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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form Nat. Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Pinson Main Street Historic District

Other names/site number: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

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

2. Location

Street & number: All or parts of Clayton St., Elm Ave., Lane St., Main St., Marvin's Way, Old Bradford Rd., Pinson Plaza, Powell Ave., Spring St.

City or town: Pinson State: AL County: Jefferson

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B X C D

Bee Anne Wofford

(Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer December 2, 2015

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Alabama Historical Commission

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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

Signature of commenting official: _____ **Date** _____

Title : _____ **State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government** _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain:) _____


Signature of the Keeper

1/19/16
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
Public – Local
Public – State
Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
District
Site

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Structure

Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>91</u>	<u>15</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>100</u>	<u>16</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: BUSINESS, SPECIALTY STORE
DOMESTIC: SINGLE DWELLING, MULTIPLE-DWELLING
TRANSPORTATION: RAIL-RELATED

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: BUSINESS, SPECIALTY STORE
DOMESTIC: SINGLE DWELLING
VACANT: NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Colonial Revival

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS:

Bungalow/Craftsman, Commercial Style

MODERN MOVEMENT: Ranch

OTHER: Minimal Traditional

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

WOOD: Weatherboard

BRICK

ASPHALT

STUCCO

METAL: Tin, Aluminum, Steel

GLASS

CONCRETE

SYNTHETICS: Vinyl

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

The district contains the following street numbers:

Clayton Street

4211, 4226, 4226 (a), 4234, 4234 (a), 4240, 4240 (a), 4258, 4270, 4274, 4274 (a), 4278, 4278 (a)

Elm Street

6200, 6210, 6211, 6220, 6221, 6230, 6231, 6240, 6241, 6250, 6251

Lane Street

6209, 6223, 6251

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Main Street

4049; 4049 (a); 4065; 4069; 4093; 4093 (a); 4098; 4111; 4117; 4117 (a); 4133; 4137; 4156; 4156 (a); 4156 (b); 4156 (c); 4161; 4161 (a); 4173; 4191; 4215, 4219; 4225; 4229-4265 (shopping center); 4230; 4230 (a); 4235; 4235 (a); 4239, 4239 (a); 4278; 4280; 4281; 4285; 4293; 4295; 4296; 4298; 4300; 4301; 4306; 4307; 4307 (a); 4310; 4316; 4316 (a); 4317; 4317 (a); 4324; 4330

Marvin's Way

101; 101 (a)

Old Bradford Road

6427, 6427 (a), 6433, 6433 (a), 6439, 6451, 6462

Pinson Plaza

102-122 (a-e); (also listed as 116 - a; 122-126 - b; 4236 - c; 4238 - d; 4250 - e)

Powell Avenue

4108, 4108 (a), 4109, 4109 (a), 4125, 4135, 4145, 4159, 4168, 4168 (a), 4169, 4169 (a), 4172, 4172 (a), 4177, 4181, 4182, 4185, 4187, 4188, 4188 (a), 4189, 4192

Spring Street

No # - bridge (Inv. # 84) located adjacent immediately east of Inventory # 85), 4094, 4095

Summary Paragraph

The Pinson Main Street Historic District includes approximately twenty (20) acres and is within the city limits of Pinson, Alabama, a suburb northeast of Birmingham. The area is mostly flat but with some moderate hills. There is one main thoroughfare, Main Street, known historically as the Old Huntsville Road or Clay Pinson Road. It runs north and south and contains all but two of the commercial resources, as well as some residential buildings and the only structure, a bridge (Inv. # 84), in the District. The only commercial resources not on Main Street is a one story free standing building on Clayton Street (Inv. #1, which is located immediately behind Main Street); and the train depot which remains extant on Spring Street (Inv. # 85). The Palmer Homestead (Inv. # 22, now owned by the City of Pinson) forms the District's southeasternmost boundary; and Sweeny Hollow Road forms the southern boundary. To the west is Alabama Highway 79.

Other streets in the city limits are disconnected from the concentration of historic resources and are, therefore, omitted from the District.

Archaeological Component

To date there has been no systematic archaeological survey of the Pinson Main Street Historic District. Such a survey could reveal important archaeological sources.

****Unless indicated by (NC) for Non-contributing resources, all resources will be considered Contributing resources. Sources deemed Non-contributing are those that are less than 50**

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years, where remodeling has substantially obscured the historical materials, or where additions overwhelm the historical appearance. Examples are buildings that have had a combination of alterations that post-date the POS, such as additional siding, window replacements, porch enclosures, and/or significant front or side additions. One alteration in and of itself does not deem the entire resource as non-contributing. There are also a few non-structural sheds or arbors that exist in the district but have not been included in the inventory due to their temporary, impermanent nature.

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Description of Historic District

The overall environment of the Pinson Main Street Historic District has been rural until the last approximately fifteen (15) years. Since then, suburban development has proceeded principally because of its proximity to the City of Birmingham and the growth of its suburbs. While the City of Pinson is only sixteen (16) miles northeast of Birmingham it has, until the last fifteen (15) years, moreover, remained a predominantly rural enclave loosely tied to suburban growth in Birmingham. Currently, the town is growing rapidly in a suburban pattern but is also dedicated to preserving its historic character.

The Pinson Main Street Historic District includes 116 resources dating from c. 1900 (Inv. # 85, the train depot) to c. 1963 (Inv. # 67 a-e, a shopping center). Only sixteen (16) are non-contributing, thirteen (13) of which are less than fifty (50) years old. Resources are located on Clayton Street, Elm Avenue, Lane Street, Main Street, Marvin's Way, Powell Avenue, and Spring Street. Buildings constructed prior to the c. 1940's are predominantly weatherboard; post 1940's structures are weatherboard, brick, stucco, asphalt shingles, or concrete block. Commercial buildings typically have flat roofs, while residential buildings have hips or gables, and wood windows. Since the c. 1960's, some structures have been refaced with vinyl or aluminum and/or have replaced original windows with aluminum; a few have enclosed porches.

The oldest residential structure is the c. 1900 train depot, a wonderful structure with double veranda on Spring Street (Inv. # 84). There are also one c. 1910 commercial structure, an oil-related building on Main Street (Inv. # 52); and three c. 1910's houses (Inv. #s 39, 59, 85). There are a variety of c. 1920 houses including the most well articulated house in the District, a two story Colonial Revival style house, built 1923, on the far west side of Main Street (Inv. # 32, the Smith-Little House); the beautiful c. 1920 Palmer farmstead on Lane Street (Inv. # 22); and simple bungalows throughout the District (Inv. #s 5, 8, 23, 34, 35, 40). There are also several rock retaining walls including one remaining from an earlier (c. 1920) no longer extant home place (Inv. # 37).

All commercial buildings are on, or directly behind, Main Street. Moreover, with the exception of the c. 1898 Self General Store (Inv. #56) which was moved to its present location c. 1948, and the c. 1910 gas-related building (Inv. # 50), they all were built from c. 1945 – c. 1963. All are free standing commercial buildings or commercial blocks including the fine 1948 Price Drug's on Main Street (Inv. # 51) which has a rounded corner and three extant neon signs.

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Resources dating from the 1940s include a c. 1940 concrete bridge on Spring Street (Inv. # 84); Colonial Revival style house (Inv. # 33), bungalows (Inv. #s 15), and Minimal Traditional houses (Inv. #s 6, 9, 10). There are also two excellent 1947 cut stone bungalows on Powell Avenue (Inv. #s 67, 68) that are adjacent and very similar to each other. They were built by the Ingram family and are located west of the commercial enclave. Most houses dating from the 1950s are Minimal Traditional (Inv. #s 11, 13, 62, 70, 71, 72) or simple Ranch style (Inv. #63, 64, 78, 80) houses. In addition, several Ranch style houses remain from c. 1960 (Inv. #12, 20, 30), including one fine c. 1960 Minimal Traditional house, the Price House (Inv. # 58).

Pinson Main Street Historic District retains integrity with regards to location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Location and Setting: The resources in the historic district, except for one, remain in their original locations directly along, or one block from, the main roadway of the historic district, Main Street. One building was moved one block from its original location, which was completed well within the period of significance, and has since achieved significance in the new location. The physical environment of the historic district, although threatened by development and punctured with a few vacant lots, has remained intact since 1963.

Design: The layout and composition of the district reflect late 19th century building patterns and the rebuilding efforts after the 1920s and 1940s fires and the early 1960s shopping modernizations.

Materials: The original materials from the late-19th and early- to mid-20th centuries have been retained in exterior cladding, windows, roofing, and foundation for the majority of the resources in the district. Though a few of the residential resources have added vinyl siding, this change does not detract from the district's overall integrity of materials.

Workmanship: The use of rock in both exterior building cladding and site improvements, such as walls and fences, and the use of wood, concrete, brick, and stucco all illustrate the aesthetic principles typical of the late 19th and early-to-mid 20th centuries commercial and architectural styles present throughout the district.

Feeling: Pinson Main Street Historic District retains a strong sense of feeling, conveying the important role the district made in the town's commercial and residential development between 1898 and 1963.

Association: Pinson Main Street Historic District retains its association with important local establishment and changes of commerce and architecture between 1898 and 1963.

Inventory

Information for the inventory was compiled from historic research and field surveys by Pamela Sterne King, Preservation Consultant between 2013 and 2015.

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Clayton Street

1. Pike's Plumbing. 4211 Clayton Street. c. 1950.
Two story concrete block building with a flat roof, right side single entrance with a transom that is boarded up and a single garage door. There is also a concrete foundation.
2. House. 4226 Clayton Street. c. 1925.
One story weatherboard bungalow with a front gable roof, left extended porch bay with a front gable roof, 6:6 double hung wood windows, brick foundation, and an original wood and glass door.
 - a. Garage. c. 1925.
One story weatherboard garage with a front gable roof and a single wood window that is boarded up.
3. House. 4234 Clayton Street. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house with asphalt shingles, 6:6 double hung wood windows, side gable roof, off center stoop with a front gable roof, and concrete block foundation.
 - a. Garage/shed. c. 1945.
One story weatherboard garage/shed with a front gable roof.
4. House. 4240 Clayton Street. (NC) c. 1950.
One story bungalow that was substantially remodeled after the POS including reorientation of the front entrance to the right elevation. It has a side gable roof with eaves, 2:2 double hung wood windows, decorative tan rear exterior chimney, and a brick foundation. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
 - a. Garage/shed. c. 1940.
One story concrete block garage/shed with a front gable roof, exposed rafter tails, wood and glass garage doors, and a single right bay entrance door.
5. House. 4258 Clayton Street. c. 1925; c. 1945.
One story bungalow with c. 1945 asphalt shingles, front gable roof with wood vent flanked by single pane wood windows, wood knee braces, interior stucco chimney, 3:1 double hung wood windows, and a brick foundation. The front extended porch bay was enclosed with asphalt shingles and 1:1 wood windows c. 1945; and there is a modern rear wood addition with side entrance and wood rail, and 1:1 double hung aluminum windows that post-date the POS.
6. House. 4270 Clayton Street. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house, hip roof with side gables, 6:6 double hung wood windows, front rubble stone chimney, off center entrance bay, and a right

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recessed porch bay that was glassed in after the POS. It also has modern vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.

7. House. 4274 Clayton Street. c. 1925.
One story bungalow with a front gable roof; full front porch with wood posts; porch floor and rails; left side front entrance; and a brick foundation. Modern 6:6 double hung aluminum windows and vinyl siding post-date the POS.
 - a. Shed. (NC) c. 2000.
One story shed with a front gable and vinyl siding.
8. House. 4278 Clayton Street. c. 1925.
One story bungalow with a front gable roof, 6:6 double hung wood windows, exterior brick chimney, rubble stone foundation, and recessed porch bay with wrought iron railing on the right elevation. There is modern vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.
 - a. Garage. c. 1925
One story weatherboard garage with a front gable roof and concrete foundation.

Elm Avenue

9. House. 6200 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house with side gable roof with eaves, full front porch with a gable and wrought iron railing, 2:2 double hung wood windows, and a concrete block foundation. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
10. House. 6210 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story wood shingled Minimal Traditional house with hipped roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, multiple paned fixed wood "picture" window flanked by 2:2 double hung wood windows. There is also a concrete block foundation.
11. House. 6211 Elm Avenue. c. 1950.
One story Minimal Traditional house with hip roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, entrance bay, carport on the right elevation with wrought iron railing, and a concrete block foundation. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
12. House. 6220 Elm Avenue. c. 1960.
One story "L" brick shaped Ranch style house with a hipped roof, extended bay stoop on the left elevation with wood rail and wrought iron posts, carport on the right elevation, 1:1 double hung wood windows, and a concrete foundation.
13. House. 6221 Elm Avenue. c. 1950.
One story Minimal Traditional house with a hipped roof, projecting left elevation bay with hipped roof, front projecting entrance bay porch with hipped roof, large decorative front exterior brick chimney, built in wood garage on the right elevation,

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- and concrete block foundation. Modern 1:1 double hung aluminum windows and aluminum siding post-date the POS.
14. House. 6230 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story weatherboard Minimal Traditional house with a hipped roof, divided wood "picture" window on the right bay, and concrete block foundation. On the right elevation is a carport with wrought iron railing.
15. House. 6231 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story weatherboard bungalow with a side gable roof, 3:1 double hung wood windows throughout and a concrete block foundation. There is a central front gable over front porch which was glassed in after the POS.
16. House. 6240 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story weatherboard and stone veneer (on front elevation only) Minimal Traditional house with wood rafters, side gable roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, brick foundation, and decorative wood foundation vents.
17. House. 6241 Elm Avenue. c. 1955.
One story Ranch style house with brick on the lower portion and modern aluminum siding on the upper portion installed after the POS. There is a side gable roof, front gable roof over the left bay, 2:2 double hung wood windows, partial front porch with round wood columns, and a concrete block foundation.
18. House. 6251 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house with a hip roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, front stoop, and a concrete block foundation. Vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
19. House. 6250 Elm Avenue. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house with a hip roof, brick chimney on the left elevation, 8:8 double hung wood windows, off center front stoop with a front gable, and a concrete block foundation. Vinyl siding and some 4:4 double hung aluminum windows post-date the POS.

Lane Street

20. House. 6209 Lane Street. c. 1960.
One story brick Ranch style house with a hip roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, large left front exterior brick chimney, front entrance stoop bay with wrought iron railing, and a concrete foundation.
21. House. 6223 Lane Street. c. 1925; c. 1950.

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One story weatherboard Craftsman style bungalow with a front gable roof, exposed rafter tails, right end stoop, 6:6 double hung wood windows, and carport with c. 1950 wrought iron rails on the left elevation.

a. Garage. c. 1925.

One story, three-stall weatherboard garage with a side gable, 6:6 double hung wood windows, and an access door in the right side elevation.

22. Palmer Homestead. 6251 Lane Street. c. 1920; c. 1948.

One story beaded board house with a hip roof; brick chimney on the front elevation; two interior brick chimneys; extended bay on the right elevation with gable with round wood vent; 4:4 double hung wood windows; left elevation bay stoop with a gabled hood, wood brackets and c. 1948 wrought iron railing; rear screened porch with a flat roof on the left elevation; and a concrete foundation. The house is surrounded by approximately 20 acres of rolling land formerly used by the Palmer family for farming.

Main Street

23. House. 4049 Main Street. c. 1925.

One story weatherboard bungalow with a front gable roof with wood vent, multiple bay front screened porch with a rock porch wall, 6:6 double hung wood windows, brick chimney, and brick foundation.

a. Shed. c. 1925.

One story weatherboard shed with a front gable roof.

24. House. 4065 Main Street. c. 1950.

One story Minimal Traditional house, side gable roof, large right side exterior brick chimney, 6:6 and 8:8 double hung wood windows, multiple paned wood windows flanked by 2:2 double hung wood windows on the right bay, entrance bay with front gable, and a concrete block foundation. Modern wood siding post-dates the POS.

