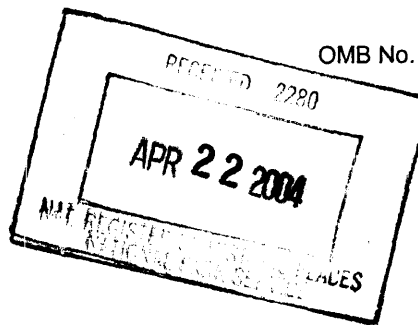


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name Brantley Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number roughly bounded by Sasser St, Fulton Ave, Peachtree St & Wyatt, and Central of Georgia Railroad

not for publication N/A

city or town Brantley

vicinity N/A

state Alabama

code AL

county Crenshaw

code 041

zip code 36009

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Stewart A. ...

Signature of certifying official

April 19, 2004

Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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):

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)	Category of Property (Check only one box.)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>112</u>	<u>15</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-state	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>112</u>	<u>15</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single-dwelling
Commercial Multiple-dwelling
Agricultural Business
Education Professional
Religion Processing
School
Church

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single-dwelling
Commercial Multiple-dwelling
Agricultural Business
Education Professional
Religion Abandoned
School
Church

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Queen Anne.
Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Bungalow
Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals: Tudor Revival
Colonial Revival
Other: Minimal Traditionals
Pyramidal Roof Cottage
Ranch, One and Two story commercial blocks

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick, stone, concrete
roof metal, asphalt
walls wood, brick, concrete, metal
other glass, stone

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition on continuation sheet/s.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

- Architecture
- Commerce
- _____
- _____
- _____

Period of Significance 1880-1950

Significant Dates 1890, 1902, 1910-1919, 1925-1938

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Harrington, Bill and Wyatt, Buster

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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
- Name of repository _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property approx 48.75

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
1	16	570560	3495390	3	16	570790	3494000
2	16	570730	3495320	4	16	570580	3493420
				5	16	569980	3494000

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Gene A. Ford and Linda Ford, Architectural Historian and Christy Anderson, AHC Reviewer

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Multiple Property owners

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Highway 29

8818, 8820, 8881, 8917, 8918, 8920, 8921, 8922, 8929, 8930, 9000, 9002, 9003, 9074, 9103, 9120, 9124, 9130, 9131, 9137, 9265, 9267, 9312, 9313, 9315, 9316, 9319, 9521, 9541

Main Street

8858, 8860, 8861, 8862, 8863, 8864, 8868, 8870, 8872, 8874, 8876, 8878, 8879, 9025, 9026, 9027, 9028, 9029, 9031, 9032, 9033, 9034, 9035, 9036, 9037, 9038, 9039, 9070, 9072, 9074, 9076, 9078, 9179, 9181, 9183, 9185, 9186, 9187, 9204, 9210, 9212, 9232, 9263, 9264, 9265, 9266, 9305, 9307, 9347, 9349, 9351, 9353, 9354, 9355, 9356, 9358, 9360, 9389, 9390, 9390, 9460, 9462, 9463, 9464, 9465, 9466, 9467, 9468, 9469, 9470, 9471, 9472, 9473, 9474, 9475, 9476, 9477, 9478, 9479, 9481, 9482, 9483

St. James Street

61, 63

VII. Brantley Historic District Narrative Description

The city of Brantley is located in the southeast portion of Crenshaw County and is some twelve miles south of Luverne, the county seat, and seventy-six miles north of Florida. The core of the Brantley Historic District is Main Street that contains the original commercial district of Brantley and acts as a passageway to the state of Florida. Historic homes and the school stand along Main Street.

The district includes the downtown commercial area along with the additional middle and upper middle class homes located on both the East and West side of Main Street. Grove Avenue, Ellis Street, and St. James Street include similar residences offering middle and working class fare. Portions of Highway 29 are included in the historic district and include three commercial buildings along with a collection of comparable homes. The Brantley Historic District contains 127 resources. Only fifteen non-contributing resources are located within the district. Two of these historic resources have been heavily modified (Resource 74 and 108), and thirteen are less than fifty years of age (Resources 5, 7, 37, 40, 52, 77, 89, 90, 95, 97, 102, 103, and 104) making them non-contributing resources. Of this total, there are 25 commercial buildings, 92 residences, 1 apartment building, 3 churches, 1 school, and 3 civic buildings.

The identified historic properties represent seventy years of Brantley history, dating from the 1880s and continuing through the late 1940s. The resources reflect important developments of transportation in the southern sector of the state. These buildings span seven decades of Alabama and national history. Residences comprise the majority of the buildings located in the Brantley Historic District. The identified historic resources represent the upper, middle, and working classes of Brantley. Among the identified homes are some examples of Victorian-era residences and bungalows that epitomize Brantley's late nineteenth and early twentieth-century development. Local political and civic leaders, and storeowners occupied the neighborhood.

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The identified resources in the district can be grouped into the following fields: Residence, Religious Building, Civic, Education, Industrial, and Commerce. The following residential representations are located within the district: Victorian era Cottages, Bungalow, Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, Pyramidal Roof Cottage, Tenant House, Minimal Traditional, Apartment Building, and Ranch. Commercial buildings are of two varieties: one and multiple story, commercial blocks and freestanding commercial buildings.

Archaeological Component

Although no archaeological survey has been conducted in association with the Brantley Historic District, there exists the potential for subsurface remains within the district.

