

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Valdosta Commercial Historic District  
Name of Property  
Lowndes County, GA  
County and State

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 83000234

Property Name: Valdosta Commerical Historic District

County: Lowndes County State: GA

Multiple Name:

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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

11/13/15  
Date of Action

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**Amended Item in Nomination**

This SLR is issued to make the following substantive correction:

Section 7

The historic district was listed on 9.15.1983 and supplementary documentation was accepted on 12.31.2002. These documents indicate that the property did not contribute to the historic district. The building was constructed of one story in c.1880 and a second story was added around 1912. (The historical evolution of this building as the C. C. Varnedoe & Co. department store is integral to the adjacent building at 132 N. Patterson Street.) A third story was added sometime between 1930 and 1947, reconstructing the 1912 cornice above the new story. In the 1960s the upper two stories were covered with concrete panels. This concrete façade was removed in about 2002, revealing the historic façade, minus the cornice and windows. The missing windows were replaced in the historic window openings. The evolution of the storefront is less clear, although it retains an historic recessed center entrance configuration.

Because the brick façade above the storefront has been uncovered and windows with the historic pane configuration installed, the building retains enough of its historic character representing its circa 1950 appearance to contribute to the historic district.

The State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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**Distribution**

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Valdosta Commercial Historic District

and or common

2. Location *Roughly bounded by Savannah Ave., Lee, Toombs, and Valley Sts.*

street & number See Continuation Sheet N/A not for publication

city, town Valdosta N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Lowndes code 185

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" 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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Owners (more than 50)

street & number

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court  
Lowndes County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Valdosta state GA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Structures has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes  no  
Field Survey: Lowndes  
date County, GA 1981 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

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

city, town Atlanta state GA

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description

The Valdosta Commercial Historic District encompasses the contiguous historic commercial and civic buildings in downtown Valdosta. The district is located on a low rise of ground at the approximate center of Valdosta's irregularly shaped city limits. Roughly square in shape, the district includes all or parts of nine city blocks arranged in a regular gridiron pattern. These blocks are subdivided generally into long, narrow, rectangular lots fronting onto principal streets and backing up to alleys or service courts. Buildings on these lots are for the most part one to three story brick commercial structures dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These buildings are densely grouped within the district; many share party walls and common setbacks from the streets. Styles of architecture represented in the district include Victorian Eclectic, Queen Anne, Commercial, Renaissance Revival, and Beaux Arts. Brick, the principal building material, is used both structurally and decoratively throughout the district. It is complemented by stone, cast iron, plate glass, wood, and pressed metal detailing. Some storefronts and a few front facades have been remodeled. The interiors of many buildings are relatively intact and maintain their original wood, plaster, and pressed metal finishes. Landscaping in the district is confined to the county courthouse square. In addition to commercial storefront buildings, the district also includes the 1906 County Courthouse, the 1908 City Hall (originally the United States Courthouse and Post Office) and a 1905 Methodist Church, all located along the northern tier of lots, and turn-of-the-century warehouses in the southeastern portion.

Non-contributing Buildings

The majority of the non-contributing buildings in the district are historic buildings that have been remodeled in a manner that detracts from the character and appearance of the district. These are classified as intrusions. A few buildings are described as having "potential significance." These are historic structures which have been altered by the addition of a false metal facade which if removed could reveal a relatively intact structure. A few non-historic structures, built within the last fifty years but not detracting from the character of the area, are scattered throughout the district. Individual buildings in all three categories are identified on the enclosed district map.

Boundary

The nominated property, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed maps, consists of the contiguous architecturally and historically significant properties in the area of historic commercial and civic development in Valdosta.

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Location

Valdosta Commercial Historic District is located in Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia. It encompasses an area of the central business district bounded approximately by Lee Street on the east, Savannah Avenue on the south, Toombs Street on the west, and Valley Street on the north.

Representation in Existing Surveys

The Lowndes County Courthouse, located within the district, was listed in the National Register on September 18, 1980 as part of the County Courthouses of Georgia thematic nomination.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1860 - 1930s **Builder/Architect** Multiple

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

#### Summary Statement of Significance

The Valdosta Commercial Historic District is historically significant in terms of community planning and development, architecture, commerce, and politics and government. In terms of community planning and development, the district is significant as the center of a community that was established and designated county seat in response to the laying of railroad tracks through a previously unsettled part of Lowndes County at the middle of the nineteenth century. In terms of architecture, the district is significant for its collection of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century commercial and civic buildings that represents prevailing historic design principles and construction practices. In terms of commerce, the district is significant as the historic commercial center of Valdosta and Lowndes County since 1860. In terms of politics and government, the district is significant as the historic center of political and governmental activity in Valdosta and Lowndes County. Those areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register Criteria A and C.

