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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

BURNT PRAIRIE, IL 62820
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Docket No: A2011-67

STEVEN L. WHETSTONE, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the BURNT PRAIRIE post office. The Final Determination was posted 8/20/2011.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS

THANK YOU



September 26, 2011

Steven L. Whetstone
P. O. Box 49
Burnt Prairie, IL 62820

Office of the Secretary
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. A2011-67

The Postal Service Determination to close the Burnt Prairie Post Office is arbitrary, an abuse of discretion, and is unsupported by substantial evidence in record.

In much of the applicable record, the USPS has filed with the Commission, they make reference to the customers of the Burnt Prairie Post Office going to the Mill Shoals Post Office to conduct their business. The USPS has failed to note the Mill Shoals Post Office is under review for closure with the public meeting being held in Mill Shoals on September 26, 2011. In the letter Mill Shoals customers received they were told they would need to go to the Burnt Prairie Post Office for service. Please see attached article from the local Newspaper.

I have copied and highlighted a few pages from the record which the USPS has filed with the Commission:

Note attachment 1-A, the advantages of closure do not outweigh the disadvantages. Also note the failure of the USPS to list all businesses and organizations served by the Burnt Prairie Post Office. The CP Church, Village of Burnt Prairie, Burnt Prairie Masonic Lodge, Burnt Prairie Waterworks System, John's ATV Repair, Dan's Auto Repair and Towing, Mike Taylor Machinery Sales, C&S Storage, Albright Trucking, and the Frito Lay Distribution Center have all been omitted from the list. This proves the lack of proper research undertaken by the Postal Service. Three of the businesses served by the Burnt Prairie Post Office are less than two years old and two are less than one year. On attachment 1-B the USPS acknowledges a 13.4% increase in revenue from 2009 to 2010. Prudent business practices should allow for a projection of additional revenue from the two businesses that began in 2011. Especially since one of those businesses is a mail order E-Commerce business.

Attachment 1-C shows the projected Economic Savings as of 5/18/2011 and states the Postmaster will be reassigned on September 30, 2007. Attachment 1-D, also dated 5/18/2011, shows an Economic Saving that is \$9,072.00 less than Attachment 1-C, of the same date, and

states the Postmaster retired on September 30, 2007. Which information is the Postal Service using, that dated 5/18/2011 or that dated 5/18/2011? Unclear to say the least.

To address the savings lets first look at the salary for the Postmaster at an EAS-55 Post Office. I do not question the Salary of a Postmaster at a Post Office this size. This would be a correct savings if there was a Postmaster at the Burnt Prairie Post Office. There is not. The person that has operated the Burnt Prairie Post Office for the last several years is classified as a Rural Letter Carrier. Therefore to list a Postmaster salary as a savings is grossly overstated. The actual salary of the paid employee in the Post Office should be listed. This person, who is classified as a Rural Letter Carrier, also receives no Fringe Benefits, so that savings is also incorrect. Next they list the annual lease cost. Please note on attachment 1-E the fixed term lease does not expire until 6/30/2013. Last there is the projected increase in replacement service, Attachment 1-F. This cost reflects the increase in time, but indicates no increase in mileage or change in the delivery route to provide service to the additional 19 homes and businesses. Through the evidence submitted by the Postal Service they have proven they have made an arbitrary determination. A determination based on invalid, inaccurate, and insufficient information. This proves the Postal Service has not taken adequate steps to continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community as called for in the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970.

Attachment 1-G is the notification sent to Postal Customers. Please note the Postal Service has failed to give proper notification of the location and time of the required public meeting.

When taken in its entirety the overall weight of the attachments proves the validity and provides the bases for my request.

I ask the Commission to make the determination the Postal Service has failed to give proper notification and their closure decision is arbitrary, an abuse of discretion, contains flawed and inadequate information, and is unsupported by substantial evidence on the record.

I also ask the Commission to remand the entire matter to the Postal Service for further consideration.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven L. Whetstone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven L. Whetstone

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Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Burnt Prairie is an unincorporated community located in White County. The community is administered politically by Burnt Prairie Village Board. Police protection is provided by the White County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Fairfield Rural Fire Protection. The community is comprised of Farmers/Retirees, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Liberty Baptist Church, Lewis Scrap Metal, Steve's Music Shop, Whetstone Food Mart, and Burnt Prairie Fertilizer. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Burnt Prairie Post Office will be available at the Mill Shoals Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Mill Shoals Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity
Response: The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Post Office name in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.
2. **Concern:** Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the business community
Response: The customer expressed a concern about the detrimental effect the loss of the post office would have on the community. Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the Post Office community. There is no indication that the business community will be adversely affected. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the post office is discontinued.
3. **Concern:** Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the business community

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I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Burnt Prairie, IL Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Mill Shoals Post Office, located five miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on September 30, 2007. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: postmaster vacancy in addition to declining postal needs in the community. Effective and regular service can be provided to the community by alternate means

The Burnt Prairie Post Office, an EAS-55 level, provides service from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday and lobby hours of 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday - Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday to 19 post office box or general delivery customers and 76 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 13 transaction(s) accounting for 14 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$8,890 (23 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$8,057 (21 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$9,123 (24 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 28, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Burnt Prairie Post Office to answer questions and provide information to customers. 30 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 14, 2011, 24 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Burnt Prairie Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Burnt Prairie Post Office. 15 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 11 unfavorable, and 4 expressed no opinion.

