

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic East Rome Historic District

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number See Part 7 - Description - first paragraph

N/A not for publication

city, town Rome

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Floyd

code 115

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple owners (more than 50)

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Floyd County Courthouse

city, town

Rome

state

Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field
title Survey: Floyd County

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977

federal state county local

depository for survey records Georgia Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta

state

Georgia

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The East Rome Historic District is located in southeast Rome, in the area around Second Avenue, East 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets, Maple Avenue, Darlington Way, and Lee Avenue. It is comprised of a late 19th- and early 20th-century neighborhood with residential, commercial, and institutional uses. The commercial area is located at the intersection of East 8th and Second Avenue, and the northern end of Maple Avenue. The commercial buildings at the corner of East 8th Street and Second Avenue include a two-story brick former fire hall, a frame retail establishment, and former residences now in commercial use. Also in this vicinity is the non-historic Second Avenue Methodist Church. The small commercial section on Maple Avenue is adjacent to the railroad and the former site of the depot and contains two brick structures on each side of the street. Early 1930s apartment buildings are located on East 9th Street and Second Avenue. The remainder of the district is comprised of residential areas which are notable for the lot sizes and the style and scale of the houses. The district includes houses in the Victorian, Queen Anne, Second Empire, Georgian Revival, Bungalow/Craftsman, and Period Styles. Some of the most elaborate Victorian structures are the Colonel Hamilton Yancey Residence in the Second Empire style, located on the northeast corner of Second Avenue and East 10th Street, and the large two-story Queen Anne style residence on the south side of East 8th Street between 2nd and Turner McCall Boulevard. Large two-story brick structures in the Georgian Revival and Period styles are located in the area around Second Avenue and East 9th Street. Craftsman and Bungalow style homes are grouped on Walnut Avenue and Darlington Way.

The terrain within the district is predominantly gently rolling hills with two high points at the east and south. Most of the streets have sidewalks. Landscaping is informal and consists of street trees, random hardwood trees, evergreens, and shrubbery. The area around East 9th Street between Darlington Way and Second Avenue is landscaped with rock and brick walls, hedges, concrete steps, and terraces. The southern part of the district contains spacious lots with large houses and broad lawns.

The area to the north of the district contains new commercial development. The district is bordered on the east by Turner-McCall Boulevard, a recently built four-lane road with strip-type development; on the west by an industrial section; and on the south by a residential neighborhood of many post World War II structures.

The boundary is based on an intact area of historic structures in the southeast part of Rome, known historically as the "Town of East Rome" that was incorporated in 1883 and became a part of the City of Rome in 1906.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
Specific dates	1873-1934	Builder/Architect	Several	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The East Rome Historic District is significant in the areas of architecture, landscape architecture, community planning and development, and local history. It meets National Register Criteria A, B, and C.

In the area of architecture, the district is important for its intact collection of late 19th- and early 20th-century buildings, which include plain commercial brick and frame structures and many residential structures. The styles of the residential buildings include Victorian, Victorian eclectic, Queen Anne, Second Empire, Georgian Revival, Craftsman, Bungalow, and Period. The district contains many fine examples of these diverse styles that were prevalent in towns throughout America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of the most notable homes include the Yancey Residence in the Second Empire style, a relatively rare style in Georgia, and the Bones Residence in the Queen Anne style.

The district is significant in the area of landscape architecture for its rolling terrain, street trees, shrubs, walls, hedges, terraces, and sidewalks, all characteristic of turn-of-the-century American landscaping. The entire district is informally landscaped with large oak, magnolia, and pine trees, flowering shrubbery, and foundation shrubbery. Properties in the southern section of the district are landscaped with broad lawns while those in the northern and western sections are landscaped with rock and brick walls, concrete steps, and terraces.

In terms of community planning and development, the district is important as the remaining intact historic area of the "Town of East Rome," a late 19th-century Rome suburb developed by the East Rome Town Company, that became a part of the city in 1906. In 1873 the East Rome Town Company purchased 323 acres of land across the Etowah River from the developed section of the city, known as "Between the Rivers." The company laid out streets and constructed a bridge across the river. The angled alignment of Second Avenue documents the connection of East Rome and downtown Rome, which was enhanced in the early 1900s with a street car line. By 1909, residences were developed on the rear portions of lots facing Maple Avenue, a pattern which continued through the 1920s with similar house styles on Walnut Avenue and Darlington Way.