25. House. 4069 Main Street. c. 1955.

One story Minimal Traditional house, 2:2 double hung wood windows, side gable roof, left front gable, right bay recessed entrance bay, and a concrete block foundation. There is modern aluminum siding that post-dates the POS.

26. House. 4093 Main Street. c. 1955.

One story Minimal Traditional house with brick on the bottom ½ and modern aluminum siding on the top ½ that post-dates the POS. There are 2:2 double hung wood windows, side gable roof, off center extended entrance porch bay with a flat roof and wrought iron railing, and a concrete foundation.

a. Exterior wall. c. 1955.

Exterior rock retaining wall at the street.

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27. House. 4111 Main Street. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house with 6:6 double hung wood windows, hipped roof, off center recessed entrance bay, and a concrete block foundation. Modern aluminum siding post-dates the POS.
28. House. 4117 Main Street. c. 1950.
One story "L" shaped bungalow with cross gable roof, rear bay with a side gable roof, brick foundation, 1:1 double hung wood windows, and right side entrance bay at a 90-degree angle to the front façade. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
 - a. Garage/shed. c. 1950.
One story garage with a left side single entrance, front gable roof, and concrete foundation. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
29. House. 4133 Main Street. c. 1960.
One story brick Ranch style house with a hip roof with a left front gable, 6:6 double hung wood windows, front recessed entrance bay with wrought iron railing, and a concrete foundation.
30. House. 4137 Main Street. (NC) c. 2000.
One story brick house with a hip roof, 6:6 aluminum windows, and a brick foundation.
31. Smith-Little House. 4156 Main Street. c. 1923. c. 1940.
Two story Colonial Revival style house with a central entrance with fanlight and sidelights; two story portico with a series of six square wood pillars with simple caps, brick tile floor, and flat roof; side gable main roof; 1:1 double hung windows on the 1st floor and 6:1 double hung windows on the 2nd floor; stone chimney on the left elevation and a matching interior chimney; brick foundation; and a one story rear porch wing, on the right elevation, that was glassed in c. 1940 and has pairs of simple square wood pillars and Chippendale style balustrade. There is also a c. 2000 rear one story addition with a side gable roof, 2:2 double hung aluminum windows, and a concrete foundation. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS. This is the largest and the most high style house in the district and in all of the town of Pinson.
 - a. House. (NC) c. 2000.
One story bungalow with a front gable roof, central entrance, and vinyl siding that post-dates the POS. It is not clearly visible from the street, but sits behind the left elevation of the main house.
 - b. Wall/fence. c. 1940
Nice wrought iron fence with brick piers and limestone caps that encircles the property.
 - c. Carport. (NC) c. 1970.
Detached wood carport with a flat roof and wood posts.
32. Patterson House. 4161 Main Street. c. 1945.

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- One story brick Colonial Revival style house with two front dormers with wood shingles, exterior brick chimney on the left elevation, side gable roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, off center entrance with a gable roof with wood shingles and wrought iron railing, front wood gabled vent on the left elevation bay, and a concrete foundation.
- a. Carport. c. 1960.
Detached carport with a side gable and square wood posts with wood supports.
33. Bell House. 4173 Main Street. c. 1925.
One story bungalow with front gable roof, partial bay front porch with a gable roof, 1:1 double hung wood windows, full front porch with tapered wood posts on brick piers that was glassed in after the POS, brick porch wall, and brick foundation. Aluminum siding post-dates the POS.
34. House. 4197 Main Street. c. 1925; c. 1945.
One story weatherboard Craftsman style bungalow with hipped roof with front gable, wood knee braces, off center brick chimney, 6:6 double hung wood windows, off center entrance, concrete foundation, and a c. 1945 multiple paned wood fixed window flanked by 4:4 double hung windows. There is modern vinyl siding on the front façade only that post-dates the POS.
35. House. 4215 Main Street. (NC) c. 2000.
One story brick house with a hip roof, front stoop, 6:6 double hung windows, and a concrete foundation.
36. Wall. 4219 Main Street. c. 1925.
Exterior rock retaining wall along a now vacant lot that remains from an earlier, no longer extant home place.
37. House/now Rainbow Vacuum. 4225 Main Street. c. 1940. c. 1948.
One story bungalow with a front gable roof, central entrance flanked by modern 6:6 double hung aluminum windows that post-date the POS, full front porch with c. 1948 wrought iron rail, and a rock foundation. There is also modern aluminum siding that post-dates the POS.
38. Taylor House. 4230 Main Street. c. 1910.
One story weatherboard house with a hip roof with side and front gables. The left front gable has diamond shaped wood shingles. There is a full front porch with square rubble stone end columns and square wood center columns on rubble stone piers. There is a decorative wood surround at the entrance, rubble stone foundation, and a wood picket fence along the street face. There are also modern 9:6 double hung aluminum windows that post-date the POS.
- a. Storage shed. c. 1945.
One story concrete block shed with a flat roof and concrete foundation. This shed is virtually hidden by shrub.

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39. House/ now State Farm. 4235 Main Street. c. 1925. c. 1945
One story hipped cottage with a side gable roof on the left bay, c. 1945 Minimal Traditional style left wing, c. 1945 single pane wood windows, off center brick chimney, and rock foundation. The house has modern vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.
 - a. Wall. c. 1925.
Low exterior rock wall along the street face.
40. House/ now Michael Noyes CPA. 4239 Main Street. c. 1925.
One story bungalow with a front gable roof, side gables at the rear bay, 2:2 double hung wood windows, entrance at a 90 degree angle to the front face, and a concrete foundation. There is modern aluminum siding that post-dates the POS.
 - a. Wall. c. 1925.
Rock wall at the street face.
41. Shopping Center. 4229, 4249, 4257, 4265 Main Street. c. 1955.
One story free standing brick shopping center with two wings. The left elevation wing has four bays, and the right elevation wing is recessed, has two bays, and two concrete steps leading to it. Each bay has a central aluminum door that post-dates the POS and is flanked by original divided wood display windows with brick sills. The left wing has a metal pent roof; the right wing had a flat roof that was recently removed for repair.
42. CSG. 4278 Main Street. (NC) c. 1980.
One story commercial building with a mansard roof, vinyl siding on the upper ½ and faux rock on the lower ½, concrete foundation, recessed right elevation entrance bay, and single fixed aluminum window on the left elevation.
43. Commercial Building. 4280 Main Street. (NC). c. 1980.
One story commercial building with a flat roof, faux rock façade, aluminum and glass storefront, and concrete foundation.
44. Commercial Building. 4281 Main Street. c. 1950.
One story brick and concrete block (on the sides) commercial block with a hip roof, central entrance with double wood doors flanked by divided wood storefronts with brick sills, sign panel above the storefront, and a concrete block foundation.
45. Commercial Building/Sonya's Stuff. 4285 Main Street. (NC) c. 1950.
One story brick (at least at the base of the building, the only visible original portion) commercial block with a flat roof and concrete foundation. Modern vinyl siding, aluminum and glass store windows, and central double aluminum entrance doors almost completely obscure the original building and post-date the POS.

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46. Commercial Building/now Sonya's Stuff. 4293 Main Street. c. 1950.
Two-story, free standing stucco commercial building on a corner lot. It has a flat roof, recessed central entrance with double wood and glass doors that post-date the POS and are flanked by wood sash display windows, a metal awning, a concrete foundation, and recessed single door entrance on the right most elevation. There is also modern wood siding on the front 2nd floor façade that post-dates the POS.
47. Commercial Building/now Sonya's Stuff. 4295 Main Street. c. 1950.
One story commercial building with a flat roof, original central double wood doors flanked by divided wood sash display windows, and a concrete foundation. There is also a single wood sash display window on the left most elevation.
48. Todd's. 4296 Main Street. (NC) c. 1985.
One story free-standing building with vinyl siding and brick on the bottom portion, concrete foundation, side gable roof, and central entrance.
49. Gas Station/now Green House Market. 4298 Main Street. c. 1910.
One story free standing weatherboard building with side gables and wood vents, central chimney, full front porch with a shed roof, original left side wood door, original double wood off center entrance, wood sash display window, and a concrete foundation. Modern wood paneling that post-dates the POS covers the front façade and the lower ½ of the side facades.
50. Price's Drugs. 4300 Main Street. c. 1948. c. 1955. c. 1960.
One part commercial block with oversized bricks on the exterior walls, a flat roof, and a rounded corner. There is an aluminum sash and glass storefront, double-leaf entrance flanked by display windows with bulkheads and a glass block transom above, and a concrete foundation. There is also a c. 1960 wood addition with a shed roof off a side elevation; and three c. 1955 neon signs on the front façade.

