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BIG SHANTY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICTName:

Big Shanty Village Historic District, Kennesaw, Cobb County, Georgia

Location:

Downtown Kennesaw, including parts of Main Street, Harris Street, Whitfield Place, Lewis Street, Park Avenue, and Cherokee Street.

Owner:

Multiple ownership (see attached list).

Description:

The Big Shanty Village Historic District encompasses the historic downtown area of Kennesaw. It consists of two blocks of one-, two- and three-story, turn-of-the-century, brick commercial buildings along the west side of Main Street; the railroad depot, cotton gin/museum and warehouse, site of the Lacy Hotel, and commemorative park along the railroad tracks; and several blocks of in-town Victorian and turn-of-the-century cottages and houses along Harris Street, Whitfield Place, Lewis Street, and Park Avenue. Non-contributing properties include 145, 151 and 197 Harris Street, all contemporary residences, and 106 Park Avenue, a mobile home and used-car lot [see photographs 1-12].

Significance:

The Big Shanty Village Historic District is important as the historic commercial and residential downtown area of Kennesaw. In terms of transportation history, it is significant as the historic locus of the Old Peachtree Trail, the nineteenth-century wagon roads, the early-twentieth-century automobile highways, and the railroad with its depot, which brought Kennesaw into being and nurtured its growth and development. In terms of commercial history, this district is significant as the commercial center of town, as represented especially by the cotton gin and warehouse, the railroad and depot, and the bank building, and also by the sites of the Lacy and Railroad hotels, Main

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Street shops and stores, and in-town merchants' and craftsmen's houses. In terms of military history, this district is significant as the staging ground for Andrew's Raid during the Civil War. In terms of architectural history, the district is significant for its collection of turn-of-the-century, brick commercial buildings along Main Street (especially the two-story bank and the three-story Masonic building), railroad section houses, Victorian cottages, and modest, turn-of-the-century residences, along with the bracketed, board-and-batten depot and the cotton gin/museum, which stand largely intact in terms of physical fabric and setting and represent the kinds of buildings and structures typically found in the downtown areas of small northwest Georgia towns.

✓ Acreage: 28 acres

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the Big Shanty Village Historic District is identified and described by a heavy black line on the attached map of the Kennesaw multiple-resource area. This boundary circumscribes the intact historic downtown commercial and residential area of Kennesaw. Intact blocks of modern development not in keeping with the character and appearance of the district have been excised.

✓ UTM Reference:

F	Zone 16	E720075	N3767510
G	Zone 16	E720310	N3767500
H	Zone 16	E720445	N3766820
I	Zone 16	E720090	N3767020
J	Zone 16	E720005	N3767120

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Property Owners - Big Shanty Village Historic District

Street and
Lot Number

Owner and Mailing Address

Lewis Street

28/23	Inez Lewis, 2891 Lewis Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
27	Thomas W. Aaron, 2305 Lewis Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
104	Charles Bozeman, 2259 Lewis Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
103	Same as above
183	Robert D. Hester, 2243 Lewis Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Main Street

110	Charles March, 356 Big Shanty Road, Marietta, Ga. 30066
107	Dent Myers, 620 Kennesaw-Due West Road, N.W., Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
108	Bobby Grant, Rt. 4, Shiloh Road, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
106	Town & Country Investments, Inc., Box 1029, Marietta, Ga. 30061
103	Kennesaw Drug Co., Michael Fouts, 500 Main Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
102	Harold G. Guess, 1038 Arden Drive, S.W., Marietta, Ga. 30060
100	Same as above
97	Dr. Stephen C. May, Roberts Road, N.W., Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
166	Louis Watts, 2940 Dallas Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
156	Hiran B. Butler, N. Main Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Park Street

99	Mrs. Lillie P. Atkins, 2257 Park Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
105	Charles Bozeman, 2259 Lewis Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
104	Same as above

Harris Street

143	Mrs. Velma Weeks, 2908 Harris Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
160	Wilma Cagle Nichols, 2921 Harris Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

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Harris Street (continued)

- 144 Mrs. Velma Weeks, 2908 Harris Street, Kennesaw, Ga.
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- 145 Joseph C. Thompson, 2934 Harris Street, Kennesaw, Ga.
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- 146 Mrs. Frances L. Thompson, 2934 Harris Street, Kenne-
saw, Ga. 30144
- 147 Lee Garner, 179 Gramling Street, Marietta, Ga. 30060
- 148 Mrs. David W. McClure, 2962 Harris Street, Kennesaw,
Ga. 30144
- 149 George E. Prichard, 125 McGowan Avenue, Abbeville,
S.C. 29620
- 150 Mr./Mrs. J.R. McCollum, 2981 Harris Street, Kennesaw,
Ga. 30144
- ~~151~~ Same as above
- 153 Helen and David Odom, 2971 Harris Street, Kennesaw,
Ga. 30144
- 154 Mrs. Flora A. Baker, 2961 Harris Street, Kennesaw, Ga.
30144
- 155 Richard L. Powell, 142 Forest Avenue, Marietta, Ga.
30060
- 197 C.R. Lee, 1812 Big Shanty Drive, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
- 158 Louise Robertson Allen, 3021 N. Main Street, Kennesaw,
Ga. 30144
- 159 Mrs. Wilma Cagle Nichols, 2921 Harris Street, Kennesaw,
Ga. 30144
- 160 Same as above

Cherokee Street

- 80 David E. Morris and Kenneth W. Clark, 1651 Kennesaw-
Due West Road, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
- 189 Big Shanty Museum, Cherokee Street, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144
- 142 J.S. Frey & Son, 2831, Cherokee Street, Kennesaw, Ga.
30144

Whitfield Place

- 152 H.B. Butler, 2250 Whitfield Place, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Other

- 142 John S. Frey, Box 167, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144