

6 HEMLOCK (HOUSE)
6 HEMLOCK
WALLACE
SHOSHONE COUNTY
IDAHO

HABS
ID,
40-WAL,
6-

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service, Western Region
Department of the Interior
San Francisco, California 94102

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

HABS
ID,
40-WAL,
6-

STATE Idaho		COUNTY Shoshone	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Wallace
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 6 Hemlock (House)			HABS NO. ID-90
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 6 Hemlock, Wallace, Idaho (Legal: NP First Addition, Block 5, Portion of Lot 1-Lot 2)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1915 (See supplement)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See supplement			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See supplement			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See supplement			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE See supplement			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See supplement			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES New front porch added, foundation with half basement added, all aluminum siding added, new interior coverings (dates unknown)			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition fair, currently vacant			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE House is scheduled to be torn down in 1988 to make way for a motel-restaurant-gift shop complex			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Natl. Register of Historic Places, Safeco Title Co., Shoshone County Assessor's Office, Barnard-Stockbridge Photo Collection, Sanborn Fire Maps, Wallace Public Library, Harry Olson, Richard Magnuson, Minnesota State Historical Society, U.S. Census Bureau			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Michael J. Green, Depot Productions, Wallace, Idaho			DATE May 1988

6 HEMLOCK (HOUSE)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert W. Clark House is a compatible element of the Wallace Historic District and is located in a residential area containing homes constructed between 1910 and 1920.

The City of Wallace was first settled in 1884. It is located along the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and at the mouth of three side creeks and gulches amid North Idaho's steep Panhandle. The founding of the town followed discovery of fabulous lead-silver deposits in the surrounding mountains. As mining activity quickly grew, so did the town. By 1887 the population was 500, which grew to 2,816 by 1920 (U.S. Census Bureau).

The town flourished from mining activities, and Wallace became known as the Silver Capital of the World because more silver has been extracted from the Coeur d'Alene Mining District, with Wallace as the hub, than any place on earth.

Much of the town was located on a cedar swamp, which was drained as growth occurred. The west end of town containing this house was drained and developed last. Northern Pacific Railway first owned this land in west Wallace. NP leased to private individuals this land on which was built many homes. NP deeded the land to the homeowners in a period from 1920 to 1925. This addition to the town is known as the NP First Addition.

Dating exact construction of most of the houses is difficult because the first deeding of the property occurred after the homes were built. The Minnesota State Historical Society, Archives Manuscripts Division, which possesses defunct NP's records, could not locate copies of the original leases. Early fire maps and photographs show no homes built in that area prior to 1910. Most of the homes, then, were constructed from 1910-1920.

These dates were confirmed by Harry Olson, who has lived in west Wallace since 1922. He said in an interview most of the houses in west Wallace were already constructed when he moved there in 1922. He was 10 years old at the time.

Olson remembers nothing distinctive about west Wallace other than it being an ordinary residential part of town. Its residents were a mixture of business and working people, including miners, a druggist, a county commissioner and even "bootleggers." The streets were paved in the addition about 1920, Olson said. A flood in

1933 caused considerable damage to the streets and homes, he said.

As mining activity in the district began to decline in the 1970s and 1980s, so did the number of jobs and demand for homes. The 1988 population of Wallace was 1,460 (source: Association of Idaho Cities). The character of some homes changed as they went from owner-occupied to rentals. Some deteriorated from lack of care. (Some had been rentals for most of their existence.)

Because of the fast growth of the town in a short time span, Wallace contains a unique homogenous blend of architecture, which led to first a few buildings, then the downtown district, then the entire core of town listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mining towns tend to have a transient population, and many homes have had numerous owners as a result. The names provided for the houses were the first recorded deed owners.

The first recorded deeding of the house was from NP to Mary Emma Howarth on Feb. 8, 1922. On April 14, 1924, Howarth deeded the house to Frank J. and Nora S. Albert, who deeded the house to Joseph A. Galipeau on May 11, 1929. The next deeding was from the Galipeaus to A.G. and Mildred A. Everby on Sept. 2, 1941. On the same date the house was deeded from the Everbys to Robert W. and Rose Ann Clark. Clarks were the longest-term owners of the house. On March 23, 1978, the Clarks deeded the house to Leroy D. Hieb. The Hieb family lived in the house for nine years, and on June 30, 1987, the house was sold by the Hiebs to Rossi Insurance of Wallace.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

The house is one and one-half story and rectangular. It has a concrete foundation painted brown on the south and west sides. The house is wood frame with all aluminum siding, yellow in color except for the gable ends, which are brown. The roof is gabled with a composition shingle roof. The eaves are boxed with figure-four supports sided with aluminum. A brick chimney protrudes at the roof crest.

