

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**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 Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District (boundary adjustment)
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Roughly bounded by Robinson, East, Walnut, and Court Streets N/A not for publication
city or town Crown Point N/A vicinity
state Indiana code IN county Lake code 089 zip code 46307

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 forth in 36CFR 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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
 (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
 (Check only one box)

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

- building
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
5	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
5	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Business
 DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Business
 COMMERCE/TRADE: Restaurant
 RECREATION/CULTURE: Museum
 DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate
 LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne
 LATE VICTORIAN: Second Empire

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: BRICK
 walls: BRICK
 WOOD: Weatherboard
 roof: ASPHALT
 other: SYNTHETICS
 STONE

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

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

Property is:

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

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1847-1940

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographic 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):

- 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:

Lake County Library; Crown Point Library

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property _____ 1 acre _____

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	16	469660	4585120	3	16	469360	4584800
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	16	469660	4584800	4	16	469360	4585120

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

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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 Various

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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The Crown Point Square Historic District Boundary Adjustment includes the addition of five contributing, one non-contributing and one previously listed building, which were mistakenly omitted from the original district. The district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

Two of the seven buildings to be included are located on the south corners of South Main Street and Walnut Street, 302 South Main Street and 301-303 South Main Street, each facing the other directly across South Main Street on the southeast corner of the original district. Three properties are located on the southwest corner of the original district, across South Court Street from the Crown Point Library, at 213 South Court Street, 221 South Court Street, 227 South Court Street and house at 210 South Court street, immediately adjacent to the library and on the corner of Hack Court and South Court Street. The house at 210 South Court Street was within the boundaries of the original district, but omitted in the nomination and on the boundary map. The last two buildings, 118 and 120 West Clark Street, are located next to each other on the corner of West Clark Street and North Court Street, on the northwest boundary of the original district. The boundary adjustment has been extended to include these seven omitted properties.

The district originally had thirty contributing buildings. With adjustment to boundary and the addition of the buildings at 302 South Main Street, 301-303 South Main Street, 210 South Court Street, 213 South Court Street, 227 South Court Street, 118 West Clark Street and 120 West Clark Street there 35 contributing buildings to the historic district.

DESCRIPTION**South Main Street – East Side**

- 301-303 c. 1892; 2 story brick Italianate building, with decorative wood cornice detail and paired Italianate brackets, with dentil molding and recessed horizontal panels between brackets. 1st story is two bays wide with three plate glass storefront windows spaced evenly across the façade. There are three doors on the facade, two office entry doors each flanked by two cast iron Corinthian columns and one door that enters up to 2nd story apartments without any columns at center of façade. Doors are not original to the building. 2nd story windows are two-over-two double hung wooden sashes with metal storm windows. Decorative brickwork found above 2nd story windows. Not included in the Lake County Interim Report. Contributing.
- 302 c. 1897; William Barringer Brown House. 2-½ story frame Queen Anne/Free Classic house. Wood siding still intact beneath the period painted vinyl siding with similar width and beading. North and west 1st floor facades have a large, flat-roofed porch supported by round columns at the main entrance. At some point in the building's history the porch was enclosed to allow for more interior space, but does incorporate the original porch columns and the stain glass window that was in the original exterior wall. Most original windows in the house are double hung, with diamond shaped muntins in the upper sash. A Palladian window graces the north façade near the front entrance.

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The third story has paired doors with diamond muntins and the balcony on the west façade was added when the 1st floor porch façade was extended. Eaves on the porches and roof eaves are underscored by wide frieze boards and dentil molding. Narrower frieze boards and dental molding continue on the gables to the returns. Not included in the Lake County Interim Report. Contributing. Listed on the State Register.