Brantley Historic District Inventory

1. 100 Ellis Street. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, exterior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, off center wood and glass panel door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, bay window, partial width porch with engaged roof, wood supports. Contributing Resource.
2. 101 Ellis Street. Ca. 1918. One story, wood frame front gable cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, louvered ventilator, weatherboard siding, off center wood door with three step lights, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
3. 102 Ellis Street. Ca. 1915. One story, wood frame double pen with side gable roof of metal, weatherboard siding, two off center wood doors with three lights, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
4. 103 Ellis Street. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, asbestos siding, off center wood door with 3 pane light, 6/6 double hung sash windows. Contributing Resource.
5. 32 Grove Avenue. ca. 1975. One story, wood frame Ranch with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, plywood siding, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
6. 39 Grove Avenue. Campbell Cottage. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame T cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, off center wood panel door with transom, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood supports and open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
7. 79 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1957. One story, wood frame front gable cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, asbestos siding, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
8. 77 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, gabled dormer, weatherboard siding, off center wood door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with engaged roof, wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
9. 80 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, tarpaper siding, off center wood and multipane door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, louvered ventilator, wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
10. 81 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1947. One story, concrete block commercial building with flat roof of tar composition, parapet, door missing, display window. Contributing Resource.

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11. 82 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1920. One story, wood frame Church with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, knee braces, central double leaf, wood panel doors, stoop with front gable roof and exposed knee brace. Contributing Resource.
12. 83 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, louvered ventilator, vinyl siding, off center wood door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
13. 84 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame shotgun with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, exposed rafter tails, louvered ventilator, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof, metal supports. Contributing Resource.
14. 85 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, vinyl siding, off center wood panel door, 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, wood supports, wood open rail balustrade and stone foundation. Contributing Resource.
15. 86 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame shotgun with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, louvered ventilator, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows, awning. Contributing Resource.
16. 87 Grove Avenue. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, vinyl siding, off center wood and glass panel door, 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, wood supports. Contributing Resource.
17. 8818 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip roof of asphalt shingles, exposed rafter tails, aluminum siding, off center wood panel door with transom, 1/1 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and wood supports, open rail balustrade, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
18. 8820 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, weatherboard siding, off center wood door with stained glass, transom, 1/1 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and wood supports, open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
19. 8881 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1895. One and a half story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip and cross gable roof of metal, double hung sash windows in gables, weatherboard siding, off center wood door with transom, double hung sash windows, wrap around porch with cornice and hip roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
20. 8917 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame T cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and gingerbread work, turned wood supports and open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
21. 8921 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, off center wood and glass panel door with 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, louvered ventilator, and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
22. 8922 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt, exterior brick chimney, aluminum siding, off center wood door, 1/1 double hung sash windows, full width screened porch with engaged roof. Contributing Resource.

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23. 8929 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt, asbestos siding, off center wood and glass door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width, recessed porch with engaged roof. Contributing Resource.
24. 8930 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1935. One story, brick Tudor Revival cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two arched fixed pane window in gables, exterior brick chimney, off center, arched wood panel door, double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof and segmented arches, covered vestibule. Contributing Resource.
25. 9000 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1920. One story, stucco-clad commercial building with flat roof of tar composition, parapet, two off center wood and glass doors, fixed pane windows, garage door. Contributing Resource.
26. 9002 Hwy. 29. Police Station. Ca. 1920. One story, brick civic building with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, exposed rafter tails, central plate glass doors with flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows. Contributing Resource.
27. 9003 Hwy. 29. Royal's Tires. Ca. 1947. One story, concrete block commercial building with hip roof of asphalt shingles, off center wood and glass panel door, 1/1 double hung sash windows. Contributing Resource.
28. 9074 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip and cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, louvered ventilator, weatherboard siding, off center wood and glass panel door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and paired wood supports on brick piers, open brick balustrade. Contributing Resource.
29. 9103 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1900. One story, wood frame side gable cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, brick end chimney, vinyl siding, central wood and glass panel door with 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
30. 9120 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1900. One story, wood frame Central Passage cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two brick end chimneys, central wood panel door with flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and gingerbread work, turned wood supports and open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
31. 9124 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1920. One story, brick Craftsman bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, gabled dormer with fixed lights, brick end chimney, off center wood door, flanking Craftsman lights, partial width porch with engaged roof, knee braces. Contributing Resource.
32. 9130 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt, interior brick chimney, exposed rafter tails, weatherboard siding, off center wood door, double hung sash windows, full width porch with front gable roof, louvered ventilator, wood supports. Contributing Resource.
33. 9131 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1922. One story, brick bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt, interior brick chimney, gabled dormer off center wood door, plate glass windows, partial width porch with engaged roof, brick supports. Contributing Resource.
34. 9137 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1920. One story, wood frame pyramidal roof cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, weatherboard siding, off center wood and glass panel door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with engaged roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
35. 9265 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, asbestos siding, central wood and glass panel door with 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof and metal supports. Contributing Resource.

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36. 9267 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door with 6/6 double hung sash windows, covered vestibule. Contributing Resource.
37. 9269 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1985. One story, wood frame Ranch with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, plywood siding, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
38. 9312 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1935. One and a half story, brick Tudor Revival cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, two gabled dormers with 6/6 double hung sash windows, arched fixed pane window in gable, off center wood panel door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with engaged roof with segmented arches and covered vestibule. Contributing Resource.
39. 9313 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with cross gable roof of asphalt, asbestos siding, off center wood door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, screened with wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
40. 9314 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1970. One story, wood frame Ranch with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, asbestos siding, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
41. 9315 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1920. One story, wood frame pyramidal roof cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, vinyl siding, central wood panel door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof, screened. Contributing Resource.
42. 9316 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, vinyl siding, central wood panel door, flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
43. 9319 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt, interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, off center wood door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, louvered ventilator, screened. Contributing Resource.
44. 9321 Hwy. 29. Ca. 1925. Multiple story, stucco-clad commercial building with curved roof of tar composition, casement windows, metal garage doors. Contributing Resource.
45. 8858 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, weatherboard siding, off center wood door with flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows. Contributing Resource.
46. 8861 Main Street. Ca. 1935. One and a half story, wood frame Tudor Revival cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, exterior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, casement windows, covered vestibule. Contributing Resource.
47. 8860 Main Street. Ca. 1935. One and a half story, wood frame Tudor Revival cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, exterior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, replacement windows, patio. Contributing Resource.

