developers that produced housing to meet the demand.

The three houses constituting this historic district are typical of several blocks of houses that sprung up around the Missouri Pacific Depot after the turn of the century in an area known as the "Railroad Call District." The name is derived from the railroad company sending messengers to "call" crew members living in the area for work.

The buildings served their original purpose of rental property until early 1996 when they were vacated in preparation for demolition. Rayjohn, Inc., acquired the property in June 1996 and adapted the buildings for use as offices. Care was taken to preserve the existing historic fabric and reconstruct the porches in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Architectural Significance

Under Criterion C, the Railroad Call Historic District is locally significant for its depiction of intact, transitional Colonial Revival-style railroad worker housing in Little Rock at the beginning of this century. Unfortunately, there are few other examples of this type in the surrounding neighborhood that retain their integrity due largely to demolition and insensitive alterations in response to increased commercial usage of the area.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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Baker, William D., "Railroad Growth and Development in Arkansas, 1870 - 1940." historic context for "Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940," multiple property listing.

Sanborn Map Company, 1913. On file at Arkansas History Commission.

Pulaski County Property Tax Records, Pulaski County Tax Assessor, 1906, 1907.

Roy, F. Hampton, Sr., and Charles Witsell, Jr. with Cheryl Griffith Nichols. *How We Lived: Little Rock As An American City*. Little Rock: August House, 1984.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

The south 25 feet of Lot 9, Block 335, to the original City of Little Rock, Pulaski Co.; the north 25 feet of Lot 9, Block 335, to the original City of Little Rock; the south 38.5 feet of the east 80 feet of Lot 10, and the south 33 feet of the west 65 feet of the east 145 feet of Lot 10, in Block 335, to the original City of Little Rock.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes the houses at 108, 112, and 114 S. Pulaski Street and all of the property historically associated with these houses that retains integrity.

