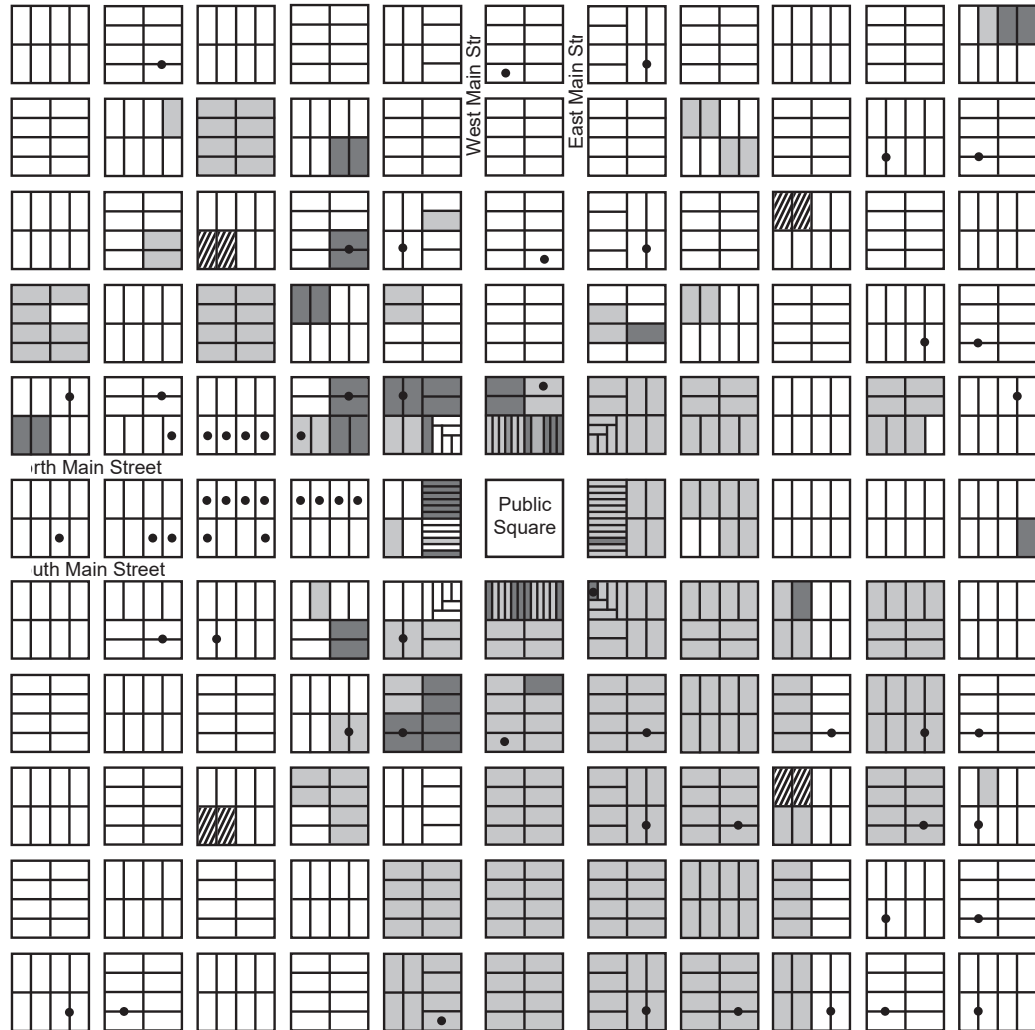


Plat of Far West, Missouri, 1838



- Possible structure.** An undated map labeled "Original Platte of Far West Caldwell Co Mo" contains penciled dots that seem to correspond with the location of known structures in Far West.
- Public lots.** In the town plat William W. Phelps and John Whitmer registered in April 1837, these lots were reserved for public buildings. A schoolhouse was located on the public lot in the southwest quadrant of the town, and another schoolhouse was later built somewhere in the public square.
- Lots apparently sold or reserved by 1838.** When William W. Phelps and John Whitmer sold the Far West plat to Edward Partridge on 17 May 1837, several lots were exempted, apparently because they had already been sold. Partridge likely sold some of the other lots after he took possession of the plat, as indicated by subsequent land sales by other individuals. Many of the lots near the town square were reserved for and possibly sold to Joseph Smith and other church leaders.
- Lots not mentioned in extant land records.** Many of these lots were probably still held by Edward Partridge in 1838 and later sold by him or his estate.
- Lots sold after 1838.** Edward Partridge retained title to most of the lots in Far West, possibly distributing them to Saints as stewardships. He estimated that he owned four-fifths of the lots in Far West at the time he left Missouri. In April 1839, Partridge sold several lots to church member Elias Smith. After Partridge died in 1840, most of the remaining lots in the city were sold by his estate. It is likely that more lots were sold after 1838 than those identified here, but records of these transactions are not extant.