The district is significant in the area of local history for its early residents who included many segments of Rome's economic groups. Occupations of these early inhabitants as listed in the 1883 city directory included merchants, physicians, contractors, teachers, a bookkeeper, lawyer, brickmason, several students, railroad workers, and several black residents. Some of the early residents were Benjamin C. Yancy, Colonel Hamilton Yancey, Colonel J. Lindsay Johnson, and J. P. Cooper. Abner Selman, the general manager of the Rome Stove and Range Company built a home on the corner of East 9th Street and Second Avenue in 1931.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Jaeger, Dale. "Historic District Information Form - East Rome Historic District." March, 1984. (On file at the Historic Preservation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources.)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 60 acres approximately

Quadrangle name Rome South, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	6	6	6	8	9	8	0	3	7	9	0	7	8	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

1	6	6	6	9	4	9	0	3	7	9	0	2	2	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

1	6	6	6	9	0	8	0	3	7	8	9	8	8	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

D

1	6	6	6	8	5	2	0	3	7	9	0	1	8	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

E

Zone	Easting				Northing									

F

Zone	Easting				Northing									

G

Zone	Easting				Northing									

H

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Description in Part 7.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/15/85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

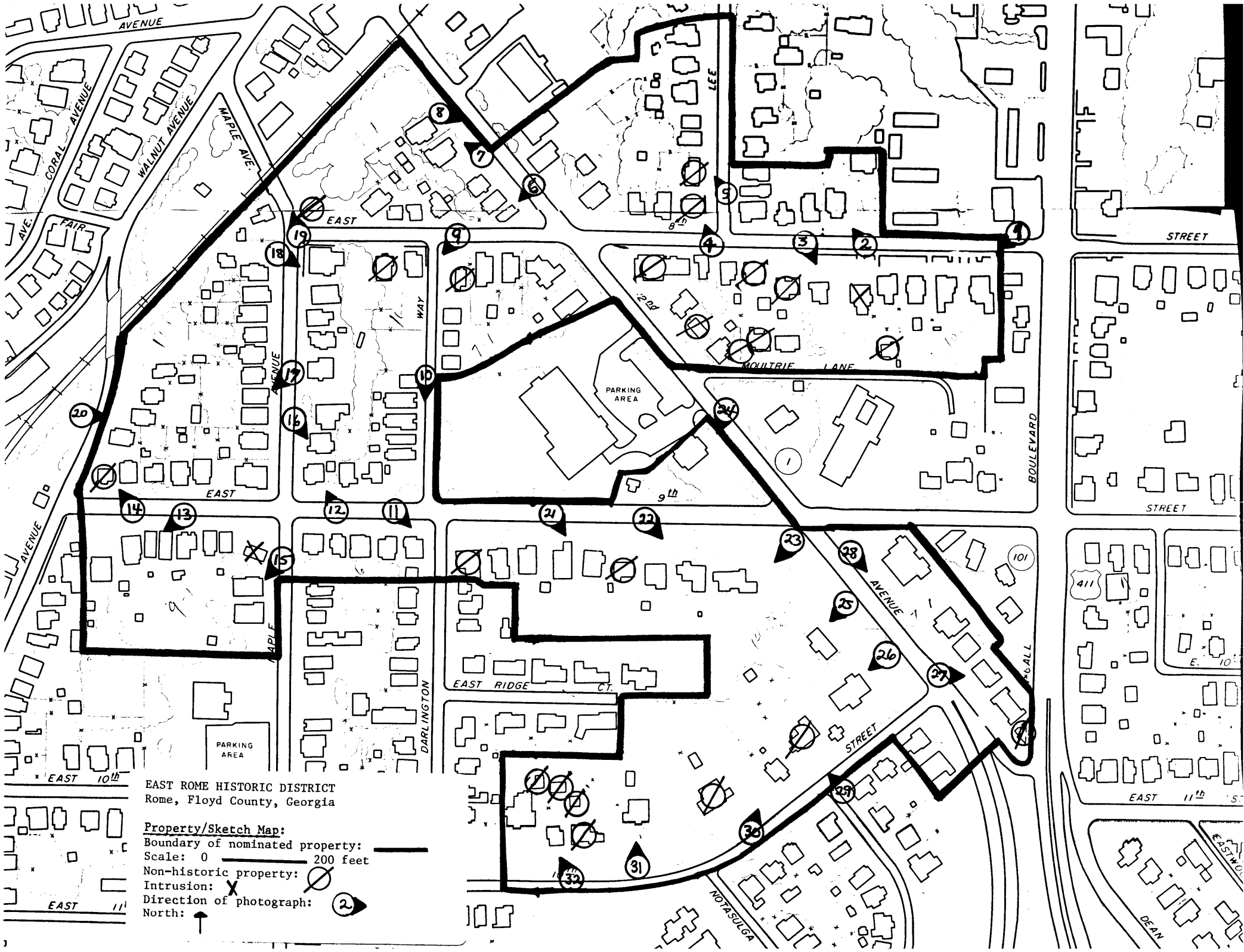
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J. Melrose Byers
Keeper of the National Register

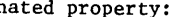



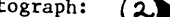
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



EAST ROME HISTORIC DISTRICT
 Rome, Floyd County, Georgia

- Property/Sketch Map:**
 Boundary of nominated property: 
 Scale: 0  200 feet
 Non-historic property: 
 Intrusion: 
 Direction of photograph: 
 North: 