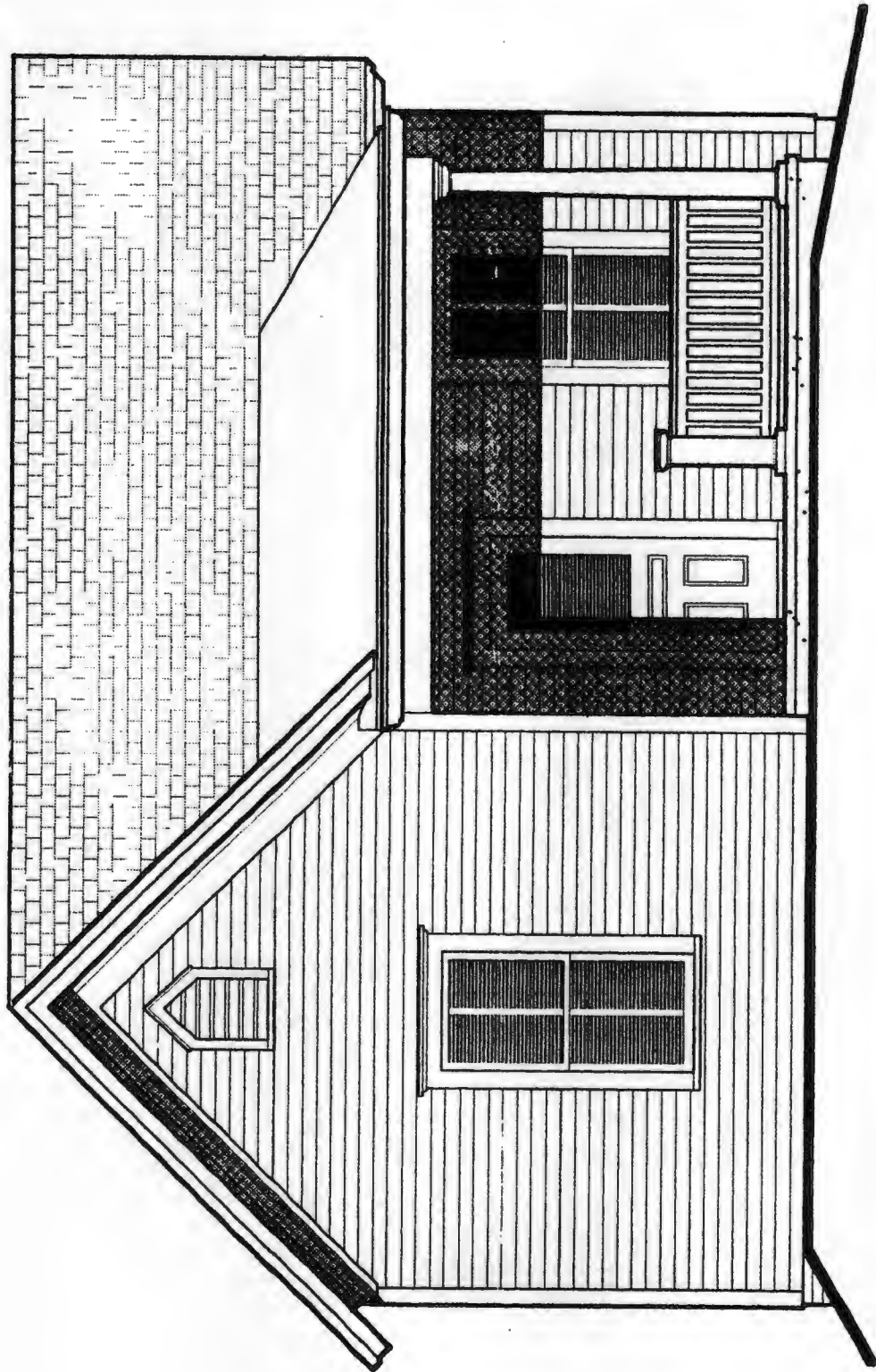
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11. Form Prepared By
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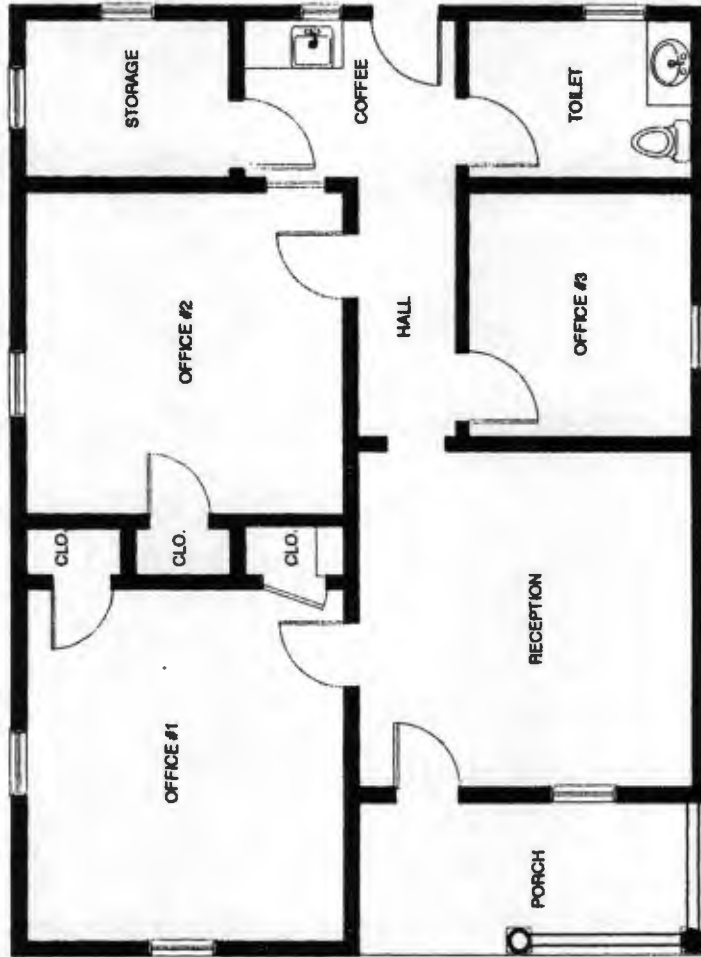
City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201



