

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Bank of Jersey

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Jersey

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Walton

code 297

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name William C. McGarity, M.D.

street & number 934 Artwood Road, N.E.

city, town Atlanta

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 30307

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior

street & number Walton County Courthouse

city, town Monroe

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:

title Walton County

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1977

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

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## 7. Description

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

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Bank of Jersey is a small one-story late-Victorian-style commercial building dating from 1904. The building is built of load-bearing brick, laid in running bond. The major exterior features are the door and a large twelve-over-twelve window on the front facade, both with stone lintels, and a similar window on each side, close to the east front. All three windows retain their original metal grilles. Pilaster-like corner brickwork, a corbeled cornice and a parapet roof with a corbeled cap that steps down toward the rear complete the detailing. The interior, originally one room divided by a teller's cage (removed in the 1930s), was remodeled for a dentist's office in 1981; the original tongue-and-groove ceiling remains, but the wood floor has been replaced and brick walls have been covered. The shutters and door hood were added to the exterior in 1981. The Bank is located on a corner lot at the center of the tiny hamlet of Jersey. A historic general store is located across an unpaved road to the building's south and a historic residence is located across the main paved road to the east. The setting is rural with open fields to the north and west.

### Photographs

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in August, 1982, still accurately represent the character and appearance of the property. No major changes have been made to the building since then.

## 8. Significance

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

**Specific dates** 1904 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bank of Jersey is significant in terms of architecture as an example of a turn-of-the-century, late-Victorian-style, rural commercial structure in Walton County and in terms of commerce as the home of Jersey's only historic bank. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

The Bank of Jersey illustrates a style, building materials and construction techniques typical for such a commercial building in a tiny rural community. It appears modest when compared with bank buildings constructed at the same time in larger communities, but it is entirely consistent with other rural commercial structures. Its brick construction and exterior brick detailing, including the corbeling and pilaster-like corners, identify it as an important structure in a small rural community dominated by wood-frame buildings. The bank building is a landmark in Jersey, one of two historic commercial buildings left from a handful which used to mark the center of this tiny hamlet. Jersey was an agricultural supply community that had developed well before the Civil War. In the 1880s it applied for and received its first post office, and in 1905 it was incorporated, the city limits extending one-half mile in all directions from a point in the center of the road in front of the Bank of Jersey.

In terms of commerce, the building is significant as the home of Jersey's only bank and one of its most important commercial establishments which operated from 1904 to 1931. The bank served the local farmers and planters at a time before automobiles made the larger neighboring communities more accessible. It was organized by Josiah Blasingame, Sr., a locally prominent landholder and businessman who served as Jersey's first postmaster and later its first mayor. It is relatively unusual in Georgia for such a small community as Jersey to have its own local bank. The bank failed in 1931, during the Depression, and the building was used for storage until 1981.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

- McGarity, William C. "Historic Property Information Form: Bank of Jersey Building," 1982. On file at State Historic Preservation Office, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Sams, Anita B. Wayfarers in Walton: A History of Walton County, Georgia, 1818-1967. The General Charitable Foundation of Monroe, Georgia, Inc., 1967.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.034 acre

Quadrangle name Jersey, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	7	2	4	0	5	4	0	3	7	3	4	1	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed survey map, consists of the acreage presently associated with the building and coincides with the current legal description of the property.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Elizabeth A. Lyon*  
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1/25/84

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

*Ann Burke*

date 3/7/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

*Harold Clegg*

MAG.

*30.00'*  
*Barby Blasingame*

SURVEY FOR  
**DR. CECIL McGARITY**  
LOCATED IN LL 137-4th LAND DIST.  
JERSEY, ALLEN G.M.D. 502  
WALTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
SURVEYED BY:  
SIMS SURVEYING CO.

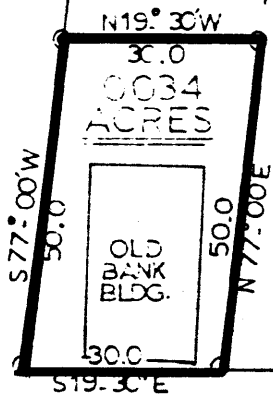
SCALE: 1"=30'      JAN. 14, 1981

30' WIDE ROADWAY  
(UNPAVED)

Proposed drain field area

150.00'

Amanda Blasingame Est.



*Kenneth V. C. Sims*  
GEORGIA REGISTERED SURVEYOR

MONROE - JERSEY RD  
60' RW

BANK OF JERSEY  
Jersey, Walton County, Georgia

PROPERTY SKETCH MAP

Source: Surveyor's Map

Scale: 1"=30'

Date: 1981

North:

Property Boundary: