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Proposed Amendment to Chestnut Street Historic District - Hays, Ellis County
December 2010

The owner of a 1930s-era service station at 1302 Main Street is requesting the Chestnut Street Historic District boundaries be amended to extend the north across 13th Street to include their property. The property is described below:

Section 7: Inventory of Properties

#81 Nep's Super Service Station, 1302 Main Street (built 1931, addition 1930s), contributing

Although it was known as Nep's Super Service when it first opened in 1931, the brick service station located at the northeast corner of 13th and Main in downtown Hays has been known as Jep's since at least the 1950s. The station was built by Jep Jacobs father Tony in 1930 and opened on July 3, 1931. The Mission-style service station is comprised of three sections, with the central section being the oldest. It is a one-part commercial block and features a flat roof with a parapet. Typical scalloped parapet walls are indicative of the Mission style, as is the use of red clay tiles on the pent roofs. Windows and doors have been replaced with modern metal units, but the original openings are retained.

The north half of the service station encompasses approximately 2,000 square feet, while the southern auto supply portion of the building, which was added a few years after the main block, is approximately 2,500 square feet. A small office was also added in the 1930s to the north end of the building. Although built just a few years after the original building, the north and south additions blend nicely with the original structure using the same type of brick and ornamental details. The original structure functioned as a service area with two garage bays. The newer southern section essentially served as a showroom and was enhanced by large windows, an expansive space, and polished terrazzo floors.

The builder, Tony Jacobs, only lived four blocks north of the service station in a large redbrick Prairie-style home, with a green-tiled roof and limestone front porch. Over the years Tony gained a reputation of being one of the finest builders in Hays, and is known to have built the six-story Lamer Hotel at 1200 Main Street, the former Haffemeier building at 115-117 E. 11th, and several private homes. Perhaps Jacobs' crowning achievement was the former Saint Joseph's Military Academy building, which is presently occupied by the private Catholic high school Thomas More Prep, which is located on the west side of Hays at 1701 Hall Street.

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Section 10: Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The *revised* boundary of the Chestnut Street Historic District is described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the intersection of Main and 13th Streets, proceed north one-half block to the alley between 13th and 14th Streets; then proceed east approximately one-quarter of a block to the east property line of 1301 Main Street; then proceed south along the property line to the midpoint of 13th Street; continue south along the east property line of the property at 1202 Main Street; then proceed south to the midpoint of 12th Street; then proceed east to the northeast corner of the intersection of Oak and 12th Streets; then proceed north one-half block; then proceed east to the northeast corner of the property at 201 East 12th Street; then proceed south to the midpoint of 12th Street; then proceed west to the northeast corner of the property at 124 East 12th Street; then proceed south one-half block to the midpoint of the alleyway; then proceed east one-quarter block to the northeast corner of the property at 129 East 11th; then proceed south one block to the alleyway between 10th and 11th Streets; then proceed one block west to the midpoint of Main Street; then proceed south to the northwest corner of the property at 900 Main Street; then proceed east one-quarter block to the northeast corner of the property at 900 Main Street; then proceed south along the rear (east) property lines of 800, 802, 804, 806, and 801 Main Street; then proceed west to the midpoint of the intersection of Main and 8th Streets; then proceed south one-half block to the midpoint of the intersection of Main Street and the alleyway between 7th and 8th Streets; then proceed east to the northeast corner of the property at 708 Main Street; then proceed south along the rear (east) property lines of 700 and 706 Main Streets to the midpoint of 7th Street; then proceed west to the northeast corner of the property at 100 West 7th; then proceed south one-half block to the southeast corner of the property at 100 West 7th; then proceed west one-quarter block to the southwest corner of the property at 100 West 7th; then proceed north 1 ½ blocks along the rear property lines of 701-705, 707, 709, 711, 715, 717, 719, 801, and 805 Main Street to the midpoint of the alleyway between 8th and 9th Streets; then proceed west for ¾ block to the northeast corner of the property at 803 Fort Street; then proceed south to the southeast corner of the property at 803 Fort Street; then proceed west to the southwest corner of 803 Fort Street; then proceed north to the midpoint of the alleyway between 8th and 9th Streets; then proceed west to the southwest corner of the property at 208 West 9th Street; then proceed north to the midpoint of 9th Street; then proceed east 1 ¼ blocks to the midpoint of the intersection of 9th and Main Streets; then proceed north 1 block to the southeast corner of the property at 1001 Main Street; then proceed west ½ block to the southwest corner of the property at 113 West 10th Street; proceed north 1 ½ blocks to the midpoint of the alley between 11th and 12th Streets; then proceed east to the southwest corner of the property at 106 West 12th Street; then proceed north ½ block to the midpoint of 12th Street; then proceed east

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½ block to the midpoint of the intersection of 12th and Main Streets; then proceed north 1 block to the point of beginning.