WEST ELEVATION - 108 SOUTH PULASKI
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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FLOOR PLAN - 108 SOUTH PULASKI SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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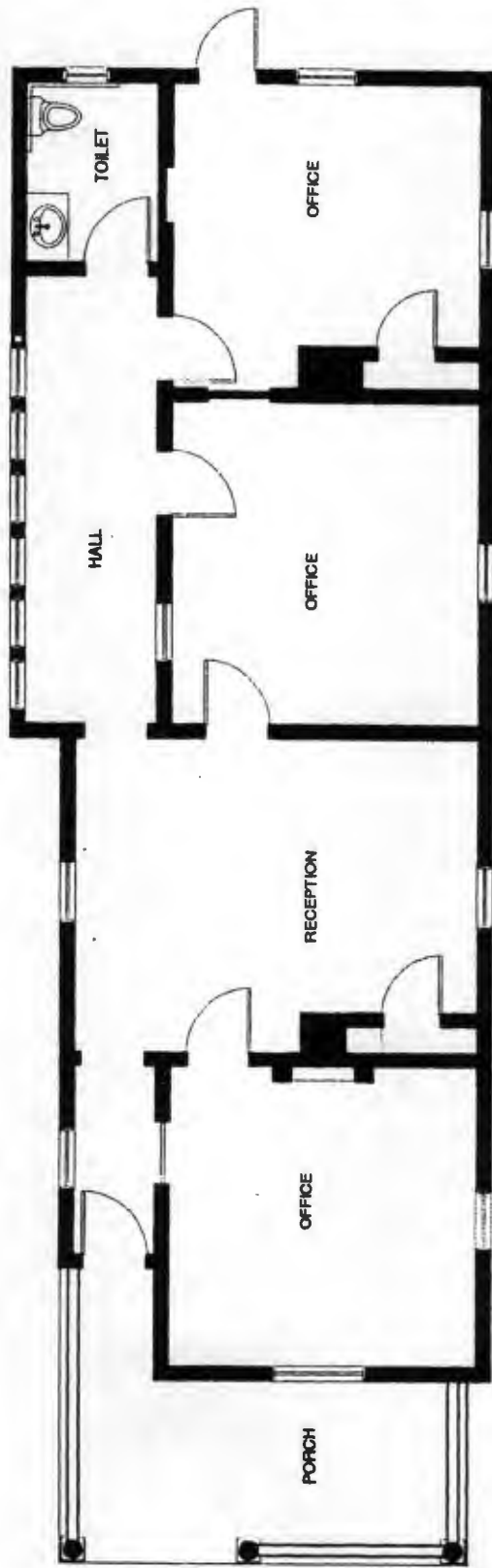


EAST ELEVATION - 112 SO. PULASKI

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"

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FLOOR PLAN - 112 SOUTH PULASKI SCALE: 1/16"=1' 0"

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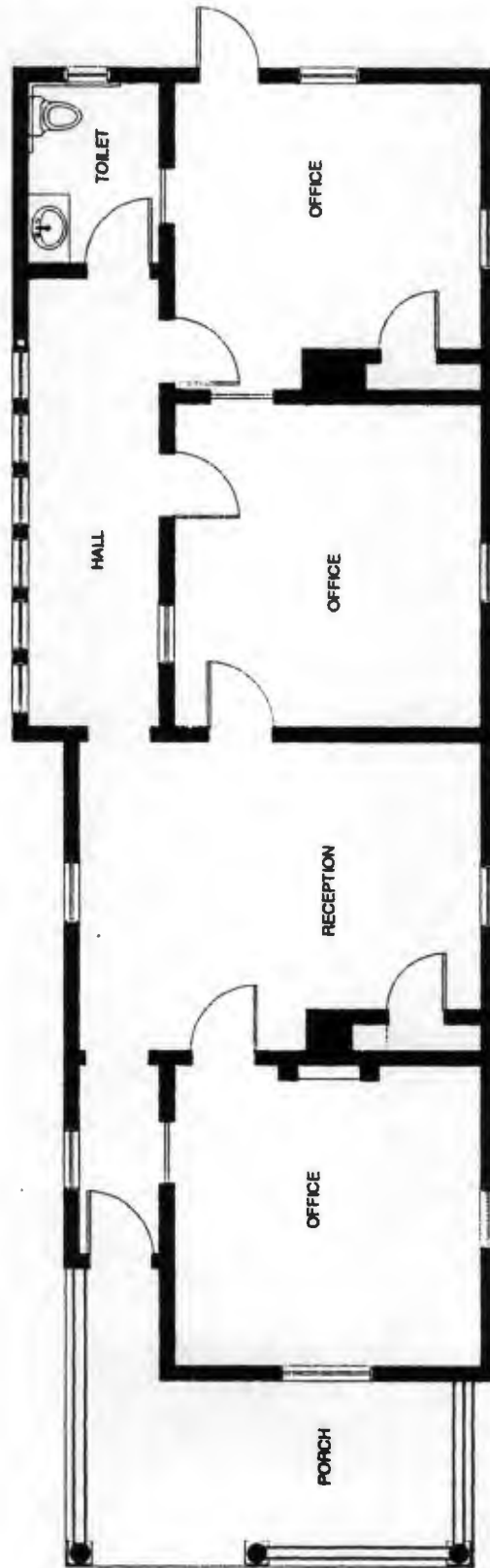