The windows are all framed wood with painted wood trim. The windows are either wood set or 1/1 double-hung sash. The second story windows on the east and west end are both 4/1 double-hung sash.

Doors are located on the west front side and east rear side. The front porch is all concrete with five concrete steps leading to

the landing in front of the door. The porch has a gable roof and is supported by part concrete and part wood posts. The rear porch has a shed roof with rolled composition roofing.

INTERIOR FEATURES

The living room has part carpeting and part linoleum over softwood floors. All but the south wall is covered with stained and planed 1'x4' over fiberboard over tar paper over wood boards. The south wall has the original fiberboard with vertical grooves.

The kitchen has a linoleum floor with wainscoting and fiberboard walls. Cabinets are softwood and plywood with a single porcelain sink. A window with glass shelves is located in the wall between the kitchen and the back room containing the base of the stairs. This room has carpeting over softwood floors with the same fiberboard walls as the south living room wall. The stairs are quarter-paced with round tread nosing. The stairs contain indentations for round balusters, which have been removed, as has the corner post and hand rail.

The hallway has a linoleum floor. The bathroom is carpeted and has the same wainscoting and fiberboard walls as the kitchen, except around the bathtub-shower unit that has masonite as wainscoting.

The second story has all hardwood floors, which have been mostly covered in the two bedrooms with carpet sample squares. The west bedroom has the same fiberboard walls as the first floor, and the east bedroom is paneled. Ceilings in both bedrooms slant with the slope of the roof toward the outside walls.

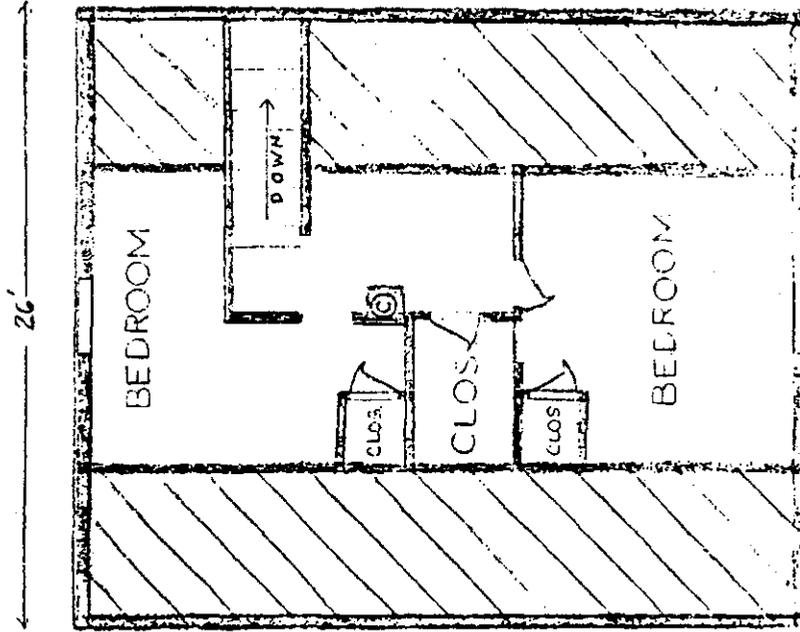
The rear porch has a ground-level entry, then a split-level entry to an upper landing and basement. Five steps lead up to the landing and rear door. This landing also contains an electric and vent hookup for a clothes dryer. A quarter pace and six steps lead to the basement. The south half of the basement is crawl space only. Windows in the west, north and east concrete foundation walls provide daylight to the north half. The basement contains a gas forced air furnace, the base of the brick chimney, a clothes washer hookup, hot water heater, shelves and work benches.

Harry Olson remembers the basement was added after the house was constructed, and probably was done by Robert Clark, the longest-term house owner. Olson said Clark also did most of the remodeling on the house.

