JAN
FEB 10 1988

(N/A) NOT FOR PUBLICATION

SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: City of Darlington Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: West Broad Street Historic District

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: Along both sides of West Broad Street between Dargan Street and Player Street

CLASSIFICATION: District

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY: Contributing - 36 Buildings
Noncontributing - 4 Buildings

OWNER: Multiple Ownership (see Continuation Sheet)

DESCRIPTION

The West Broad Street Historic District, which includes a basically intact section of a residential neighborhood, contains 34 houses constructed between ca. 1890 and 1928. Four noncontributing properties fall within the bounds of the proposed historic district. Most of the residences are large, two-story frame structures with decorative woodwork. The dwellings are set on deep lots that are planted with large trees and shrubs. A number of these large residences are similar in appearance and were built by master carpenter Lawrence Reese. Also included in the district are thirteen modest, one-story frame houses with a few decorative features, as well as two imposing brick bungalows.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
Black History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The West Broad Street Historic District is a significant collection of intact residences which were constructed between ca. 1890 and ca. 1928. Most of the residences are grand in scale and reflect the prosperity of the individuals who built them. Several of the houses were owned by some of Darlington's most prominent citizens including Abraham Hyman (WB-1), a merchant whose business was in the Manne Building, and who was a member of the school board for many years; Dr. C. Alexander (WB-26), a physician; J. W. Blackwell (WB-33), a merchant; E. E. Lunn (WB-34), a merchant and partner with P. J. Boatwright and W. B. Brunson in the dry goods business; J. Monroe Spears (WB-4), an attorney, solicitor, and owner of the Darlington News.[1]

Of particular significance in the district are the houses at the following addresses: 229 (WB-1), 235 (WB-2), 23 (WB-3), 241 (WB-4), 245 (WB-5), 375 (WB-10), 379 (WB-11), 389 (WB-13), 393 (WB-14), 395 (WB-15), 368 (WB-25), 258 (WB-27), 242 (WB-31), and 232 (WB-34). The similarity of historical period (ca. 1890-1910), scale, composition, detailing, and design of these fourteen residence reflect a mastery of the builder's trade and are attributed to the black master carpenter Lawrence Reese.[2]

Although most of the remaining houses in the district are not built with such architectural distinction, they are significant as examples of basically unaltered residences from ca. 1890 to ca. 1928 which add to the historical character of the streetscape.

ACREAGE: Approximately 30 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the West Broad Street Historic District is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "West Broad Street Historic District." This map was copied from a map of the town of Darlington, S.C., which is dated June, 1980, and is drawn at a scale of one inch to 500 feet. The district includes the highest concentration of contributing resources with the smallest number of noncontributing resources possible.

QUAD NAME: Darlington East, S.C.
Darlington West, S.C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A. 17/603820/3795800 B. 17/603960/3795460
C. 17/603440/3795160 D. 17/603300/3795460

OTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on these resources is available in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

Key resources contributing to the historic character of the district:

WB-1. Abraham Hyman House (229 West Broad Street): Two-story weatherboarded frame residence with high pitched hip and gable roof, constructed ca. 1900. The two-story porch wraps around three sides and is supported by paired Tuscan columns on paneled pedestals with turned balusters between. The single paneled chimney is extremely high and features a corbeled cap. Identical first and second floor facades on the north side are divided into five bays with double doors in the second bay from the left and single one-over-one windows in the second and third bays to the right and beyond. The east facade is divided into three bays and is similar to the west facade. A one-story kitchen ell is at the rear.

WB-2. M. Bonnoitt House (235 West Broad Street): Two-story, weatherboarded frame residence with gabled roof and one-story kitchen ell at rear, constructed ca. 1890. T-shaped in plan, the house has a chimney at the junction of the gables. A two-story piazza with turned posts and turned balusters extends along the north front and the east gable end. Entrances on both floors have sidelights and transoms; French doors also open onto the piazza. The front gable end features a polygonal bay on the first floor, and, on the second floor, a door covered by a hood with elaborate Eastlake-style brackets.

WB-3. E. T. West House (237 West Broad Street): T-shaped in plan, this two-story frame residence was constructed ca. 1890. The house has a gable roof and chimneys with corbeled caps. Extending across the north front of the house is a piazza that has three turned posts on each floor with turned balusters between. Polygonal bays with balconies above are found in the gable ends of the north and east elevations; Queen Anne block glass borders are found in the window sash of these polygonal bays and in the transoms of the balcony doors. Attached to the rear of the house is a one-story kitchen ell.