EAST ELEVATION - 114 SO. PULASKI

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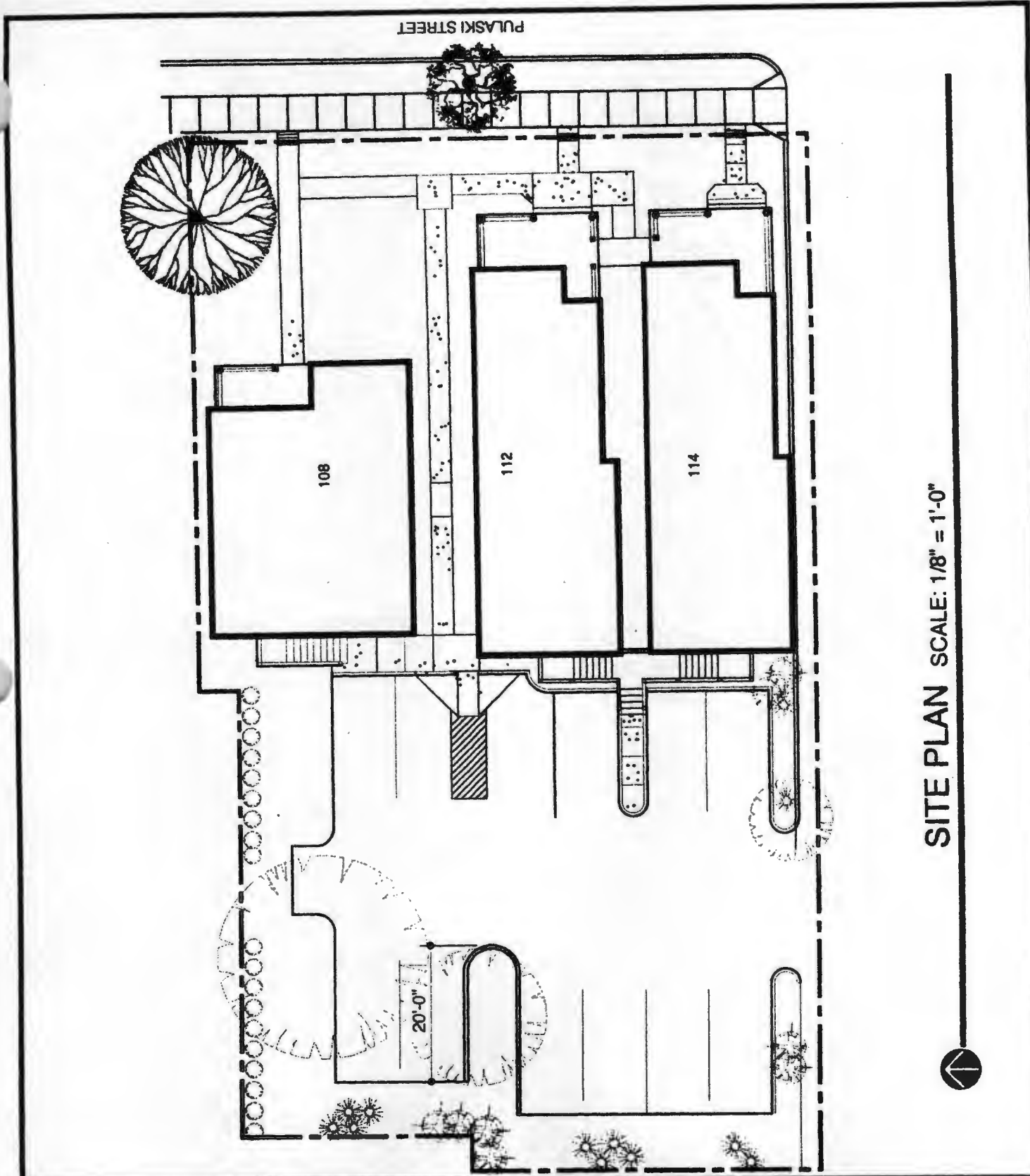
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FLOOR PLAN - 114 SOUTH PULASKI SCALE: 1/16"=1'-0"