This was the original site of the M. B. Self's General Store which was moved to 4316 Main Street c. 1948 to allow construction of this building.
51. Jim's Signs. 4301 Main Street. c. 1955.
One story free-standing concrete block building with a front gable roof; off central entrance flanked by wood sash display windows; secondary entrance door on the left side of front elevation; wrought iron front posts; and a concrete block foundation.
52. Commercial Building/Marsh's Furniture. 4306 Main Street. c. 1950.
One story, one bay, concrete block commercial block with a central entrance flanked by wood sash display windows, flat roof that is stepped on the sides, and a concrete foundation.
53. House. 4307 Main Street. c. 1925.

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One story weatherboard and brick Craftsman style bungalow with a front gable roof and wood vent; wood knee braces, exterior brick chimney, and central entrance with original decorative wood and glass door flanked by multiple, single-paned wood windows on the front but with other window styles on the side elevations. There is a full front porch with square wood columns on brick piers, brick porch and cheek walls, and a brick foundation.

a. Garage. c. 1925.

One story weatherboard garage with a front tin gable roof.

54. Marsh Piano and Organ. 4310 Main Street. c. 1949.

One story, one bay, stucco commercial block with a flat roof, and concrete foundation. There is also a central entrance with modern aluminum and glass display windows that post-date the POS.

Marsh Piano and Organ had been built by 1949, according to Board of Equalization records. Therefore, the c. 1949 date of construction was chosen.

55. M. B. Self General Store. 4316 Main Street. c. 1898; c. 1948.

One story, wood-frame store with front gable roof; central entrance flanked by 1:1 double hung wood windows; central interior brick chimney, and concrete block foundation. A rear left elevation wing with a 6:6 double hung wood window, and a front right elevation wing with a shed roof, were added probably c. 1948 when the building was moved from its original site to its current location (see Price's Drugs, Inv. # 51). This is listed on the Jefferson County Historical Commission Register which supplied the c. 1898 date.

a. Storage Building. (NC) c. 2000.

One story prefabricated metal building with a flat roof and concrete foundation.

56. House. 4317 Main Street. c. 1945.

One and one half story brick -- and vinyl siding that post-dates the POS -- Minimal Traditional house with a side gable roof; front left elevation wing with vinyl siding and fixed windows that post-date the POS; and 8:8 double hung wood windows. Two front dormers flank an off center extended front bay with a gable roof; and an octagonal bay window with a metal roof and multi-paned aluminum windows post-date the POS, brick façade (on the lower portion), and modern vinyl (on the upper portion) that post-date the POS. There is also a central bay recessed stoop with wrought iron rail, brick foundation, and modern standing seam metal roof that post-dates the POS.

a. Garage. c. 1955.

One story weatherboard two-car garage with a front gable with wood vent and a concrete foundation.

57. Price House. 4324 Main Street. c. 1960.

One and one-half story weatherboard and brick Minimal Traditional style house with a side gable roof, front gable roof over the right bay, 2:2 double hung wood windows,

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and central entrance with wrought iron railing. There is also a large, two bay carport on the right elevation with a terrace built on the flat roof with decorative wrought iron balustrade.

The Price family built Price's Drugs c. 1948 (Inv. # 52).

58. House. 4330 Main Street. c. 1910.

One story weatherboard house with a front gable roof with exposed rafter ends and decorative wood vent, 1:1 double hung wood windows, rear right side porch with Victorian-era milled woodwork, full front porch with a shed roof and four square wood columns, original wood and glass front door and original decorative wood and screen door. There is a central entrance, brick chimney, and decorative wood porch rail.

Marvin's Way

59. House. 101 Marvin's Way. (NC) c. 1975.

One and one-half story brick house with vinyl siding; 1:1 and 6:6 aluminum siding; side gable roof with standing metal; front porch with a spraddle roof, and a concrete foundation. Modern aluminum siding post-dates the POS.

a. Garage. (NC) c. 2000.

Two story concrete block garage with some vinyl siding.

Old Bradford Road

60. House. 6427 Old Bradford Road. c. 1925.

One story weatherboard bungalow with a side gable roof, 6:6 double hung wood windows, interior brick chimney, right recessed porch with wrought iron rail, and a brick foundation.

a. Shed. c. 1925.

One story wood shed with a tin gable roof.

61. House. 6433 Old Bradford Road. c. 1955.

One story brick Minimal Traditional House with original tin side gable roof, and concrete foundation. There is a central gabled wood vent, 6:6 double hung wood windows, projecting porch bay on the right elevation with a gable, simple wood posts, and vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.

a. Shed. c. 1955.

Two story, with one story bay, rear wood shed with tin roof.

62. House. 6439 Old Bradford Road. c. 1955.

One story brick Ranch style house with a hipped roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows with wood shutters, single pane fixed "picture" flanked by 2:2 double hung wood windows, built in garage bay, concrete foundation, and a two story rear bay with vinyl siding and 1:1 double hung aluminum windows that post-dates the POS.

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63. House. 6451 Old Bradford Road. c. 1955.
One story brick Ranch style house with a hip roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, recessed bay on the left elevation with a stoop and wrought iron rail, and concrete foundation.
64. House. 6462 Old Bradford Road. c. 1925.
One story wood shingle bungalow with a front gable roof with wood shingles, front porch with a stucco porch wall that was glassed in after the POS, left rear wing with wood shingles, and a concrete foundation.

Pinson Plaza

65. Pinson Plaza Shopping Center. 102-122 Pinson Plaza. 1963.
L-shaped early shopping center comprised of four one story brick buildings with flat roofs and concrete slab foundations; and one free standing brick building with a flat roof and concrete slab foundation. They are:
- a. Store/ now vacant. 116 Pinson Plaza. 1963.
One story brick shopping center with a flat roof with a metal pent roof that post-dates the POS, five bays with aluminum and glass display windows, and a concrete foundation.
 - b. Pharmacy/ now Commercial Building. 122-126 Pinson Plaza. 1963.
One story building with a brick front façade; with a flat roof and metal pent roof that post-dates the POS; decorative brick work; central entrance with an aluminum and glass storefront on the right; and a concrete foundation.
 - c. Archer Hardware. 4236 Pinson Plaza. 1963.
One story building with an in-line brick front façade, concrete foundation, metal pent roof that post-dates the POS, aluminum and glass display window, and a concrete foundation.
 - d. Commercial Building/now Games. 4238 Pinson Plaza. 1963.
One story brick building with a flat roof with a modern mansard parapet that post-dates the POS, central entrance flanked by wood display windows, stepped recessed wing with an entrance in the recessed portion and storefronts on either side, and a concrete foundation.
 - e. Food Town. 4250 Pinson Plaza. 1963.
One story free standing brick building with entrances flanking the left corner of the building, one storefront along the Main Street façade, concrete foundation, and a large rear concrete block wing on the left rear façade. There is a two bay delivery bay on the rear right façade that was filled in with decorative brick after the POS, flat roof with a stepped parapet along Main Street, concrete foundation, and a large rear bay with simple decorative brick.

