

# **OZARK HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY**

**An Inventory of Historic Buildings within  
Historic City Center of Ozark, Christian County, Missouri  
1998-1999**

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Building Inventories



Figure 1. Christian County, Missouri. Ozark, Christian County seat.

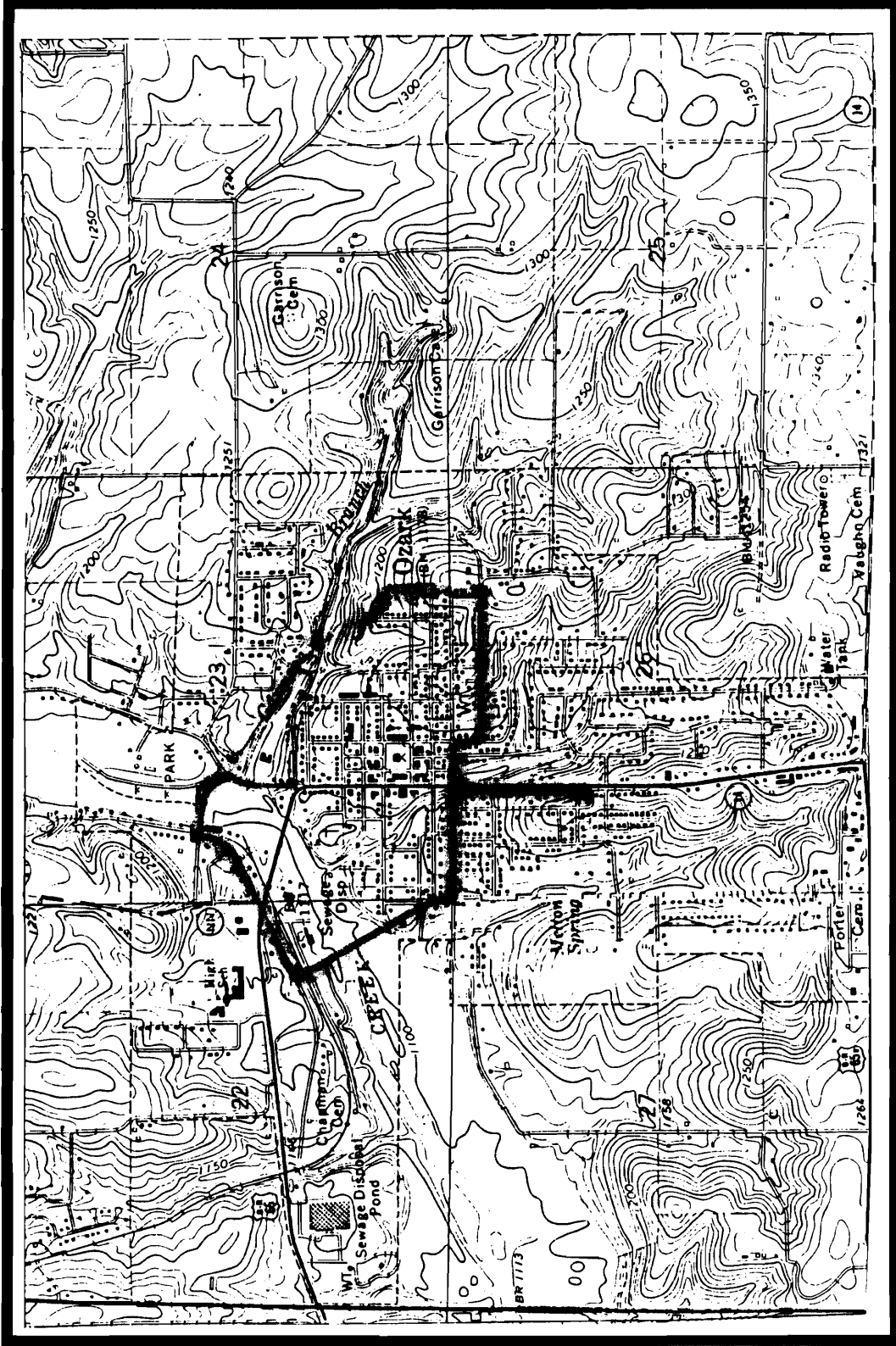


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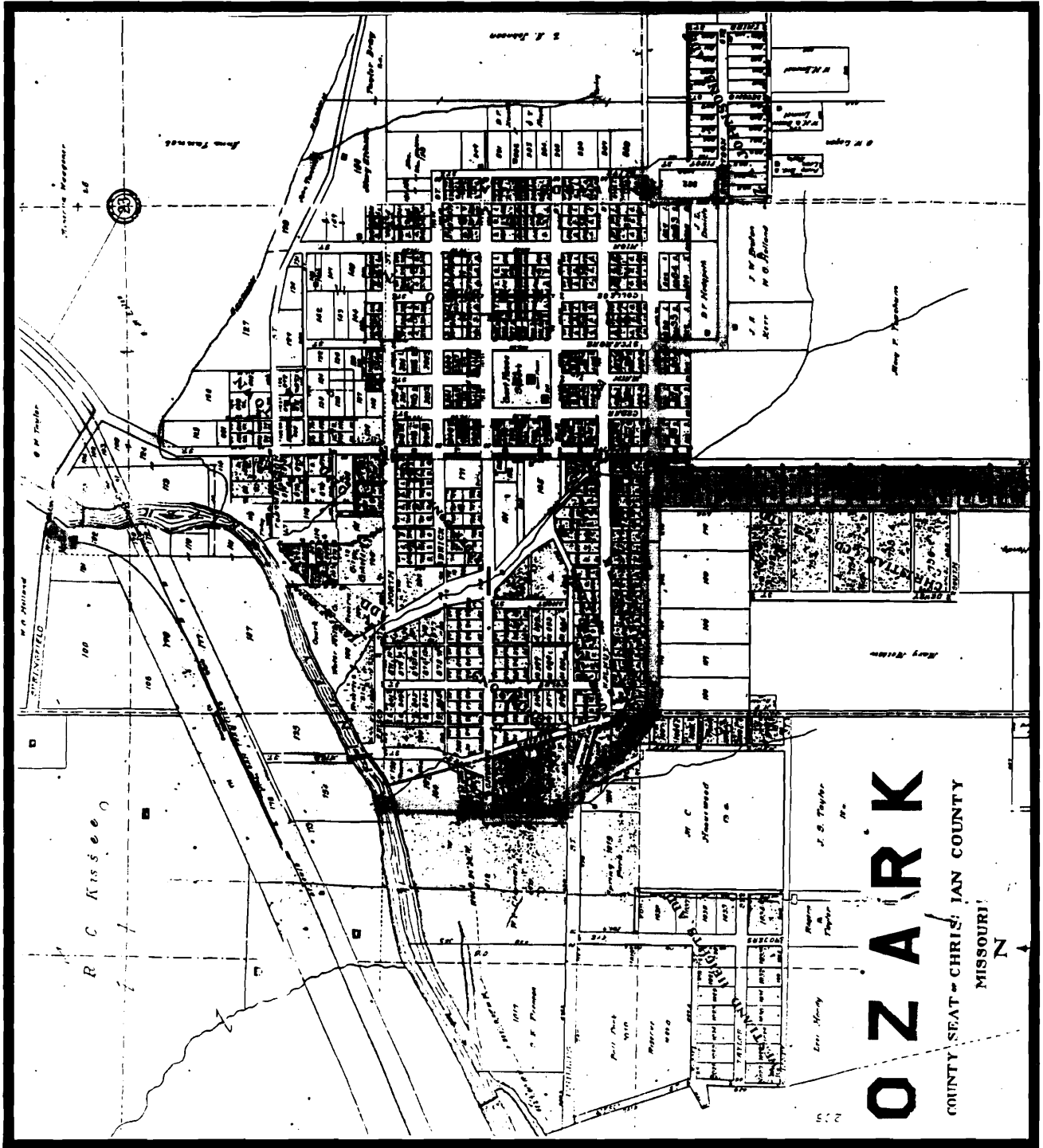


Figure 3. 1912 Plat Map of Ozark, Missouri. Survey Area highlighted.

The city was surveyed in 1835, and land officially offered for homesteading in 1838. A city square was designated in what is known as "old town," and the first lots sold for residential and commercial

### Geographical Survey Boundaries

Historic resources were identified and evaluated for potential eligibility of listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The criteria used in selection for survey initially was based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Evaluation which generally consists of a fifty-year age requirement, on the historical integrity of each site or structure, and historical significance. The information garnered through the survey will provide a better understanding of the social, economic, cultural trends, and growth patterns associated with the development of Ozark. The survey is an opportunity for the Commission to enhance the community's education and understanding of the benefits of historic preservation in Ozark.

### Objectives

To introduce the intent and scope of the survey to Ozark citizens, an initial public meeting was held in the City Hall on 10 March 1998. The survey plan was presented, with its purpose, procedure, and how it might affect property owners and the community discussed. The final survey results were presented to the public on 01 July 1999 at the regular monthly session of the Ozark Historic Preservation Commission.

The Ozark Historic Preservation Commission is mandated to consider the effects of growth on historic neighborhood preservation, downtown economic viability, and potential downtown abandonment. This survey represents a first step toward such an evaluation by identifying the cultural resources that are significant or representative of the city's historic development. Through documentation of the significance and integrity of these historic structures local government officials, property owners, tourists, and the community as a whole may better understand the value of historic architecture, and subsequently, the wisdom of its preservation and enhancement.

The Ozark Historic Preservation Commission received a Historic Preservation Fund grant to conduct a survey of the city's cultural resources within its core historic development area. The results of this survey will help clarify how the city of Ozark developed, and how its architectural heritage expresses and represents the historic development of this typically rugged Ozark mountain town.

### Introduction

# Ozark Historic Resources Survey

## Final Report

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