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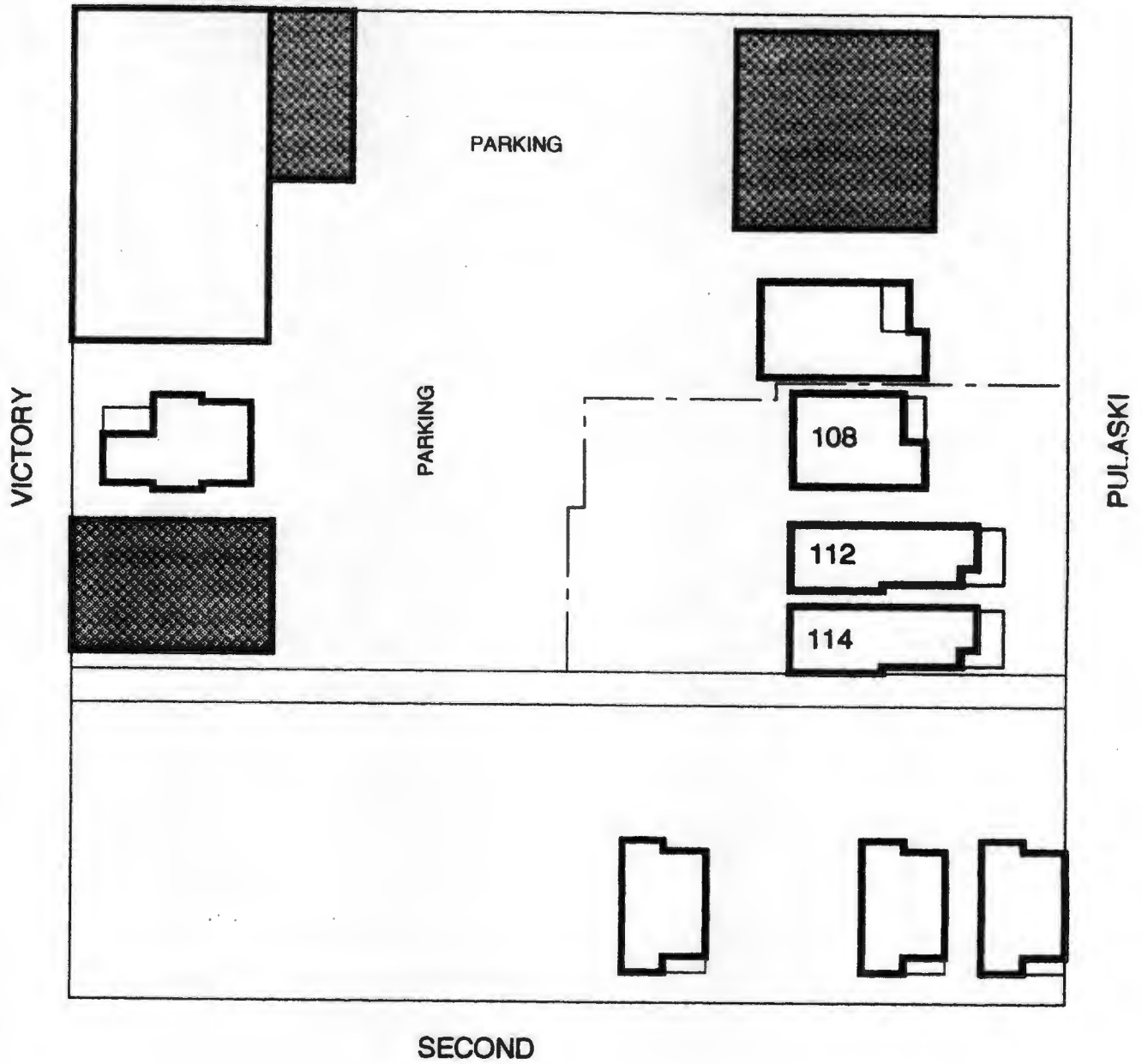
SITE PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