South Court Street – West Side

- 213 c. 1890; 2 ½ story original structure, 1 ½ garage and single story garage extension used as office space for multiple businesses. Brick gabled ell with centrally placed Italianate tower with Mansard roof shingled with asphalt shingles. There are two additions to the original structure, a brick garage in the 1920s and a long brick extension off the garage in the 1960s. Windows on the original house and 1st story of garage are vinyl nine-over-one single hung sashes, the windows in shed dormer of the ½ story of garage are two wood 10-lite casement windows and the windows in the 1960s garage extension are side-by-side vinyl casement windows. There are also two round ox-eye windows found on the east gable end of the 2-½ story and in the tower. Main entrance on east façade is a double door, which is not original, replaced by metal door with central windows. 1930s-40s wooden double screen door is in place. The gabled porch roof has two decorative brackets above door opening, under roof, and a decorative door header that is a wooden sunburst design painted white. A newly poured concrete steps and ramp, with iron railing lead up to the main entrance. Not listed in the Lake County Interim Report. Contributing.
- 227 c. 1847; Wellington A. Clark Homestead. Early 19th Century basic Green Revival Vernacular/Hall and Parlor Construction 1 ½ story wood weatherboard siding, shake cedar shingle roof and brick foundation. A small half entry porch on east façade with four tapered columns. Original door missing, replaced with metal door for security reasons. All windows are original nine over six double hung with wooden sash with inoperable exterior shutters, which are currently being painted. Contributing. Listed on the National Register in 2001.

South Court Street – East Side

- 210 c. 1892; 2-½ story cross-gabled Queen Anne style home with vinyl siding, brick foundation and asphalt roofing. Front porch and railings are not original, but pressure treated wood. Front door is not original, currently a aluminum security door. Windows throughout the house are one-over-one double hung wooden sash with aluminum storm windows. Main/west façade has large Victorian style 4 part window looking out onto porch, consisting of two thinner vertical lights, with larger, lower central light and smaller upper light with original stained glass still intact. This house is within the original boundary, but was not shown on the original map. Contributing.

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West Clark Street –North Side

- 120 c. 1900; 1 story brick vernacular building, upper section clad in horizontal aluminum siding and the lower section clad in 1970s brown cut decorative stone. Main entrance is centrally located in façade with large plate glass windows flanking it on either side. Large plate glass windows are set back into the façade creating a small step. Main door is not original. Awning traverses horizontally across the façade above the door and windows, matches the awning at 118 West Clark Street in coloring. Contributing.
- 118 c. 1890; 2 story glazed brick vernacular building with segmented pediment capped with limestone. Three windows are evenly spaced across the 2 story, windows are not original and each window opening consists of three wide horizontal lights, with aluminum sashes. 1 story brick is newly placed glazed brick to match original. Two doors are located on the 1 story, one at each corner of the building, neither are original, but rather aluminum clad wood doors with a single vertical light. Two new aluminum paired windows are located between the doors at the center of the façade. An awning traverses the façade above the 1st story, and matches the awning of 120 W. Clark in color. Contributing.

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The Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District Boundary Adjustment includes the addition of 5 contributing properties and 1 non-contributing property into the district that were omitted from the original district boundaries. One property, the Clark House, is contiguous with the boundary increase but was previously listed.

The Crown Point Square Historic District is eligible for listing under Criteria A and C. The original nomination statement of significant for the Crown Point Square Historic District was based on the explanation that as a whole the Crown Point Courthouse Historic District embodies the history of Crown Point from the original plat defining the courthouse square through its growth and development into the 1900s. The district's buildings represent prominent citizens, significant events and everyday life in Crown Point. The buildings also showcase several architectural styles and reflect a variety of time periods, styles, uses, construction methods and materials that together showcase the long, vibrant history this city has. The original period of significance was from 1873 to 1940 as to span the primary construction period of existing structures. Unfortunately due professional error in the initial nomination, several structures were either cut out of the boundaries (301-303 South Main Street, 302 South Main Street, 213 South Court Street, 227 South Court Street, 120 West Clark Street and 118 West Clark Street) or not shown, as they already existed within the original boundaries (210 South Court Street). Due to this error the period of significance has been changed to 1847 to 1940, as to encompass the Wellington A. Clark Homestead, the William Barringer Brown House and several others.