A petition supporting the retention of the Burnt Prairie Post Office was received on May 18, 2011, with 70 signatures.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Mill Shoals Post Office, an EAS-11 level office. Window service hours at the Mill Shoals Post Office are from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. There are 81 post office boxes available.

The proposal to close the Burnt Prairie Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Burnt Prairie Post Office and Mill Shoals Post Office from May 18, 2011 to July 19, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

1. **Concern:** Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained

Response: The customer asked why the post office was being discontinued while others were retained. Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern about misdelivered mail

Response: The customer expressed a concern about misdelivered mail. The concern about misdelivery has been brought to the attention of the administrative postmaster. The Postal Service regrets any inconvenience that customers have experienced because of misdelivery. We consider misdelivered mail a very serious problem and appreciate when customers report this to us since it provides an opportunity to take corrective action.
3. **Concern:** Customers stated a the notice mailed to customers omitted the place and time of the community meeting

Response: The customer were concerned about the original notices placed in customers boxes omitted the place and time of the community meeting. A notice was posted in the Post Office lobby with the date, time and place of the meeting. Additionally, all customers should have received a revised copy of the letter on the following day. The Postal Service apologizes for the omission. Any customer who has comments or concerns to express is urged to convey them to Post Office Review Coordinator.
4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address

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III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster retired on September 30, 2007. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 41,536 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-55, No COLA)	\$ 28,529
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 9,557
Annual Lease Costs	+ \$ 3,450
Total Annual Costs	\$ 41,536
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	- \$ 0
Total Annual Savings	\$ 41,536

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Burnt Prairie, IL Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Mill Shoals Post Office, located five miles away.

The postmaster will be reassigned on September 30, 2007. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Burnt Prairie Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 19 PO Box customers and 76 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 13. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$41,536 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Burnt Prairie Post Office and Mill Shoals Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



SHEM BARGER
Manager, Post Office Operations

05/18/2011
Date

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IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 32,464 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-55, No COLA)	\$ 23,026
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 7,714
Annual Lease Costs	+ \$ 3,450
Total Annual Costs	\$ 34,190
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	- \$ 1,726
Total Annual Savings	\$ 32,464

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Post Office Survey Sheet

Post Office Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	<u>BURNT PRAIRIE</u>	ZIP+4	<u>62820-9997</u>
Congressional District	<u>19th</u>	Date	<u>03/07/2011</u>

1. List specific information about the facility, such as structural defects, safety hazards, lack of running water or restrooms (if so, where restrooms are available), security, and other deficiencies or factors to consider.

none

2. Is the facility accessible to persons with disabilities? Yes No

3. Lease terms? 30-day cancellation clause? Standard Lease, Fixed Term; Expires 6/30/13; \$3450

4. Are suitable alternate quarters available for an independent Post Office? If so, where?

no

5. List potential CPO sites.

n/a

6. Are there any postage meter customers or permit mailers? Yes No

If yes, please identify them by name and address.

n/a

7. Which career and noncareer employees will be affected and what accommodations will be made for them?

8. How is mail received and dispatched at the office and at what times? How will this be affected by discontinuance? Will a collection box be retained? Will a locked pouch be utilized?

rural service will continue to be provided out of Mill Shoals

How Post Office boxes are installed? 64

How Post Office boxes are used? 19

What are the window service hours? 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. M-F

7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. S

What are the lobby hours? 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. M-F

7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. S

9. Have there been recent cases of mail theft or vandalism reported to the postmaster/OIC? Explain.

no

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Rural Route Cost Analysis Form

Rural Route Carrier
Estimated Cost for Alternative Replacement Service

Office Name: BURNT PRAIRIE
Office Zip+4: 62820 -9997 District: GATEWAY PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route 19

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route 0.00

Total (additional boxes x volume factor) 45.98

3. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route	<u>19</u>		
Centralized boxes	<u>19.00</u>	x 1.00 Min	<u>19.00</u>
Regular L route boxes	<u>0.00</u>	x 1.82 Min	<u>0.00</u>
Regular Non-L route boxes	<u>0.00</u>	x 2.00 Min	<u>0.00</u>

Total additional box allowance 19.00

4. Enter the number of additional daily miles to be added to the rural route	<u>0.00</u>	x 12 Mileage Standard	<u>0.00</u>
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Total additional minutes per week (miles carried to two decimal places) 64.98

5. Total additional annual minutes (additional minutes per week year)	<u>64.98</u>	x 52 Weeks	<u>3,378.96</u>
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6. Total additional annual hours (additional annual minutes/ 60 minutes per hour)	<u>3,378.96</u>	/ 60 Minutes	<u>56.32</u>
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7. Enter the rural cost per hour (see national payroll summary report - rural carrier, consolidated)	<u>34.21</u>		
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Total Annual Cost (additional annual hours x rural cost per hour) 1,926.57

8. Enter lock pouch allowance (if applicable)			<u>0.00</u>
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Total annual cost for alternate service (annual cost minus lock pouch allowance) 1,926.57

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04/14/2011

POSTAL CUSTOMER
BURNT PRAIRIE POST OFFICE
BURNT PRAIRIE, IL 62820

Dear Postal Service Customer:

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. The recommended change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service.