DATE:

PN:

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MARKHAM



BLOCK PLAN - EXHIBIT "B" SCALE 1"=60'-0"



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DATE: 20 JUNE 1996

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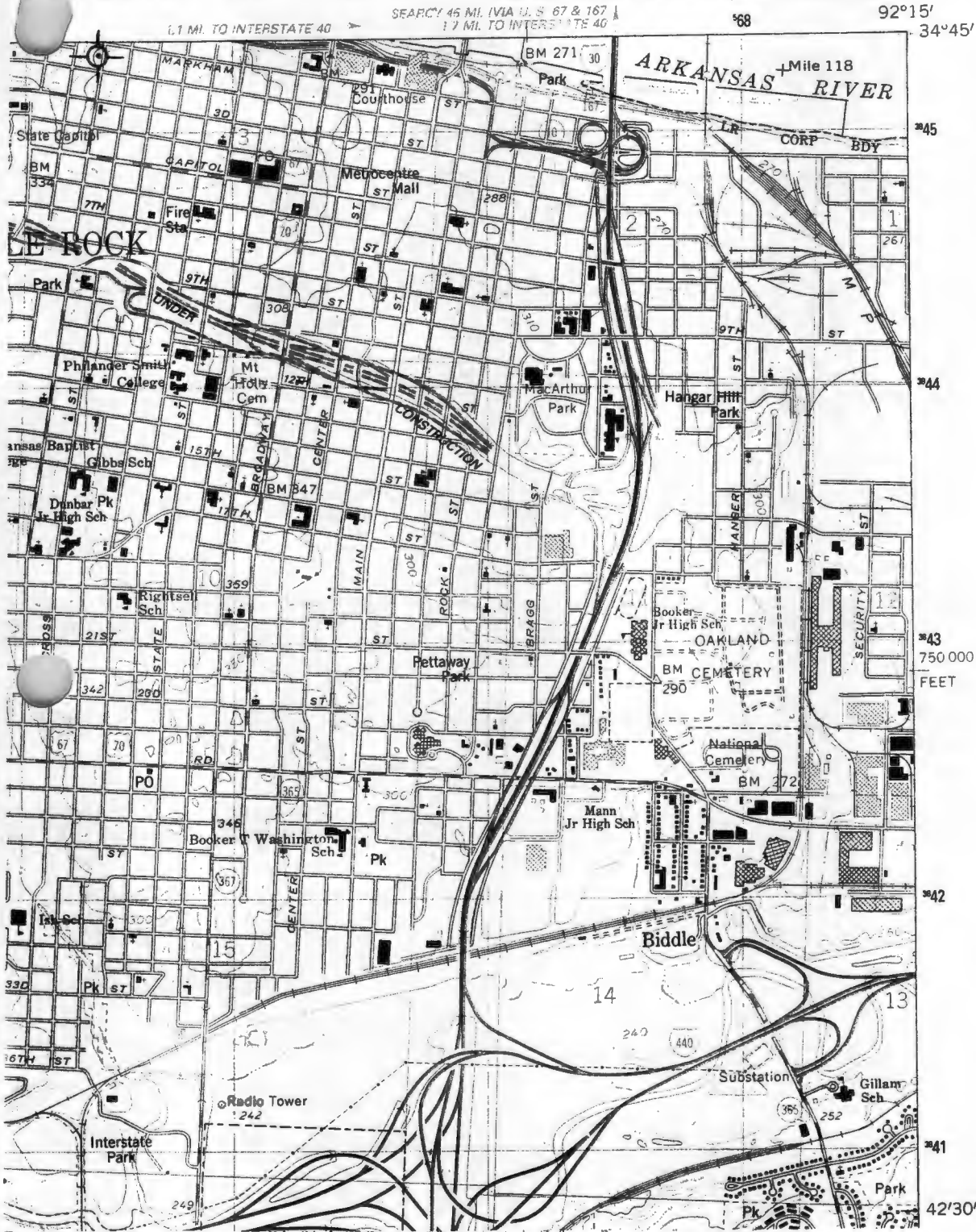
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ARKANSAS
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7553 / SW
(MC ALMONT)



