

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☒ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1843 on the west side of the court square by John H. Poston, the three buildings known as the Poston Block have remained basically unchanged since their erection. Constructed of brick on a foundation of Tennessee limestone, the buildings have two stories and a full basement. The over-all dimensions are 59'7" x 45'. There are five brick chimneys, and a brick parapet separates each building. The north gable end has a stepped parapet. Painted on this end is the slogan: "J. F. Coutts' Son, Furniture and Undertaking, Est. 1845." Coutts was the son-in-law of Mr. Poston. The windows are double hung with wooden lintels and sills.

On the interior, the three buildings are connected by interior doors. Each building contains stairs leading to the second level and the basement. Hardwood flooring has recently been laid over the hand hewn floor joists, which are eleven inches by three inches, twenty inches on center. The walls are painted plaster on masonry bearing walls. The ceiling is painted plaster on wood lathe. The doors are two and four panel recessed doors.

The building is now occupied by the Torina Cigar Manufacturing Company and a plumbing repair shop.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS