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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Talladega	
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ENTRY NUMBER OCT 18 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Talladega Court House Square Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Talladega

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Talladega	CODE 121
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Various Talladega Merchants; Talladega County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Talladega

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Alabama

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01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Talladega County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Square

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Talladega

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Not reported in any existing survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

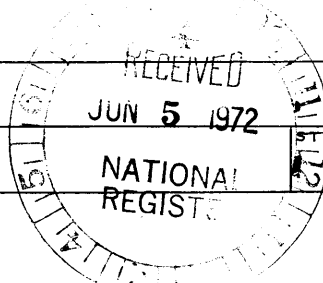
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

- Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

- Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

- Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

PRESENT: The appearance of Talladega Court House Square district is characteristic of an urban area that experienced its main growth during the later half of the 19th Century. The architecture of the buildings found on the square can be described as typical industrial store front, with each structure offering distinctive architectural features in varying degrees.

The south side of the court house square district contains several interesting buildings. The Goldberg-Lewis building is a brick store front structure, employing articulated pilasters, stone rusticated sash panels and stamped metal projecting cornice work. The structure was constructed about 1904. The Braswell Furniture building was built in the 1880's and is of brick construction, using wood as an outer covering. The barber shop is located on the south side of the square also and is typical brick store front architecture of the late 19th Century. The AVCO (Seaboard Loan) building is a brick store front structure featuring stamped metal cornices and stained glass windows, circa 1885. The buildings on the south side of the court house square, as it presently appears, were constructed between the early 1880's and 1904. All structures are of brick store front construction and feature associated ornamentation.

The west side of the Talladega court house square historic district has many buildings of note. The Bingham building (presently Michael's Men's Store) is a four-story yellow brick pilaster structure with arched windows and corbeled frieze work, circa 1875. An elaborate front parapet is featured on the Weaver-Ragstall building, circa 1888. It is a two-story brick store front structure. The Diana Shop (C. S. Jones building) is of wood construction covered by brick and was built in the late 1880's. It features corbeled cornice work. Another example of typical period architecture is the Elmore building, circa 1890. It is a two-story brick building. The west side of the square is also solidly representative of period brick industrial architecture and its buildings were built between 1888 and 1900.

The north side of the square continues the architecture motif set by the rest of the district. The City Pharmacy building employs corbeled cornices and rusticated stone lintels. It was constructed in the late 1880's. Built in 1887, the Kenwin-Waldrep building features corbeled corners and is of brick store front design. The Otts building features arched fan windows and fan lights, and a central pediment structure. This building was constructed in 1887. Both the Buy Wise, Griffin Jewelry, and Henderson buildings feature typical brick store front architecture. The Griffin building was built in 1904 and the Buy Wise about 1900. The Henderson building was also built about 1900. The north side of the square, as it presently exists, was constructed between 1887 and 1904 and is of typical brick store front architecture.

The east side of the square was burned in 1866, accounting for some of the older buildings' presence. The burned structures were rebuilt at once and

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still stand today. Articulated pilasters and crenelated cornice work mark the Talladega Hardware building as distinctive. It was constructed in the early 1870's. The Top Dollar Store/Cato's building also features articulated pilasters and crenelated cornices, but was built a little later, in the 1880's. Another example of brick store front architecture is the Wood-Weaver building, circa 1870. The Wright's Drug Store building has Romanesque arched windows with arched ports above and was built in the 1870's. The Leverette Hardware Co. building is the oldest structure on the square, being constructed about 1835. It presently appears as a brick store front structure. The east side of the court house square has the oldest buildings on the square.

The northwest corner of the square (corner of N. and Court Streets) is occupied by the Talladega Post Office building, built in 1912. It is an example of the continuing interest in classic architecture, even after the turn of the century. It features Doric order columns.

The old Chambers Opera House building is located at the southwest corner of the square. It is a large brick structure that was constructed in the second half of the 19th Century (corner of Battle and Court Streets).

Several important buildings exist within one block of the court house square. The Farmers Trading Post building (City Hall building), a two-story brick structure, is at 220 W. Battle Street and features Victorian architecture. It has terracotta ornamentation and gabled ends. It was built in 1892.

The Hank Fannin home, at 301 S. Court Street, is in excellent condition. It is a pre Civil War structure with steep gables and cathedral type windows. It is approximately one-half block off the square.

The old First Baptist Church building, at 148 N. East Street, was built in 1874 and is a typical gabled-end church structure.

Built in the late 1860's, the First Presbyterian Church is also a gabled church structure incorporating a steeple.

The Philco-Crosley/Green Furniture building, at 230 W. Battle Street, is an elaborate brick store front structure, having a tri-partitioned arch entrance, circular brick ports on the frieze band, and iron gratings in the ports. The building was constructed about 1879.

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South side of the Square:

- Goldberg-Lewis building - circa 1904.
- Braswell Furniture building - 1880's.
- Barber Shop - late 19th Century.
- AVCO (Seaboard Loan) building - circa 1885.