The Crown Point Courthouse Historic District is located at the heart of Crown Point, Lake County and centered around the architectural gem, the Lake County Courthouse. The district originally was composed of three north/south streets, Court, Main and East and four east/west streets, Clark, Parry Court, Joliet and Hack Court. But with the boundary adjustment there is the addition of another east/west street-- Walnut Street, located at the southern end of the boundary. The district originally included a single family house, due to the mixed nature of the square. This increase includes several adjacent houses. One dates to the founding of the square, while at least one other house (213 S. Court Street) had a commercial use as early as the 1890s.

301-303 South Main Street. Built in 1892 in the Italianate style the building was originally of mixed use, commercial and residential. The use most commonly associated with this building's first story commercial spaces were a print shop at 301 South Main and vacant/storage space for the print shop at 303 South Main. Today, 301 is a law office and 303 just recently opened again as a print/copy shop. The upper story was used as apartments, as it is today.

302 South Main Street. Built in 1897, the William Barringer Brown House was home for two prominent Crown Point citizens, William Barringer Brown and his son-in-law Otto Fifield. Born in Eagle Creek Township of Lake County, Brown's parents were among the earliest settlers of Porter County. After moving to Crown Point in 1877, Brown took charge of his parents' farm, developed a hay, grain and livestock business, and co-founded the First National Bank of Crown Point. Brown lived in the home until his death in 1926, when the house passed to his daughter Eva and her husband Otto Fifield. The house remained in the Fifield family until 1953. Since then the house has served as a funeral home, french restaurant (Louis Bon Appetit) and now a Northern Italian restaurant (Lucrezia).

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213 South Court Street. This parcel was the site of the first high school in the City of Crown Point established by Rev. William Townley in 1847. What happened to the school building is unknown, and between 1886 and 1890 a single story building used as a Doctor's office is shown on the Sanborn maps. The existing house dates to approximately 1890 built by owner Horace "Hod" Marble, as a second home. The building was later listed as being owned by Mrs. H.H. Meeker and Josephine Meeker as a residence and location of H.H. Meeker Nursery. In 1925 while the residence of Crown Point Mayor Ben Hayes, a portion of the house's attic burned, and much of the furniture was saved by passing high school students. Later residents included Fred and Eleanor Lisius, (Mr. Lisius unsuccessfully ran for State Legislature) and the Hamacher family who purchased the building as residence in 1950 and later used it as a law office. Today, building is owned by Tim Walsh and used as offices.

227 South Court Street. Built in 1847 by early and well-known settlers of Lake County and Crown Point, Wellington A. Clark and his family. Around 1846, the Clarks left their farm in West Creek Township and removed to Crown Point where he became an agent for some large eastern houses. Between 1846 and 1875, the Clarks alternated living in their home in Crown Point and on their farm in West Creek Township. In 1867 Mr. Clark erected and started the first cheese factory in Lake County. In 1875 Wellington and his wife, Mary returned to their Crown Point house, where they resided until their deaths. Upon his return to Crown Point, Mr. Clark was instrumental in the organization of the Old Settler and Historical Association. In 1906 upon the death of Mary Clark, the lot and home were deeded to their granddaughter, but Wellington continued to live there until his death in 1912. In 1959 Mr. Clark's granddaughter deeded the house to the City of Crown Point, Indiana as a life estate. The life estate was released in 1963, and the City of Crown Point became owner of one of the oldest landmarks in Lake County. The City of Crown Point and the Old Homestead Preservation Society, Inc. are committed to the preservation and maintenance of the home.

210 South Court Street. Built in 1892 as a single-family dwelling and is currently three apartments. No early photographs or history are available about this building.

120 West Clark Street. Built in 1900, this commercial building has had several uses, such as a mercantile and other viable businesses. Currently the home of Grandma's Country Depot. No early history or photographs are available to document the building.

