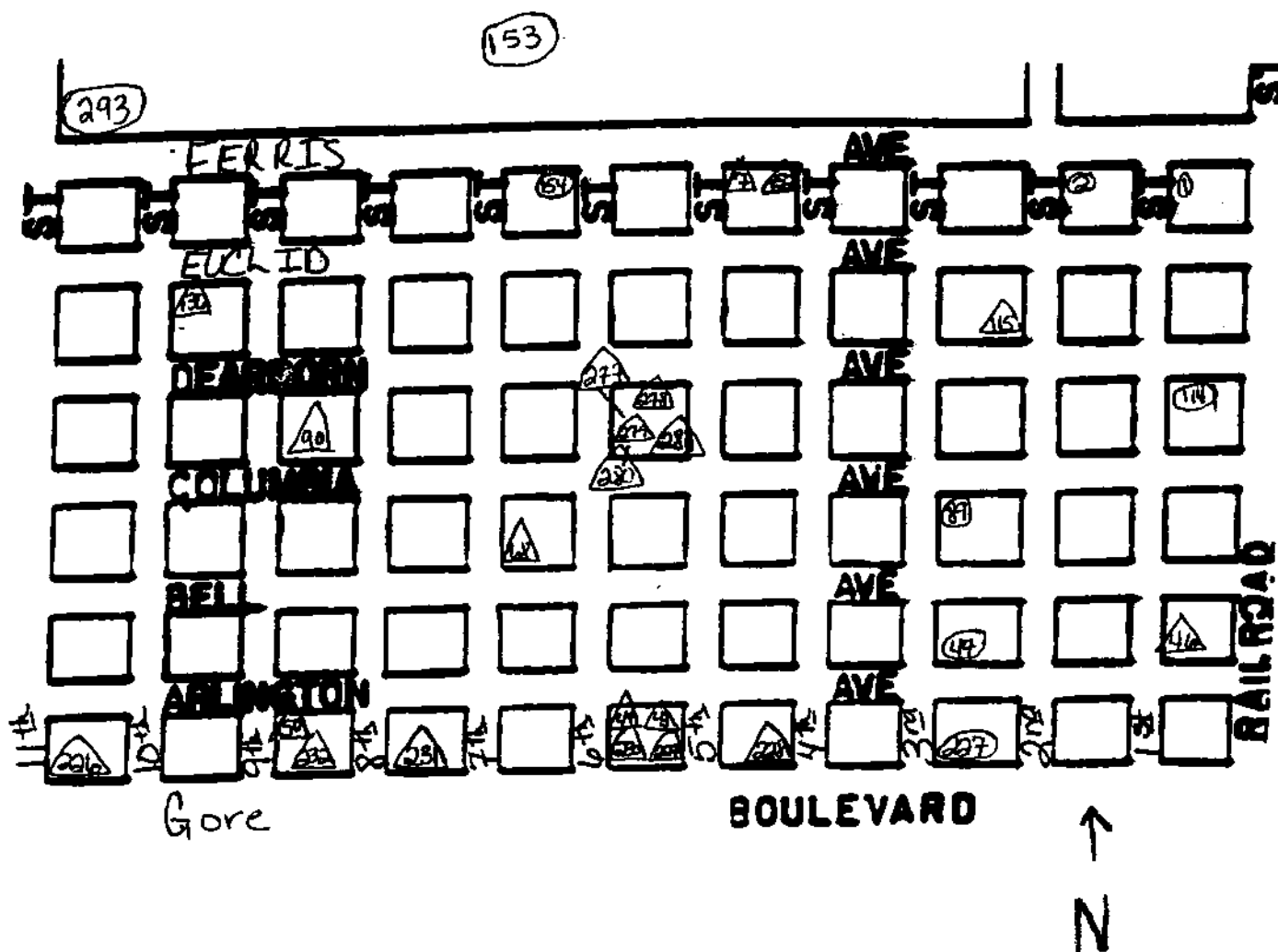
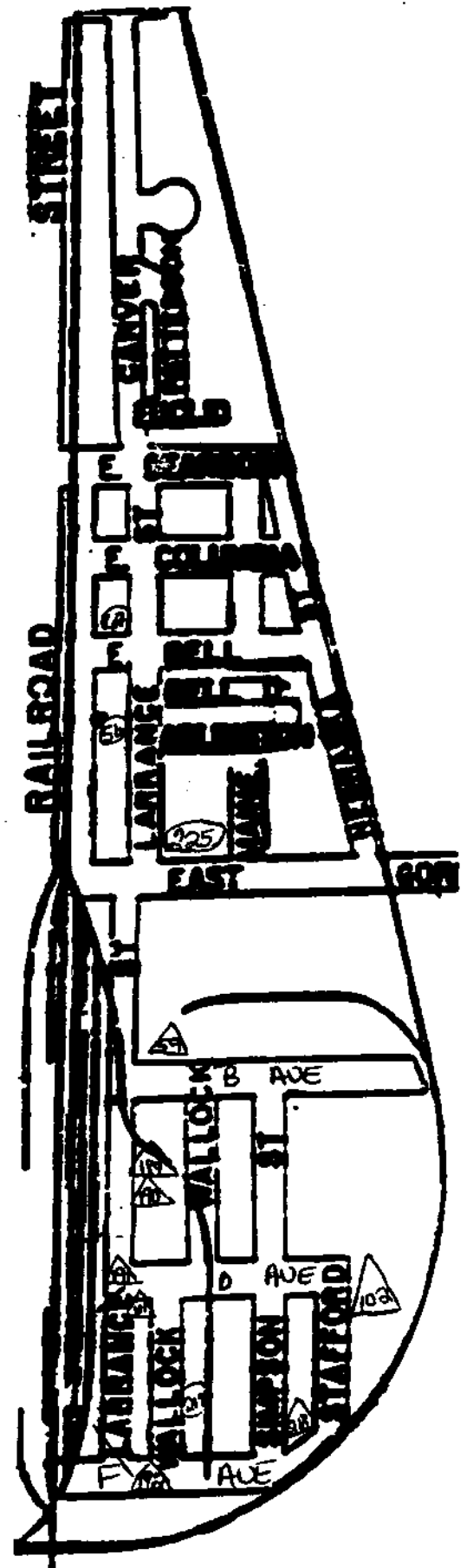