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48. 8863 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One and a half story, wood frame Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, three gabled dormers with 9 pane fixed lights, weatherboard siding, brick end chimney, central wood panel door with flanking 9/9 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof, cornice and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
49. 8862 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One and a half story, wood frame Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, three gabled dormers with fixed pane windows with fanlights, weatherboard siding, brick end chimney, two off center wood panel doors, double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof and paired wood supports. Contributing Resource.
50. 8864 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, asbestos siding, central wood door with flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
51. 8868 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, exterior brick chimney, asbestos siding, central wood door with flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and metal supports with open rail balustrade, garage. Contributing Resource.
52. 8870 Main Street. Ca. 1980. One story, wood frame Ranch with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, asbestos siding, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
53. 8874 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door with flanking double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
54. 8878 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One and a half story, wood frame Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two gabled dormers with 6/6 double hung sash windows, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door with flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, stoop with front gable roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
55. 8876 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One and a half story, wood frame Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two gabled dormers with double hung sash windows, porthole light in gable, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door with sidelights, double hung sash windows. Contributing Resource.
56. 8872 Main Street. Ca. 1950. One story, wood frame Ranch with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, two off center wood panel doors, casement and 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
57. 8879 Main Street. Brantley High School. Ca. 1925. One story, brick educational building with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, multiple wood doors. Contributing Resource.
58. 9025 Main Street. Ca. 1935. One story, brick Tudor Revival cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, brick, end chimney, off center wood door, flanking bay window and double hung sash windows, side porch with side gable roof and brick piers. Contributing Resource.
59. 9026 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, central wood door with flanking double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.

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60. 9027 Main Street. Ca. 1920. Two story, wood frame Craftsman style apartments with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, knee braces, second floor with multiple 3/1 double hung sash windows and wood doors with 3 pane lights, full width balcony with engaged roof and wood open rail balustrade, first floor with central double leaf, wood door, multiple 3/1 double hung sash windows and wood doors with 3 pane lights. Contributing Resource.
61. 9028 Main Street. Ca. 1915. One story, wood frame pyramidal roof cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, central wood panel door with flanking double hung sash windows, wrap around porch with hip roof and wood columns. Contributing Resource.
62. 9029 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era Cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, central wood door with sidelights, flanking double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof and decorative metal supports, concrete block foundation. Contributing Resource.
63. 9031 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One story, wood frame minimal traditional with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, asbestos siding, central wood door with flanking double hung sash windows, entryway porch with front gable roof and segmented archway, side addition with front gable roof of asphalt shingles and interior brick chimney. Contributing Resource.
64. 9032 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era Cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with transom, flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood columns. Contributing Resource.
65. 9034 Main Street. Ca. 1915. One story, wood frame bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, weatherboard siding, off center wood door, flanking double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
66. 9033 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era Cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with transom and sidelights, flanking replacement windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood columns. Contributing Resource.
67. 9035 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One and a half story, wood frame Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two gabled dormers with double hung sash windows, board and batten siding, central wood panel door with flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and wood columns. Contributing Resource.
68. 9036 Main Street. Ca. 1915. One story, wood frame pyramidal roof cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, gabled dormer, central wood panel door with flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood columns. Contributing Resource.
69. 9038 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era Cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, two end and one central brick chimney, decorative gable with multipane window, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with transom and flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof, cornice, wood columns, originally on brick piers now enclosed with latticework. Contributing Resource.
70. 9037 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with cross gable metal roof, two clipped, brick, end chimneys, off center wood door, 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and decorative metal supports and brick foundation. Contributing Resource.

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71. 9039 Main Street. Ca. 1900. One story, wood frame Central Passage Cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, central wood door with flanking double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
72. 9070 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with Free Classic details, cross multiple gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, entryway porch with hip roof, cornice and wood columns. Contributing Resource.
73. 9072 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame T Cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with transom, flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and spindlework frieze, wood supports with decorative brackets, wood open rail balustrade, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
74. 9074 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame T cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, gabled dormer with double hung sash window, vinyl siding, off center wood and glass door, flanking replacement windows, porch removed, brick foundation. Non-contributing Resource.
75. 9064 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One story, brick Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, central wood door with fan light, wood door surround and pediment, flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof and Ionic columns. Contributing Resource.
76. 9078 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame T Cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with transom, flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and spindlework frieze, wood supports with decorative brackets, wood open rail balustrade, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
77. 9179 Main Street. Ca. 1980. One story, wood frame residence with multiple shed roofs of asphalt shingles, asbestos siding with off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
78. 9181 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One story, brick minimal traditional with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, off center wood door, 6/6 double hung sash windows, partial width engaged roof and metal supports. Contributing Resource.
79. 9183 Main Street. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with hip roof of asphalt shingles, exposed rafter tails, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, 9/1 double hung sash windows, enclosed porch with window band. Contributing Resource.
80. 9185 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era Cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, shed roof dormer with triple lights with fixed panes, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door, flanking double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof and wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
81. 9187 Main Street. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof, paired wood supports on brick piers, porte cochere. Contributing Resource.

