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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
 FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The former United States Post Office & Courthouse
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

605 Elizabeth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Waycross

VICINITY OF

8

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Georgia

13

Ware

299

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Unoccupied

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Real Estate Division, RE&B Department, Headquarters, Southern Region
 STREET & NUMBER

1407 Union Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Memphis

VICINITY OF

TN

38166

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Ware County Courthouse - Recorder's Office

Church Street, between Albany & State
 CITY, TOWN

STATE

Waycross

GA

31501

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None on record.

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLEN	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

It is located on the south side of Elizabeth Street and is bounded on the east by Tebeau Street and on the west by Remshart Street. The site is rectangular in shape, having 200 feet of frontage on Elizabeth Street and 100 feet of frontage on the west side of Tebeau Street and the east side of Remshart Street, containing a total of 20,000 square feet, more or less. The site is improved with a two-story and basement masonry building. The building contains approximately 21,665 square feet, excluding a storage room and two loading platforms located along the south elevation.

First and second floors have 16' ceiling heights. Stairs to second floor and basement are of Georgia marble. Door facings and wainscoting are marble. Lobby has two oak vestibules. Woodwork in building is oak. Floors are maple hardwood and terrazzo, basement floor is concrete and vinyl asbestos tile, second floor courtroom is cork tile. Walls are plastered and painted. Paint is peeling badly in places. There are three vaults and four restrooms. The roof is composition. (Original was tile.) The middle portion of the exterior is marble and granite.

The original building was constructed in 1911 and consisted of one story and basement. Another story and two two-story wings on either end were added in 1936.

It has been unoccupied since 1975; therefore, has deteriorated due to lack of maintenance. It was never used for anything except a post office and courthouse.

The Postal Service constructed and moved into a new postal-owned facility.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input 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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1911-1936

BUILDER/ARCHITECT (See below)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture:

The building appears to be Renaissance Revival Architecture, Romano-Tuscan Mode. The front elevation has large cornice with complete entablatures on middle portion (original portion) of building. Building is symmetrical with stone balustrated feature below four arched windows adjacent to the front entrance.

Architect-Builder:

The architect of the original portion completed in 1911 was James Knox Taylor; the architect of the addition completed in 1936 was G. W. Stone; the contractor was Dice-Schmidt Construction Co., Contractors, Chicago, Illinois, Lucius E. Allen, Construction Engineer.

Building:

Building is structurally sound and was designated as a civil defense fallout shelter. The architecture of the building is a significant example of the type described above and was used in the construction of many federal buildings at that time. The addition added in 1936 did not detract from the significance of the property but rather enhanced it. The workmanship and materials used in the interior contribute to the significance of the building.

The local historians were interviewed and there was no recollection of any events of historic significance associated with the site. The local library and Chamber of Commerce records of the history of Waycross also confirmed this fact.

Although the interior of the building has deteriorated, the exterior compared favorably with other structures in the city.

The building is significant historically due to its age, architecture, workmanship, and materials.

Documentation is attached.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Liston Elkins; History of Post Office - Article - Radio Station WAYX
 Local Historians: Mrs. Latrell Swain, 804 Gilmore, Waycross;
 Mr. "Bo" Sims, 908 Gilmore, Waycross, May 9, 1979.
 Chamber of Commerce: History of Waycross.
 PM Norment Barnes: Lifelong resident; plans, specifications and
 photographs on file, May 9, 1979.
 Marcus Whiffen: Book entitled: A Guide to Styles

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C							D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Subject located on south side of Elizabeth Street, bounded on the east by Tebeau Street and on the west by Remshart Street, containing approximately 20,000 square feet of land.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			N/A

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret F. Roberts, Realty Management & Acquisition Program Manager
 ORGANIZATION DATE
Real Estate Division, RE&B Department May 21, 1979
 STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Mid Memphis Tower, 1407 Union Avenue (901) 521-2826
 CITY OR TOWN STATE
Memphis TN 38166

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

Elizabeth P. Lyon
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE 7/13/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Olson DATE 2/1/80
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: West A. Dubois DATE 1/30/80
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Old Post Office Is Again For Sale

The U. S. Government is again advertising the old Post Office building on Elizabeth Street for sale. The city bid \$60,000 on the property in 1977 but the bid was not accepted because it was too low. The city has since withdrawn the bid. The old Post Office has not been occupied for three years.

Meanwhile, the Georgia Preservation Society has become interested in the building and a historical survey is being made by the government.

Yesterday two Realty Management and Acquisition representatives from the U. S. Postal Service met with the Waycross City Commission at the commission's request to discuss the future of the old Post Office Building.

Mayor Don James said the city was interested in the land for a parking lot.

MRS. MARGARET F. Roberts, realty management and program manager of the Postal Service from Memphis, Tenn., said razing of the building might not be possible since it is being considered for the National Registry of historical sites.

She said that if a historical survey clause is put in a sales contract it often makes the contract more attractive to the buyer because of tax and loan advantages.

Mrs. Roberts said that 14 old post offices have been sold in the past year, most as office buildings but one as a television station and one as a furniture display building.

Mayor James stated that the city is interested in the building's appearance, since it is in the downtown area.

POSTMASTER Norment Barnes said the bushes have been clipped lately and the lawn mowed. He and the realty representatives said more would be done to keep the property from deteriorating.

Also meeting with the commission was Frank W. Womack, realty management and acquisition specialist of the Postal Service from Tampa, Fla.

Bids on the old Post Office property are being advertised now, it was revealed, and will

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington 25, D. C.



July 24, 1952

Mr. Norment A. Barnes
Postmaster
Waycross, Georgia

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Your letter of July 14, 1952, to the Post Office Department, relating to the post office at Waycross, Georgia, has been referred to the National Archives and Records Service.

According to records of the Post Office Department now in our custody, the post office at Waycross was established as Way Cross, Ware County, on June 18, 1874. Its name was changed to Waycross on February 27, 1908. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointment were:

John A. Lott	June 18, 1874
James W. Highsmith	October 26, 1874
Mary E. Shire	April 19, 1880
Mrs. Sallie Murphy	April 24, 1882
John Murphy	June 16, 1884
Abraham K. Morgan	April 21, 1885
Thomas J. Fuller	January 20, 1890
William A. McNeil	October 12, 1897
Charles M. Murphy	June 23, 1903
Harvey C. Bunn	January 12, 1914
Harry M. Wilson	January 16, 1923
James F. Morgan	August 16, 1925
Walter A. Seaman	April 6, 1931*
Aron O. Johnson	July 1, 1933
German L. Warren	June 2, 1943
Norment A. Barnes	August 15, 1950 (Still serving)

*Information after 1930 was furnished by the Post Office Department.

The Post Office Department has furnished us with the information that this office became third class during 1895, second class during 1899, and first class on July 1, 1920.

Very truly yours,

Victor Gondos, Jr.
For the Chief Archivist
Industrial Records Branch

DEC 26 1979

(Continued Wednesday, March 30, in a daily column
Editor Atkins--Waycross, Yesterday, 1904, p. 10)
RADIO STATION WJXX

Postal records in Washington indicate that the first post office in Ware County was established March 31, 1827, with James Fullinwider as postmaster. It was officially known as "Waresborough, Ware County, Georgia."

The Waresboro post office was discontinued Aug. 24, 1868, but was reestablished March 20, 1874. It was discontinued again on March 6, 1874, but was reestablished Aug. 3, 1874.

The name of the first office prevailed until Jan. 8, 1894, when it was changed to Waresboro, by which name it has been designated ever since.

At the present time there are four post offices in Ware County: Waycross, Waresboro, Manor and Millwood. There are five rural routes originating in Waycross.

The first post office in Waycross was established June 18, 1874, with John A. Lott as postmaster. It was known officially as "Waycross, Ware County, Georgia" until it was changed simply to "Waycross" on Feb. 27, 1908. This change was made when Charles E. Murphy was postmaster.

Rural mail service was established at the Waycross post office in 1905, when Mr. Murphy was postmaster.

Old records reveal that post office receipts in Waycross in the year 1901 were \$11,347.48. In 1976 the figure was \$736,565.

Post office sites in Waycross have changed a number of times. Records in old newspapers indicate that the first post office in Waycross was located on lower Plant Avenue.

Other locations have been in the old LaGrand Hotel building, on Jane street; at the intersection of Lott and Mary streets where the Hereford-Morgan Hardware Company was later located and where the

post offices....2

Company was still later located; at the corner of Elizabeth and
Benilton streets in the Phoenix Hotel Building, where the Sport Shop
now is located; and then on Elizabeth street in the block facing the
Ware YMCA. It remained in the latter location for many years until
the present modern facility was built at the intersection of Carswell
avenue and Tebeau street.

The location in the Phoenix block was in 1935 and 1936, on a
temporary basis.

The attractive marble and brick building in front of the Ware
YMCA was constructed in 1911. In 1935 funds were allocated for the
enlargement of the structure in order to house the United States Dis-
trict Court. It was during this construction period that the site was
moved to the temporary Phoenix Block quarters.

The enlarged and improved Elizabeth Street facility was in use
until Feb. 15, 1976, when the present imposing building in the federal
complex was completed.

Beginning in 1964 the Waycross Sectional Center facility was
opened on Frances street, in a remodeled wholesale grocery warehouse
building, to serve a number of Southeast Georgia counties. It continued in
use until the Sectional Center was moved to the present new post office
site.

The Waycross post office became a third class facility in 1895,
second class in 1899, and first class in 1920, when Harvey C. Bunn was
postmaster. It is recalled that Mr. Bunn, when he was appointed, was
the youngest postmaster of a second class postal facility in the United
States.

The list of postmasters who have served the Waycross post office
since the beginning in 1874 is an impressive roster of Waycross civic
leaders.

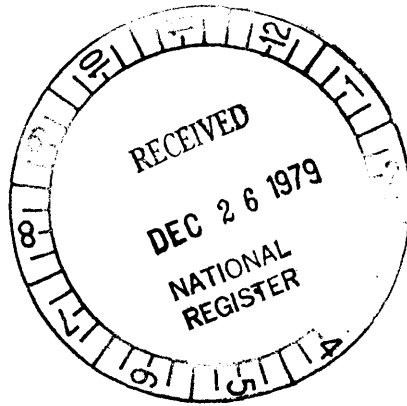
post office....3

It includes John A. Lott, James W. Highsmith, Mary E. Shire, Mrs. Sallie Murphy, John Murphy, Abraham K. Morgan, Thomas J. Fuller, William A. McNeil, Charles E. Murphy, Harvey C. Bunn, Harry M. Wilson, James F. Morgan, Walter A. Seaman, Aaron O. Johnson, German L. Warren and Norment A. Barnes, who has held the office since Aug. 15, 1950

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This is Liston Elkins with WAYCROSS, YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW.

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HISTORIC SURVEY REPORT

FORMER POST OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE

605 ELIZABETH STREET

WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

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May 21, 1979

WELCOME TO WAYCROSS !

HISTORY OF WAYCROSS

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WAYCROSS... A SPIRITED, PROGRESSIVE CITY

A Service of the
WAYCROSS
AND WARE COUNTY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Area Code 912 - Phone 283-3742 • P.O. BOX 137
424 HICKS STREET
WAYCROSS, GEORGIA 31501



Gateway
to

**Okefenokee
Swamp Park**

and area are served by WACL AM-FM and WAYX AM/WLTE FM radio stations, one educational television station, WXGA-ETV. A television cable service provides reception from twelve channels.

Waycross is the headquarters city, with many agencies of State and Federal Government including a Federal Court and with distribution headquarters for National concerns. Waycross is the trading center of a prosperous and progressive South Georgia territory.

Waycross is the site of the Regional Youth Development Center, one of six such facilities sponsored by the State Department of Family & Children Services. Housed in this \$350,000.00 building are children from a 22-county area. The Slash Pine Area Rehabilitation Workshop began operation in 1971 and trains the physically and mentally handicapped while working under contract for local businesses and industries.

STATISTICAL REVIEW

Form of Government-City: Five man Commission and Manager

County: Five man Commission

Population: 1970 Census-- 1975 Estimate*

City: 18,996 20,990

County: 33,525 37,877

*Independent report, Ware Co. Planning Comm.

Size: City-10 square miles; County-912 square miles

Altitude: 137 feet

Accommodations: 10 motels and approximately 50 restaurants

Communications: Cable TV:Waycross Cable Company

Television: WXGA-ETV

Radio: WAYX AM/WLTE FM

WACL AM/FM

Newspaper: Waycross Journal Herald

Transportation: Seaboard Coast Line Railroad

Greyhound & Trailways Bus Service

Industry: Approximately sixty manufacturers, processors.

ment with a full-time professional Recreation Director. The Family YMCA conducts four weeks of Day Camp and a one-week Reveille Camp each summer. City parks and playgrounds are maintained for all age groups in participating sports and other outdoor activities. Laura S. Walker State Park is located near Waycross. Excellent hunting and fishing are provided by the fields and streams of Southeast Georgia.

Average mean temperature is 68 degrees, and the annual rainfall with equitable distribution is 50.5 inches. The elevation of Waycross is 137 feet.

Accommodations—Motel facilities and excellent restaurants are an attraction inducement to visitors. Banks, stores, shops and utilities are modern in every respect. An enclosed, air conditioned 230,000 square foot shopping mall, two shopping centers as well as the Downtown area provide a variety of shopping facilities.

The civic spirit of Waycross is one of its strongest assets. The Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Exchange, Pilot, Credit Women, Business and Professional Women, Jaycees, and other service organizations work effectively within the community. The women's groups include the Woman's Club, Service League, Civic Woman's Club, Junior Women's Club, and ten federated garden clubs.

Annual flower shows and community concerts are sponsored for the enjoyment of the Waycross area. The Civic Music Association, Community Theatre and other groups promote cultural entertainment and advancement. A Waycross Chamber of Commerce program resulted in Waycross being named the 1968 State Champion in the Stay & See Georgia contest. Since then, the Chamber has received many awards in various areas of the Stay & See Georgia program.

News Media—The Waycross Journal Herald is the only daily newspaper in eleven adjoining counties, and the City

WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

"The Largest City In The Largest County
In The Largest State East Of The Mississippi"

Waycross, Center City of South Georgia and Gateway to the world-famous Okefenokee Swamp, is the focal point of highways and railroad lines traversing southern Georgia. It is the point of entry for the playgrounds and recreation centers of Florida. In its own right, it is a city of diversified interests and attractions—a city of culture and civic attainment, rich in historical incident and achievement.

The City's name signifies its strategic position—where "Ways Cross". In Colonial days it was the hub of stage coach roads and pioneer trails. Later the old Plant System and the Brunswick and Western Railroad lines crossed here, giving birth to a modern railroad network. Indian trails, coach roads and military trails have been transformed into modern highways, some of them following the routes laid out by the pioneers.

Waycross was created in 1872, incorporated in 1874. Ware County, originally a part of the Tallahassee County, was created by an act of the Georgia Legislature on December 15, 1824, in a division of Appling County. It was named for Nicholas Ware of Richmond County, a brilliant Georgia Lawyer who served in the State Legislature and in the United States Senate.

Traditionally a sawmill, turpentine and farming town, Waycross has developed rapidly into an industrial and tourist center, and has attained notable success in the development of a sound and balanced economy. It is a City proud of its past, but more concerned with its future.

From Indian wars and trading post days, hardy settlers transformed a wilderness into productive farms and forests. Its progress was later throttled by the War Between the States, its agriculture stifled by the boll weevil, and its forests devastated by thoughtless waste. Waycross and its surrounding area have gradually and steadily built a prosperous community, capitalizing on its abundant natural resources, a sturdy determination and newly developed practices in conservation, diversification and management.

Waycross, birthplace of the early novelist, Louis B. Pendleton, ("Alexander H. Stephens"), later produced a Pulitzer Prize novelist, Caroline Miller ("Lamb In His Bosom" and "Lebanon"). The same spiritual values which promoted the beloved poet, Frank L. Stanton (Mighty Lak A Rose") to write "The Love Feast At Waycross", many decades ago, kindled the fervent religious fire which later converted Arthur J. Moore, a Waycross son, who served for many years with distinction as a Bishop in the Methodist Church. Pernel Roberts, who for several years played "Adam" on the television program, "Bonanza", Ossie Davis, actor, producer and director, and Brenda Wilkerson, author of "Ludell" are also from Waycross. Actor Burt Reynolds was also born here.

HOW WAYCROSS GOT A NAME

The land upon which Waycross was built had many Indian trails, post roads, and later the stage lines, crossing in the central part of where the City is now located. Railroads also crossed here later and at one time as many as sixty trains passed daily. It is little wonder that when a name for the town was needed the word "Cross" entered the nomenclature of a coordinated name.

Major Harry Haines, Superintendent of the Savannah Railroad, Mr. Daniel Lott, one of the founders of the

Riverside Nursing Home, 96 beds, and Ware Manor Nursing Home, 92 beds, provides post-hospital care as well as caring for persons unable to receive adequate care at home. Baptist Village, a multi-million dollar home for Senior Citizens, has a nursing care unit and accommodations for 260 residents.

Education has made rapid strides in our area. The City School System provides Senior (grades 10-12) and Junior (grades 7-9) high schools and six elementary schools. In the County school system, Senior (grades 11-12) and Junior (grades 8-10) high schools and five elementary schools are provided. Also available are kindergartens as well as Private Schools. Waycross Junior College, a member of the University System of Georgia, provides educational opportunities for the citizens of the community within commuting distance of the College. The College, organized on the quarter system, accepts students at the beginning of any quarter. Cooperative programs are offered in cooperation with Waycross Ware-Tech, which is fully accredited as a post-secondary institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The vocational-technical school offers training in four broad areas of study: Business Education, Health, Technical and Skilled Occupations.

The Waycross Public Library is the headquarters for the Okefenokee Regional Library which serves Ware, Bacon, Pierce, Clinch, and Appling counties. Its more than 150,000 volumes include an extensive reference collection. Bookmobile service is a part of the program. Six professional librarians are on the staff.

Careful attention has been given to the recreational needs of Waycross. A modern concrete and steel stadium seats 10,000 people, the Okefenokee Golf Club has a private eighteen hole golf course, and the City maintains a Recreational Department as a branch of its municipal govern-

Manufactured products include shoes, cigars, mobile homes, paperboxes, machinery, oxygen, nitrogen, concrete brick, blocks, pipes, burial vaults, beekeeper supplies, mattresses, dryer felts for the paper mill industry, cabinets, septic tanks, store fixtures, rubber mats, men's, boy's, and ladies' outerwear, monuments, utility trailers, water-based paint, and tobacco harvesters.

Processed products include meats, pecans, tobacco, feeds, honey, forest products, naval stores, dairy products, and candy.

With forest products as its chief source of agricultural income, Waycross and Ware County is the heart of the richest naval stores belt in the world, the center of Georgia's bright leaf tobacco belt, the middle of a rapidly developing livestock area, the hub of an impressive pecan production. Other farm crops include cotton, sugar cane, peanuts, corn, hay, feed crops, general farm and garden crops. The Waycross Tobacco Market, with two large warehouses, sells approximately seven million pounds of bright leaf annually.

Public Health is emphasized as a distinctive community asset. Waycross has a modern 257-bed hospital, an efficient Public Health Department, and a vigorous public health program. A \$340,000.00 Health Center facility was constructed in 1973 and is located on Riverside Drive. A privately owned radiology center, boasting equipment usually found only in medical school hospitals, provides diagnosis and treatment for cancer patients and is serving as a model for similar offices around the nation. The State Department of Public Health maintains a Regional Health Office in Waycross, supervising all public health activities in 23 counties. The State also maintains a branch laboratory, serving one-third of the State of Georgia.

town and Mr. B.F. Allen, editor of "The Georgian" which was published in Blackshear, met in Blackshear to select a suitable name for the new settlement. The names "Eastcross", "Southcross", "Newcross" and "Crossways" were considered but rejected in favor of the name Waycross.

NICHOLAS WARE (From "Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, "Vol. 1, Lucian Lamar Knight, 1913) Nicholas Ware was a native of Carolina County, Virginia, there he was born about the time of the American Revolution. The exact date of his birth is in dispute. Coming to Georgia with his parents at the close of hostilities, he was placed in the academy of Dr. Springer, Washington, where he received an excellent training in the English branches. Later he studied law in Augusta, completing his preparations for the bar in Litchfield, Connecticut.

Such were his talents that success was neither slow nor uncertain. He soon acquired a lucrative practice, went to legislature where he served in both branches, and in 1819, became Mayor of Augusta, succeeding Honorable Freeman Walker, who had been chosen to fill the unexpired term of John Forsyth in the United States Senate. It is quite a novel coincidence that when Major Freeman Walker resigned the toga, Mr. Ware should have been chosen to succeed him in the nation's highest legislative forum.

His sudden and serious illness in Washington, soon after taking the oath of office, caused his wife to accompany him to New York for medical treatment. Here he died in the prime of his intellectual powers, on September 24, 1824, during the visit of the great Lafayette to the United States. There is a fine portrait of Mr. Ware located in the Council Chambers in Augusta, and another in the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. J.S. Harrison of Columbus. His mortal remains lie buried under the annex to Grace Church, in the City of New York. Esteemed no less for his sturdy traits of character than for his eminent

attainments in public life, Mr. Ware was a man whose conduct was always governed by the strictest code of personal honor. He was a staunch friend of education and late in life established his residence at Athens, in order to give his children the best collegiate advantages.

Okefenokee's "Land of the Trembling Earth" gives rise to the romantic Suwanee River immortalized in the Stephen Foster folksong, "Old Folks at Home". Waycross is the northern entrance to the Okefenokee, a 600-square mile "lost world" which is made up of freshwater prairies for marshes. It is a haven for many species of animal and bird life, some of which are fast becoming extinct in other sections of the world. It is a natural botanical garden, the mecca of scientists interested in the preservation and conservation of the matchless flora and fauna of this unique area.

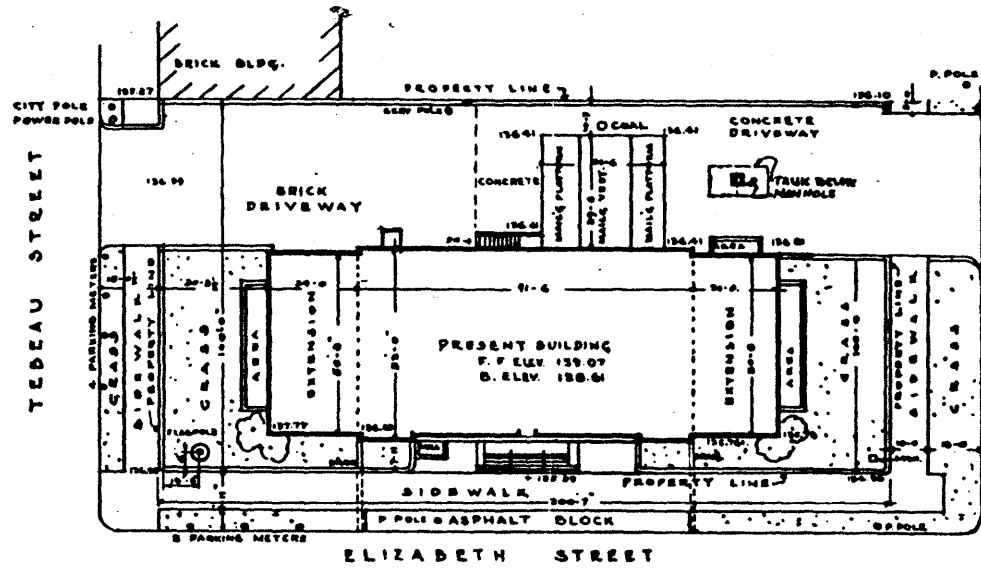
The main body of the Swamp is owned by the Federal Government and is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a National Wildlife Refuge with headquarters in Waycross. Hunting is prohibited in the entire area, but fishing is encouraged. Permits can be obtained, as well as guides and boats. Canoe trails criss-cross the Swamp and reservations can be made by contacting the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for information.

Civic interest has manifested itself remarkably in the development of the widely-publicized Okefenokee Swamp Park, where thousands of visitors each month enjoy the charm and beauty of America's most enchanting natural wonderland. Okefenokee Swamp Park, located just South of Waycross on U.S. 1 and 23, has opened the door to the weird, fantastically beautiful swampland, making it accessible to the general public, and permitting visitors to see and enjoy a "forbidden world" where for many generations only stouthearted adventurers, trappers, hunters and lumbermen dared to. The Park, open every day in the year, offers scenic boat tours on original Seminole Indian water trails, exhibits of native reptiles, animals

and birds. Cypress boardwalks penetrating deep into the Swamp and a 90-foot high observation tower give visitors a close look at this vast, unspoiled nature wonderland. A Welcome Center-Administration building was erected in 1969. The Swamp Echo Center, the Interpretive Center and Pioneer Island were added in 1972 and all are a part of a quarter-million dollar expansion. A Grist Mill, Serpenterium and Wildlife Observatory (with wildlife lectures) are the newest additions to the Park.

Industrial Development has made notable strides during recent years. The community has become industrial minded, and the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority as well as the Development Authority of Waycross, Georgia assists the Chamber of Commerce in presenting the industrial opportunities of the area. A 2500-acre Industrial Park presently has approximately twenty light-to-heavy industries. Rail sidings, natural gas, electricity, police and fire protection are available.

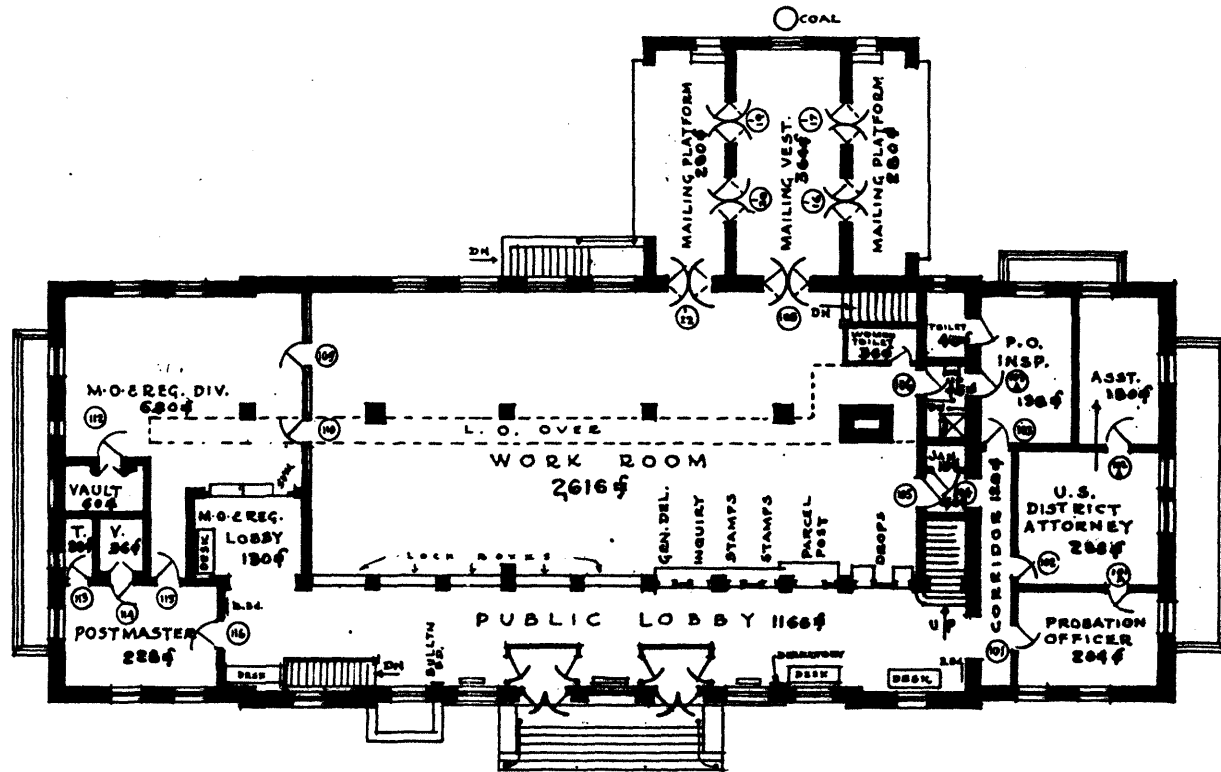
Waycross is the site of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company's major railway diesel and freight car repair shops, and has unexcelled transportation facilities with six rail outlets--radiating in as many directions--and six main highways converging at this point, thus offering excellent opportunities for assembly and distribution. Also a thirty million dollar expansion for an electronic hump-yard is underway. Seaboard Coast Line Railroad's new classification yard continues under construction for an anticipated opening date of late 1978. Known as Rice Yard after Chairman and Chief Executive Officer W. Thomas Rice, the yard will be one of the largest classification yards in the United States. The total complex will contain close to 130 miles of track on an 800-acre site near Waycross. More than 60 trains a day will operate in and out of the huge complex. According to Seaboard Coast Line officials, the yard will be one of the most modern classification yards in the United States. Upon completion there will be 62 four mile long tracks on which trains will be electronically made-up simultaneously.



