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WASHINGTON-JEFFERSON STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT (Clarkeville MRA)

Name: Washington Street-Jefferson Street Historic District

Location:

~~In Clarkeville, Habersham County, Georgia, along~~ Washington, Jefferson, and Wilson ~~Streets~~ between Green ~~Street~~ and Laurel ~~Drive~~.

Acreage: Approximately 23 acres.

UTM References:

A Z17 E268850 N3833040
B Z17 E268805 N3832480
C Z17 E268760 N3832480
D Z17 E268550 N3832970
E Z17 E268640 N3833240

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: "Clarkeville, GA"

Scale: 1:24,000

Boundary Description and Justification:

The exact boundaries of the district are described by a heavy black line on the attached maps of the Clarkeville multiple resource area. These boundaries circumscribe an area of contiguous historic properties which developed incrementally throughout Clarkeville's history. This area is bordered on the west by non-historic commercial development, on the north and south by non-historic commercial and residential development, on the east by fields, wooded areas, and non-historic residential development.

Description:

The Washington Street-Jefferson Street Historic District consists of approximately a dozen houses, two churches, and a cemetery along South Washington Street, South Jefferson Street, Wayne Street, and Wilson Street south-southeast of Clarkeville's central business district. It covers approximately 22 acres. Houses in this district date from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century and range in size from modest servant's quarters and cottages to a large mansion. The houses are one to two stories high, with wood-frame construction, and feature Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Victorian, Neoclassical, and Bungalow styling. They are irregularly sited on lots which vary in size from less than one to more than five acres. These lots are informally landscaped with trees, shrubbery, and grass; along their eastern edges, several lots are bordered by fields and woods. Also in the district are two antebellum Greek Revival churches - one of which, Grace Episcopal, is already listed in the National Register - and the city's small historic cemetery.

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Statement of Significance:

Washington Street-Jefferson Street Historic District is historically significant as one of just two small but intact groupings of historic structures in the city of Clarkesville and as the remaining portion of a once-larger in-town residential neighborhood combining residences along the city's historic gridiron streets with small farms and modest country estates at the city's edge. Some of the city's finest houses are found in this district, including a large antebellum farmhouse, two excellent examples of the relatively rare Gothic Revival style, an impressive Georgian Revival house, the city's largest and most elaborate Neoclassical house, and one of its best examples of the Bungalow style, along with more modest Victorian cottages and a rare nineteenth-century servants' house. Many of Clarkesville's leading citizens built and lived in these houses. The district is also significant for its two fine mid nineteenth-century churches, both built by the local master builder Jarvis Van Buren, and for its formally landscaped grounds at 105-113 South Washington Street, the remnants of the nineteenth - century Wyne - Edwards estate.