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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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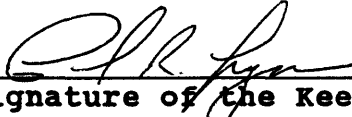
North Erwin Street Historic District
Property Name

Bartow
County

GA
State

Downtown Cartersville MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

9/16/94

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:
Religion is dropped as an area of significance. There is insufficient context within the nomination or the MPS cover to evaluate the eligibility of these resources under this area of significance. The church buildings remain contributing resources under Criterion C (architecture).

Resource Count:
The resource count is revised to read four (4) contributing buildings. [Previously listed resources as are not counted.]

Historic Function:
Health Care: medical office is deleted as a historic function since it relates only to a noncontributing resource.

This information was confirmed with Lisa Raflo of the GA SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name North Erwin Street Historic District
other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number North Erwin and Cherokee Streets in the central
business district of Cartersville
city, town Cartersville () vicinity of
county Bartow code GA 015
state Georgia code GA zip code 30120
() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

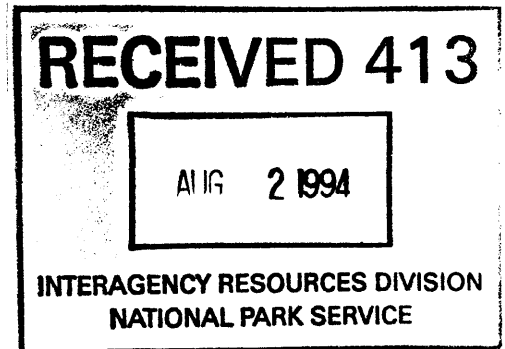
- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	6	1
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	1	0
total	7	1



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Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 2

Bartow County Courthouse listed September 18, 1980

Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church listed September 5, 1985

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural
Resources in Downtown Cartersville, Georgia

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Signature of certifying official

7/29/94
Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon
State Historic Preservation Officer,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

[Signature] 9/16/94

() determined eligible for the National Register

() determined not eligible for the National Register

() removed from the National Register

() other, explain:

() see continuation sheet

[Signature] Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

COMMERCE: business
GOVERNMENT: city hall/post office/courthouse
RELIGION: religious facility
HEALTH CARE: medical office

Current Functions:

GOVERNMENT: fire station/government office/courthouse
RELIGION: religious facility
HEALTH CARE: medical office

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

LATE VICTORIAN: Romanesque
LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Colonial Revival
LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival
LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Italian Renaissance

Materials:

foundation brick; stone: granite
walls brick
roof asphalt; stone: slate
other wood; stone: marble

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

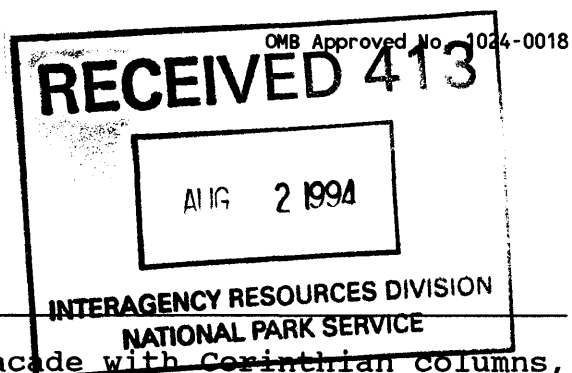
The Erwin Street Historic District is located in the central business district of Cartersville in Bartow County in northeast Georgia. The Erwin Street Historic District nomination is part of the Historic and Architectural Resources in Downtown Cartersville, Georgia Multiple Property Nomination and includes six historic commercial and community landmark buildings and a Confederate Civil War monument (photo #1). The community landmark buildings include three institutional and two religious buildings. The buildings range from the large 1902 Neoclassical Revival style Bartow County courthouse to the one-story, brick former Central Office of Southern Bell constructed c.1940. Two of the buildings, the Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church and the Bartow County Courthouse are already listed on the National Register. Built in 1947, Dr. Harold J. Lowry's Dental Office is the only noncontributing building in the district.

The institutional buildings within the district include the Bartow County Courthouse, the former Cartersville United States Post Office, and the former Cartersville City Hall. Listed on the National Register on September 18, 1980, the courthouse at 135 West Cherokee Avenue was built in 1902 and designed by Kenneth McDonald & Company and J. W. Golucke (photo #2). The contractor was Fred Wagner. This Neoclassical style building has elaborate detail with a prominent,

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front, pedimented portico on the north facade with Corinthian columns, and pronounced cornice. Rectangular windows with emphasized keystones are on the front and side facades. The rear windows have plain stone lintels. A metal cornice encircles the building. Walls are 16" thick and window sashes are 5-1/2' wide. The ornate cupola, with its arched entrances, paired columns, and open pediment, rises in three stages to a ribbed gilded dome with clocks facing each direction. The courthouse has a granite block foundation.

