

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Cobblestone Street  
other names/site number 0-16; Fifth Street; Main Street

### 2. Location

street & number 6th and Spring Streets N/A not for publication  
city, town Boonville N/A vicinity  
state Missouri code MO county Cooper code 053 zip code 65233

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	_____ buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Boonville, Mo.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*G. Tracy Mehan III* 3 August 85  
Signature of certifying official G. Tracy Mehan III, Director Date  
Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road related

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant: Not in Use

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Cobblestone pavement

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/Awalls N/A

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roof N/Aother Stone

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.****COBBLESTONE STREET**

**SUMMARY:** The Cobblestone Street, part of the original Fifth or Main Street, is located beneath the Boonville Road Bridge. Constructed of cobblestones of varying sizes, the street remnant is approximately twenty feet wide and approximately 200 feet long.

**ELABORATION:** Much of the original street was obliterated by the construction of the Missouri River highway bridge, the Missouri-Pacific Railroad, and Water Street. The southern boundary of the cobblestone street is the road bridge approach, constructed in 1924. Its western boundary is formed by a one lane spur of Main Street which runs from Main Street parallel to the cobblestone street and connects with Water Street, which runs roughly east and west and represents the northern boundary of the remaining portion of the cobblestone street. In 1903, the street, which originally extended to the wharves along the Missouri River, was cut by the Missouri-Pacific Railroad. The highway road bridge piers have also destroyed portions of the street, although it retains sufficient integrity to reflect its original use as a street and to convey its association with early river traffic. In addition, the Cobblestone Street retains its integrity of location, design, and materials.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Commerce

Period of Significance

c. 1832-1872

Significant Dates

c. 1832

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SUMMARY: The Cobblestone Street, or the original 100 block of Fifth or Main Street, is significant under Criterion A in the areas of TRANSPORTATION and COMMERCE. The Cobblestone Street is the only surviving fragment of the earliest paved Boonville street. From its construction in 1832 until the decline of river traffic in 1872, the two hundred feet long fragment of the original pavement connected the main commercial district of Boonville with the wharves along the Missouri River from which a profitable river trade was conducted.

ELABORATION: By 1831, with demise of Franklin as a river center, Boonville had assumed a prominent position in the burgeoning Missouri River trade (see "Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri: The Steamboat Era, 1826-1870"). As many as four to six steamboats daily were loading and unloading cargo at the town's wharves and, in the next year, a cobblestone street was constructed, allegedly with slave labor, up the river bluff to the wholesale and retail trade establishments which formed Boonville's main commercial district. Traffic was so great that, according to one early Boonville historian, "the stone paving at the foot of Main street were [sic] a part of the old docks at St. Louis."<sup>1</sup> According to W.A. Sombart, a Boonville miller and merchant, the town enjoyed its greatest prosperity from the river trade from 1865 until 1872.<sup>2</sup>

Following the decline of the river trade, the street suffered numerous alterations. In 1903, the Missouri-Pacific Railroad was extended from Boonville to Jefferson City along the south bank of the Missouri River and the street's connection to the river was severed. In 1924, a highway bridge spanning the Missouri River was completed, and the bridge approach and piers destroyed additional portions of the street. The cobblestone pavement is still utilized for parking beneath the road bridge.

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<sup>1</sup>J.B. Barnes, Short Historical Sketches of Boonville and Vicinity  
(Boonville, Missouri: n.p., 1928), p. 11.

<sup>2</sup>"Early Day Boating and Milling," Boonville Advertiser, "Souvenir  
Bridge Number," June 27, 1927, p. 3.

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The property lies within the Original Town plat of the city of Boonville, Missouri.

The boundaries follow the rectangular shape of the cobblestone street and its gutters. The street consumes the 100 block of Main Street and is located under the approach to the Highway bridge. It runs northwest to southeast. From a beginning point at the southeast corner of Water and Main Streets, the boundary runs south approximately 200' then west approximately 30' to a point just southeast of the intersection of Main and Bridge Streets, then north approximately 200' to the southwest corner of Main and Water Streets, then east across Water Street approximately 30' to the beginning point.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Barnes, J.B. Short Historical Sketches of Boonville and Vicinity. Boonville, Missouri: n.p. 1928.

Levens, Henry C., and Drake, Nathaniel M. A History of Cooper County, Missouri. St. Louis: Perrin and Smith, 1876; reprint ed., n.p., n.d.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the single parcel of land that is occupied by the property and its immediate surroundings. The legally recorded lot lines that have been historically associated with the property retain integrity and form the limits of the boundary.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Preservation Planning Section  
 organization Missouri Historic Preservation Program date May 9, 1989  
 street & number P. O. Box 176 telephone 314-751-5365  
 city or town Jefferson City state Missouri zip code 65102

**Photo Log:**

Name of Property: **Cobblestone Street** \_\_\_\_\_

City or Vicinity: **Boonville** \_\_\_\_\_

County: **Cooper County** \_\_\_\_\_ State: **MO** \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer: **S. Mitchell** \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Photographed: **December 1988** \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 3. View from S

2 of 3. View from S

3 of 3. Detail, view from N