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82. 9186 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door, flanking double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and spindlework frieze, wood supports with decorative brackets, wood open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
83. 9204 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip and cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with hip roof and engaged entryway roof with spindlework arch and frieze, wood supports with open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
84. 9232 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip and cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, flanking 1/1 double hung sash windows, wrap around porch with hip roof, and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
85. 9263 Main Street. Brantley United Methodist Church. Ca. 1948. Multiple story, brick religious building with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, central steeple with conical roof, off center wood panel doors, arched stained glass windows. Contributing Resource.
86. 9264 Main Street. Ca. 1951. One story, wood frame Ranch with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, off center wood door, double hung sash windows, partial width porch with engaged roof and wood supports, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
87. 9265 Main Street. Parsonage for Brantley United Methodist Church. Ca. 1949. One story, brick side gable cottage with roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney, central wood and glass door, flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, stoop with hip roof and decorative metal supports. Contributing Resource.
88. 9266 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame T Cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, interior and end brick chimneys, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, flanking 2/2 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof, spindlework frieze, wood supports with decorative brackets, wood open rail balustrade. Contributing Resource.
89. 9210 Main Street. Ca. 1970. One story, brick Ranch with side gable roof of tar composition, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
90. 9212 Main Street. Ca. 1970. One story, brick Ranch with side gable roof of tar composition, off center wood door. Non-contributing Resource.
91. 9305 Main Street. Ca. 1922. Two story, wood frame bungalow with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, three gabled dormers with Craftsman windows, exposed rafter tails, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with flanking 4/1 double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof, paired wood supports on brick piers, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
92. 9345 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with hip and cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, decorative shingles in gable and gable returns, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, flanking 4/4 double hung sash windows, wrap around porch with hip roof, cornice, and decorative metal supports. Contributing Resource.

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93. 9307 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era cottage with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, weatherboard siding, off center wood panel door, flanking double hung sash windows, full width porch with shed roof and wood supports. Contributing Resource.
94. 9349 Main Street. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with cross gable roof asphalt shingles, gabled dormer, vinyl siding, off center wood and glass door, 4/1 double hung sash windows, partial width porch with engaged roof, wood supports on brick piers, porte cochere, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
95. 9351 Main Street. Brantley City Hall and Library. Ca. 1970. One story, brick municipal building with flat roof of tar composition, two, off center wood doors. Non-contributing Resource.
96. 9353 Main Street. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, louvered ventilator, central wood door, 9/1 double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof, screened with wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
97. 9354 Main Street. Ca. 1958. Brantley Baptist Church. Multiple story, brick religious building with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, central steeple with conical roof and fixed lights, central, double leaf, wood panel doors with surround and pediment, partial width porch with front gable roof and wood supports. Non-contributing Resource
98. 9355 Main Street. Ca. 1922. One story, wood frame bungalow with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, louvered ventilator, central wood door, 9/1 double hung sash windows, full width porch with engaged roof, screened with wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
99. 9356 Main Street. Ca. 1949. One story, wood frame Ranch with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, off center wood door, double hung sash windows, partial width porch with shed roof and decorative metal supports, brick foundation. Contributing Resource.
100. 9358 Main Street. Ca. 1945. One and a half story, wood frame Colonial Revival with side gable roof of asphalt shingles, two, brick end chimneys, two gabled dormers with double hung sash windows, weatherboard siding, central wood panel door with flanking double hung sash windows, partial width porch with front gable roof and decorative metal supports. Contributing Resource.
101. 9360 Main Street. Ca. 1895. One story, wood frame Victorian-era Cottage with cross multiple gable roof of asphalt shingles, gable returns, vinyl siding, off center wood panel door with transom, 2/2 double hung sash windows, wrap around porch, screened with spindlework and wood supports on brick piers. Contributing Resource.
102. 9389 Main Street. Ca. 1972. One story, brick service station with flat roof of tar composition, off center plate glass door and plate glass windows. Non-contributing Resource.
103. 9390 Main Street. Ca. 1982. One story, brick commercial building with flat roof of tar composition. Non-contributing Resource.
104. 9392 Main Street. Ca. 1982. One story, brick service station with flat roof of tar composition, off center plate glass door and plate glass windows. Non-contributing Resource.
- 0, 9462, 9464 Main Street. New Life Center. Ca. 1890. Two story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar position, parapet, corbelled cornice, second floor with double hung sash windows, storefront with one off center d and glass door, one off center wood door with multiple pane light, display windows. Contributing Resource.

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106. 9463 Main Street. Southern Foods Restaurant. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, clerestory covered with metal slipcover, off center plate glass door with flanking display windows. Contributing Resource.
107. 9465 Main Street. Watermelon Patch. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, clerestory covered with metal slipcover, off center wood and glass door with flanking display windows. Contributing Resource.
108. 9466 Main Street. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, sign panels, remodeled façade with plywood and multiple glass panels. Non-contributing Resource.
109. 9467 Main Street. Linda's Beauty Salon. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, clerestory covered with metal slipcover, off center wood and glass door with flanking display windows. Contributing Resource.
110. 9468 Main Street. Pa's Attic Relics. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, central plate glass door with sidelights, flanking display windows. Contributing Resource.
111. 9469 Main Street. Southeast Insurance. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, two, double leaf, wood and glass doors with transom and central display window and flanking pilasters. Contributing Resource.
112. 9470 Main Street. BAP Auto Parts. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, metal slipcover, central plate glass door with sidelights, flanking display windows. Contributing Resource.
113. 9471 Main Street. U-Turn. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, central wood door with flanking display windows, wood awning with metal supports. Contributing Resource.
114. 9472 Main Street. King's (originally). Hardwick's Hardware. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, recessed entry with off center, double leaf, wood and glass doors, iron pilasters, display windows with wood paneled storefront. Contributing Resource.
115. 9473 Main Street. Dixieland Warehouse. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, off center wood and glass door with covered windows. Contributing Resource.
116. 9474 Main Street. Sav-Mor Grocery. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, off center plate glass door with flanking display windows, awning. Contributing Resource.
117. 9475 Main Street. Fuel World. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, metal awning, off center plate glass door with transom and sidelights and display windows. Contributing Resource.
118. 9476 Main Street. Bulldog Videos. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, metal slipcover, off center plate glass door with flanking display windows. Contributing Resource.
119. 9477 Main Street. Brantley Antiques. Ca. 1920. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, metal awning, off center wood and glass door and display windows. Contributing Resource.
120. 9478 Main Street. Debbie's Designs. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, off center plate glass door with flanking display windows, awning. Contributing Resource.