118 West Clark Street. Built in 1890, the building's façade was originally wooden clapboard siding with Italianate brackets and a central main entry with large flanking plate glass windows on either side. The glazed brown brick on the façade today was added years later, probably the 1910s. Building housed several viable businesses within the courthouse square. Currently mixed use, upper section is used as office space and lower section is a bar/lounge.

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Beginning at the northwest corner of the property at 113 N. Main Street and moving east to the west side of Main Street. Turning south and running to the south side of Clark Street. Running with the alley across Parry Court to the north side of Joliet Street. Turning west and running along the north side of Joliet Street to east side of Main Street. Turning southwest and running to the southwest corner of Main and Joliet. Turning south and running along the west side of Main Street to the southwest corner of Main and Hack Court. Running east along Hack Court to the alley behind 210 South Main Street. Turn south and run along the west side of the alley to the north side of 220 South Main Street. Running south, parallel to this façade and 211 South East Street to the west side of East Street. Running south along the west side of East Street to the southeast corner of the property at 213 South East/232 S. Main Street. Turning west and running along the property line, to the east side of Main Street. Running south along the east side of Main Street, crossing Walnut Street and running west along the south side of Walnut Street to the corner of Walnut and East Streets. Turn south on East Street until the property line of 302 S. Main Street and running west along the property line to South Main Street. Crossing Main Street along to the southeastern tip of the property line of 301-303 South Main Street. Running along the southern property line of 301-303 South Main Street and turning north along the western property line until Walnut. At the northwest corner of 301-303 South Main Street and Walnut Street, running east until the corner of Walnut Street and South Main Street. Running north crossing Walnut Street.

Running north along the west side of South Main Street, parallel to the properties at 232 and 200 South Main Street. Turn west and run along the southern property line of 223 South Main Street to the northwest corner of 232 South Court Street and turning south to run along the east side of South Court Street until across the street from the southwestern most tip of 227 South Court Street. Run west, crossing South Court Street to the southern property line of 227 South Court Street and run west to the western property line of 227 South Court Street and run north along the property lines of 221 South Court and 213 South Court. When the west property line of 213 South Court Street comes to a curb to the south of BankOne, turn and run east along the property line to the west side of South Court Street. Turn north along the west side of South Court Street and run along the southern property line of 103-05 South Court Street, then north to the northwest corner of 107 North Court Street. At this corner turn southeast and go to the east side of Court Street and run north along the east side of South Court Street. Cross North Court Street and run with the southern property line of 19 North Court Street to the southwest corner. Turn north and run with the western property lines of 19, 21 and 105 North Court Street. At the alley on the north side of 105 North Court Street, turn east and run to the west side of North Court Street. Turn south and go to the southern boundary of 21 South Court Street, turn east and cross North Court Street to the northern property line of 120 West Clark. Run along the northern property line of 120 and 118 West Clark Street and turn south at the northeastern corner of the property line of 118 West Clark Street. Run south along the property line of 118 West Clark Street to north side of West Clark Street. Turn east and run along the north side of West Clark Street until the alley. Turn north and run along the alley behind North Main Street. Run north along the east side of the alley to place of beginning at 113 North Main Street.

