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Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma
Lat. 36.398969 Long: - 97.881556 (Southeast corner of the district, Google Earth, Simple Cylindrical Projection, WGS84)

Significance: The Kenwood Historic District development is a prime example of architecture styles and neighborhood planning that was employed in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. The district as a whole mostly retains its original structures, and 74 out of 93 residences are contributing resources. This residential neighborhood is Enid's first historic district.

Description: The Kenwood Historic District includes 11 blocks and consists mainly of residential homes. The diagonal boulevard that cuts through the site is a unique feature to the district and provides a direct route from downtown businesses to the rail yard. The larger homes line the east and west streets, while the smaller homes line the north and south. The lots are uniformly platted with 25 foot frontage lines and uniform setback lines which adds to the district's appeal. Open and wide streets, informal plantings of street trees, and large front lawns give the site its main sense of arrival.

History: Kenwood Historic District is located just northwest of downtown Enid, Oklahoma. The district was claimed during the Cherokee Strip Land Run by Maurice Wogan and N.E. Sisson on April 16, 1894. The following year it was sold to the Kenwood Land Development Company. The development was planned to be a modern, pedestrian-friendly community. Between the years of 1895-1935, most of the district's construction took place. The district boomed during its first couple of years with highly prominent and influential residents. At one point the residents wanted to officially make Kenwood a town, but the neighborhood was quickly annexed into the city limits of Enid. The district was Enid's first planned residential neighborhood. Originally the development had a street car system, and although the system was later removed, the community still benefits from the wide streets.

The predominant architectural styles of the neighborhood are craftsman bungalows and American foursquares, but includes other styles such as folk Victorian, shingle, Tudor revival, and neoclassical. Most of the buildings are wood frame with a few brick residences nestled among them.

Sources: Jones, Jennifer. 2004. Kenwood Historic District National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. 04001328 NRIS. Listed December 6, 2004.

Kenwood Historic District website: www.kenwoodenid.org.

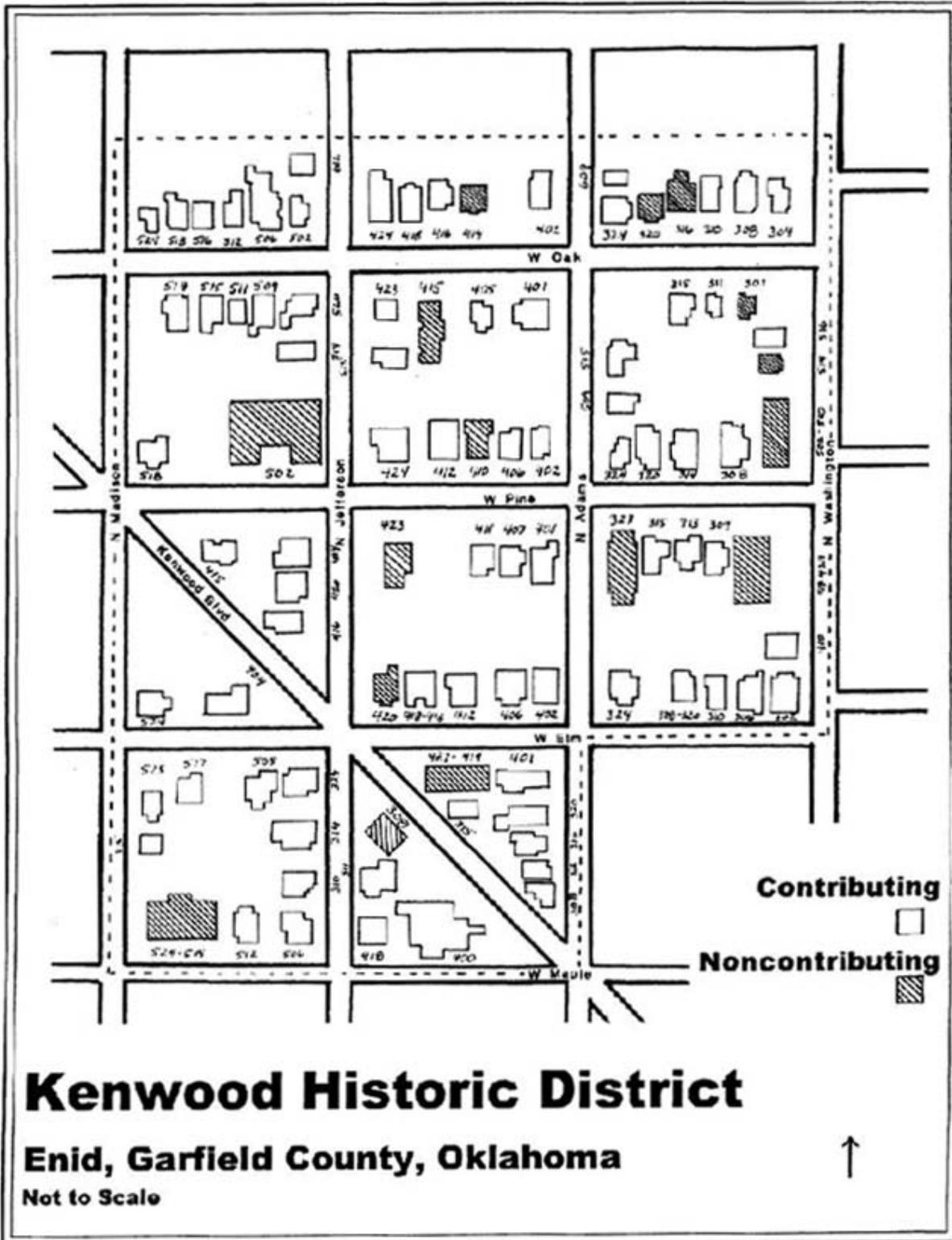
Oklahoma Registry of Historic Places website:
<http://www.ocgi.okstate.edu/shpo/allsites.htm#G>.

Garfield County Assessors Office, Enid, Oklahoma.

City of Enid, Department of Community Development.

Historian: Thomas Buller, April 11, 2011

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Site map showing historic district boundaries and contributing and noncontributing properties (Jones, 2004).



View down Oak St. showing the wide street set up as well as the street car system that was paved over (Thomas Buller, April 2011).