The former U.S. Post Office, located at 1 North Erwin Street, is an Italian Renaissance Revival style building with beige, stretcher bond brick and a hipped slate roof (photo #3). This 1914-15 building features five front facade arches of Georgia white marble (photo #4). It was built by contractor Oscar Wenderoth and designed by John W. Emery of Pennsylvania. It has open eaves, exposed rafter ends, and a symmetrical facade. The central section of front facade (corresponding to interior lobby) features a five-bay arcade with white Georgia marble arches, fluted Corinthian pilasters, and arched five-part windows in the arcade. The other windows are 12/12, double hung sash. Other details include a double-door, front entrance, three-part semicircular fanlight, a molded brick water table, and decorative brick panels. The building served as the U.S. Post Office until 1965 and currently houses Cartersville City Offices. The interior was altered for use by the School Board and City Offices in 1969 and 1979. The vestibule and lobby are partially intact and features vaulted ceilings, wood birch pilasters and white tile floor with dark Creole Georgia marble borders and base.

The 1916 former Cartersville City Hall is a two-story, red brick building (photo #5). Located at 19 North Erwin Street and built by contractors R. W. and E. W. Smith, the front portion served as City Hall and rear portion as Fire Department. Today, it houses only the Fire Department. It has a three-bay symmetrical facade with recessed double-entry doors framed with fluted wooden pilasters and a simple wooden entablature. There are brick, semicircular arches over the first floor windows on the front facade. The North side windows are rectangular, double hung sash with 12/12, 9/6, 9/9, 6/6 configurations. The interior features a central hall with stairs to one side.

The religious buildings in the district include the First Baptist Church of Cartersville and the Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church. The 1904-05 First Baptist Church of Cartersville is a Romanesque Revival style stretcher bond, red brick building with a stone foundation and a cross-gabled parapet roof (photo #6). Located at 114 West Cherokee Avenue, it was designed by J. W. Golucke. It is a cross plan church with entrances in the front corner towers that

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have different heights and roof shapes. Other features include corbelled brick details, round arched window and door openings, and rose (or wheel) windows in front and side facing gables.

Built in 1906, the Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church is a Classical Revival building with a full metal and stucco entablature and a portico supported by four Corinthian columns (photo #7). The church was built of beige brick with granite trim and rough-hewn granite blocks for the half basement. The building was built by contractor Eugene W. Smith and designed by Walter T. Downing. The below-ground half-basement contains a modernized meeting and dining room. The main floor contains a two-story sanctuary with its original pews, fluted Corinthian pilasters, original wainscoting, and a rounded-arch altar or chancel area. Original brass hardware remains throughout the building, as do the original steam heat and electrical fixtures. Changes include the excavation of the basement in 1933 to create more space, the addition of stained glass windows in 1945, the remodeling of the chancel or altar area in 1973, and the installation of a new organ.

The only commercial building in the district is the 1940 former Central Office of Southern Bell which now houses the City of Cartersville Economic and Development Department at 101 North Erwin Street (photo #5, left). A residential-type commercial building, it is a side-gabled, red brick, stretcher bond building with a rear extension, three-bay asymmetrical facade, semicircular arched entry in the front gable, semicircular fanlight over entry, and boxed cornice. There are lunette vents in side gables and rectangular double-hung, 6/6 windows. The side chimneys have been removed and a handicapped ramp has been added.

The North Erwin Street Historic District is located in the heart of downtown Cartersville, which is relatively flat. The streets are two way with parking limited to lots beside and behind the buildings. The landscaping consists of lawns around the buildings with small trees and shrubs. The courthouse lawn has larger oaks and dogwoods. There is a granite wall around the courthouse lawn and the Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church. The district is surrounded by historic and modern commercial and residential development.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Government and Politics
Religion

Period of Significance:

1902-1940

Significant Dates:

n/a

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Bartow County Courthouse - Kenneth McDonald & Company

J.W. Golucke & Company

Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church - Eugene W. Smith (contractor)

Walter T. Downing (architect)

Cartersville City Hall (Fire Station) - Eugene W. Smith

R.W. Smith (contractors)

United States Post Office (city offices) - John W. Emery (contractor)

Oscar Wenderoth (architect)

First Baptist Church of Cartersville - J.W. Golucke & Associate

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The North Erwin Street Historic District is significant in architecture for its good examples of representative styles, such as Romanesque Revival, Neoclassical Revival, Italian Renaissance Revival, and Colonial Revival, commonly used during the early 20th century for public building design. The district is also significant in architecture for its good, intact examples of community landmark and commercial building types. These buildings are classified by their function and reflect the development of downtown Cartersville into a well-established, small Georgia town.

Built in 1940 with Colonial Revival influences, the Central Office of Southern Bell in Cartersville is a good example of the residential-type, commercial building. Built to reflect current domestic architectural trends, this commercial building type looks more like a dwelling than an office. Always freestanding, this building type originated in the 1920s when businesses strived to achieve a respectable and familiar appearance that made you feel "at home." Most recognizably seen in hotels, restaurants, and gas stations, it was also used in other commercial or service oriented buildings.