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121. 9479 Main Street. First National Bank of Brantley. Ca. 1910. Two and a half story, brick commercial building with flat roof of tar composition and half story with hip roof of asphalt shingles with window band, second floor with stone cornice, 2/2 double hung sash windows with stone surrounds and sills, storefront with cantered entryway with arches, buttresses, wood and glass door, 1/1 double hung sash windows with stone surrounds and lintels. Contributing Resource.
122. 9480 Main Street. Covington El. Co-op. Ca. 1900. One story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, off center plate glass door with transom and display windows. Contributing Resource.
123. 9481 Main Street. Ca. 1940. One story, brick commercial building with flat roof of tar composition, off center wood panel door, flanking 9/9 double hung sash windows, stoop with flat metal awning. Contributing Resource.
124. 9482 Main Street. C.W.'s Farm Supply. Ca. 1900. One and a half story, brick commercial block with flat roof of tar composition, corbelled cornice, off center doors of glass, corner entryway of stone composition with archways as door surrounds, display windows, 1/1 double hung sash windows, awning. Contributing Resource.
125. 9483 Main Street. Brantley Gin Co. and Wood Products Farm Center. Ca. 1918. Gin complex with two story, brick and concrete building with hip and front gable roof of asphalt shingles, two off center wood and glass doors, display windows and casement window. One story, wood frame sheds with front gable roof of corrugated metal, weatherboard siding, off center wood doors. One story, wood sheds with corrugated metal, front gable roof, wood supports. Multiple story, wood frame ginnery with front gable roof of corrugated metal, off center double leaf, wood doors, jalousie windows, stoop with shed roof. Ginnery equipment. Contributing Resource.
126. 61 St. James Street. Brantley Fire Department. Ca. 1948. Two story, concrete block civic building with front gable roof of asphalt shingles, exposed rafter tails, off center wood door, garage door, 2/2 double hung sash windows, and garage. Contributing Resource.
127. 63 St. James. Ca. 1935. One and a half story, wood frame Tudor Revival cottage with cross gable roof of asphalt shingles, arched louvered ventilators, vinyl siding, half story with deck, wood open rail balustrade, first floor with off center wood door with circular light, plate glass windows, covered vestibule. Contributing Resource.

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Significance and Historical Context

Architecture

The Brantley Historic District is significant under Criterion C, Architecture, for its collection of late-nineteenth to mid-twentieth century residential architecture. Contained within the historic district are locally significant examples of high style and vernacular houses. Victorian era buildings and bungalows are prevalent. The T cottages and central passage cottages all have notable steeply pitched gable roofs. These houses feature such stylistic embellishments as brackets, spindlework friezes, turned posts, exposed timberwork, and wood posts on stone or brick piers. Tudor Revivals and Colonial Revivals are present in smaller numbers with a few Ranches. Vernacular house types in the historic district include pyramidal roof cottages, double pens, and minimal traditionals.

The houses of the middle and upper classes reflect a conscious effort on their builders and owners to capture the essence of nationwide architectural trends from the latter part of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth. The vernacular houses in the district reflect more basic needs of shelter for the Brantley working class that resided in them.

Many of the historic homes reside on Main Street and welcome traffic that flows from the nation through Alabama into Florida. These homes vary in style from late nineteenth-century Victorian style homes; bungalows from the early twentieth century, when the roadways were being upgraded; to Tudor Revivals of the 1930s, Colonial Revivals of the 1940s and minimal traditionals of the early 1950s. The progression of styles on Main Street illustrates the growth of Brantley and the importance of the highway that passes through the town.

The Brantley Historic District is significant under Criterion C, Architecture, for its small collection of late nineteenth to mid-twentieth century commercial buildings. Represented in the district are some examples of locally significant one and multiple story commercial block. Possessive of historic integrity to the period of significance, the resources in the historic district feature such historic characteristics as name and date plates, decorative brickwork, tin panel ceilings, transoms, parapets, bracketed cornices, corbelled belt and string courses, recessed panels, brackets, clerestories and glass display bays.

Commerce

The Brantley Historic District is significant under Criterion A, Commerce, for its collection of late nineteenth to mid twentieth-century commercial buildings. These buildings represent over 100 years of Brantley's commercial history. They are associated with significant periods of economic growth, including Brantley's industrial, commercial, and residential infancy in the late nineteenth-century (ca. 1890, 1897), peak years (1910-1919), and transportation growth in the early twentieth-century (ca. 1916-1935). Contained within the Brantley Historic District are historic banks, general merchandise stores, restaurants, specialty shops, professional offices, and a cotton gin, all the elements commonly associated with a commercial district.

