

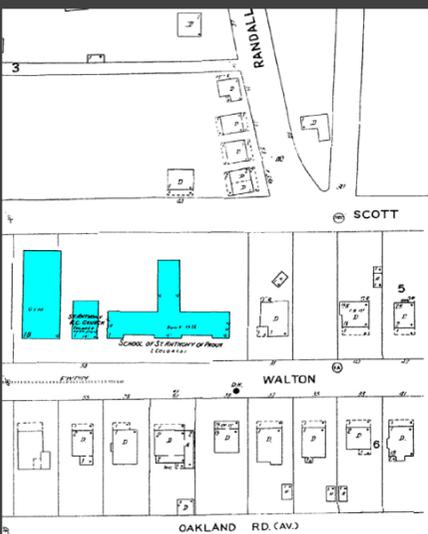
St. Anthony's Catholic School



(Above) St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and School

On September 28, 1936 the Franciscan Sisters of Alleghany opened the doors of St. Anthony of Padua School in Asheville. The school, which served primarily African American students in grades 1-8, was attached to St. Anthony of Padua parish which was also staffed by Franciscans. The Sisters remained until 1969 when they withdrew and the school closed. Several prominent local citizens attended, including Johnnie Grant, publisher of The Urban News.

A small house to the west of the school was converted to a Roman Catholic Church. A metal Quonset hut was erected just west of that, to serve as the gymnasium for thwe school.



This historic marker is part of the *Southside Heritage Trail* along the *Town Branch Greenway*, made possible by the City of Asheville and the Federal Transit Administration, 2014



This area in 1968



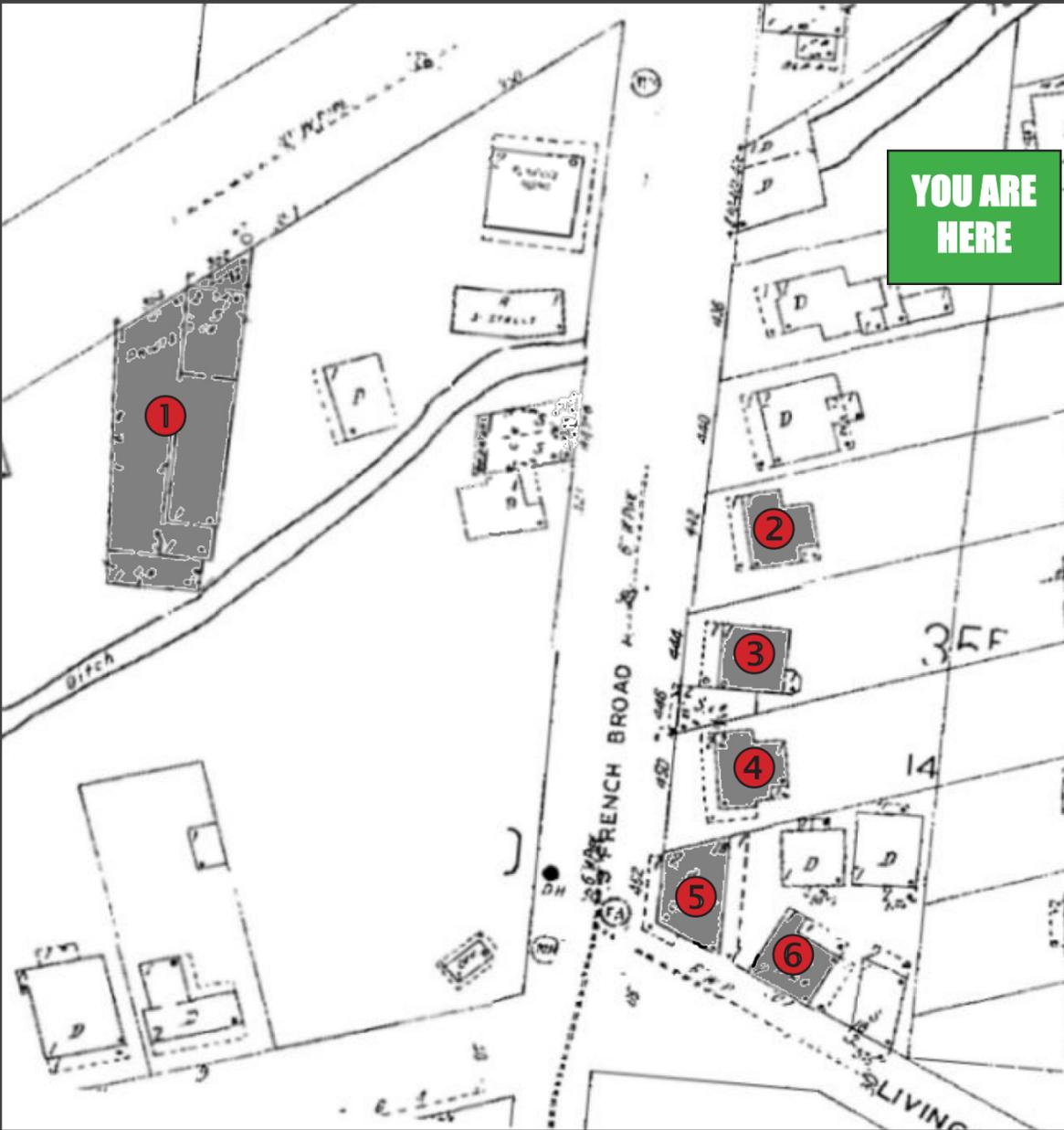
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