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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 Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase II)

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & town 127 North Water Street n/a not for publication

city or town Cape Girardeau n/a vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Cape Girardeau code 031 zip code 63701

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 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.)

Mark A. Miles July 11, 2008
Signature of certifying official/Title Mark A. Miles/Deputy SHPO Date

Missouri 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

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐ 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:) _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: warehouse
Commerce/Trade: department store
Agriculture/Subsistence: storage

Current Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: two-part commercial block

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation sandstone
walls brick
sandstone
roof asphalt
other cast iron

Narrative Description

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

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

8. Description

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

c. 1870-1934

Significant Dates

1870

1895

Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

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):

- ☐ 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: _____

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 1/6 2/7/6/8/0/6 4/1/3/1/4/8/1
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Property Tax No. 21-107-00-13-005.00

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

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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

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Summary:

The Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase II) is comprised of three party wall brick commercial buildings that vary in height between one and two stories. The buildings were constructed ca. 1870 and ca. 1896, and represent the property type "Commercial Buildings, ca. 1850-1950" as described in the Multiple Property Cover Document "Historic and Architectural Resource of Cape Girardeau, Missouri." The three brick buildings now under a single address, 127 North Water Street, were built to house the P. H. Dempsey wholesale and retail grocery in addition to his commission and forwarding business. The district expansion encompasses the three remaining adjacent properties on the east boundary of the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (NR 07/20/2000). The Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District is located along the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown Cape Girardeau.

Elaboration

As documented in the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District nomination, Cape Girardeau was established along the Mississippi River front as a regional trading and distribution hub catering to steamboat traffic in the mid-19th century. The riverfront became the center of economic activity and commercial development was established along the river on Water Street, Main Street, and Broadway. Steamboat trade along the riverfront continued until the early 1900s but slowed with the founding of the Cape Girardeau Railroad Company in 1881. The three brick buildings that housed the P.H. Dempsey grocery and commission business played a substantial role in the steamboat transportation between communities along the Mississippi River. Though excluded from the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District when listed in 2000, the P.H. Dempsey buildings played an important role in the commercial history of Cape Girardeau, and contribute to the district. It is unknown why the three buildings at 127 North Water Street were excluded from the boundaries of the original part of the district listed in 2000. The three buildings were surveyed with properties in the district in 1999, and the survey did not indicate any concerns about the integrity or character of the buildings. Though the survey form notes a ca. 1990 rehabilitation project, photographs of the property in 1999 show a building with intact upper story brick walls and pediments, original or early upper story windows, and traditional storefront design. Though the display windows and kick plates may be more recent construction, original cast iron storefront posts and decorative elements were and are intact. The integrity of the building in 1999, as today, is comparable to contributing buildings within the boundaries of the original district. The buildings on Water Street are also similar in age and configuration to other buildings in the district and may be the best representatives of the district's significant association with commercial trade along the Mississippi River. While the buildings may have been

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excluded due to owner objection or because they were located on Water rather than North Main Street, questions of integrity or significance did not appear to be a factor in the exclusion from the original district boundaries. The three brick buildings, both exterior and interior, are well preserved and effectively convey their significance and represent well the property type "Commercial Buildings, ca. 1850-1950" as described in the Multiple Property Cover Document "Historic and Architectural Resource of Cape Girardeau, Missouri."

Individual Property Description

A description of the three buildings included in the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase Two) follows, providing the building's address, date of construction and physical description. The three buildings in the boundary expansion were built as three distinct buildings and only later (date unknown) were they connected to function as one. Because the buildings clearly are defined as three separate units on the exterior, each containing their own distinct history, the buildings will be described individually. The following footprint map identifies the buildings by a letter that corresponds with the descriptions that follow:

Footprint not to scale →N

Building C One-Story Ca. 1896	Building B Two-Story Ca. 1870	Building A One-Story Ca. 1870
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North Water Street

Building A, Ca. 1870:

A one-part commercial block with a foundation constructed of large sandstone blocks. The brick walls are laid in a modified common bond pattern. A large segmental arch opening currently comprised of three vertical windows over three wood panels is centered on the façade (east elevation). Originally built as a warehouse/storage facility, this opening to the building was most likely a wide freight door, possibly either large double doors swinging open from the center or a carriage door sliding to the side. It is unknown when the original door was replaced, but given the style of the windows this

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most likely occurred some time in the 1970s when the building underwent an adaptive re-use as a museum. Masonry corbelling runs across the façade at the roofline and matches exactly the corbelling above the storefront on the adjacent building (Building B). To the north of Building A is a narrow walkway leading to a common area in the rear shared by the surrounding buildings. A modern cast iron balustrade of simple design runs the width of the facade roofline, with an egress located on the south elevation of the roof.

Building B, Ca. 1870:

A two-part commercial block with a foundation constructed of large sandstone blocks. The brick walls are laid in a modified common bond pattern. The first level features four bays flanked by cast iron columns. Located on the south end of the building are a set of double leaf glass and wood panel doors. Directly north of this bay is an identical set of double leaf glass and wood panel doors. The next two bays on the north end of the building are each comprised of a large window over a wood panel. Over each of the four bays is a two-light transom. A masonry stringcourse separates the first and second level and ties into the masonry corbelling on Building A. Four original two-over-two double-hung windows with double brick segmental arch openings and sandstone lintels are located on the second level. Circular four-light windows are located above each window. On the north elevation on the second level is a large faded painted sign that reads "Dempsey Grocery Co." The upper level of the south elevation can be seen from the street level and consists of an unadorned brick wall. The roof is flat asphalt with a brick stepped parapet on the north and south elevations.

Building C, Ca. 1896

A one-part commercial block brick building laid in a modified common bond pattern with a large sandstone block foundation. The first level features three bays flanked by cast iron columns. The center bay is an 18 light and wood panel garage door flanked on both sides by a set of double glass and wood panel doors. Centered above the garage door is a circular four-light window flanked by narrow rectangular vents. Masonry corbelling runs the width of the façade at the roofline.

As with all the buildings in the district, these three expansion buildings have a zero lot line. The buildings are bordered on the east by a concrete sidewalk fronting North Water Street and are adjoined to the north and south by contributing buildings within the district.

It is unknown why the three buildings were not included in the original boundary of the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District. Omission of the buildings could have been due to the fact each building fronts North Water Street and not North Main Street, but

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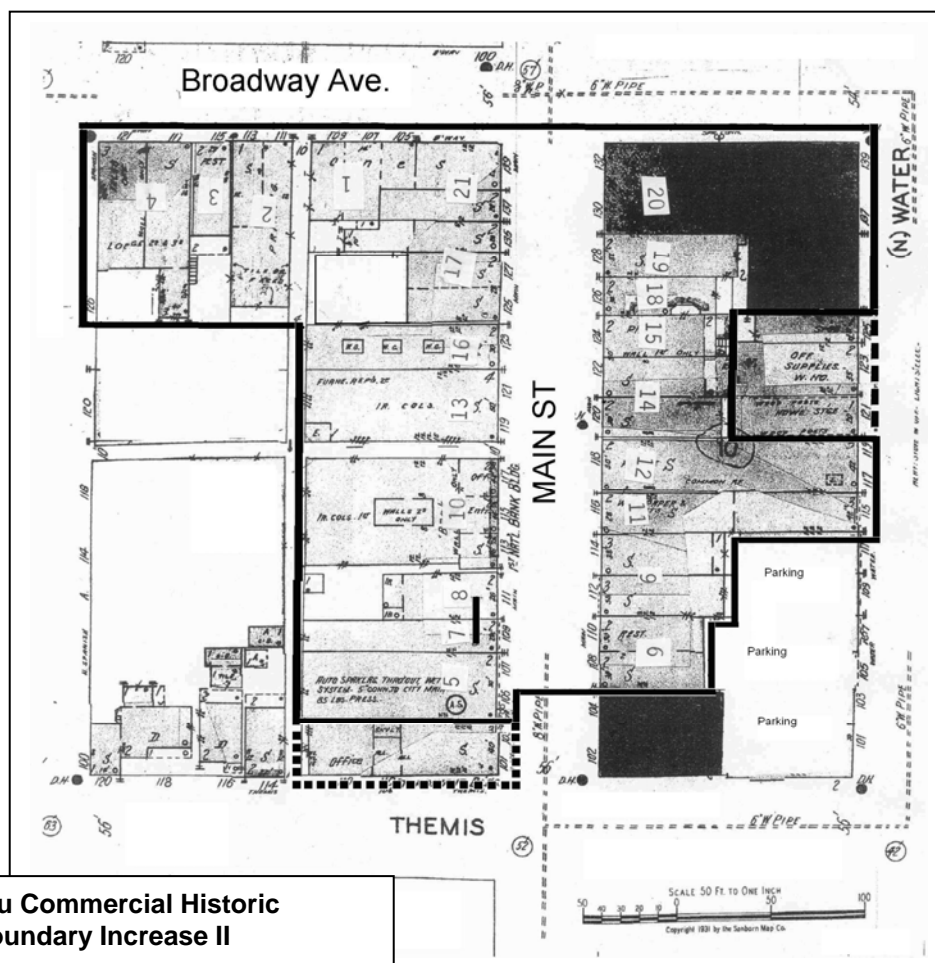
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these buildings clearly contribute to the overall character of the district and should be included at this time.