SCALE 1/8"=1'
K.A. STALEY

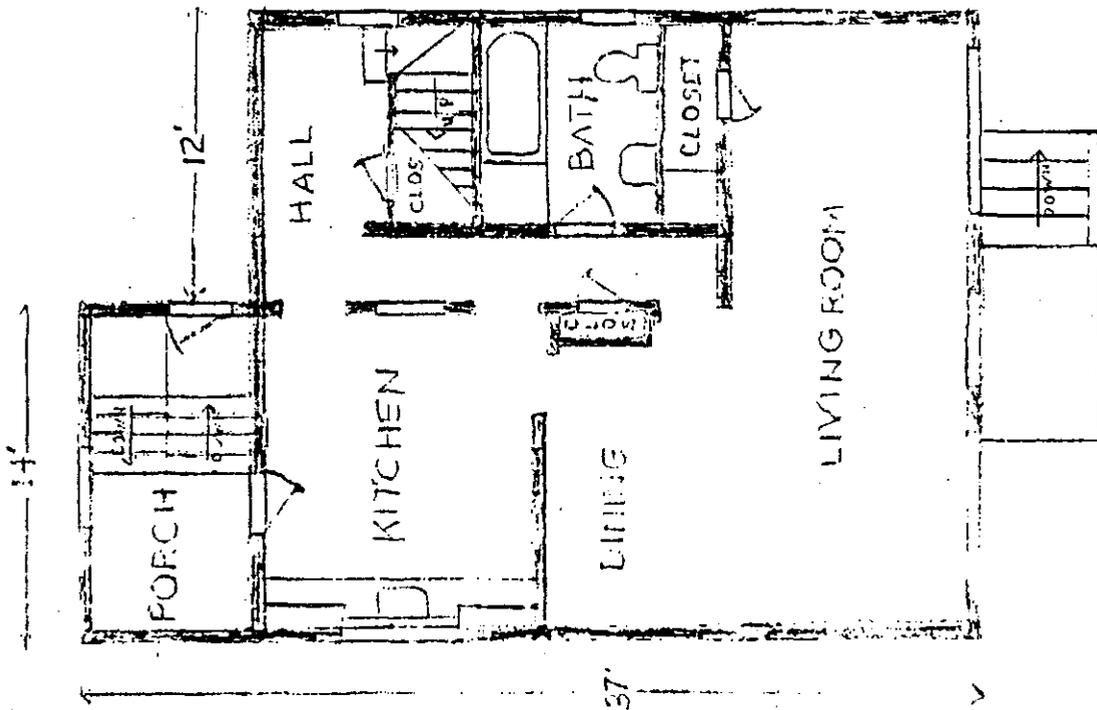


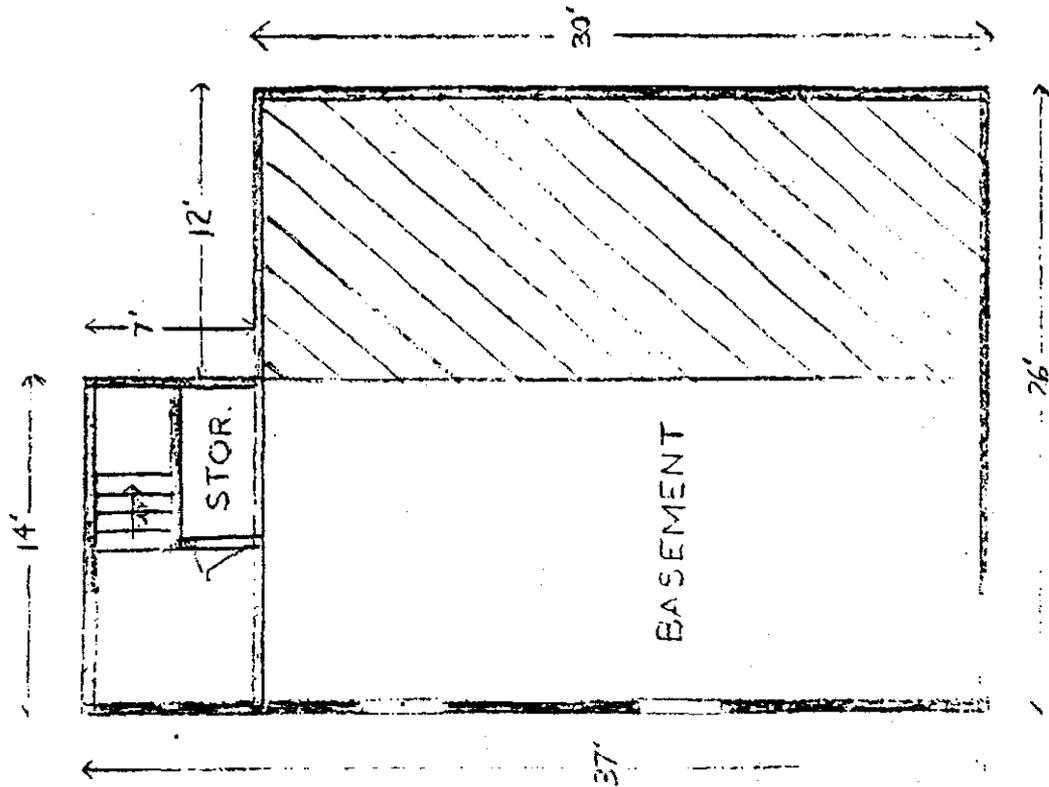
UPPER LEVEL



30'