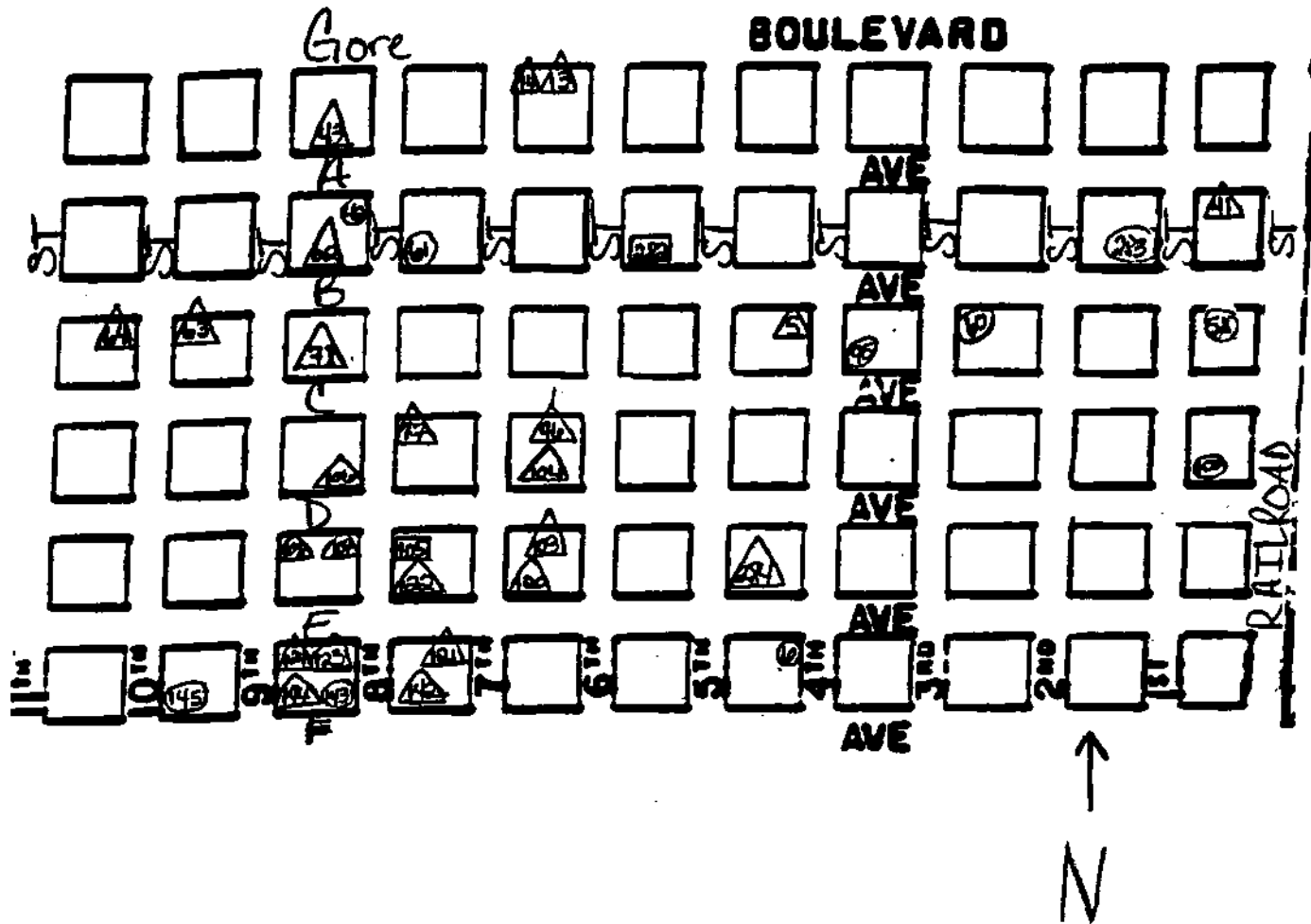
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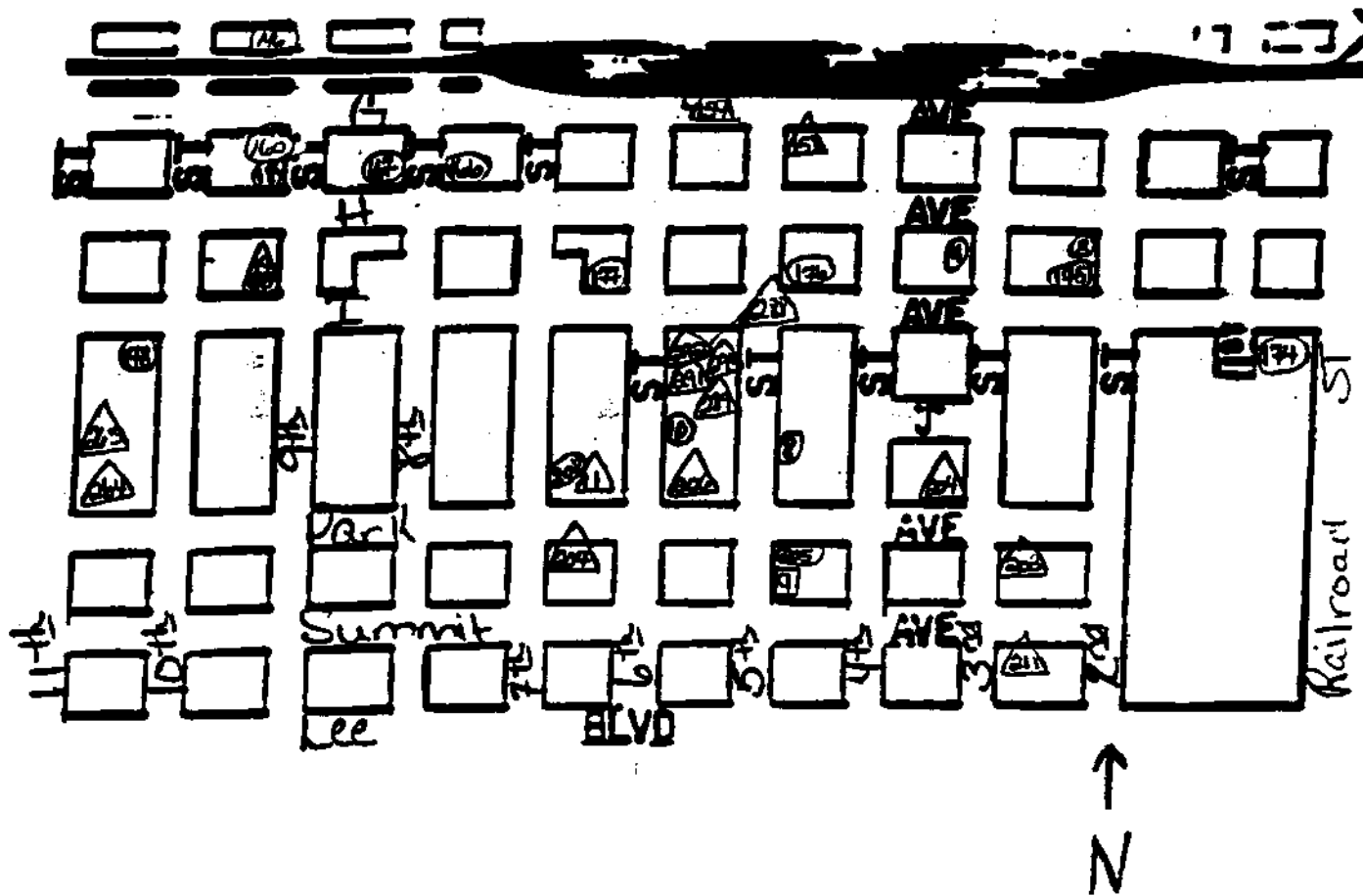
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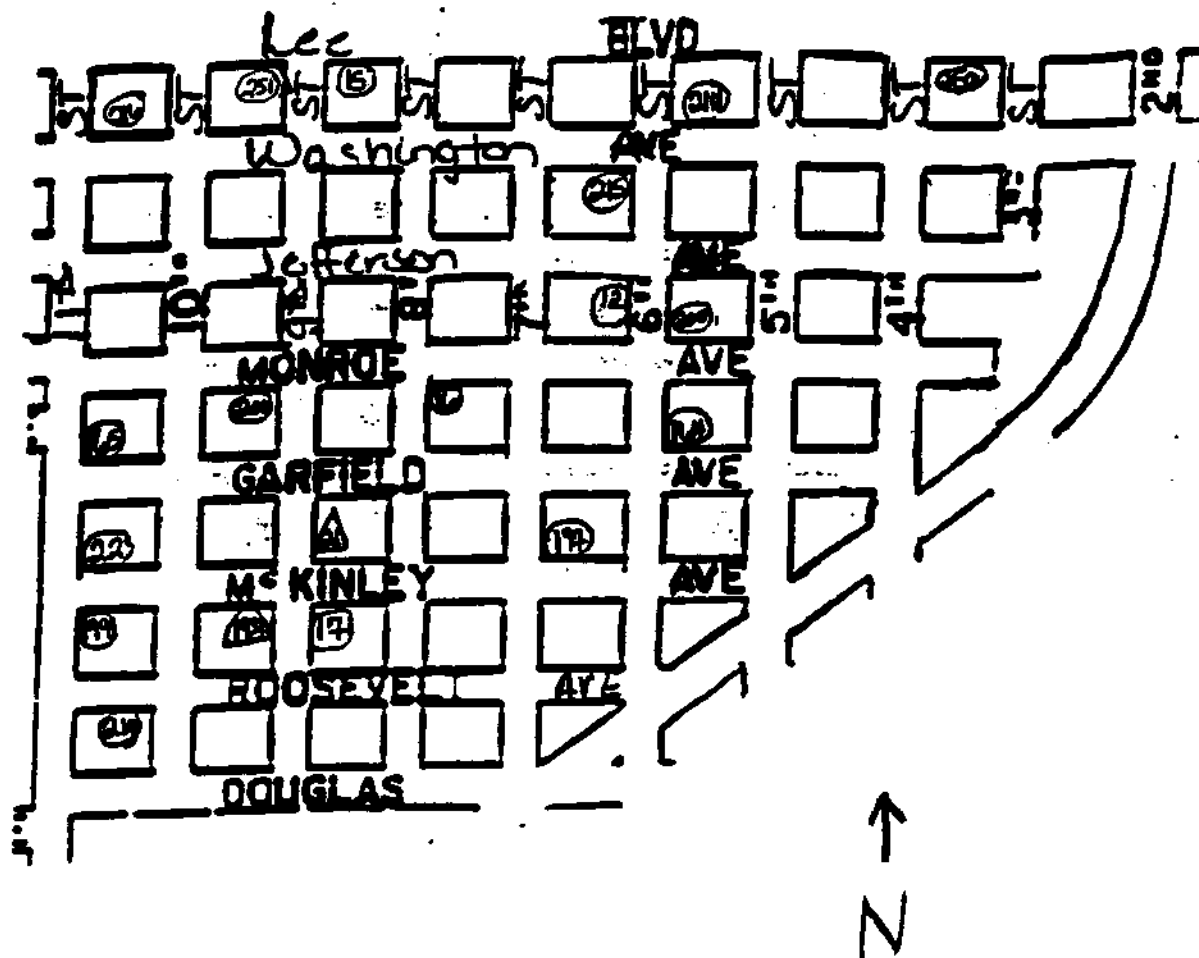
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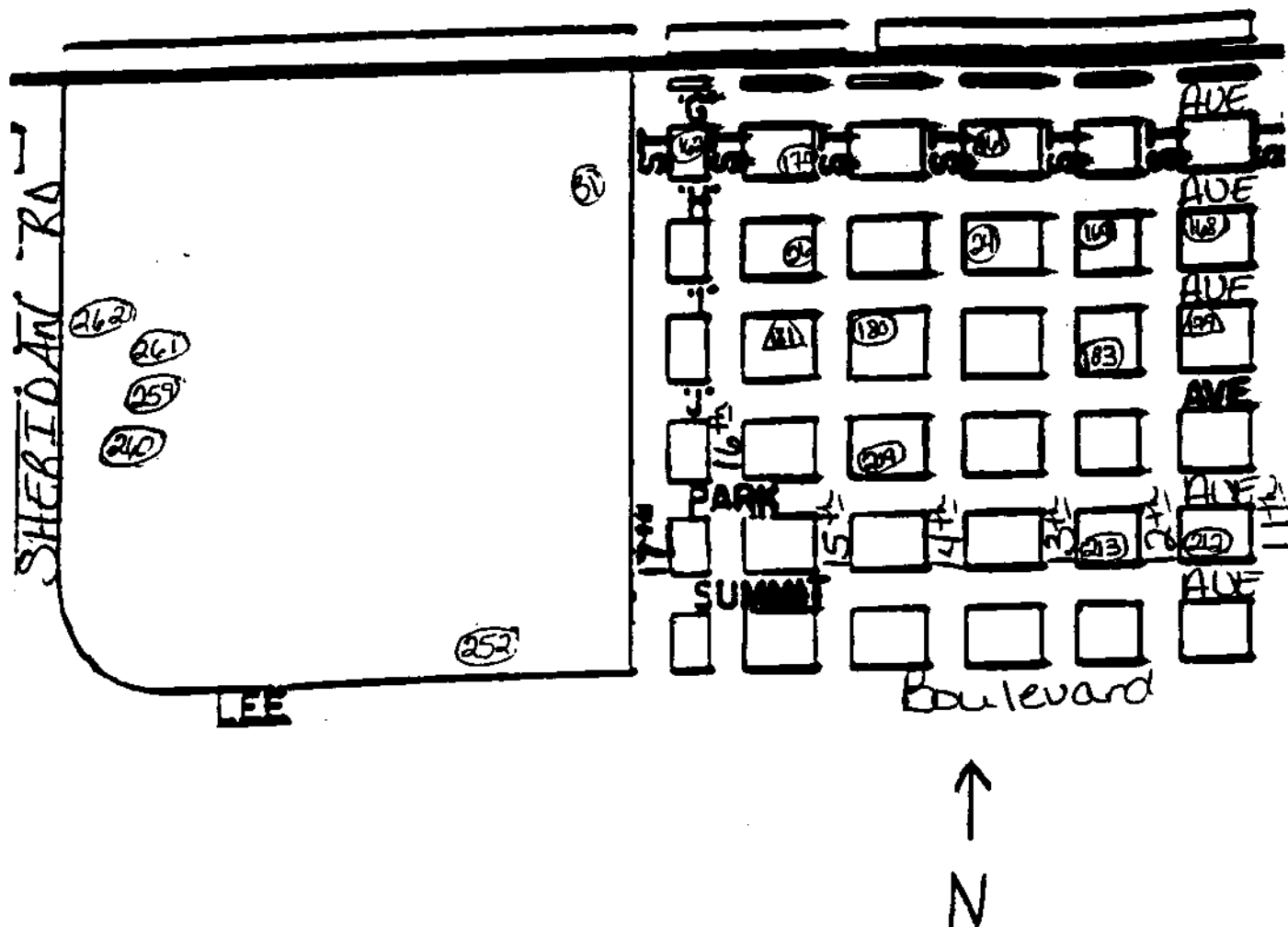
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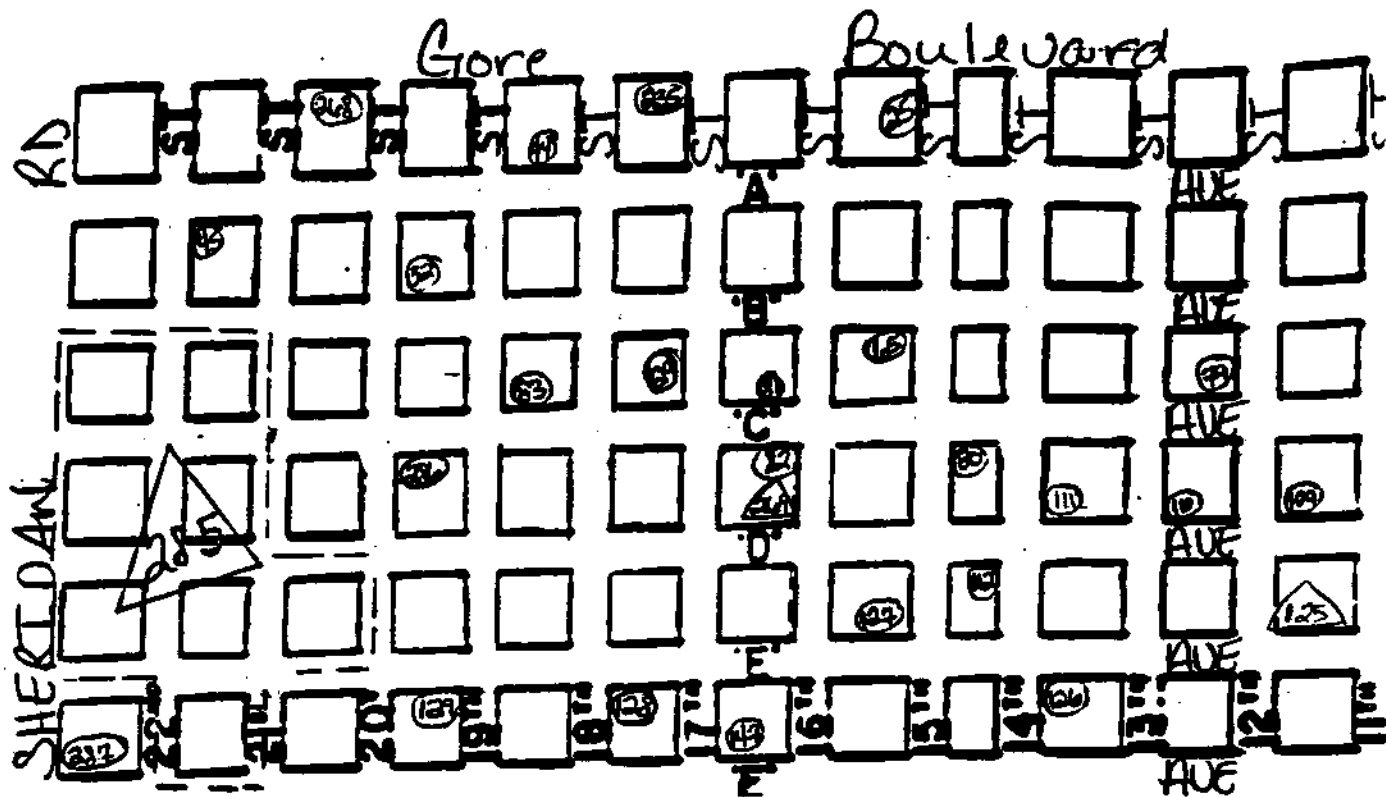
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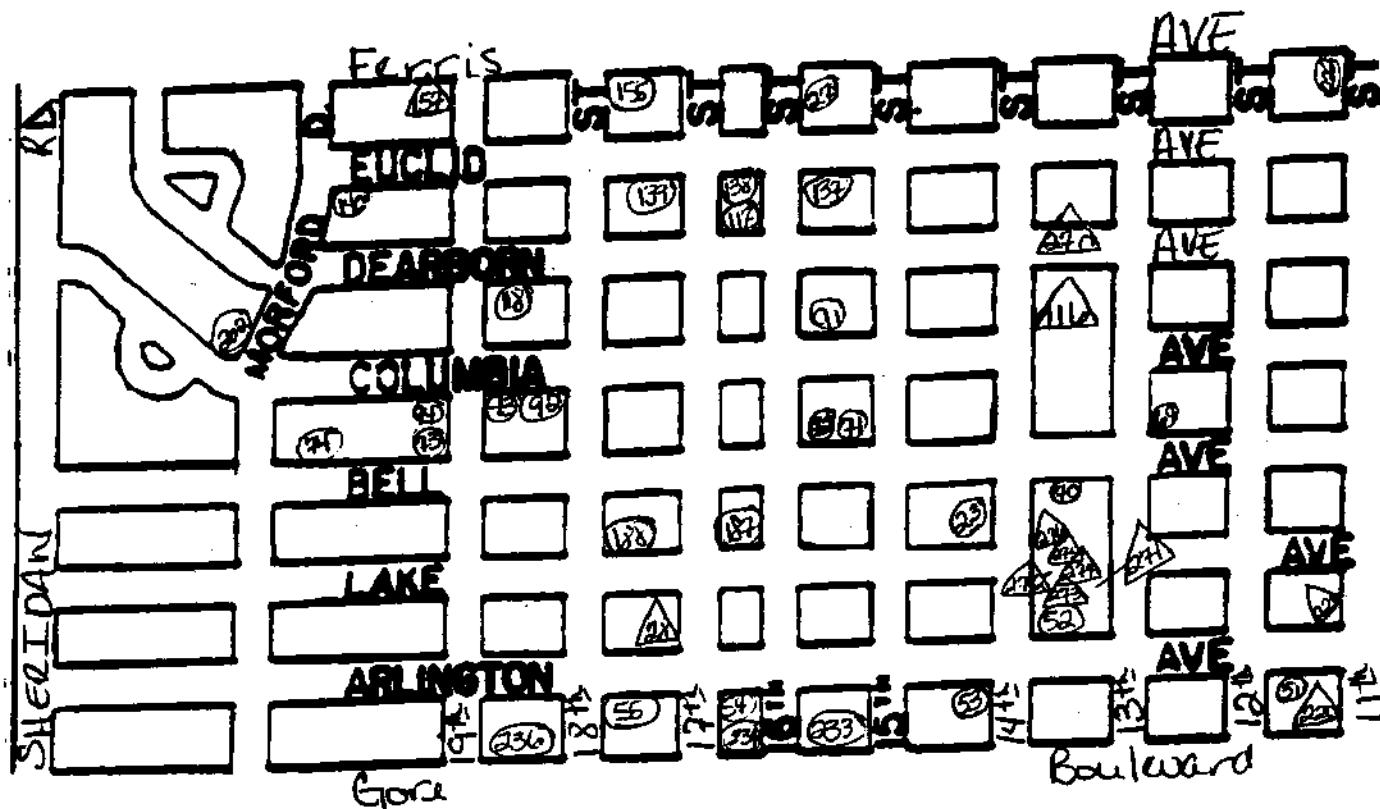
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