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66. Lynch House. 4108 Powell Avenue. 1947.
One story cut stone with a front gable roof with vinyl siding that post-dates the POS, arched extended front bay with an alcove entrance with wrought iron railing, left exterior rock chimney, 2:2 double hung wood windows, left bay multiple paned fixed wood window flanked by 2:2 double hung wood windows, left rear open porch bay with wrought iron railing, and a rock foundation. This bungalow is nearly identical to Inv. #67 and, like it, was built by the Ingram family.
- a. Well house. 1947.
One story wood and stone building with a central entrance, front gable roof, and rock foundation.
67. House. 4109 Powell Avenue. 1947.
One story cut stone bungalow with a side gable roof, arched alcove entrance with 2:2 double hung wood windows, left octagonal bay with 6:6 double hung wood windows and a gable, 6:6 double hung wood windows, and a rock foundation. This charming bungalow was built by the Ingram family.
- a. Garage. c. 1947.
One story 2 bay wood garage with a vent in the front gabled roof. Aluminum garage doors post-date the POS.
68. House. 4125 Powell Avenue. (NC) c. 1975.
One story house with wood siding, side gable roof, 9:9 double hung wood windows on left side, 1:1 double hung aluminum windows on central and right sides, central entrance, and a brick foundation.
69. House. 4135 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story Minimal Traditional house with wood siding on the upper half and brick on the lower half, hipped roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows, off center entrance, brick foundation, and a left side carport.
70. House. 4145 Powell Avenue. c. 1955.
One story Minimal Traditional house with 1:1 double hung aluminum windows, side gable, off center entrance bay with a front gable, and a concrete block foundation. Modern aluminum siding post-dates the POS.
71. House. 4159 Powell Avenue. c. 1955.
One story Minimal Traditional house with asphalt shingles, 2:2 double hung wood windows, hip roof, extended right bay with a hip roof, left recessed porch bay, and a concrete block foundation.
72. House. 4168 Powell Avenue. c. 1925.

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- One story bungalow with a side gable roof, 3:1 double hung wood windows, central front extended entrance bay that is screened and has a gable on hip roof, right bay screened porch, and a concrete foundation. Modern vinyl siding post-dates the POS.
- a. Garage. c. 1925.
One story weatherboard garage with a front gable and a 6:6 double hung wood windows.
73. House. 4169 Powell Avenue. c. 1925; c.1950.
One story wood house with a main hipped roof, slightly projecting front bay with a hipped roof, and a concrete block foundation. It was remodeled c. 1950 with metal casement windows on the right elevation, and the left bay porch was enclosed with wood siding. 6:6 double hung aluminum windows on the enclosed porch bay post-date the POS.
- a. Garage. c. 1930.
One and one half story concrete block building with a two bay garage. There is a front gable, concrete block foundation, and tin siding above the 4-paned, half-story wood window.
74. House. 4172 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story bungalow with a front gable roof and a concrete block foundation. Modern vinyl siding and 1:1 double hung aluminum windows post-date the POS.
- a. Garage. c. 1950.
One story garage with modern vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.
75. House. 4177 Powell Avenue. (NC) c. 1955.
One story bungalow with 6:6 double hung wood windows, side gable roof, concrete block foundation, octagonal bay on the left elevation with 6:6 double hung wood windows, and a right elevation carport. The enclosed front porch entrance bay and modern wood paneling post-date the POS.
76. House. 4181 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story Minimal Traditional house with wood siding, side gable roof, 1:1 aluminum windows that post-date the POS, right side entrance bay, interior brick chimney, and a concrete block foundation.
77. House. 4182 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story brick Ranch style house with a hip roof; 2:2 double hung wood windows; concrete foundation; entrance bay with a gable roof, wood posts, wrought iron railing; and a carport on the right elevation.
78. House. 4185 Powell Avenue. c. 1945.
One story Minimal Traditional house with a side gable roof, right side porch with a side gable and highly decorative wrought iron railing, 2:2 double hung wood windows, concrete block foundation, and entrance bay with wrought iron railing and

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a concrete block foundation. There is also modern vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.

79. House. 4188 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story brick Ranch style house with a hip roof, 2:2 double hung wood windows throughout, multiple paned fixed wood "picture" window flanked by 2:2 double hung wood windows, entrance bay at a 90 degree angle to the front facade, recessed porch bay with wrought iron railing, carport off the left elevation, and a concrete foundation.
a. Garage. c. 1960.
One story wood garage with a front gable and concrete foundation.
80. House. 4192 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story Minimal Traditional house with a main hip roof, side gables with wood vents, 1:1 double hung aluminum windows that post-date the POS, and recessed entrance bay on the left elevation. There is also modern vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.
81. House. 4189 Powell Avenue. c. 1950.
One story Minimal Traditional house with a side gable roof, right side porch bay with a gable and wrought iron railing, 1:1 double hung aluminum windows that post-date the POS, and a concrete block foundation. There is also vinyl siding that post-dates the POS.

Spring Street

82. Railroad Bridge. Spring Street east of 4094 Spring Street. c. 1887; c. 1940.
Concrete bridge, with round steel rails, built over a c. 1887 railroad bed.
83. Train depot/now Office of Rick Sandifer. 4094 Spring Street. c. 1900.
Two story weatherboard train depot with wonderful milled wood brackets and detailing; decorative double veranda with square wood posts on each story and a latticed wood balustrade on the 2nd floor. There is one interior brick chimney, 6:6 double hung wood windows throughout, central front entrance, and a c. 1940 tin shed roof over the 2nd floor veranda. A modern tin front gable roof post-dates the POS.
84. Spring Street Salon. 4095 Spring Street. c. 1910.
One story late Victorian era "L" shaped cottage with exterior rock and brick (on the top portion) chimneys on each side façade, and a brick foundation. The full length porch has a hipped roof follows the L shape of the house, and has been partially enclosed with glass. Modern vinyl siding and 6:6 double hung aluminum windows post-date the POS.
85. Mt. Pinson F & AM Lodge #495. 4098 Spring Street. (NC) c. 1970.

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One story prefabricated metal building with a flat roof, central entrance, and a concrete foundation.

This building replaced the original c. 1945 Mt. Pinson Masonic Lodge, a 2 story white frame building.

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8. Statement of Significance

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 grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1898-1963

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Pinson Main Street Historic District is locally significant under **Criterion A: Commerce** for its role as the traditional commercial core of the town of Pinson. It is also locally significant under **Criterion C: Architecture** for its collection of architectural styles that are representative of the district's period of significance.

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance extends from c. 1898, the construction date for the M. B. Self General Store (Inv. # 56) which is the oldest building in the district, to 1963, the construction date of a shopping center on Main Street (Inv. #66 a-e), marking the end of local commercial development and modernization in the downtown area..

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

CRITERION A: Commerce

The Pinson Main Street Historic District is significant for its documentation of the town of Pinson's commercial history from c. 1898, when the earliest commercial building was constructed, to 1963 when a modern shopping center was erected. The Birmingham Mineral Railroad was built through Pinson on its way to Champion from Boyles Junction in 1889, allowing for the modern extraction of Pinson Valley's mineral resources. The speculators, workers and others who came to exploit those resources needed supplies and services which were provided by the businessmen of Pinson. By 1910, the town was a regional trading center for the isolated mining communities which surrounded it. Pinson boasted eight general stores, two groceries and a flour mill at that time. Extant commercial resources representing this early history include the c. 1900 train depot (Inv. # 84); M. B. Self General Store which was, however, moved c. 1948 (Inv. #56); and a historic oil-related facility (Inv. #50). Fires in downtown Pinson in 1920 and 1947 destroyed most other commercial buildings from the early – mid 20th century, but the town rebuilt its commercial area from c. 1948 through 1963.

Of the District's 18 commercial resources 10 remain from the post-War period. Included are one and two story free standing, or commercial block, brick or stucco buildings with flat roofs including a particularly nice c. 1948 brick structure with a rounded corner and neon signs (Inv. # 51); and free standing one or two story concrete block (Inv. #s 1, 52), or stucco (Inv. # 47) structures with flat roofs. Modern, suburban-type development is reflected in the small c. 1955 brick shopping center (Inv. # 42); and in the horseshow-shaped 1963 brick shopping center comprised of four one story commercial blocks and one free standing grocery store(Inv. # 66 a-e).

CRITERION C: Architecture

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The Pinson Main Street Historic District is significant for documenting every phase of downtown Pinson's residential and commercial architecture from c. 1898 – c. 1963 with the preponderance of building activity remaining from c. 1925, and from c. 1945 and c. 1955. The building typologies and the architectural styles found in this district represent the types of resources being constructed in small town Alabama from the turn-of-the-century up through the early 1960s.