APPROACH PLAN.
Scale: 1" = 10'



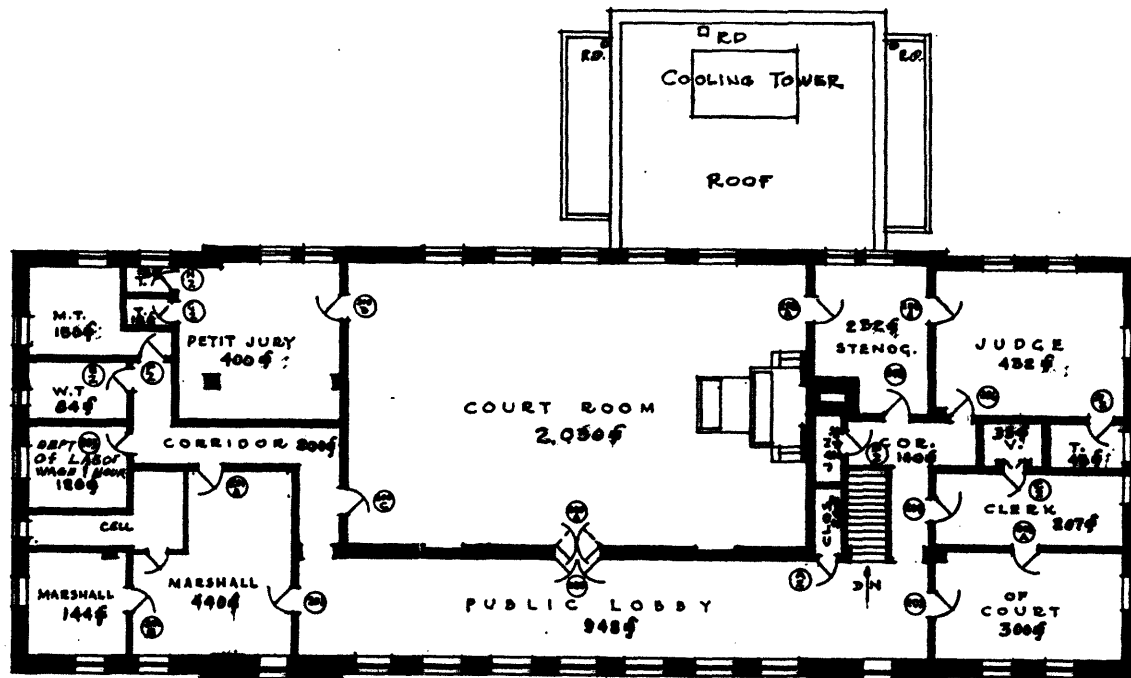
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• FIRST FLOOR PLAN.
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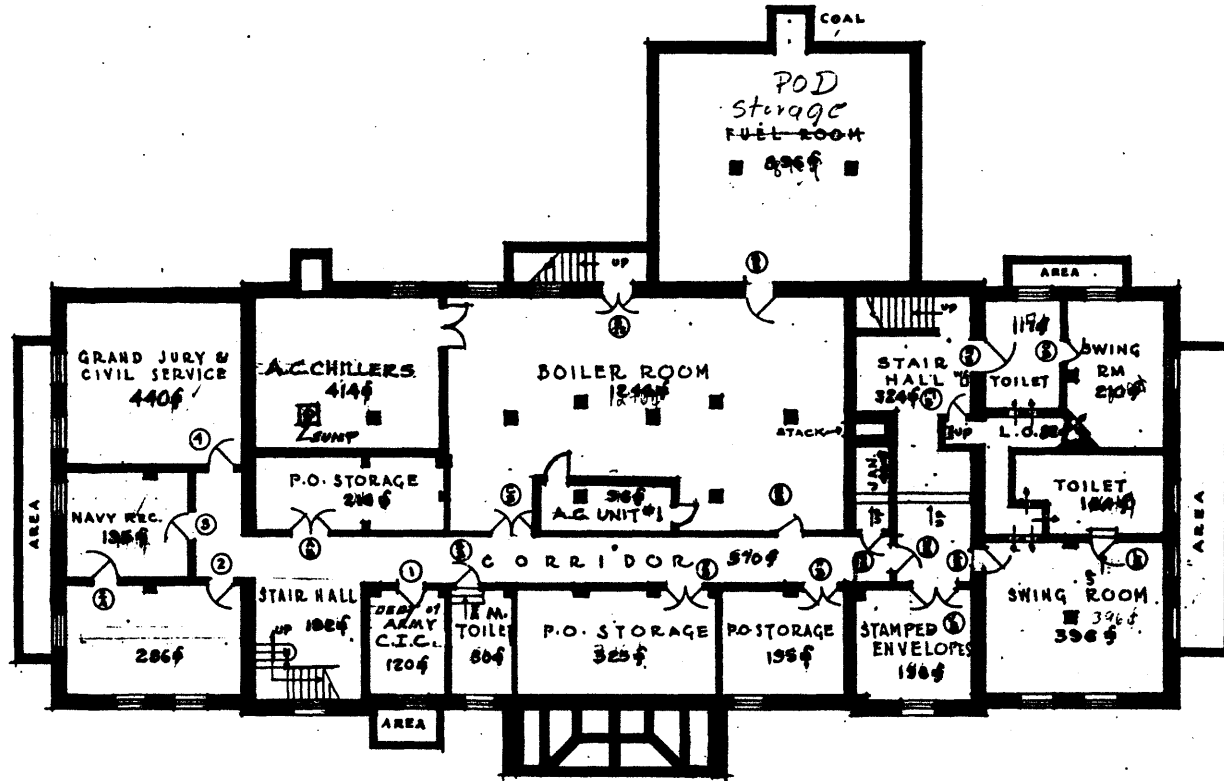
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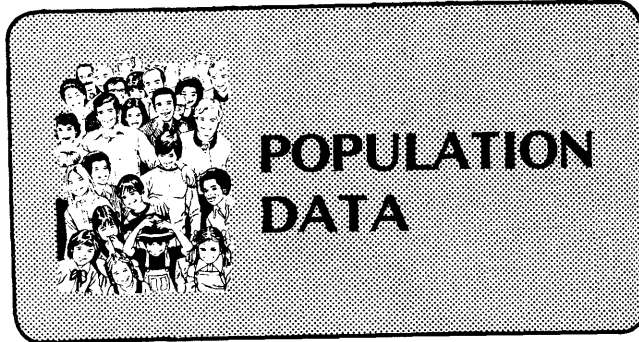
BASEMENT PLAN.
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WAYCROSS AND WARE COUNTY SERVES AS THE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST GEORGIA. THIS MARKET AREA IS COMPOSED OF EIGHT COUNTIES HAVING A TOTAL POPULATION OF 126,000 AND TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF \$335 MILLION.