Additional Documentation

Attached Photograph Prints:
Photos taken December 15, 2010 by Sarah Martin
1302 Main, Hays, KS

Photograph 1: West and south elevations of south addition, facing NE

Photograph 2: West elevation of the original center section, facing SE toward district

Photograph 3: West elevation of the original center section and north addition, facing E



Signature / Patrick Zollner, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

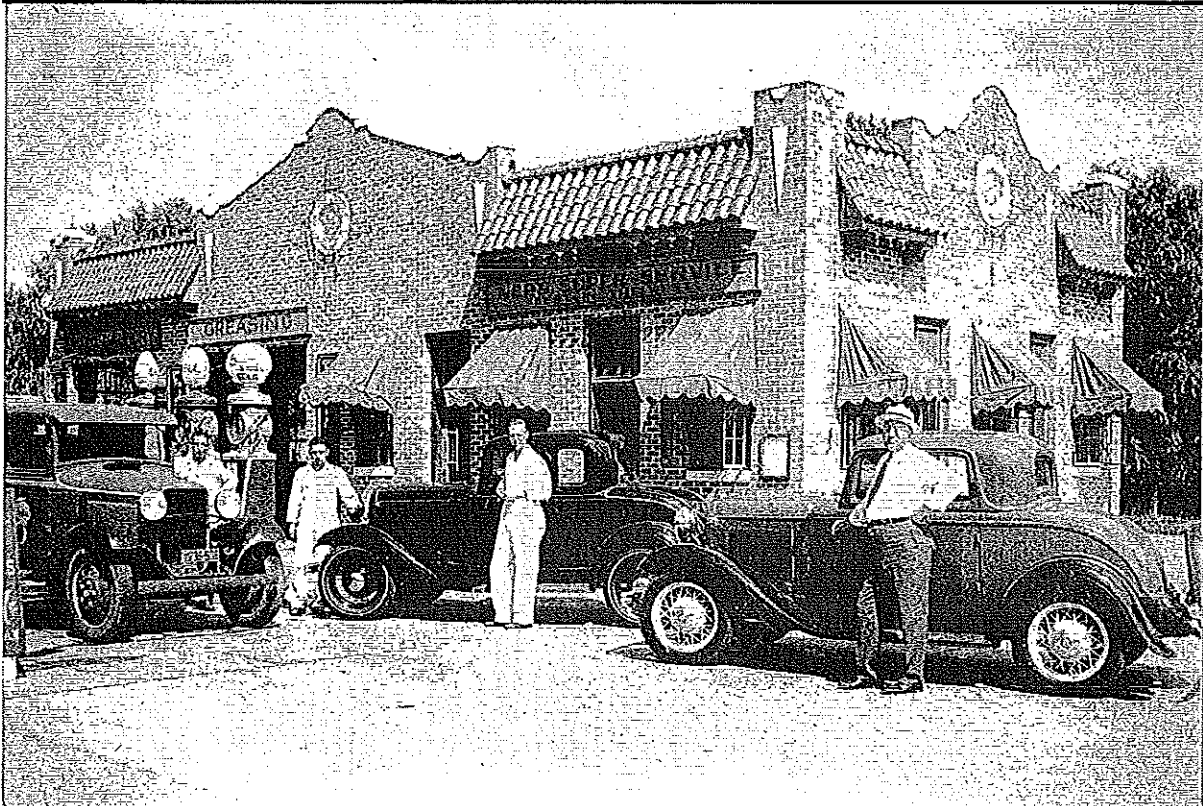
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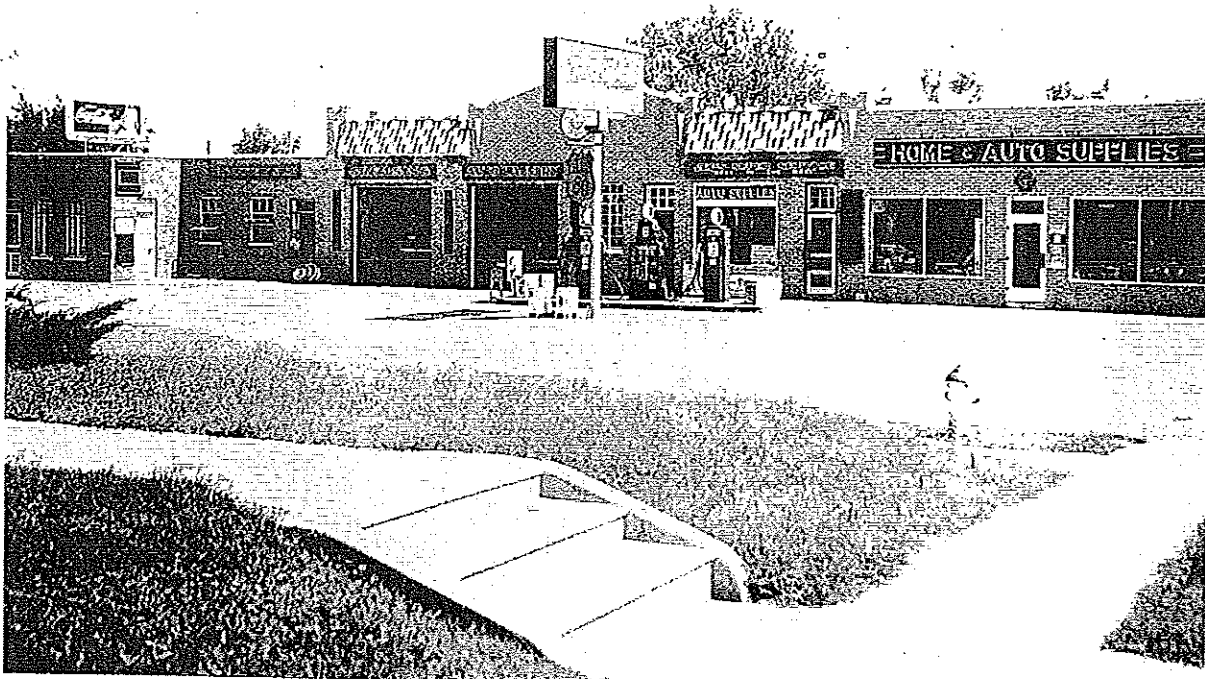
Nep's Super Service, 1302 Main, Hays, KS. 1931