WB-4. J. Monroe Spears House (241 West Broad Street): Built ca. 1890, this two-story, weatherboarded frame house has a high-pitched gable roof, bracketed cornices, chimneys with corbeled caps, and double-hung windows. Its front, two-story piazza is characterized by turned posts and balustrades with turned balusters. The front gable end features a polygonal bay on the first floor, above which is a covered balcony. The left side gable end features a square projecting bay surmounted by a hooded balcony. The back of the house exhibits a latticed sleeping porch and a one-story kitchen ell.

WB-5. C. S. Lucas House (245 West Broad Street): This two-story, weatherboarded frame residence is T-shaped in plan, with gable roof and chimneys. Constructed ca. 1895, this house has on two sides a one-story porch with chamfered posts, sawn balustrade and brackets. The front gable end features a polygonal bay on its first floor and a hooded balcony on its second floor.

WB-10. J. O. Muldrow House (375 West Broad Street): The J. O. Muldrow House is a two-story weatherboarded residence that was constructed ca. 1895. It has a gable roof, which features bargeboards and boxed cornices with returns. The two-tiered piazza, which wraps on the east side, has turned posts on the second floor and plain square posts on the first; both levels display brackets and balustrades with turned balusters. The front (north) elevation is symmetrical, and features on each floor a central entrance flanked by two six-over-six windows. The entrance on the first floor consists of double doors and a transom; the doorway on the second floor is framed by sidelights and a transom. There is a one-story rear ell.

WB-11. Henry Hennig House (379 West Broad Street): Built ca. 1895, the Hennig House is a two-story weatherboarded residence that has a gable roof with boxed cornices and returns. On the north and east sides of the house is a two-story piazza; the east side piazza is partially enclosed on both levels. The front of the house is symmetrical; each floor of this elevation is characterized by a central door with transom flanked by two six-over-six windows. The west elevation has a small addition with hip roof, and the rear elevation features kitchen additions.

WB-13. J. K. Kirven House (389 West Broad Street): This two-story, weatherboarded frame residence, which was constructed ca. 1893, has a gable roof, interior chimneys with corbeled caps, and two-over-two windows. A two-story piazza extends along two sides of the house and terminates in a two-story projecting gabled front wing; this piazza features turned posts embellished with fan-shaped brackets and balustrades with turned balusters. On both floors of the asymmetrical front elevation are entrances with a single glazed door capped by a transom with vertical and horizontal muntins. The projecting gabled wing of the front features on the first floor a polygonal bay, which is capped by a second floor balcony; the balcony features a hood supported by turned bracketed posts, balustrade, and a triple-hung window. There is a rear kitchen ell. A small gable roofed smokehouse is to the rear of the house.

WB-14. M. S. Hart House (393 West Broad Street): The ca. 1895 M. S. Hart House is a one-story weatherboarded residence, which has a gable roof with boxed cornices and bracketed frieze. A dominant element of the front is a polygonal bay in the projecting gabled right end of the elevation; this bay has one-over-one windows with Queen Anne block glass borders and shelf brackets, wood base with ashlar block configuration, and a paneled frieze with pendant brackets. A shed roof porch, which has turned posts and balustrade with turned balusters extends across the left end of the front elevation and wraps around the east elevation. There is a shed roof side porch with features identical to those of the front porch attached to the west facade. The rear of the dwelling features the original kitchen attached to the gabled ends of the house by a small porch enclosure.

WB-15. G. O. Mertz House (395 West Broad Street): T-shaped in plan, this ca. 1895 two-story house is sheathed with weatherboards and has a gable roof, interior chimneys, and two-over-two windows. On two sides of the house is a two-story piazza with turned posts, scroll

brackets, and balustrade with turned balusters. The projecting, two-story right end of the front of the house features a polygonal bay on the first floor and a balcony on the second. The rear one-story kitchen ell has been altered with a garage and two-story deck addition.

WB-25. Mrs. W. F. Early House (368 West Broad Street): Constructed ca. 1890, this two and one-half story Queen Anne style residence has a corner tower with conical roof, tall chimneys with corbeled caps, and a complex roof. Of frame construction, it is sheathed with weatherboards on the first floor; fishscale wood shingles cover the second floor, attic gables, and tower. The windows are two-over-two and one-over-one, and some of them have their original blinds. The porches of the house have turned posts with delicate brackets and turned balusters. Queen Anne colored glass borders and Eastlake style screened doors distinguish the front entrance to the house. The east elevation features a two-story polygonal bay with gable above. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story wing.