13' →
LOWER LEVEL

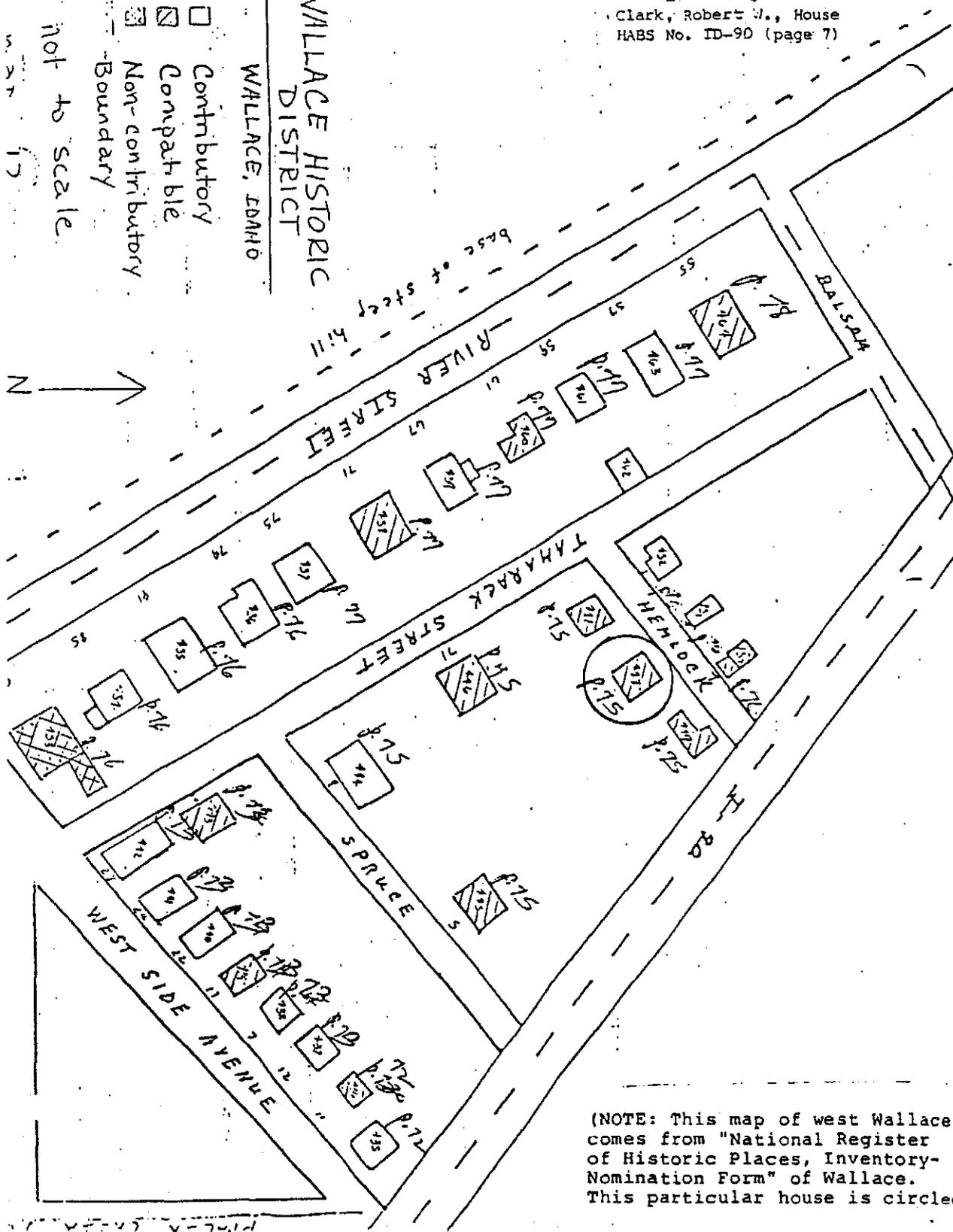




WALLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT
WALLACE, EDMD

- Contributory
- Compatible
- Non-contributory
- Boundary

not to scale

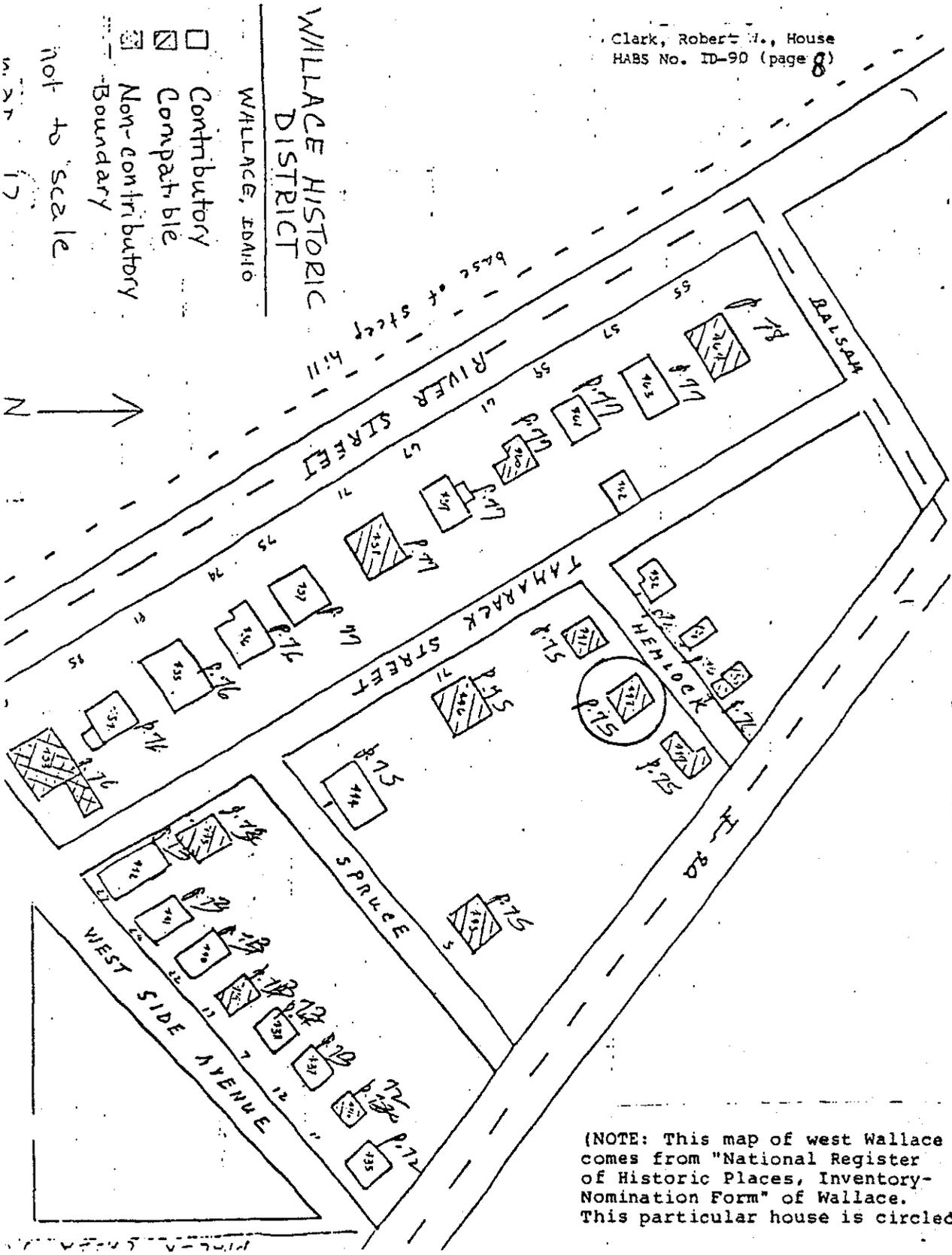
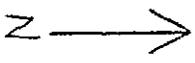


(NOTE: This map of west Wallace comes from "National Register of Historic Places, Inventory-Nomination Form" of Wallace. This particular house is circled

WALLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT

WALLACE, IDAHO

- Contributory
 - Contributory
 - Non-contributory
 - Boundary
- not to scale



(NOTE: This map of west Wallace comes from "National Register of Historic Places, Inventory-Nomination Form" of Wallace. This particular house is circled)