The Postmaster at the Burnt Prairie Post Office retired on 09/30/2007. The Office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation for the following reasons: postmaster vacancy in addition to declining postal needs in the community. Effective and regular service can be provided to the community by alternate means

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, by rural route service emanating from the Mill Shoals Post Office.

We estimate that carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Mill Shoals Post Office, located 5.1 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location at the same fees.

As always, you are welcome to continue using any neighboring facility that is convenient for you. Many customers in your community are already serviced by carriers in the area and this service will continue.

I invite you to think about a possible change to rural route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by 04/28/2011 using the pre-addressed envelope provided or at the community meeting.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. Postal representatives will be at the on 04/28/2011 from to to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

If you have any questions, you may call Sue Wandersee at (314) 436-3645.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

SHEM BARGER
Manager, Post Office Operations
1720 Market St Room 3000
Saint Louis, MO, 63155-9900

Enclosures:

Questionnaire and return envelope Summary of Post Office Change Regulations,
Carrier delivery information CBU information sheet (when appropriate)

Mill Shoals Postal Patrons To Be Sent To Burnt Prairie

With the U.S. Post Office bleeding red ink, postal officials are moving ahead with plans to close 3,653 small, rural post offices, including 10 in this area.

On Friday, the residents of Mill Shoals received a letter announcing a "feasibility study" on the closure of the Mill Shoals Post Office.

Announce Meeting

The letter also announced that a meeting will be held at the Post Office from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. next Monday, Sept. 26, to discuss the closure.

Strangely enough, postal officials have decided that the Burnt Prairie Post Office will not be closed, and in fact, Mill Shoals residents were

encouraged to rent boxes at the Burnt Prairie facility, or else put up an outside mail box by the road.

One Mill Shoals resident told the Press, "I am not driving to Burnt Prairie to get my mail."

Among the targeted post offices in the area are:

- Mill Shoals.
- Mount Erie.
- Rinard.
- Sims.
- Springerton.
- Scheller.
- Opdyke.
- Maunie.
- Bone Gap.
- Keensburg.

Must Downsize

Postal officials are saying that it is imperative the agency downsizes

because of a 28% decrease in first class mail over the last four years. They blame the decrease on people increasingly using computers and the Internet to communicate rather than mailing letters.

The small Post Offices targeted for closure get the "least amount of foot traffic and retail sales."

Postal officials may seek deals with towns losing post offices to move into grocery stores or gas stations with limited postal services.

In the last year, the postal service lost about \$9 billion and officials are also pushing to end Saturday mail delivery.

Make Reservations For Alumni Banquet

Homecoming at FCHS is quickly approaching, and reservations are now being taken for the Alumni Banquet, set for Saturday, Oct. 1.

Ample seating is available, but you need to make a reservation by Sept. 26 with June Wilson, 842-7353.

In related news, the Wayne County Golf Course is offering a special price to returning alumni for playing golf on Friday or Saturday of the Homecoming weekend: a \$15 cart and green fee.

More information will be published later.

Wayne County Fair To Hold Annual Meeting Sept. 26

Shareholders of the New Wayne County Agriculture Fair will hold their annual meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, in the Floral Hall at the fairgrounds.

Three members of the eight-man board are up for re-election. They are:

- Nile Bunnage.
- Larry Greenwalt.
- Cam Simpson.

The holdover board members are Carl Spicer, Larry Obrecht, Rob Neikirk, Gene Kollak and Larry Taylor.

Gary Carter is the president of the Fair Board and Tip Butler is the secretary.

Carter is expected to comment about a very successful agriculture

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The Weather

The official weather for Fairfield has been:

Day	High	Low	Rain
Thursday	63	45	.02
Friday	70	47	
Saturday	76	50	.01
Sunday	78	57	1.90
Monday		66	

Bean Days Section Appears Today

A 16-page section featuring upcoming events for the 50th Bean Days celebration in Wayne City this coming weekend appears in today's Press.

Farm Safety Tips Published

In conjunction with National Farm Safety Week Sept. 18-24, the Wayne County Press has published five pages of farm safety suggestions on Pages 4-8 in Sec-

Buys Building In Wayne City

Bradley and Nina Legg of Rt. 1, Wayne City, have purchased a commercial building in Wayne City from Marilyn Kay Meritt of Wayne City.

The building sold for \$60,000.

Fairfield Couple Buys Home

Timothy and Rebecca Davis have purchased a home at 405 S.E. Seventh from Ida Kay Johnson of 703 N. First.

The home sold for \$65,000. They have moved to the property.

Close Streets For Pumpkin Fest

The Fairfield City Council approved motions for street closings for the upcoming Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 8 and the Veteran's Parade on Saturday, November 5.

For the Pumpkin Festival, the 300 block of East Main will be closed along with the 100 block of Northeast Third Street and a portion