Map: **Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District and Boundary Increase II**



Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District and Boundary Increase II

- Original Boundary (7/20/2000)
- Boundary Increase I (7/11/2007)
- - - - - Boundary Increase II

Numbers 1 - 21 correspond with order of building descriptions in the original district nomination.

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Summary

The Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase II), 127 North Water Street, is an extension of the original National Register district which was listed in 2000, with a period of significance of 1850 to 1950. The boundary increase consists of three party wall brick commercial buildings that vary in height between one and two stories. The buildings were constructed ca. 1870 and ca. 1896 as one-part and two-part commercial blocks to house the P.H. Dempsey wholesale and retail grocery business as well as Dempsey's commission and forwarding business. The three brick buildings enrich the character of the existing historic district by providing an intact representation of the type of commercial area properties which developed along the Mississippi riverfront in downtown Cape Girardeau. These buildings share period of development and historic association with the rest of the district. The P.H. Dempsey boundary increase represents the property type "Commercial Buildings, ca. 1850-1950" as described in the Multiple Property Cover Document "Historic and Architectural Resource of Cape Girardeau, Missouri." The expansion area, like the original listing, is eligible and locally significant under National Register **CRITERIA A** and **CRITERIA C** for Commerce and Architecture. The period of significance is c. 1870 to 1934, the date of the construction of the earliest building through the closing of the P.H. Dempsey grocery business.

It is unknown why the three buildings were excluded from the boundaries of the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District when listed in 2000. As noted in Section 7, the buildings retain integrity from the period of significance of the district and were closely associated with the commercial development along the Cape Girardeau river front. The buildings are contiguous with the boundaries of the original district, and though the face Water rather than North Main Street, are historically associated with the larger commercial historic district.

Elaboration

The boundary increase is significant because (1) it illustrates the growth and development of traditional commerce in the city's downtown area; (2) it represents the only remaining buildings in the district that served as a wholesale warehouse and retail grocery; and (3) the properties included in the boundary increase represent the two oldest buildings in the district.

The west side of Water Street began to develop its current configuration in the mid-1800s with the construction of several buildings erected to house wholesale and retail grocery businesses as well as commission and forwarding businesses that serviced