Residential styles include a c. 1920 weatherboard house, the only remaining structure from a farm stead (Inv. # 22), c. 1923 and c. 1945 Colonial Revival houses (Inv. # 32 and #33 respectively), early 20th Century hipped cottages (Inv. # 22, 40, 85), weatherboard c. 1925 – c. 1945 bungalows including Craftsman styles (Inv. #s 56), 1947 cut stone bungalows built adjacent to each other by the Ingram family (Inv. #s 68, 69), Minimal Traditional (Inv. #s 26, 28), and Ranch styles (Inv. # 30). There is also one c. 1910 commercial structure (Inv. 50) that was later owned by Standard Oil, two c. 1910 houses (Inv. #s 39, 59), and 13 c. 1925 houses. Structures from the c. 1945, c. 1950, c. 1955, and early c. 1960's include 11 commercial buildings. The remaining are Minimal Traditional, bungalow, and Ranch style c. 1945, c. 1950, c. 1955, and c. 1960 houses.

The District is also locally significant under **Criterion C: Architecture** for its commercial resources including an early 20th Century train depot (Inv. #84, c. 1900) excellent c. 1948 commercial building with glass block, rounded corner bay and neon signs (Inv. # 51); c. 1940 concrete with iron rail bridge built in a c. 1887 rail bed (Inv. # 83); a variety of WWII and post-war era one part commercial blocks (Inv. #s 45, 54), and residential styles. Residential styles include a c. 1910 hipped cottage (Inv. #39); c. 1920 hipped cottage (Inv. #22, a farm stead); c. 1925 Craftsman bungalows (Inv. # 54); c. 1925 simple bungalows (Inv. # 2, 5, 7, 8); c. 1947 cut stone bungalows (Inv. #s 67, 68); c. 1923 Colonial Revival (Inv. # 32, the best articulated house in the District); c. 1950 (Inv. #13) and c. 1955 (Inv. #s 71, 72) Minimal Traditional styles, and early Ranch Styles (Inv. # 30, 63, 64).

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

By 1816, white settlement had begun in the Alabama Territory in general and in Pinson Valley in particular. Soon afterwards, Baptists organized their first church. Within two years, the surrounding county, Jefferson County, had been established and the State began selling land grants. By the 1830's, the Pinson Valley area had become known as Hagood's Crossings; according to an unpublished history, Dr. Zachariah Hagood was the "first Post Office Clerk in the crossroads location."¹ Upon his retirement in 1845, three other Hagoods followed as post master.

By the early 1850's, horse traders from Pinson, Tennessee, who camped in the area with mules and horses to sell or trade to nearby landowners, moved into Hagood's Crossings, and in 1852, they renamed the community Mt. Pinson.² By the Civil War, Mt. Pinson had many more

¹ Nancy Pinson, Student research for Pamela Sterne King, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2005.

² Pinson, 2005.

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dwellings and commercial buildings, a school, and a train depot. During the war, a bloom furnace and forge made iron supplies for Confederate troops nearby and, consequently, Union raiders destroyed them.³ Although a cemetery and archaeological resources – including, especially, a Native American cave -- remain from this early period, they are not within the boundaries of the district.

In the 1880s, Jefferson County's Sloss-Sheffield Iron and Steel Company opened the Bradford Mines north of Pinson. Although some miners lived in company housing, many commuted back and forth to Pinson. The operation promised to be a boon to the area, but it needed adequate transportation to meet its full potential.⁴ Help came in c. 1887 when Pinson's first railroad began to run through town; and, two years later, the Birmingham Mineral Railroad added approximately sixty (60) miles of rails to its lines, part of which came through Pinson. By then, the City of Birmingham had been founded sixteen (16) miles to the southwest and was experiencing its first serious building boom. As a result, farm, freight and mineral products were being transported faster than rails could be built. Soon afterwards, the mineral railroad became part of the Louisville & Nashville system.⁵ Decades later, c. 1940, a concrete bridge was built in the original c. 1887 rail bed (Inv. #82).

By the end of the 19th century, commercial interests were seriously challenging Pinson's dominant farm and cattle economy, forcing it to diversify.⁶ Many citizens began to leave their farms for Birmingham. Others kept roots in Pinson and worked to capitalize on the transitioning burgeoning economy by selling goods and services – including medical care -- to Bradford miners and its nearby community of Dixiana.⁷ One such man was M. B. Self who built a general store on Main Street where it remained for nearly 50 years. In c. 1948, it was moved a block north to its present location (Inv. #56) to make way for a fashionable new drug store (Inv. #51).

By c. 1900, Pinson's population had grown to five hundred (500) residents and the town continued to develop.⁸ In 1901, the first rural delivery route came to Pinson primarily because the *Birmingham Ledger* was being delivered and, according to one history, because "people wanted their news fresh." According to a 1978 Jefferson County Commission study, moreover, H. A. Taylor delivered along Route #1 by horse and buggy to the nearby communities of Clay, Chalkville, and Mt. Calvery, then back to Mt. Pinson. In addition, he later ran a second route.⁹ The town's charming train depot remains from this period on Spring Street in the northwestern part of the district (Inv. # 84).

³ Ibid.

⁴ King, Pamela Sterne, Interview with Hoyt Sanders, February 4, 2013.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Eugene Thompson Akin, "Echoes from Turkey Creek in Jefferson County, Bull Frog Bend," Jefferson County Historical Commission, 1978.

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By 1920, Pinson's population had quadrupled from its 1900 census.¹⁰ Unfortunately, due to a series of fires in the commercial area c. 1920 and in 1947, almost no commercial resources remain from the first decades of the 20th Century.¹¹ However, three c. 1920 houses remain including the architecturally significant c. 1920 Palmer Homestead, the only farm place remaining in the District (Inv. #22), and the fine c. 1923 Colonial Revival Smith-Little House (Inv. #32).

In 1921, according to Leah Rawls Atkins' *Valley in the Hills*, Pinson Valley residents needed a new school, so they petitioned Jefferson County for funding. Unfortunately, the county was unable to help them so citizens collected donations to purchase the land and hauled in rocks to build the school themselves.¹² In September 1922, the beautiful six-room rock building opened in the Pinson Hills Historic District. As the community grew residents had to enlarge the building. In 1934-35, the community got WPA funding to finish the annex. Later, in 1949, an auditorium and lunchroom were added and, in 1961-62, three additional class rooms were built and a library established.¹³

Construction of the school touched off a major construction boom in Pinson's commercial and residential areas. A fire c. 1920 had destroyed some commercial structures on Main Street and another one in 1947 wiped out the rest, leaving only the Self General Store.¹⁴ However, fifteen (15) c. 1925 residential structures remain in the district including simple bungalows (Inv. # 2, 5, 7, 8) and Craftsman bungalows (Inv. # 35, 54).

In 1929, at the outset of the Great Depression, one passenger train discontinued service to Pinson and, in the 1930's, another stopped its rail service. This unfortunate development ended all routine passenger and freight service in and out of Pinson, and shut down its train depot (Inv. # 84).¹⁵ As a result of discontinued rail services and the nation's overall malaise, there was virtually no further building until World War II rebooted the economy.

In c. 1940, Pinson began to bounce back and, by then, there was a population of 3,500. For more than a decade growth continued and, in 1952, the community changed its name from Mt. Pinson to Pinson.¹⁶ The vast majority -- about sixty (60) -- of the district's houses were built during this period when new residential areas were developed both in the Pinson Main Street Historic District and in the Pinson Hills Historic District across Center Point Highway. These include two excellent -- and quite similar -- cut stone bungalows on Powell Avenue built by the Ingram family in 1947 (Inv. #s 66, 67), and a variety of Minimal Traditional and Ranch style weatherboard or brick houses throughout the District.

¹⁰ Bolton.

¹¹ Pamela Sterne King, Interview with Hoyt Sanders, August 1, 2013; *Birmingham Post-Herald*, 2-17-47.

¹² Leah Rawls Atkins, *Valley in the Hills*, Windsor Publications, 1981, pp. 136-137.

¹³ Bolton, p. 15.

¹⁴ King, Interview with Hoyt Sanders, August 1, 2013.