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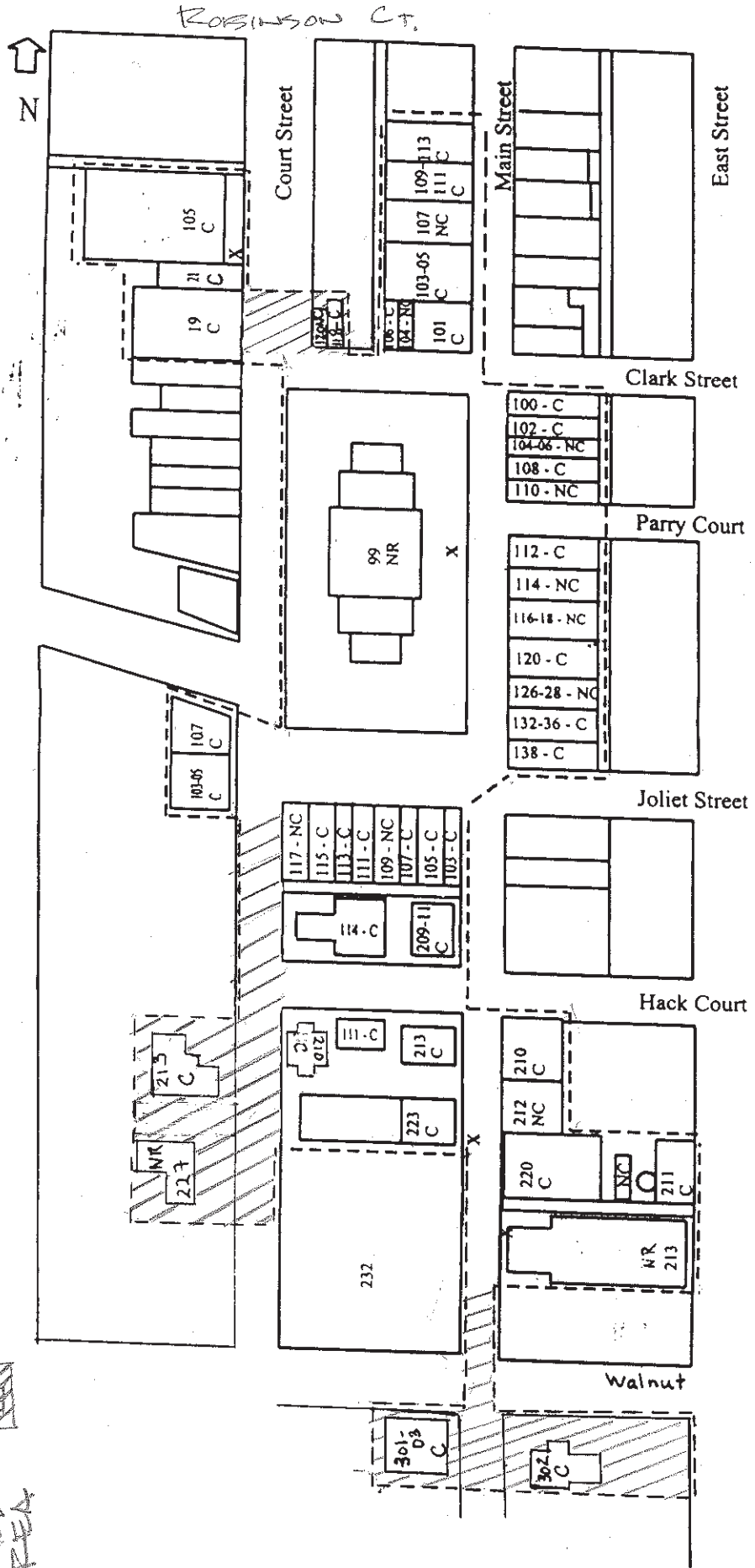
Boundary Justifications

The district's boundaries encompass a major portion of Crown Point's commercial district surround the Lake County Courthouse. The boundaries reflect the historical layout, which the community established with their construction, keeping the businesses, offices, stores and other commercial enterprises clustered around the governmental center. The boundary adjustment has included several properties that while originally residential and outside these boundaries, but have historic character and now a commercial use that contributes to the downtown. They also encompass much of the original courthouse square found in the original plat. The commercial areas around the courthouse, which have been significantly, altered though demolition, alteration or later constructions were not included since they did not contribute to the historic character and feel of the commercial district.

Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District Boundary Adjustment 2005
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- District Boundaries
- C Contributing
- NC Non-contributing
- X Historical Markers
- NR National Register
- 1,2,3 Photographs

ADDED AREA



T 34 N

HAMMOND (VIA U.S. 41) 15 MI.
4.9 MI. TO U.S. 41

CROWN POINT
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HISTORIC DISTRICT
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

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