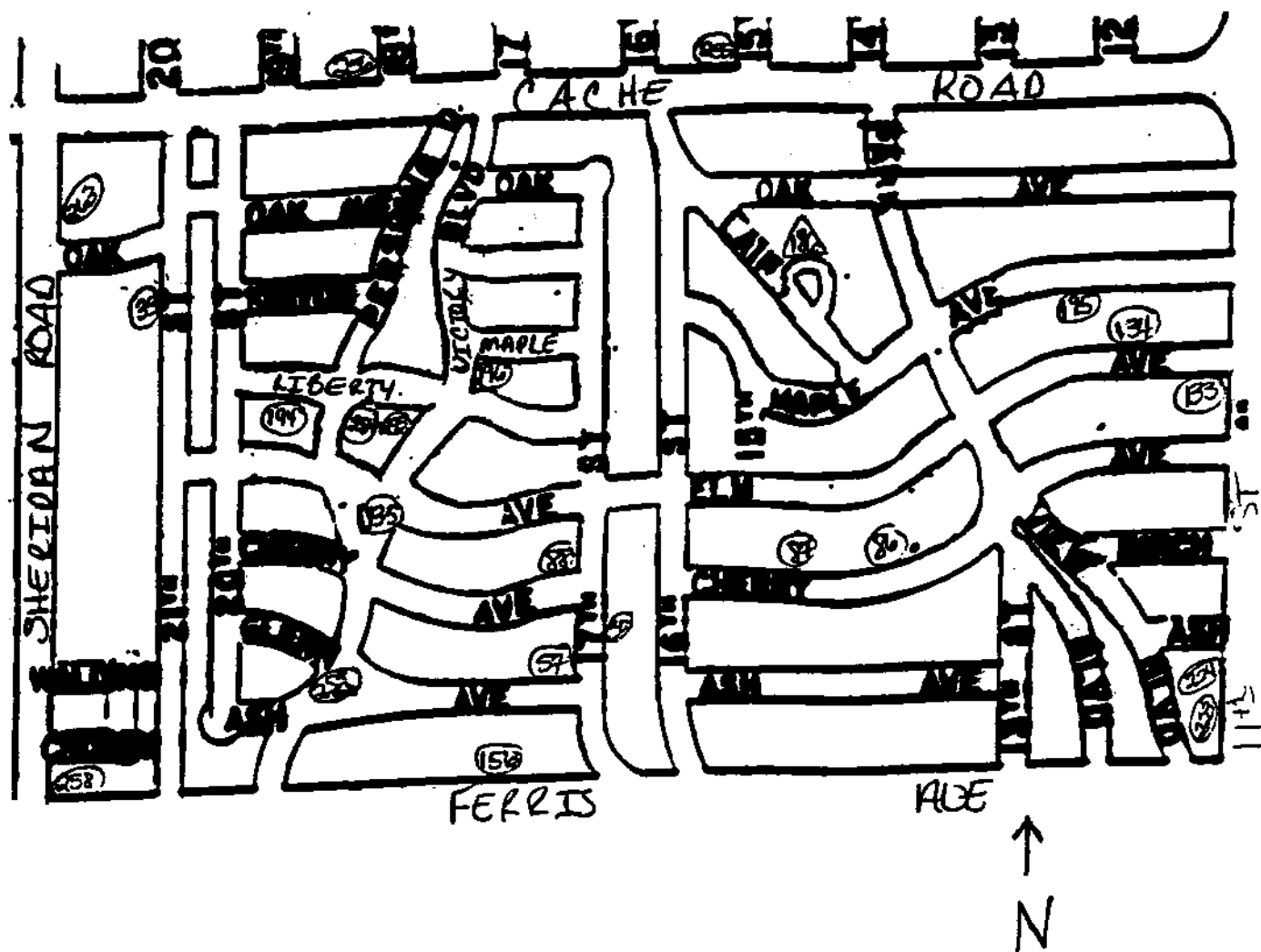
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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES AND DISTRICTS WARRANTING FURTHER STUDY