WAYCROSS/WARE COUNTY IS THE 24TH MOST POPULOUS COUNTY IN THE STATE AND RANKS FIRST IN LAND AREA.

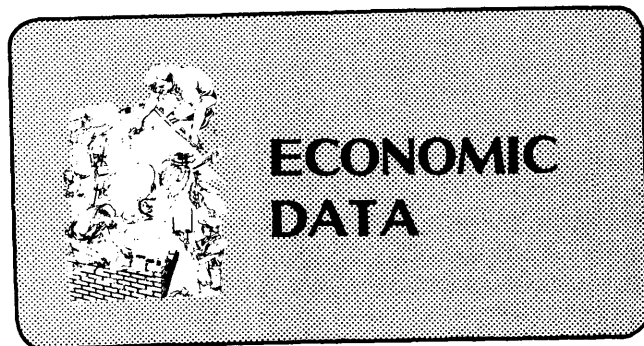


POPULATION DATA

	Waycross	Ware County
1975	19,897	35,917
1970	18,996	33,525

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

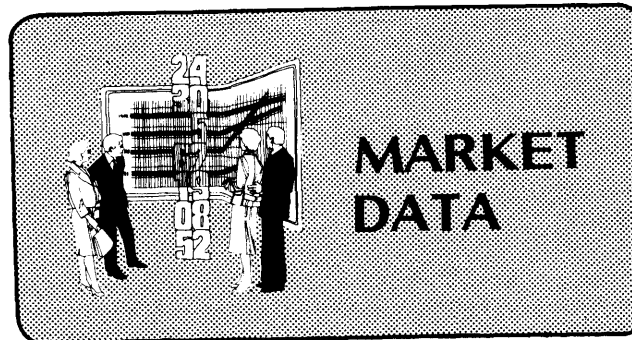
1980	19,998	36,100
1985	20,558	37,100
1990	21,162	38,200
1995	21,993	39,700
Births 1978		900
Deaths 1978		530



ECONOMIC DATA

Tax Digest 1978	\$81,975,557	\$179,139,898
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	Waycross	Ware County
Sales Tax Collection 1978		\$ 5,484,210
1972		3,029,702
Taxable Sales 1978		\$182,807,000
1972		100,863,000
Building Permits 1978	308	113
Business Permits 1978	1,300	250
Postage Receipts 1978	\$964,707	

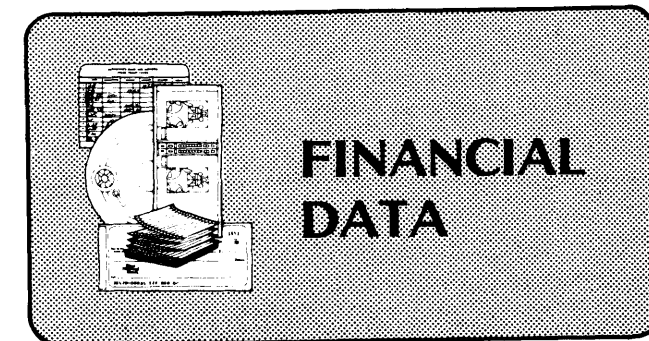


MARKET DATA

Telephones 1978		12,667
Electrical Meters 1978	12,481	2,563

		Ware County (\$000)
Total Retail Sales 1977		\$137,990
1972		85,150
Food Stores Total 1977		\$ 30,198
1972		15,327
Super Markets 1977		\$ 29,322
1972		14,898
Eating & Drinking Places 1977		\$ 6,472
1972		3,436
General Merchandise Stores Total 1977		\$ 10,850
1972		7,864