Historical Context

Brantley, Alabama is a small town located in southern Crenshaw County. It came into being when the Central of Georgia Railroad right of way was surveyed from Troy to Searight in 1890. A group of investors from Troy, Alabama, sought a good location to establish a new town. T. K. Brantley, lead the businessmen from Troy who dubbed themselves the Brantley Land Company. Forty acres of land were purchased from George Wyatt and the present day town of Brantley was established. Originally the town was called Sasserville, and then Marcus. Finally the town was designated Brantley to acknowledge the president of the land company (Jackson, 1958).

Judge William Sanford and Matthew Downer Pace, both of Troy, surveyed the town plat. When the surveyors began their task the land was covered with pine trees with only two clearings. Frank and Bob Tisdale, the owners of the bar at nearby Tickle

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Gizzard, purchased the first lot. After the town was surveyed the Tisdales purchased a lot and proceeded to build themselves a new bar.

Brantley's first year of existence brought substantial growth. According to the 1892 *Luverne Enterprise* a fire caused an estimated \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 damage to the new town. Numerous businesses were damaged including the T. K. Brantley general merchandise store; W. P. Johnson and Brother's bar, H. T. Moody, general merchandise; J. M. Morgan, general merchandise; and the Tisdale and Company bar. The origins of the fire were unknown and virtually all the commercial resources built within the town of Brantley's first year of existence was destroyed.

Unfortunately many early Crenshaw County documents were destroyed in 1897 when the courthouse burned. Some newspapers survive from the turn of the century and document developments in the commercial district. The early commercial district was furnished with well water drawn from one well located in the middle of South Main Street. As the town grew a second well was dug in the street crossings of Main and Emmett Street. The pump and well remained in place until the streets were paved in the 1920s. The wells were located in the center of the street among a row of water oaks that divided the roadway into two lanes (Wyatt, 1950-51).

Our limited information of Brantley's history indicates that a member of the Brantley Land Company, Matthew Wright, built a furniture store in 1902 on Main Street (Wyatt, 1950-51). Several new businesses and homes were built on the Brantley Land Company Plot including the first trade stables, first grocery store, second furnishings store, and homes for both the Tisdales and T. K. Brantley (Wyatt, 1950-51).

By May 5, 1904, *The Luverne Journal* reports that Brantley is once again a "good solid town...with fifteen business houses, 2 up to date drug stores, 2 hotels, and 2 livery stables. It has 2 Churches and a school which is the pride of our town." The school referred to is gone. T. K. Brantley and Sons rebuilt their mercantile store and their competition was Wyatt, Henderson and Hill who opened their own business. The two livery stables were owned by a Mr. Zeigler and stood on Main Street. An African American, Simmons, operated the first barbershop on South Main Street (Wyatt, 1950-51).

Vera Tisdale views the years from 1910-1919 as the boom years for Brantley. During this time the economy was thriving based on timber and cotton growth in the area. Farmers and lumbermen were the consumers who drove the momentum of commerce. Stores providing goods and services were housed on Main Street along with financial institutions.

The First National Bank of Brantley (Resource 121) was praised in a 1910 newspaper article. The article indicates that the banking facility is new and headed by Fox Henderson. "With its liberal treatment of patrons, this bank promises increased strength and prosperity, and continued usefulness to the farmers and merchants of Brantley and surrounding country" (*The Luverne Journal*, 1910).

Around this time another asset was added for the farmers, a cotton gin. The gin was built at the end of South Main Street and owned by Bob and Fern Tisdale who later sold the gin to Byrd Sasser (Wyatt, 1950-51). Presently it is the Brantley Gin Co. and Wood Products Farm Center (Resource 125) and anchors the historic commercial district of Brantley.

As the commercial district developed on Main Street, so did the residential district. The carpenters who built the Victorian-era cottages were Buster Wyatt and Bill Harrington. These cottages line both sides of Main Street and make quite a statement of elegant beauty. Several of the homes have the same house plan including Resources 6, 20 and 86. All of these homes are T cottages with cross gable roofs of an unusually pronounced steep pitch.

Each T cottage displays a partial width porch with a hip roof and variations of ornamentation. According to Vera Tisdale, a lifetime Brantley resident and local historian, Harrington was a Confederate veteran who carved the embellishments on said houses. From her childhood memories she recalls that Mr. Harrington had a wooden leg. He lost the leg in the war and carved

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his own prosthesis (Tisdale, 2004). All of the aforementioned carpenter-contractors were locals who most likely had little formal training in the field.

Further growth took place as Brantley developed as a market and trading center. Farmers traveled from as far as thirty miles to sell their cotton and buy supplies in the Brantley commercial district (Jackson, 1959). By 1910 the population of Brantley was 803. Residences were built to accommodate for the businessmen and the people who worked in the lumber industry.

Housing such as central passage cottages and double pens were built ca. 1900-1915. Two central passage cottages are found in the historic district, Resource 30 and 70. Resource 3 is a double pen located on Ellis Street. Between 1915 and 1920 pyramidal roof cottages were built for the working classes. Four pyramidal roof cottages including Resources 34, 41, 61 and 68 are found in the historic district. Both Resources 59 and 68 are part of Main Streets' collection of homes. Bungalows began to swell the residential sections around 1918. Some twenty bungalows are located in the historic district. Brantley bungalows vary from simple working class houses to more finely crafted upper middle class homes with richer details. A set of Craftsman apartments (Resource 111) was built in the early 1920s in Brantley as well. An apartment building nearly identical to this one can be found in nearby Luverne.

Construction of bungalows and apartments indicates a growing population in Brantley in the twenties. This expansion goes hand in hand with a new school. In 1925 the first high school (Resource 57) was built on North Main Street. Ina Moxley instituted another public service in Brantley with the first Brantley public library in her home in 1929. Moxley dubbed her collection The Josephine Beck Library and it remained in her house until the late forties when it was moved to the downtown commercial district. The local library is presently housed in Resource 95.