Individual Properties

The list which follows indicates the individual properties documented during the survey which, on the basis of their age and integrity, were deemed worthy of possible inclusion on the National Register. Some of these properties are also included in the possible district identified during the project. Since the exact composition of such a district potentially could change as part of a formal National Register nomination, their additional listing as individual properties is appropriate.

The format for the listing is the same as the section listing all documented properties, so that section may be consulted as a key for the information provided. The maps depicting the location of these individual properties also follows that section.

Resource Name: Address: <u>Photograph:</u>	<u>Map Coordinate:</u>
Federal Recreation Building 201 S.W. 4th Street 24 LAW 22, 23, 24	005
Dale House 507 N.W. 5th Street 5 LAW 18, 19	007
Lincoln School 921 S.W. 6th Street 1 LAW 5, 6	011
St. Mary's Academy 8 S.W. 7th Street 7 LAW 14, 15	013
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 12 S.W. 7th Street 7 LAW 16, 17	014
Sasser's Grocery and Market 807 S.W. 9th Street 2 LAW 22, 23	019
Will Rogers Elementary School 1608 S.W. 9th Street 20 LAW 23, 24	021
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School 102 N.W. 17th Street 12 LAW 22, 23, 24	028
16 S.W. A Avenue 16 S.W. A Avenue 23 LAW 27, 28	041
807 S.W. A Avenue 807 S.W. A Avenue 5 LAW 2, 3	043
Faith Temple Church 15 N.W. Arlington Avenue 23 LAW 7, 8	046
Best House 502 N.W. Arlington Avenue 6 LAW 18, 19	048
Jackson House 516 N.W. Arlington Avenue 6 LAW 20, 21	049
Kilpatrick House 810 N.W. Arlington Avenue 6 LAW 3,4	050

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LarRance Tank Manufacturers 101 S.E. B Avenue 26 LAW 5, 6, 15	059
Walter Wolverton House 807 S.W. B Avenue 4 LAW 0, 1	062
912 S.W. B Avenue 912 S.W. B Avenue 25 LAW 6, 7, 8	063
1002 S.W. B Avenue 1002 S.W. B Avenue 25 LAW 3, 4, 5	064
Barber House 611 N.W. Bell Avenue 6 LAW 15, 16	068
Angus Hospital 614 S.W. C Avenue 3 LAW 22, 23	076
McMahon Foundation Building 716 S.W. C Avenue 25 LAW 1, 2	077
Central Junior High 809 S.W. C Avenue 3 LAW 24, 25	078
Washington Elementary School 805 N.W. Columbia Avenue 5 LAW 22, 23	090
Great Plains Recycling 202 S.E. D Avenue 24 LAW 11, 14	101
Katy-K Office and Sales Department 310 S.E. D Avenue 24 LAW 17, 18, 19	102
J.M. Jones Building 612 S.W. D Avenue 4 LAW 16, 17	103
Central Fire Station 623 S.W. D Avenue 3 LAW 20, 21	104
Leslie Powell House 801 S.W. D Avenue 4 LAW 6, 7	106

Resource Name: Address: <u>Photograph:</u>	<u>Map Coordinate:</u>
Benbow House 816 S.W. D Avenue 4 LAW 22, 23	108
LaSill Milk Company Building 201 N.W. Dearborn Avenue 23 LAW 1, 2	115
Roosevelt Stadium 301 N.W. Dearborn Avenue 10 LAW 13, 14	116
706 S.W. E Avenue 706 S.W. E Avenue 24 LAW 31, 32	121
709 S.W. E Avenue 709 S.W. E Avenue 24 LAW 33, 34, 35	122
804 S.W. E Avenue 804 S.W. E Avenue 24 LAW 27, 28	123
812 S.W. E Avenue 812 S.W. E Avenue 24 LAW 29, 30	124
1115 S.W. E Avenue 1115 S.W. E Avenue 19 LAW 7, 8	125
A. T. Howell Elementary School 2402 S.W. E Avenue 14 LAW 34, 35	131
Montgomery House 916 N.W. Euclid Avenue 5 LAW 14, 15	136
707 S.W. F Avenue 707 S.W. F Avenue 2 LAW 14, 15	142
815 S.W. F Avenue 815 S.W. F Avenue 2 LAW 10, 11	144
Sneed House 402 N.W. Ferris Avenue 5 LAW 12, 13	152

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608 N.W. Ferris Avenue 608 N.W. Ferris Avenue 5 LAW 10, 11	154
Vaska Theatre 1902 N.W. Ferris Avenue 13 LAW 23, 24	157
426 S.W. G Avenue 426 S.W. G Avenue 22 LAW 15, 16	158
Billingslea Lumber 505 S.W. G Avenue 22 LAW 13, 14	159
Laborers Local Union 495 Building 1116 S.W. I Avenue 19 LAW 31, 32	179
Roosevelt Elementary School 1502 S.W. I Avenue 19 LAW 19, 20	181
Whittier Elementary 1115 N.W. Laird (N.W. Laird and Oak) 3 LAW 32, 33	186
Chickasha Feed Mill 228 S.E. Larrance Avenue 24 LAW 8, 9	189
Power's Steam Sales and Service 302 S.E. Larrance Avenue 24 LAW 10	190
Best Beer Company Building 405 S.E. Larrance Avenue 24 LAW 6, 7	191
Group Home 902 S.W. McKinley Avenue 25 LAW 11, 12	198
216 S.W. Park Avenue 216 S.W. Park Avenue 21 LAW 29, 30	203
301 S.W. Park Avenue 301 S.W. Park Avenue 21 LAW 31, 32	204

Resource Name: Address: <u>Photograph:</u>	<u>Map Coordinate:</u>
First Mattie Beal Residence 511 S.W. Park Avenue 1 LAW 2, 3, 4	206
Beal Heights Presbyterian Church 614 S.W. Park Avenue 1 LAW 7, 8	207
212 S.W. Summit Avenue 212 S.W. Summit Avenue 21 LAW 27, 28	211
Lawton Spring & Welding Company 430 S.E. Simpson Street 24 LAW 15, 16	218
English House 10 N.W. Fort Sill Boulevard 7 LAW 6, 7	220
Quinette House 102 N.W. Fort Sill Boulevard 7 LAW 8, 9	221
Braum's Ice Cream Shop 608 N.W. Fort Sill Boulevard 12 LAW 2, 3	222
Gill House 113 S.W. Gore Boulevard 23 LAW 35; 24 LAW 1	226
Red Cross 401 S.W. Gore Boulevard 3 LAW 28, 29	228
Fields House 501 S.W. Gore Boulevard 6 LAW 22, 23	229
Myers House 509 S.W. Gore Boulevard 7 LAW 0, 1	230
Lattimore House 707 S.W. Gore Boulevard 7 LAW 2, 3	231
Ross House 807 S.W. Gore Boulevard 7 LAW 4, 5	232
Grounds Building 2800 S.W. Gore Boulevard 14 LAW 32, 33	239