WB-27. J. F. Wilson House (258 West Broad Street): T-shaped in plan, this ca. 1895 frame dwelling has a gable roof with circular vents, boxed cornices with returns, interior chimneys with corbeled caps, and two-over-two windows with shelf architraves and plain surrounds. The front porch, which features turned posts, spoolwork, and balustrade, terminates into side of a gabled two-story wing. The two entrances that open onto the porch have double doors and transoms. The projecting left end of the front elevation is characterized by a polygonal bay on the first floor and a second-story balcony, the details of which are similar to the front porch. There is a small, ca. 1950 addition on the second floor of the front of the house, which has been covered with aluminum siding.

WB-31. Dr. John Lunney House (242 West Broad Street): The Dr. John Lunney House is a ca. 1895 residence, which has a T-shaped plan, gable roof, boxed cornices with returns, interior chimney with corbeled cap, and two-over-two windows with shelf architraves. The two-story front piazza has been altered; original supports have been replaced with square posts on brick piers and the second floor has been screened. The main entrances on the first and second floors of the front elevation feature double doors, sidelights, and transoms; to the right of these doorways are French doors. The projecting gabled left end of the front has a square bay window in the center of its first floor and a hooded balcony on the second floor; the second floor balcony has a balustrade with turned balusters and a hood supported by heavy, plain shelf brackets. The north elevation has a one-story, shed-roofed kitchen addition on its east end.

WB-34. E. E. Lunn House (232 West Broad Street): A ca. 1890 residence, the E. E. Lunn House is a one-story frame building sheathed with shiplap siding. It has a gable roof, boxed cornices with scroll and pendant frieze brackets, and interior chimneys with corbeled caps. Porches on the south and west sides have turned posts and balustrades; the north end of the west porch has a ca. 1945 addition. Gable ends on

the south and east sides contain elaborate polygonal bays that feature windows with Queen Anne block glass borders, wood siding scored to resemble ashlar block construction, and shelf architraves with scroll brackets and dentil blocks. The entrance consists of double doors, transom with Queen Anne block glass borders. There is a ca. 1945 kitchen addition on the north side of the house. The back porch was enclosed ca. 1920. In the yard is the original kitchen, which has shiplap siding, two-over-two windows with blinds, and end chimney.

Resources which contribute to the character of the district:

WB-6. W. M. Funk House (255 West Broad Street): ca. 1905 residence.
WB-7. E. W. Register House (261 West Broad Street): ca. 1900 residence.
WB-8. 369 West Broad Street: ca. 1905 residence.
WB-9. 371 West Broad Street: ca. 1915 residence.
WB-12. 383 West Broad Street: ca. 1900 residence.
WB-16. H. J. LaMotte House (397 West Broad Street): ca. 1895 residence.
WB-17. 398 West Broad Street: ca. 1920 residence.
WB-18. 396 West Broad Street: ca. 1915 residence.
WB-20. J. R. Daniel House (390 West Broad Street): ca. 1905 residence.
WB-21. Russell Acree House (386 West Broad Street): ca. 1900 residence.
WB-22. J. P. Brunson House (384 West Broad Street): ca. 1910 residence.
WB-23. 382 West Broad Street: ca. 1915 residence.
WB-24. 372 West Broad Street: ca. 1928 residence.
WB-26. Dr. C. Alexander House (262 West Broad Street): ca. 1915 residence.
WB-28. Dr. P. A. Bethea House (254 West Broad Street): ca. 1900 residence.
WB-29. J. L. Jeffords House (250 West Broad Street): ca. 1890 residence.
WB-30. Olin B. Davis House (246 West Broad Street): ca. 1899 residence.
WB-32. A. Weinberg House (238 West Broad Street): ca. 1905 residence.
WB-33. J. W. Blackwell House (236 West Broad Street): ca. 1905 residence.
WB-35. H. J. Conden House (228 West Broad Street): ca. 1890 residence.

Resources which do not contribute to the character of the district:

WB-19. J. A. Law House (392 West Broad Street): ca. 1905 residence with alterations, including the addition of synthetic siding and the enclosure of the the east end of the front porch.

WB-36. 249 West Broad Street: ca. 1940 residence.