¹⁵ Bolton, p. 26.

¹⁶ Cochran.

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In c. 1945 the Masons built a new, white, frame lodge building on Main Street. The 1947 fire, however, destroyed it, as well as, the town's one year old Pinson Theatre and other commercial buildings. Within the year, however, rebuilding began with construction of Price's Drugs (Inv. #51). To make way for the new building, the c. 1898 Self General Store moved a block east to its present location (Inv. #56). For nearly fifteen (15) years commercial -- and residential -- development continued, according to the town's current mayor who, along with several generations of family, grew up in Pinson.¹⁷ Until 1953-54 when the nearby town of Trussville made water and gas utilities available to Pinson, businesses and residents relied on well water. This modernization significantly spurred new construction all over the district.¹⁸ Several c. 1950, c. 1955 and c. 1960 free standing buildings and commercial blocks remain on Main Street (Inv. # 47, 53, 55) and Clayton Street (Inv. #1). A c. 1955 small brick shopping center is also extant on Main Street (Inv. #42). Many new houses were also built especially in the World War II era neighborhoods along Powell and Elm Avenues.

In 1960, according to Harriet Bolton, Pinson Valley's population reached 5,942.¹⁹ By then, according to one study, over 25 -30% of the city's total labor force labored in manufacturing, and another approximately 25% were in the wholesale and retail trades followed by construction, transportation and "other industries."²⁰ In 1965, it rose to 6,560; and by the end of the decade, it was over 7,000.²¹ In 1970, Jefferson County began to require Pinson business owners and residents to get building permits before constructing new structures.²²

Many of the new residents were likely transplanted from Birmingham which, in the early 1960's, was embroiled in racial violence and tension, and new suburbs offered whites a ready place to go. While the professional and affluent classes usually migrated south of Birmingham, the working classes moved north to places like Centerpoint, east of the city, and further out to places like Pinson. Pinson merchants wanted to take advantage of their good fortune but first they had to keep the town's residents from going elsewhere to shop.²³ In 1963, in a likely attempt to dissuade Pinson shoppers from going to Birmingham, the Pinson Plaza shopping center was built (Inv. # 67 a-e). It includes five buildings constructed in a horseshoe design just off Main Street, and is an excellent example of an early shopping center. According to the Birmingham News, the anchor store was the Food Town supermarket, the sixth in its corporate chain. At a cost of \$200,000, it would, according to Food Town owner Sam Virciglio, "give the Pinson area one of the finest possible grocery supermarkets, with experienced, courteous employees." He also noted it will handle "nationally known products" and carry "only USDA certified choice meats."²⁴

During the 1980's, Pinson's growth sped up, and by the 1990's and 2000's, development proved hard to control. As a result, in 2004, the town incorporated. It is currently working

¹⁷ King, Interview with Hoyt Sanders, August 1, 2013.

¹⁸ Ibid, February 4, 2013.

¹⁹ Bolton, "A Sociological Study of the Pinson Community," unpublished paper. p. 26.

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ Bolton.

²² King, Interview with Hoyt Sanders, February 4, 2013.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Birmingham News, 12-3-63.

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to preserve its historic character while keeping pace with the demand of new construction.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register

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- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
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 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Pinson Main Street Historic District is bounded on the west by Center Point Road/ Alabama Highway 75; on the south by Sweeney Hollow Road; on the north by non-contributing residential development on Old Bradford Road; and on the east by non-contributing residential and commercial developments on Main Street, Clayton Street, Glen Brook Road and Oak Street.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Pinson Main Street Historic District includes all of the contiguous contributing resources along Main Street and streets radiating from it, and eliminates as many of the non-contributing resources as possible.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Pinson Main Street Historic District

City or Vicinity: Pinson

County: Jefferson

State: AL

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Date Photographed: 11-20-11; 7-15-13; 7-26-2013; 7-14-14; 9-17-15

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of _34_: House, 4330 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing west
- 2 of _34_: House, 4317 Main Street, front/side elevations, camera facing southwest
- 3 of _34_: House, 4307 Main Street, front/side elevations, camera facing east
- 4 of _34_: Price's Drugs, 4300 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing northwest
- 5 of _34_: Pinson Valley Flea Market, 4286 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing southeast
- 6 of _34_: Shopping Center, 4229, 4249, 4257, 4265 Main Street, view of front elevation, camera facing northeast
- 7 of _34_: House, 4230 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing northwest
- 8 of _34_: Streetscape - Intersection of Main Street and Powell Avenue, camera facing southeast
- 9 of _34_: House, 4161 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing southeast

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- 10 of _34_: Smith-Little House, 4156 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing west
- 11 of _34_: Main Street streetscape, 4200 block, camera facing southwest
- 12 of _34_: House, 4094 Spring Street, front elevation, camera facing northwest
- 13 of _34_: House, 4095 Spring Street, front/side elevation, camera facing northwest
- 14 of _34_: Clayton Street streetscape, camera facing east
- 15 of _34_: Pike's Plumbing, 4211 Clayton Street, front elevation, camera facing southwest
- 16 of _34_: Self General Store, 4316 Main Street, front elevation, camera facing northwest
- 17 of _34_: Smith-Little House/streetscape, 4156 Main Street, front/side elevations/streetscape, camera facing northwest
- 18 of _34_: Powell Avenue Streetscape, view facing northeast
- 19 of _34_: Lane Street Streetscape – Intersection with Powell Avenue, camera facing northeast
- 20 of _34_: Elm Avenue Streetscape, camera facing east
- 21 of _34_: Main Street streetscape – 4200 block, camera facing northeast
- 22 of _34_: Main Street Wall/streetscape – 4200 block, camera facing NE
- 23 of _34_: House, 4108 Powell Avenue, front elevation, camera facing southeast
- 24 of _34_: Palmer Homestead, 6251 Lane Street, front elevation, camera facing southeast
- 25 of _34_: Railroad Bridge, camera facing northwest
- 26 of _34_: Main Street Streetscape – 4300 block, camera facing northeast
- 27 of _34_: House, 4324 Main Street, camera facing northwest
- 28 of _34_: House, 4177 Powell Avenue, camera facing southwest
- 29 of _34_: House, 4172 Powell Avenue, camera facing northeast
- 30 of _34_: House, 4109 Powell Avenue, camera facing southwest
- 31 of _34_: House, 4240 Clayton Street, camera facing north
- 32 of _34_: House, 6439 Old Bradford Road, camera facing northeast
- 33 of _34_: House, 6221 Elm Avenue, camera facing southwest
- 34 of _34_: Commercial Building, 4250 Pinson Plaza, camera facing west