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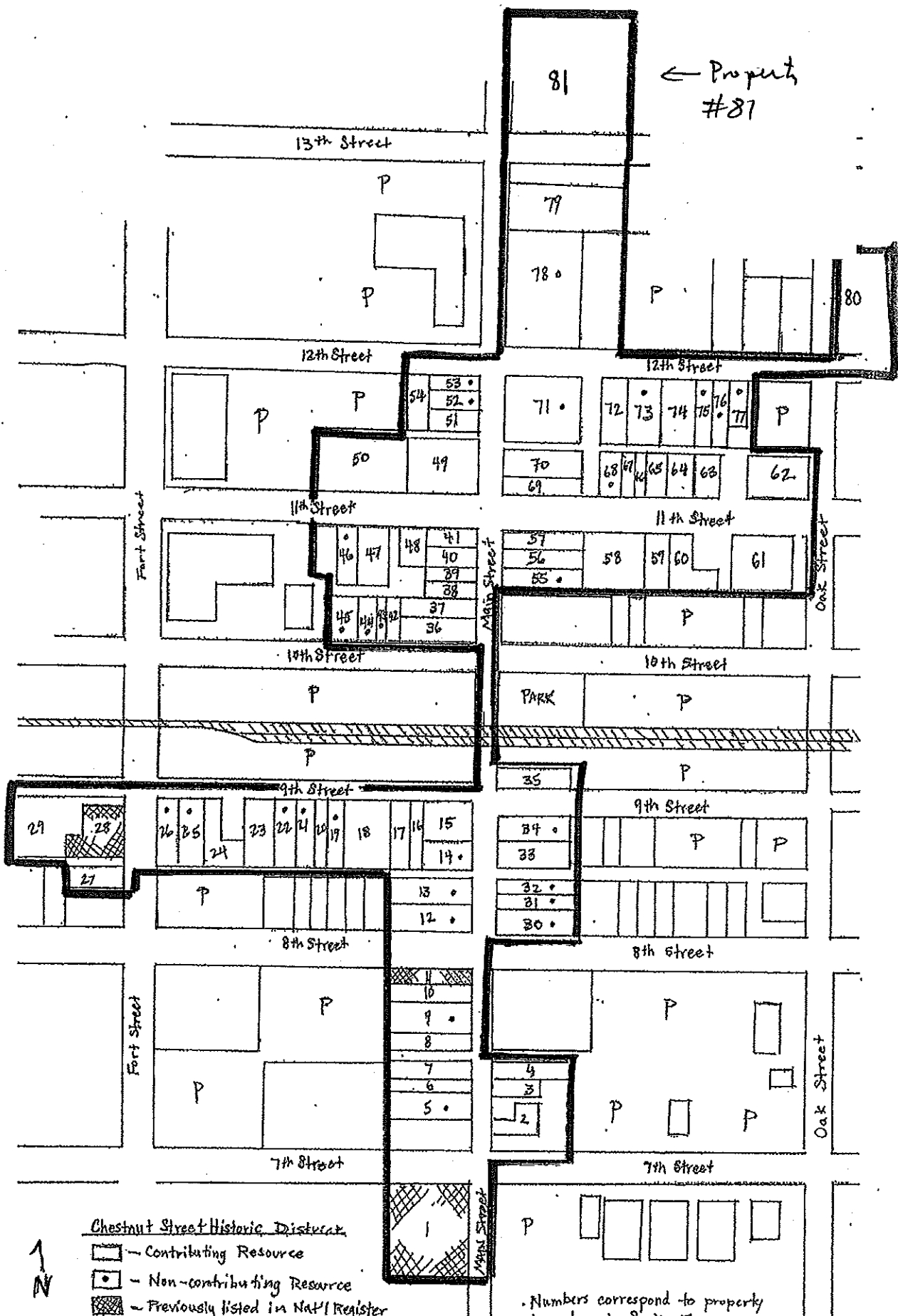
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Nep's Super Service, 1302 Main, Hays, KS. 1930s – showing north and south additions.



← Property #81

Chestnut Street Historic District

- Contributing Resource
- Non-contributing Resource
- Previously listed in Nat'l Register
- Railroad tracks
- P - Parking Lot
- Nat'l Register district boundary.

Numbers correspond to property inventory in Section 7