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steamboat traffic on the Mississippi River. Commission and forwarding houses played a critical role in facilitating the economic transactions that took place along the river. These businesses received goods from the steamboats for sale or trade, often providing storage for the goods as they awaited distribution to local markets. Commission and forwarding houses also provided storage of goods for local producers in the region awaiting shipment by steamboat, helping make the arrangements to forward these goods to distant markets.¹ In 1871, there were five commission and forwarding houses doing business in Cape Girardeau, all located on Water Street.² The majority of those mid-19th century buildings have been demolished to make way for a large parking lot located south of the boundary expansion.³ The only other buildings still standing that housed warehouses for commission and forwarding businesses are located south of Themis Street on North Water Street. These three buildings, known as Warehouse Row Historic District (NR 12/04/2004), ca. 1864, 1866, 1874, played a slightly different role in the commercial history of Cape Girardeau than did the three buildings comprising Boundary Increase II. Although the Warehouse Row Historic District housed a commission and forwarding business it did not deal in retail grocery. In addition, the Eagle Packet Company, located within the buildings comprising the Warehouse Row Historic District, owned steamboats and was responsible for the shipping of merchandise and freight, unlike the three buildings in the current boundary expansion that only dealt with the storage, trade and sale of merchandise and freight.⁴

The P.H. Dempsey buildings are the only remaining late 19th century buildings fronting Water Street in the block between Themis Street and Broadway Street. All of the buildings located on either side of the boundary expansion front Main Street. This development history is associated with the larger history of commercial development in Cape Girardeau. During the mid- to late-19th century, steamboat traffic thrived and the riverfront area continued to expand as Cape Girardeau served as a regional trading and distribution center. By the early 1900s river traffic declined, in part due to the establishment of the railroad Cape Girardeau Railway Company in 1881. Commerce in the city, though, continued to prosper. By the late 1880s the city underwent a substantial expansion of the commercial district. Several of the 19th century buildings were razed to make way for new commercial buildings in the early 20th century.⁵ The P.H. Dempsey Grocery Co. buildings are a representation of the commercial buildings

¹ *Southeast Missourian*. "Yesterday Today Tomorrow: A Magnolia a Year for 50 Years May Have Driven Failure Away." 8 August 1955.

² *Wiggins & Weaver's Ohio River Directory For 1871-72*. Ohio: Fairbanks, Benedict & Co., 1871, 398.

³ *Southeast Missourian*. "Taking Down Two Water Street Buildings." 12 May 1959.

⁴ Roy L. Barkhau, *The History of Eagle Packet Company*. Ohio: Young & Klein, Inc., 1951, 9-35.

⁵ Robert Sidney Douglass, *History of Southeast Missouri: A Narrative Account of its Historical Progress, Its People and Its Principal Interest*. New York: Lewis Publishing Company, 1912, 258-59.

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erected to accommodate the steamboat trade and retail business in the late 19th century. These buildings continued to adapt to the growing economic demands of Cape Girardeau's economic expansion while other pre-20th century buildings were being modernized or razed to make way for newer construction. The properties in the original district and the second boundary increase are significant for their association with the business sector of Cape Girardeau. The second boundary increase contains the two oldest buildings within the district boundaries and includes the only surviving wholesale and retail grocery buildings.

P.H. Dempsey Grocery Co. Building A, 127 North Water Street. This one-part commercial block was constructed ca. 1870. It represents one of two buildings built in the late 19th century as a one-part commercial block in the district boundaries. It is the oldest one-part commercial building in the boundary of the Cape Girardeau Historic District. The building served as the warehouse and storage for Dempsey's grocery and commission business. This commercial block is well preserved and effectively conveys its significance as a late 19th century commercial building.

P.H. Dempsey Grocery Co. Building B, 127 North Water Street. This two-part commercial block was constructed ca. 1870. It denotes the oldest two-part commercial building in the district boundaries. The building housed the grocery and commission/forwarding business of P.H. Dempsey. The two-part commercial block is well preserved and effectively conveys its significance as a late 19th century commercial building.

P.H. Dempsey Grocery Co. Building C, 127 North Water Street. This one-part commercial block was constructed ca. 1896. It is one of two buildings built in the late 19th century as a one-part commercial block in the district boundaries. It served as warehouse No. 2 for Dempsey Grocery Co. This one-part commercial block is well preserved and effectively conveys its significance as a late 19th century commercial building.