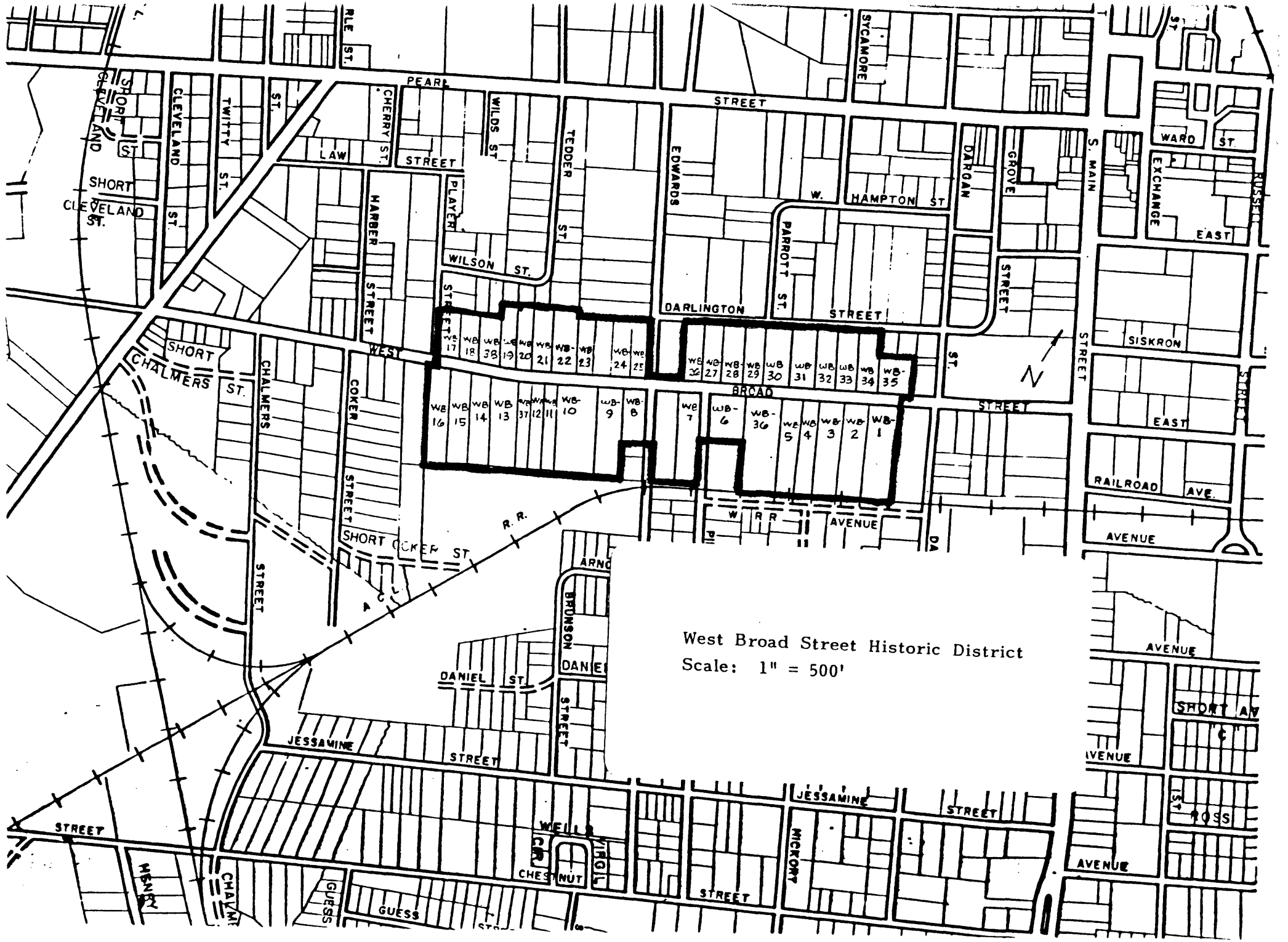
WB-37. 385 West Broad Street: ca. 1940 residence.

WB-38. 394 West Broad Street: ca. 1940 residence.

FOOTNOTES

[1]Asheville, N.C., Piedmont Directory Co., Darlington City Directory, 1913-1914, pp. 168-169; Darlington News (Darlington, S.C.), 5 January 1893.

[2]Interviews with Mrs. Benny Gary, Darlington, S.C., 12 February 1986 and 3 March 1987.



West Broad Street Historic District
Scale: 1" = 500'

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88000063 Date Listed: 2/10/88

West Broad Street Historic District Darlington SC
Property Name County State

City of Darlington MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Schlayer 2/10/88
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

==========

Amended Items in Nomination:

The official count of resources included in the district should read as follows: 36 contributing buildings, 4 non-contributing structures. The 36 contributing buildings includes 34 residences and 2 outbuildings associated with #13 and #34.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)