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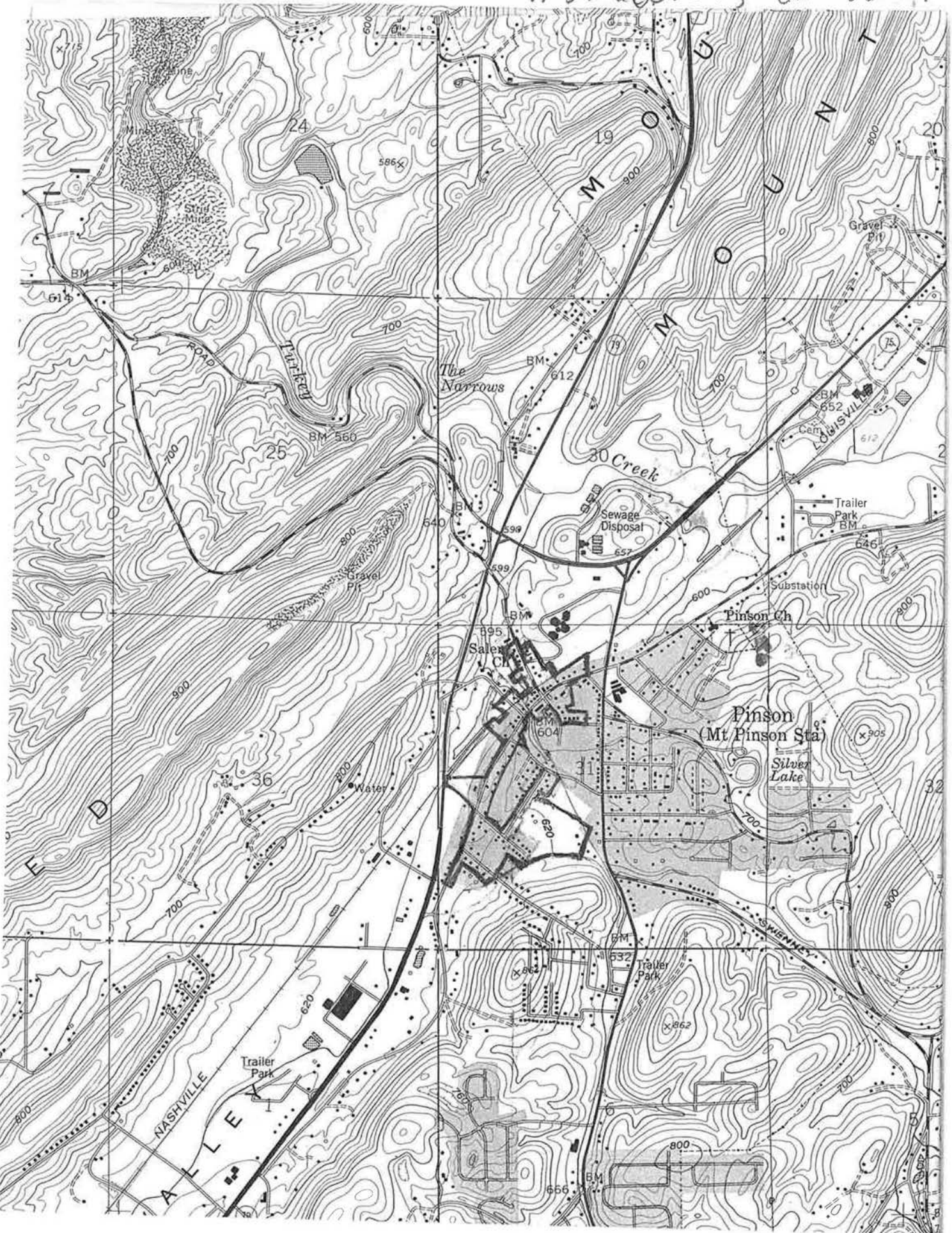
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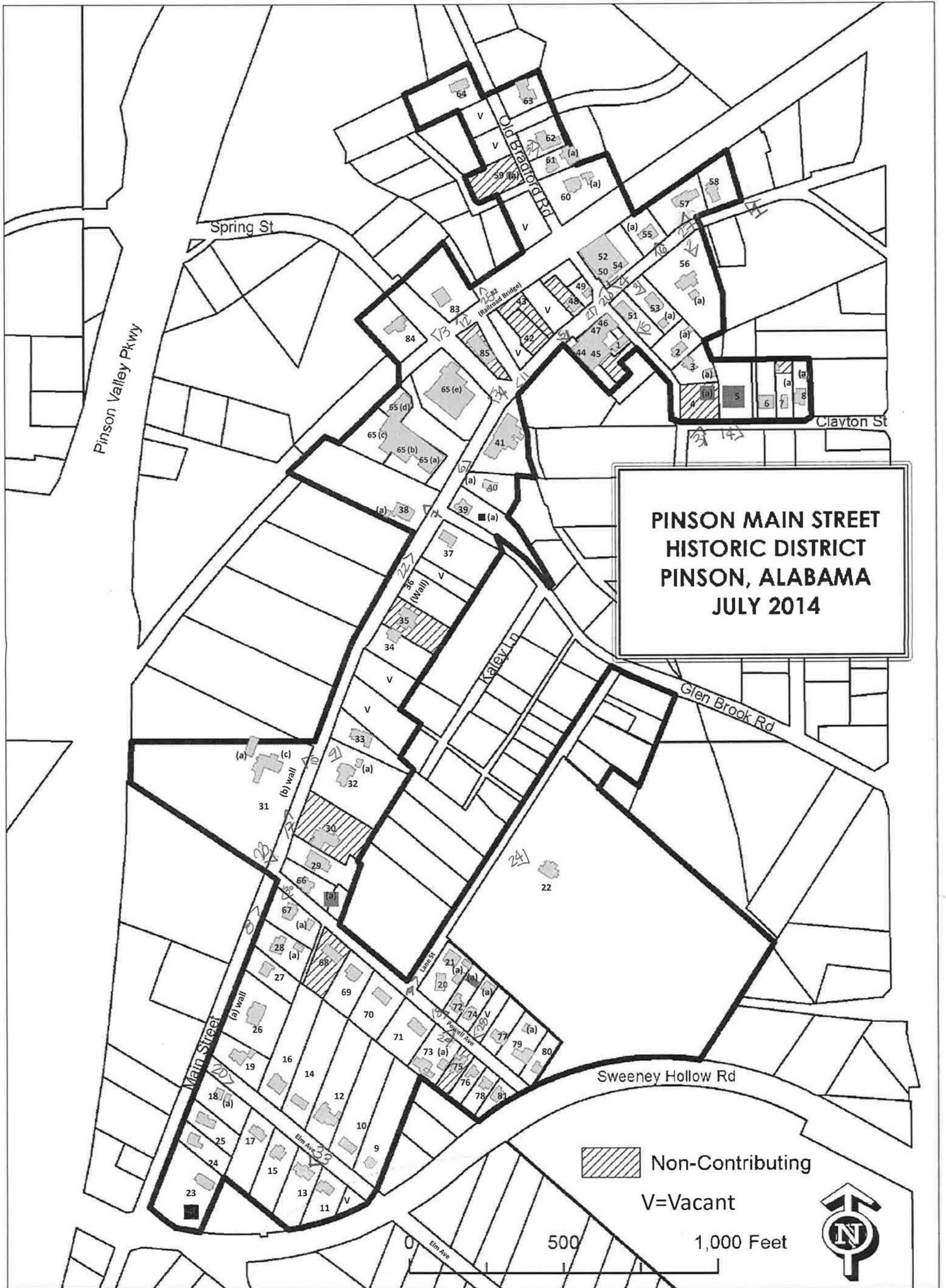
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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Pinson Main Street Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED:

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DATE OF PENDING LIST:

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~~3/18/16~~

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ACCEPT RETURN REJECT *1/19/16* DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Commerce & architecture
last level
c. 1898-1963*

RECOM./CRITERIA *A+C*

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Dear Ms. Toothman:

Enclosed please find the nomination and supporting documentation to be considered for listing the following Alabama resource in the National Register of Historic Places:

Pinson Main Street Historic District
Pinson, Jefferson County, Alabama

Your consideration of the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures



Deline, Lisa <lisa_deline@nps.gov>

Re: Need photo disk for Pinson Main Street HD, Jefferson Co., AL

1 message

Deline, Lisa <lisa_deline@nps.gov>

Thu, Jan 14, 2016 at 4:39 PM

To: "Wofford, Lee Anne" <LeeAnne.Wofford@preserveala.org>

Cc: Edson Beall <edson_beall@nps.gov>

Hi - Please FedEx the disk and address it to Edson Beall at our Eye Street address. Thanks!

On Thu, Jan 14, 2016 at 3:53 PM, Wofford, Lee Anne <LeeAnne.Wofford@preserveala.org> wrote:

Lisa: so sorry about that. We will prepare another disk and send it right away. Do you want us to FedEx it or use regular mail?

I interviewed someone for the NR Coordinator position earlier this week. I am pretty confident about it, so now it's a waiting game with our state personnel department. You know how slow bureaucracy can be! I'll keep you informed.

Thank you,

Lee Anne

From: Deline, Lisa [mailto:lisa_deline@nps.gov]**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 1:45 PM**To:** Wofford, Lee Anne**Subject:** Need photo disk for Pinson Main Street HD, Jefferson Co., AL

Hi Lee Anne - The NR Control Unit informs me that the Pinson Main Street nomination disk is blank. If you could send a new photo disk that would be great!

How's the NR Coordinator hiring progressing?

-

Lisa Deline

Historian

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