West side of the Square:

- Bingham building (Michael's Men's Store) - circa 1875.
- Weaver-Ragstall building - circa 1888.
- Diana Shop (C. S. Jones building) - late 1880's.
- Elmore building - circa 1890.

North side of the Square:

- City Pharmacy building - late 1880's.
- Kenwin-Waldrep building - 1887.
- Otts building - 1887.
- Buy Wise Store - about 1900.
- Griffin Jewelry - 1904.
- Henderson building - about 1900.



East side of the Square:

- Talladega Hardware building - early 1870's.
- Top Dollar Store/Cato's - 1880's.
- Wood-Weaver building - circa 1870.
- Wright's Drug Store - 1870's.
- Leverette Hardward Co. building - circa 1835.

Northwest corner of Square (corner of N. and Court Streets):

- Post Office building - 1912.

Southwest corner of Square (corner of Battle and Court Streets):

- Chambers Opera House building - second half of 19th Century.

Buildings within one block of Square:

- Farmers Trading Post building, 220 W. Battle Street - 1892.
- Hank Fannin home, 301 S. Court Street - pre Civil War.
- First Baptist Church building, 148 N. East Street - 1874.
- First Presbyterian Church - late 1860's.
- Philco-Crosley/Green Furniture building, 230 W. Battle Street - circa 1879.
- Talladega Railroad Depot, 210 E. Street, S. - circa 1906.
- Isbell Bank building, 106 N. Street, E. - 1887.
- Alabama Employment Service building (old Central Hotel/Purfoy Hotel Annex), 117 N. Street, E. - late 19th Century.
- Talladega County Court House building - built in 1836.
- Emmie Williams home, 133 N. Street, E. - 1890's.

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The Talladega Railroad Depot, at 210 East Street, S., has an oriental effect. It has a sweeping, skirted cantilevered roof. The depot was built about 1906.

Queen Anne Industrial architecture is represented in the Isbell Bank building, located at 106 N. Street, E. The structure was built in 1887.

At 117 N. Street, E., is the old Central Hotel/Purfoy Hotel Annex building (now Alabama Employment Service building). It features classic revival architecture with Corinthian columns. It was built in the late 19th Century.

The Talladega County Courthouse features classic revival architecture. It was built in 1836.

The Emmie Williams home, located at 133 N. Street, E., was built in the 1890's.



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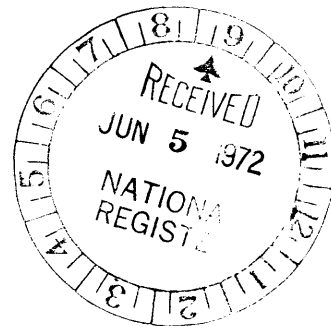
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Verbal Description of District Boundaries:

- Bound on N.W. side by old Post Office building.
- Bound on S.W. side by Talladega Furniture Store.
- Bound on S.E. side by Depot Building (L&N).
- Bound on N.E. side by Isbell Bank building.

Verbal Description of District Street Boundaries:

- Bound on North by North Street.
- Bound on South by Battle Street.
- Bound on East by East Street.
- Bound on East by East Street.
- Bound on West by Court Street.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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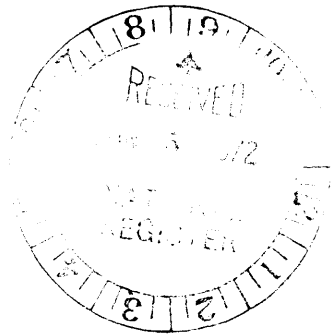
The Talladega County Court House Square Historic District is significant architecturally in that it is an example of industrial "boom town" building construction. Many unique and unusual design features have been incorporated into the buildings on the court house square.

The structures now found on the square were erected between the 1870's and early 1900's. This period marked a time of growth for the City of Talladega, and this growth was reflected in new buildings.

The court house square district, and neighboring buildings (within one block of the square), occupy an important place in the commercial life of Talladega. The buildings around the square were most important business establishments in the city. The court house has served as the seat of county government since the county was created in 1836.

The Leverette Hardware Co. building is the oldest building on the square, dating from its construction in 1835. It now appears as a brick store front structure, due to alterations.

The buildings on the square mainly feature brick store front architecture, with examples of classic revival and Victorian influences.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 "Vandiver's History of Talladega County" - Wellington Vandiver.
 "Inventory of County Archives of Alabama" - Historical Survey, 1940.

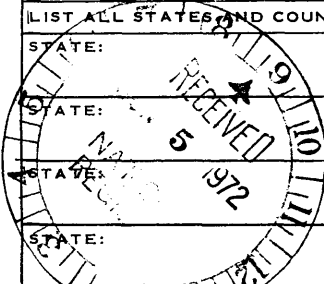
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	33°	26'	06"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	86°	06'	09"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approximately six (6) acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES None

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: May 24, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 36104 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Milo B. Howard, Jr.

Title SLO

Date May 30, 1972

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

Robert A. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/18/72

ATTEST:

William H. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-16-72

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