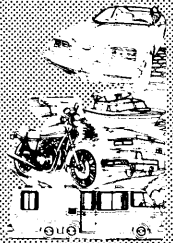
	Department	Ware County
Stores 1977		\$ 7,508
1972		5,233
Apparel & Accessories 1977		\$ 6,522
1972		4,250
Furniture Home Furnishings Appliance Stores Total 1977		\$ 7,587
1972		5,116
Furniture & Home Furnishings 1977		\$ 5,090
1972		3,497
Automotive Dealers 1977		\$19,004
1972		15,606
Gasoline Service Stations 1977		\$ 9,398
1972		6,026
Building Materials & Hardware Dealers 1977		\$18,054
1972		9,171
Drug Stores 1977		\$17,402
1972		8,971
Household Effective Buying Income 1977		\$13,390
1981 Projected		19,233



FINANCIAL DATA

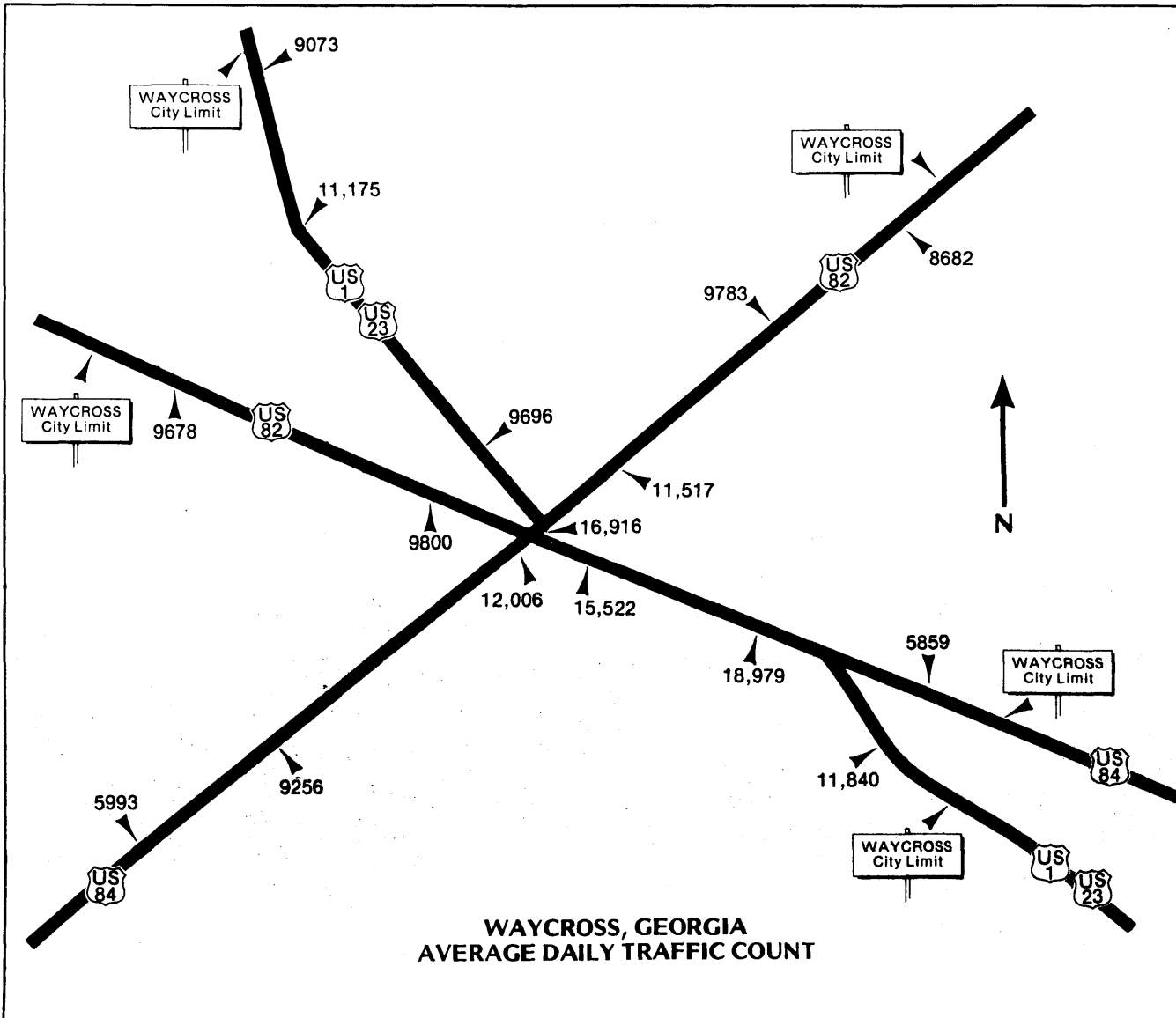
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	Assets	Deposits
Commercial Bank	\$22,721,258.70	\$19,567,716.27
First National Bank	32,123,937.86	27,299,648.01
Southern Bank	39,624,233.90	35,424,609.26
Fulton Federal	65,000,000.00	
United Federal	55,928,234.66	

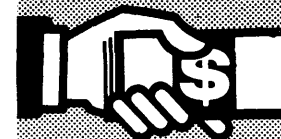
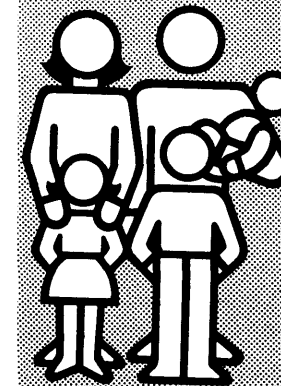
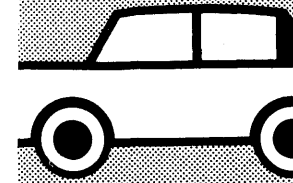


TRAFFIC DATA

Ware County
Auto Registrations
1978
27,770



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BUSINESS FACTS FOR WAYCROSS/ WARE CO.

The Fastest Growing Market In South Georgia