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Physical Facilities Shop 2800 S.W. Gore Boulevard 13 LAW 29, 30	240
South Hall 2800 S.W. Gore Boulevard 25 LAW 13, 14, 15	241
Cameron Hall 2800 S.W. Gore Boulevard 25 LAW 16, 17	242
Gate 2800 S.W. Gore Boulevard 14 LAW 7, 8	246
WPA Bridge S.W. 11th Street and S.W. Park Avenue 2 LAW 1,2	264
Reeves Grocery S.W. 16th Street and S.W. D Avenue 19 LAW 5, 6	269
13th Street & Dearborn Bridge N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Dearborn Avenue 10 LAW 15, 16, 17, 18	070
Harmon Park Site N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Bell Avenue 10 LAW 7, 8, 9, 10	271
Arch N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Bell Avenue 9 LAW 28, 29	272
Benches/Tables N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Bell Avenue 10 LAW 1, 2, 3, 4	273
WPA Bridge N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Bell Avenue 9 LAW 32, 33	274
Dressing Rooms N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Bell Avenue 9 LAW 30, 31	275
Ruins N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Bell Avenue 10 LAW 11, 12	276

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Legion Park/35th Division Park Site N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 5 LAW 20, 21	277
35th Division Park Dressing Rooms N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 6 LAW 7, 8	278
35th Division Park Gas Building N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 6 LAW 9, 10	279
35th Division Park Pool N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 6 LAW 5, 6	280
35th Division Park Planter N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 6 LAW 11, 12	281
Federal Building S.W. 5th Street and S.W. E Avenue 3 LAW 16, 17	284
Doe Doe Park S.W. 23rd Street and S.W. D Avenue 17 LAW 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20; 26 LAW 11, 12, 13, 14	285
Union Park Site S.W. 6th Street and S.W. I Avenue 1 LAW 24, 25	288
Picnic Table S.W. 6th Street and S.W. I Avenue 1 LAW 22, 23	289
Stage S.W. 6th Street and S.W. I Avenue 1 LAW 20, 21	290
Fountain S.W. 6th Street and S.W. I Avenue 1 LAW 18, 19	291
WPA Archway S.W. 6th Street and S.W. I Avenue 1 LAW 16, 17	292

Districts

The survey identified one potential district within the study, the Old Town North Historic District. This area contains the largest concentration of pre-World War II homes which maintain their integrity. Accordingly, it serves as an important physical link to the city's development between its founding in 1901 and 1940. During and after World War II, Lawton experienced a boom which transformed it into one of the state's major metropolitan areas.

A verbal description of the district boundaries, a list of the documented properties within its, and a map of the district follows.

Boundary description: From the intersection of Fort Sill Boulevard and Ferris Avenue proceed east to Third Street, then south to the north side of West Gore Boulevard, then west to Fort Sill Boulevard, then north to the point of beginning. Except for West Gore Boulevard, which is a divided thoroughfare, the district includes both sides of the bordering streets.

Documented Properties Within the District:

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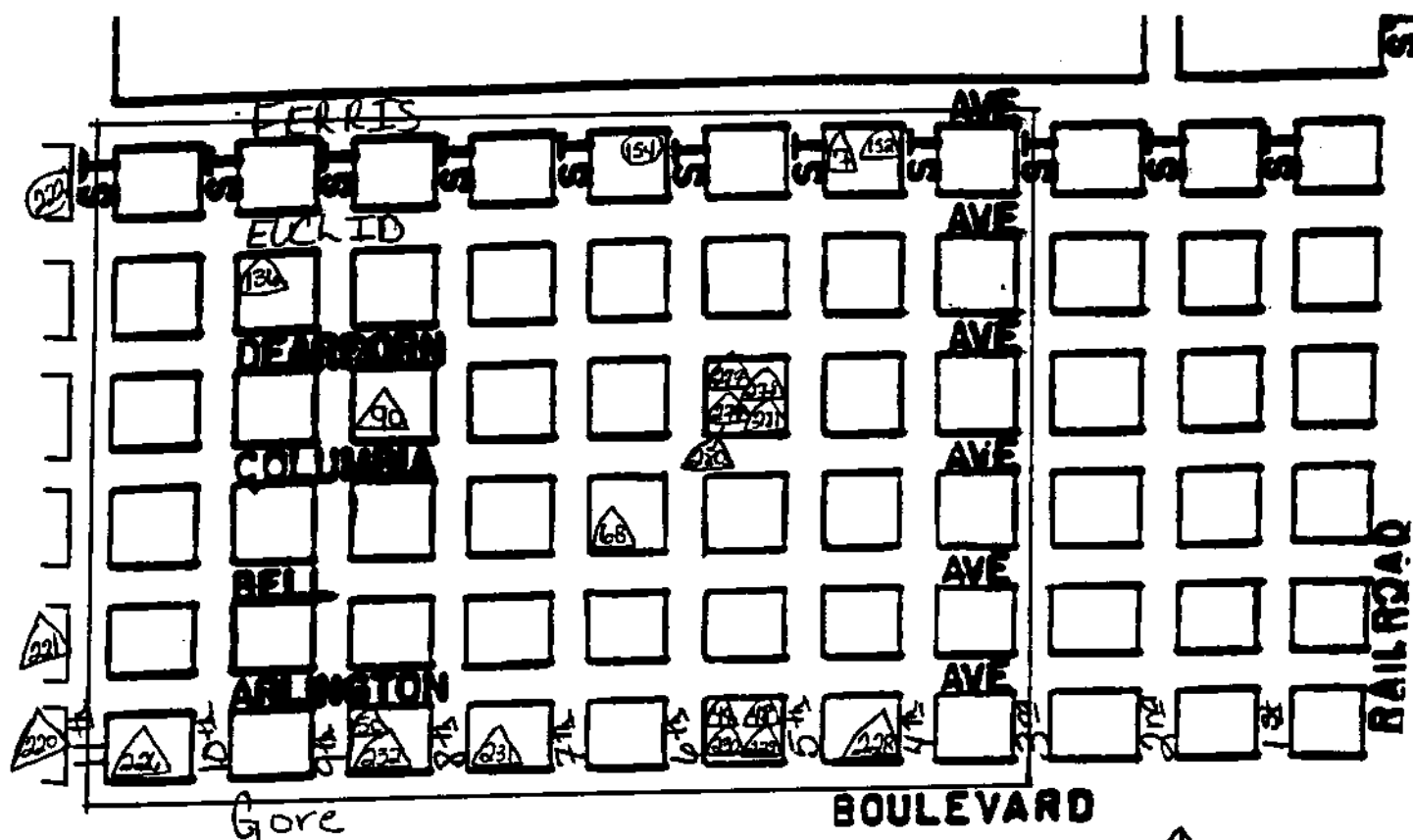
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35th Division Park Pool N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 6 LAW 5, 6	280
35th Division Park Planter N.W. 6th Street and N.W. Columbia Avenue 6 LAW 11, 12	281
<u>Non-Contributing Resources</u>	
608 N.W. Ferris Avenue 608 N.W. Ferris Avenue 5 LAW 10, 11	154
Braum's Ice Cream Shop 608 N.W. Fort Sill Boulevard 12 LAW 2, 3	222