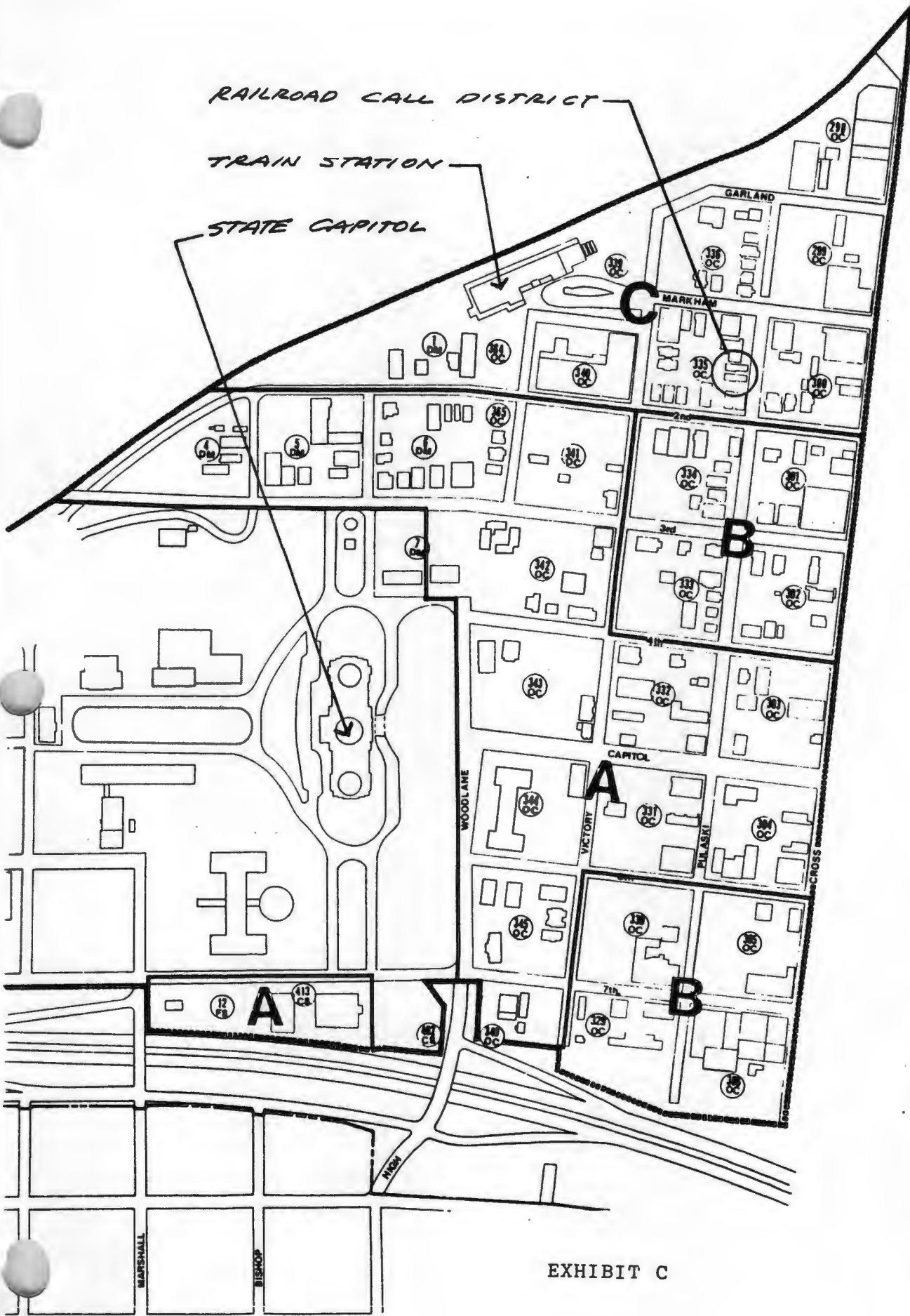


EXHIBIT C

date 8/1/79

ZONING MAP
CZD Master Plan
 Amendment No 2



CAPITOL ZONING DISTRICT COMMISSION
 State of Arkansas
 MANES & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 Planning and Management Consultants