The district is also significant for its high concentration of buildings built by prominent architects. The Bartow County Courthouse Kenneth McDonald & Company and J. W. Golucke & Company. Kenneth McDonald (1852-1940) was a regionally prominent architect from Louisville, Kentucky. Known for his courthouse and jail designs, he worked with his brother Harry McDonald in the McDonald Brothers Company (1873-1897) and later with John Francis Sheblessy (1901-1905). The associate architect on the courthouse project was James W. Golucke (1857-1907) who was a prominent Atlanta architect known for the 20 courthouses he designed in Georgia. Most of his buildings reflect the Romanesque Revival style, as seen in the First Baptist Church of Cartersville which was completed in 1905.

Walter T. Downing (1865-1918) was a noted Atlanta architect who designed the Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church in 1906. With offices in Atlanta and Chattanooga, he designed many public buildings, high rise offices, and private homes in both Georgia and Tennessee.

As the United States supervising architect from 1912 to 1929, Oscar Wenderoth (1873-1938), who designed mostly post offices, was the architect for the Cartersville United States Post Office. This post

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office is a Italian Renaissance Revival building that was completed in 1915.

The district is significant in politics and government for the Bartow County Courthouse, the former U.S. Post Office, and the former city Hall which document the presence, respectively, of the county, federal, and city governments in Cartersville. This area has been the center for county governmental activity since 1864 when Cartersville replaced Cassville as the county seat of Bartow County. In Georgia and throughout the South, county government has traditionally been the strongest form of local government. The present courthouse is the second courthouse in Barrow County's history and the longest-used one since it was built in 1902--the old courthouse is located on Church Street near the railroad. City government is represented by the former City Hall building, which now houses the Fire Department. More city offices are located in the former Central Office of Southern Bell and the former U.S. Post Office.

The district is significant in religion for the First Baptist Church of Cartersville and the Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church, which have been an integral part of the development of downtown Cartersville. These churches represent the two historically dominant religious faiths in Cartersville and throughout Georgia. The Methodist Church is also significant in local religious history as the current home of one of the county's oldest Methodist church congregations. The church is also significant for having been named for one of Cartersville's most famous citizens, the nationally known evangelist Sam P. Jones (1847-1906), a member of the church, whose sudden death in 1906 during the church's construction led the congregation to name it as a memorial to him.

National Register Criteria

The North Erwin Street Historic District is eligible under **Criterion A** for its significance in the governmental and religious history of Cartersville. The district is also eligible under **Criterion C** for its concentration of historic, intact, commercial, institutional, and religious building types reflecting architectural styles popular in the early 20th century built by locally and regionally prominent architects.

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Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

Because the religious buildings within the North Erwin Street Historic District are integral parts of the district, there are no criteria considerations.

Period of significance (justification)

The Bartow County Courthouse was constructed in 1902 and is the oldest building in the district. The Central Office of Southern Bell was built in 1940, which is the most recently constructed building in the district that is historic (older than 50 years old).

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The six contributing buildings and one contributing object were built within the period of significance and retain their integrity. The one noncontributing building in the district was built after the period of significance.

Developmental history/historic context (if applicable)

See the Historic and Architectural Resources in Downtown Cartersville, Georgia Multiple Property Documentation Form for the historic context, "The Development of Downtown Cartersville, Georgia, 1854-1944."

9. Major Bibliographic References

Brown, David J. "Cartersville Commercial District," Historic District Information Form, June 1982. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia, with supplemental information.

Jaeger, Dale and Susan Casey. "Cartersville Commercial Historic District," Historic District Information Form, November 1989. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia, with supplemental information.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): () N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested**
- previously listed in the National Register**
 - Bartow County Courthouse listed September 18, 1980
 - Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church listed September 5, 1985
- 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, Specify Repository:**

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

See Bartow County Survey by Janine Joslin 1990-1991

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Approximately 7 acres.

UTM References

A) Zone 16 Easting 703040 Northing 3782550

Verbal Boundary Description

The North Erwin Street Historic District includes five properties on North Erwin Street and one property on Cherokee Street, at or near the intersection of those streets. The boundary is indicated by a heavy black line, drawn to scale on the attached map.

Boundary Justification

The North Erwin Street Historic District encompasses the intact, contiguous, historic, institutional, commercial, and religious buildings along North Erwin Street and Cherokee Street in downtown Cartersville. This grouping of commercial and community landmark buildings is a distinct feature in downtown Cartersville reflecting its patterns of development.

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Photographs

Name of Property: North Erwin Street Historic District
City or Vicinity: Cartersville
County: Bartow
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: June 1992

Description of Photograph(s):

- 1 of 7: Confederate Civil War Monument and First Baptist Church of Cartersville; photographer facing southwest.
- 2 of 7: Bartow County Courthouse, front facade; photographer facing northwest.
- 3 of 7: Former U.S. Post Office; photographer facing northeast.
- 4 of 7: Detail of former U.S. Post Office; photographer facing north.
- 5 of 7: Cartersville Fire Department and former Central Office of Southern Bell, left; photographer facing northeast.
- 6 of 7: First Baptist Church of Cartersville; photographer facing southwest.
- 7 of 7: Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church; photographer facing northwest.