OLD TOWN NORTH HISTORIC DISTRICT

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SUMMARY

The Reconnaissance Level Survey of a Portion of Lawton proved a success. It documented 293 properties in the study area. Of these, 93 properties (31.7%) warrant further study for possible inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Moreover, 21 of the properties (7.2%) lie within the potential Old Town North Historic District the survey identified.

For all those properties, a file containing a completed Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form, photodocumentation, and any field notes now exists. These files have been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office to become part of the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory. Finally, a diskette containing project data has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office to facilitate its entry into a collective data base of significant Oklahoma and national cultural resources.

The Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, as the results reflect, fulfilled its contractual obligations in a highly professional manner. In addition to the accomplishments noted above, the Survey also generally increased both the area within Oklahoma inventoried for historic sources, and the number of properties identified. It also markedly increased awareness of resources associated with one of the state's largest metropolitan areas, and as such an area having considerable review and compliance related activity. In all these ways, this project and its products will serve as a valuable tool for the future preservation of these unique resources specifically, and regional land-use management in general.

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APPENDIX

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
OF THE
RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY
OF A PORTION OF
LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

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It has long been believed by historians, archeologist, architects and others that architecture, our built environment, records the values of our society in physical form. Through architecture we are able to better understand what areas particular cultures have considered worthy of their time, money and effort. We can make observations as to their situation, their goals, their priorities, their spirit, their sophistication, etc. This has also proven true with individual communities and their architecture. The community of Lawton, Oklahoma presents an interesting case in this regard.

Lawton's general physical pattern of growth appears to be similar to that of most southern plains cities. This growth was sustained in the early years due to Lawton's proximity to both Fort Sill and two intersecting railroad lines. Having been designated the status of county seat also aided the early stability of the town. Considering this history it is easy to see the growth pattern of the original town radiating outward from the railroad hub, primarily to the west and north.

The architecture that remains from this period of the town's history is one of a community slowly developing into a place of respectability. The earliest residences, concentrated in the areas north and northwest of the downtown, were buildings of common charm. For the most part their materials were modest, and each attempts to personalize itself with unique details. There is also a great variety of styles represented for such a concentrated area (for example, the native stone bungalows such as the Kilpatrick House, 1608 Arlington and 920 6th Street; the mission style bungalows of the Leslie Powell House and 1115 E Avenue; the wood framed, Victorian detailed 912 B Avenue; and the brick Georgian examples found at the Montgomery House, the English House, and the Quinette House, to name just a few). It is interesting to note that while most of these residences were modest, they could exist in direct proximity to a stately Italianate residence of the stature of the Mattie Beal House.

The examples of public and/or civic architecture which remain from this period are not near as conclusive. We can certainly see random examples of

fine schools such as Lincoln School, with its brick Prairie Style influences, and Central Junior High with its stately brickwork and dome. We can also see energetic masonry park structures such as the WPA Bridge at 11th and Park Avenue, with its uniquely Gothic influence, and the portal park entry at 13th and Bell. Fine examples of Classicism exist in structures such as the Carnegie Library and the Federal Building, which utilize their architectural vocabulary to designate their stature in the community. Yet there are very few remains of the early commercial architecture. Of note are the brick two-part commercial block of the J.M. Jones Building and the brick one-part commercial block of Sasser's Grocery and Market. While these do not stand out as premier examples of this architectural type, they are the only remaining examples of this building type from the town's early history. Furthermore, it should be noted that there remain no examples from this period of landmarks such as government buildings and banks, those building types which typically provide a physical anchor for the secondary buildings of the community. Because of this the community is missing a significant part of its physical history.

This is due to the city's development after World War II. During this time the city grew very rapidly (in an effort to accommodate the doubling of its population). As in most communities where this type of growth occurs, the priority is placed on rapid, rather than quality development, and there are very few examples of quality building from this period. Caught up in this process of "progress," and encouraged by government, planners and architects of the time, the city embarked on an urban renewal plan in the 1960's (as did many other prosperous cities of this time). As was typical, the result was the demolition and rebuilding of the city core. This accounts for the loss of the historical landmarks such as the banks, government and commercial buildings. These were the areas where parcels of land could be accumulated in order to facilitate such a large scale venture.

Another building type which managed to escape this development was that of religious structures. Spread throughout the town, it is in this building

type that we can see some of the richest, most elaborately detailed architecture of Lawton. Starting with the older Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, with its energetic and enthusiastic employment of a craftsman-type Gothic, and the Beal Heights Presbyterian Church, with its native stone construction which utilizes Gothic forms but not Gothic proportions, we see a spirited congregation which was very concerned with establishing a permanent home. The elaborate wooden Victorian tracery of the First Presbyterian Church, and the Italianate influence of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church continue this effort in a more sophisticated manner, and even the simple early Modern brickwork of the First Church of the Nazarene exemplifies this concern.

In considering the study area as a whole, the most significant historical issue which stands out is the lack of significant commercial and governmental structures. This creates a substantial void in the physical history of the city. Because of this, the concentration of residential structures to the north of the downtown take on a much more important role than normal in recording the spirit of the times, and all possible efforts should be used to ensure the preservation of this aspect of the community's history. With respect to other building types the city's religious and educational structures represent the most comprehensive lineage of built history.