During the twenties the Federal Government looked at plans for building better roads to help farmers reach such towns as Brantley. In 1916 Senator John Bankhead sponsored the Federal-Aid Road Act also called the Bankhead Bill. The act established the Federal-Aid Highway Program and a plan was developed to construct new roads nationwide. Unfortunately the U.S. entered World War I in 1917 and many federal-aid highway programs were hampered with too few men or supplies to build new roads. The nation's railroads were teeming with shipments for the war and the cargo spilled over onto the already inferior roadways. By the war's end, only 17.6 miles of roads were completed (Weingroff, 2001).

Thomas H. MacDonald was named the new chief of the Federal-aid Highway Program in 1919. MacDonald worked on the Federal Highway Act of 1921 to help his projects move forward. The act rejected the idea of a long-distance road network and tried to satisfy the advocates of farm-to-market roads while retaining a portion of federal-aid for a national highway network. State highway departments were relied upon to make decisions on local needs. A golden age for road development began in the 1920s. Federal-aid projects skyrocketed in 1922 with three times as much roadway improved nationally in 1922 as had been since the Federal-aid Highway Program was started in 1916.

Such road projects may seem primitive by our modern standards, including earth grading, sand-clay or gravel surfaces as opposed to paved surfaces. It was during the 1920s that the Brantley commercial district saw road improvements. Through the efforts of Brantley citizen, Clifton Eiland, the state paved a portion of the highway and the commercial district on Main Street in 1927 (Wyatt, 1950-51).

It was during this golden age that the South became accessible to other parts of the United States via the new road system. The general public became enamored with Florida as a vacation destination. Florida had long been an exotic destination for the pampered rich of the north east coast but this was changing. During the 1920s "Americans, in mud-spattered motor vehicles whose windshields were often cracked from the torturous conditions of southern roads and whose fenders were rarely free of dents, could be found on at least a dozen interstate highways that connected the South with other parts of the country" (Preston, 1991).

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Service stations began to turn up across the South along roads accessing Florida. As a rule general stores and livery stables were the first stores in the South to sell the necessities of modern travel, gasoline and motor oil, to drivers (Preston, 1991). By the 1920s specialty stations appeared. Brantley was no different and service stations sprung up on Main Street. Both a Standard Oil station and a Pure Station stood on Main. Pure Oil moved into Alabama in 1930 and had some 600 outlets (Jakle, Sculle, 1994). These businesses once welcomed Northern tourists traveling through Brantley and now the storefronts of the general stores are the only lingering record of this time.

The Great Depression that hit the country hard marred this time of travel. Fewer people now had money to travel to Florida. Small towns like Brantley floundered with sparse employment choices. In the early 1930s the local bank went broke and closed. Alabama Highway maps from 1930, 1931 and 1932 indicate that road projects connecting Crenshaw County to Coffee County were in progress. This roadwork would have included some jobs for county residences. Farming was the major occupation of Crenshaw County residents. Yet agricultural prices were so low that most farmers were just eking out an existence.

Fifty percent of the county population was employed as farmers for the period of the 1920s and 30s. The county population although employed was somewhat impoverished. However six Tudor Revival cottages were built in Brantley during the thirties. This small number looms large in such a small town of the Depression. Most of the cottages are wood framed when many Tudor Revival cottages tend to be built of brick. Yet Brantley was a lumber center and most of the homes surveyed are indicative of this. The exception to this rule is Resource 24 on Highway 29 that is a characteristic brick example of a Tudor Revival cottage.

By 1940 the Depression was beginning to wind down. The population of Brantley had risen to 1126. The population of Crenshaw County was 23,631 in 1940 with a total of 11,717 males. With little to no industry in Crenshaw County by 1950 the countywide population had dropped to 18,981 with a total of 9,334 males. Some of the population moved to larger industrial centers like Mobile or Childersburg whose economy was geared toward the war.

Post-World War II was a period when many residences were built to accommodate returning veterans and their baby-boom families. In Brantley the residential sections of town did expand with new Colonial Revivals, minimal traditionals, and Ranches built. With little industry to support Brantley, the automobile began to stimulate the economy in Brantley. Travel became the economic motivator in Brantley.

Cars became the mainstay of America and travel boomed in postwar U.S.A. During war years, trips had been held to a minimum to conserve resources needed on the battlefield. Now that the war was over gasoline flowed, as did vacations. Americans launched into holiday escapes to exotic locales like Florida. Florida's popularity is demonstrated by the quintessential fifties family, the Ricardos. During the 1950s no other show was more successful than *I Love Lucy*. The couple, Lucy and Dezi Ricardo, personified domestic bliss on the home front of postwar America. In the sixth season of the show, three episodes were dedicated to vacationing in Florida. Initially the two female characters, Lucy and neighbor, Ethel Mertz, are scheduled to travel by railroad to Florida from their home in New York City. Lucy loses the train tickets and the pair is forced to share a ride South by auto. This show typifies the mindset of the average family toward travel at the time.

Brantley's Main Street was a corridor to the state of Florida with Pensacola as the classic destination. The historic homes along Main Street ushered in travelers with their welcoming front porches. Many people from the North and South passed through on their vacations. Service stations, restaurants, and drug stores along Main Street provided commodities for travelers. Today Brantley is still a corridor to Florida that would like to retain its historic charm and revitalize itself for tourists of the future.

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X. Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The boundaries of the Brantley Historic District are defined as on the accompanying Crenshaw County tax maps: 24-20-02-09-03, 24-20-02-09-04, 24-20-02-16-01, and 24-20-02-16-02. The scale of the map is 1" = 400'.