Patrick Henry Dempsey. Patrick Henry Dempsey was born in 1834 in Ireland and immigrated to the United States in 1844 with his parents.⁶ Although little is known of his childhood, Dempsey started in business in Cape Girardeau with the operation of a one-mule, two-wheel dray. He opened a grocery store in 1864. In 1870, he had two of the buildings at 127 North Water St. built to house his grocery and commission/forwarding business. While still keeping his draying business, Dempsey started handling general merchandise, seed, and hay. As his customer base increased so did his inventory in the

⁶ History of Southeast Missouri. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co, 1888. 754

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wholesale grocery business. Dempsey became a forwarding agent for the steamboat transportation business, servicing a line with the Tennessee packets. The commission and forwarding business increased his in-house stock, and kept his warehouse full of inventory and freight for the surrounding area. Dempsey's sons worked the family business with him. Hugh Graham Dempsey and Magnus Dempsey continued to partner with their father in the business, while Michael Angelo Dempsey worked as a lawyer. In 1899, Dempsey died, and Hugh Graham and Magnus took over the business.⁷

Hugh Graham Dempsey sold his interest in the Dempsey Grocery Co. on April 4, 1913 to his brother, Magnus and A.R. Zoelsmann, auditor of the Houck Railroads. At this time, the Dempsey Grocery Co. became a wholesale firm.⁸ On October 20, 1931, several independent merchants came together from Cape Girardeau to establish the Semo Stores for group buying. Dempsey Grocery Co. was responsible for the buying and servicing of the Semo Stores.⁹ On June 18, 1934, Dempsey Grocery Co. announced it was closing its business and all stock would be sold by the end of the week. When the business closed it only had eight employees down from its height of 18 people employed to work in the store, warehouse, and offices.¹⁰

The exteriors of all three buildings are well preserved and effectively convey their significance as late 19th century commercial buildings. As stated earlier, the boundary increase is significant because (1) it illustrates the growth and development of traditional commerce in the city's downtown area; (2) it represents the only remaining buildings in the district that served as a wholesale warehouse and retail grocery; and (3) the properties included in the boundary increase represent the two oldest buildings in the district. It is not known why the three buildings were not included in the original boundary of the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District. Omission of the buildings could have been due to the fact each building fronts North Water Street and not North Main Street, but these buildings clearly contribute to the overall character of the district. The expansion buildings make a significant contribution to the historic character of both

⁷ *Southeast Missourian*. "Yesterday Today Tomorrow: A Magnolia a Year for 50 Years May Have Driven Failure Away." 8 August 1955.

⁸ *Southeast Missourian*. "H.G. Dempsey Sells Out To Zoelsmann." 4 April 1913.

⁹ *Southeast Missourian*. 20 October 1931.

¹⁰ *Southeast Missourian*. "Dempsey Grocer Co. to Close Out This Week." 18 June 1934.

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the boundary increase II and the original district and should be included in the district at this time.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase II) is as depicted by the dashed line on the attached scaled site map (see Section 7, p. 4). The boundary begins 91.9 feet from the original northeast boundary of contributing building marked at number 20 on the site map; 206 feet from the original southeast boundary of the contributing building marked as number six on the accompany site map, page 11. The boundary increase II is adjoined by contributing buildings, 20 and 15 on the north and south elevations as depicted in the accompany site map.

Boundary Justification

The Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase II) includes the property historically associated with the three buildings at 127 North Water Street. The buildings for unknown reasons were not included in the original nomination of the Cape Girardeau Commercial Historic District. These buildings clearly contribute to the overall character of the district and should be included. The boundary is not being increased further as other areas of the district have not been reevaluated (i.e. the northern, western, southern boundaries). The nominated buildings are the only ones remaining on Water Street that are contiguous with the original boundaries.

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Photo Log

The following is true for all photographs:

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Cape Girardeau County, MO
Photographer: Terri L. Foley
Date of Photographs: January 17, 2008
Location of Negatives: Digital files

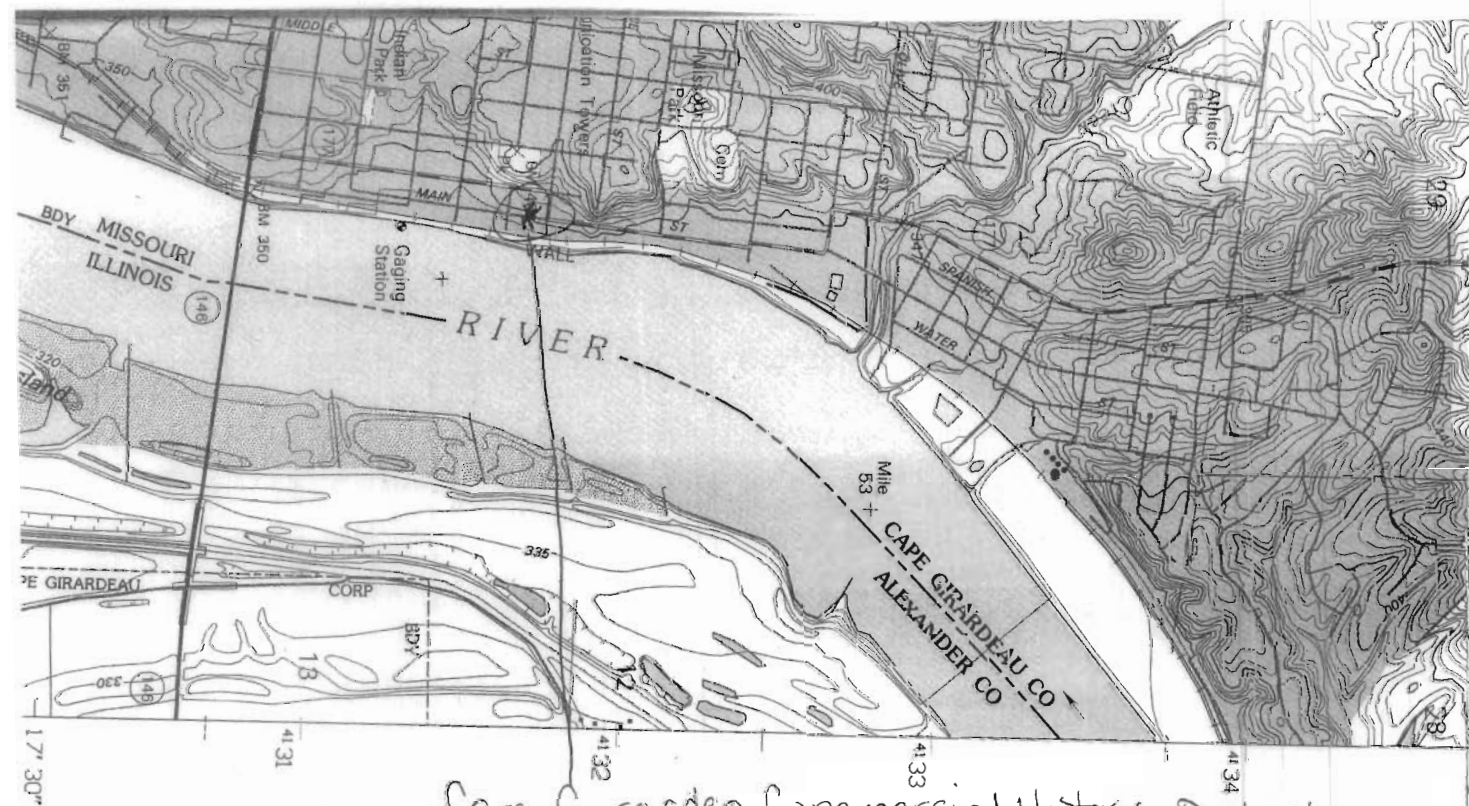
Photo #1: Buildings A, B, C, looking southwest.

Photo #2: Buildings C, B, A, looking northwest.

Photo #3: Buildings A, B, C, including the contributing buildings within the original district boundaries to the north and south, looking southwest down N. Water Street.

Photo #4: Building A, looking west.

Photo #5: Building C, looking west.



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 (Boundary Increase Two) 127 N. Water
 Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County
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