The boundaries were drawn to contain the major thoroughfare of Main Street including the commercial buildings and residences that are the heart of Brantley. District boundaries were drawn so as to include the most Contributing Resources while excluding as many Non-Contributing Resources as possible.

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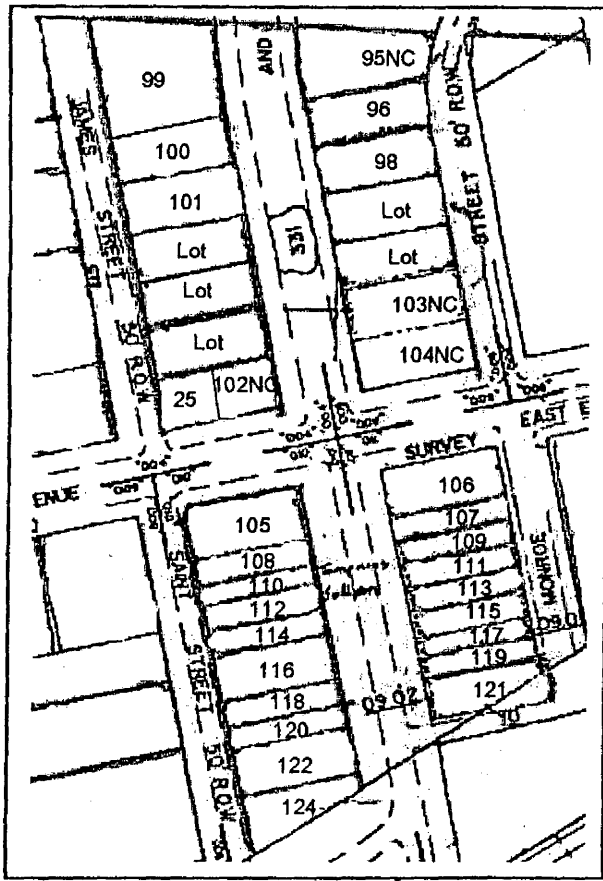
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- Photograph 2. Resource 24, 8930 Highway 29, facing Northeast.
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- Photograph 4. Resource 31, 9124 Highway 29, facing North.
- Photograph 5. Resource 76, 9078 Main Avenue, facing West.
- Photograph 6. Main Street facing Northeast.
- Photograph 7. Main Street facing North.
- Photograph 8. Resource 125, 9483 Main Street. Brantley Gin Co. and Wood Products Farm Center, facing Southeast.
- Photograph 9. Resource 114. King's, facing West.
- Photograph 10. Resource 112, Brantley Auto Parts, 9470 S. Main Street, facing West.
- Photograph 11. Resource 70, 9037 Main Street, facing Northeast.
- Photograph 12. Resource 3, 102 Ellis Street, facing Southwest.
- Photograph 13. Main Street facing Southwest.
- Photograph 14. Main Street facing Northeast.

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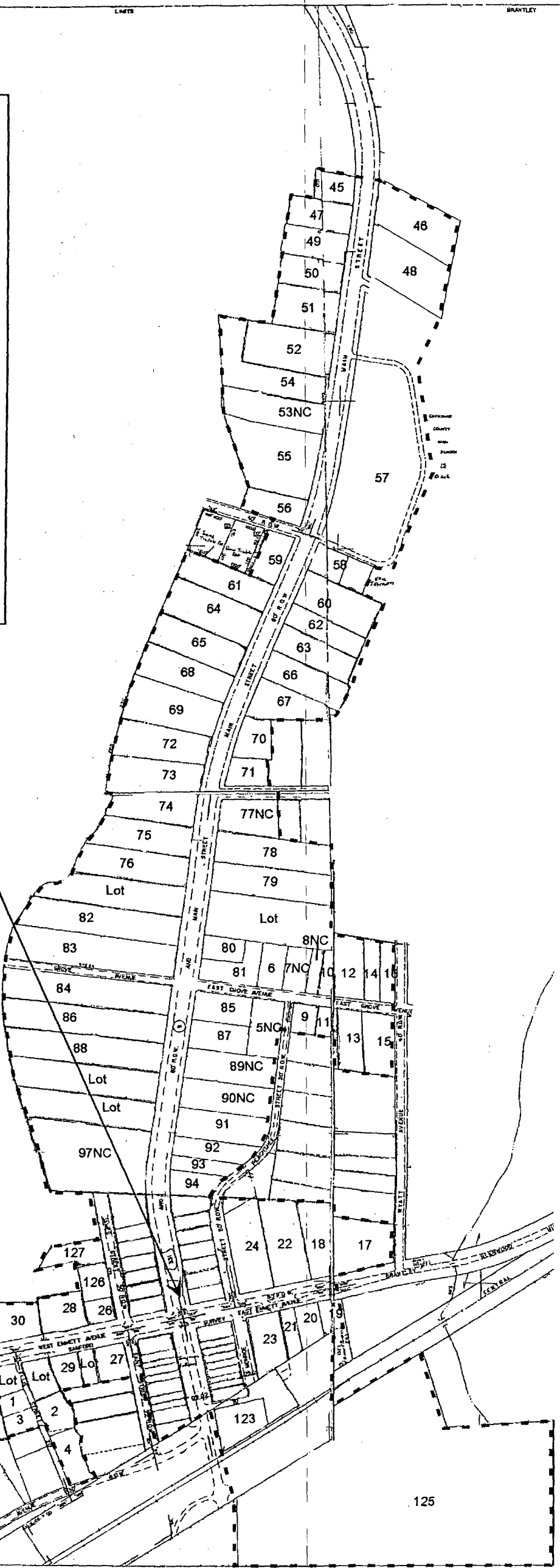


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