#### Community Planning and Development

Valdosta, Lowndes County's fourth county seat since its creation in 1823, was laid out on previously undeveloped land to take advantage of the Savannah, Albany and Gulf Railroad, the first railroad to cross Lowndes County and provide it with access to the port of Savannah. In 1859 enterprising citizens of Troupville, then the Lowndes county seat located four miles from the right-of-way of the new railroad, elected to relocate their town adjacent to the coming railroad tracks. Land was purchased and laid out, and Valdosta was incorporated in 1860, an example in Georgia of the many towns whose very existence was determined by the location of the railroads. Valdosta was laid out with a gridiron street plan and a courthouse square characteristic of many county seats in Georgia and elsewhere in the mid-nineteenth century.

Valdosta's initial growth was halted almost immediately by the Civil War. But late-nineteenth century railroad expansion in South Georgia which brought two additional railroads to the city in 1889 and 1899, combined with the invention of fertilizers that greatly improved the productivity of the surrounding land, initiated a period of intense growth. The city's population more than doubled between 1890 and 1900. In 1898 Valdosta became the smallest city in the nation to install a street railway system. The Valdosta Commercial Historic District contains a sizeable portion of the original gridiron area laid out in 1860, including the important county courthouse square. The majority of the remaining historic commercial and civic buildings in Valdosta are located in the district and date from its period of most intense development.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Blanchard, Haley. "Draft National Register Nomination: Valdosta Commercial Historic District". October, 1982. On file at State Historic Preservation Office, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. (This National Register nomination is based largely on the information contained in this document.) See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 25 acres

Quadrangle name Valdosta, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The district boundary, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed map, circumscribes the intact contiguous historic commercial and civic properties in downtown Valdosta.

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher  
Historic Preservation Section  
 organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date July 25, 1983  
 street & number 270 Washington Street, S.W. telephone 404/656-2840  
 city or town Atlanta state GA 30334

# 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 7/27/83

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

Patrick Andrus date 9/15/83  
 for Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Architecture

The major part of Valdosta's commercial architecture dates from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, the period of the city's greatest growth and prosperity. The collection of buildings located in the historic district provides an excellent picture of local adaptation of styles, design principles, and construction techniques prevalent nationally during this period. Popular styles such as the Victorian Eclectic, Queen Anne, Renaissance Revival, and Beaux Arts are well represented in their local forms. Buildings in the district, which range for the most part from one to three stories in height, share party walls and common setbacks from the street. Brick is the predominant building material, used in conjunction with cast iron, plate glass, wood, and stone. Earlier buildings display such features as segmentally-arched window openings, corbelling, stringcourses, and cornices typical of late-nineteenth century Victorian commercial architecture. Later buildings have more classical detailing of the type associated with turn-of-the-century and early-twentieth century revival styles.

Buildings by a number of locally and regionally important architects are present in the district, reflecting Valdosta's exceptional early-twentieth century prosperity. Stephen F. Fulgham (1857-1928) in his approximately ten-year residence in Valdosta designed a number of the most imposing commercial buildings in the district including 107-111 South Ashley Street, and the Converse Building at 121-123 North Patterson and also the 1898 First Baptist Church. Locally and regionally prominent Lloyd Greer (1885-1952) designed the 1908 Post Office (now Valdosta City Hall). The 1906 Lowndes County Courthouse (listed in the National Register on September 18, 1980) is the work of Frank P. Milburn (1868-1926), architect of many courthouses and railroad stations throughout Georgia and the Southeast. Regionally prominent Edward E. Dougherty (1876-1943), in association with his firm Dougherty and Gardner of Nashville, Tennessee, designed the 1924 Daniel Ashley Hotel.

Commerce

The Valdosta Commercial Historic District has served as the center of commercial life in Valdosta and Lowndes County from 1860 to the present day. The district's current character and appearance result largely from Valdosta's most intense period of commercial growth in the early years of the twentieth century when it became the world's largest marketing center for Sea Island Cotton and an important headquarters for the naval stores industry as well. Activities such as wholesaling and retailing, cotton factoring and warehousing, light manufacturing (a buggy factory), banking, professional services, hotel accommodations (of four hotels only the 1924 Daniel Ashley remains), and entertainment were located in the historic commercial area as the city developed.



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Politics/Government

The district is significant as the historic center of political and government activity in Lowndes County since 1860. The 1906 Lowndes county courthouse and the 1908 Post Office and Federal Building (now City Hall) aptly illustrate this aspect of the area's significance. Relatively few cities in Georgia feature historic city and county government buildings.

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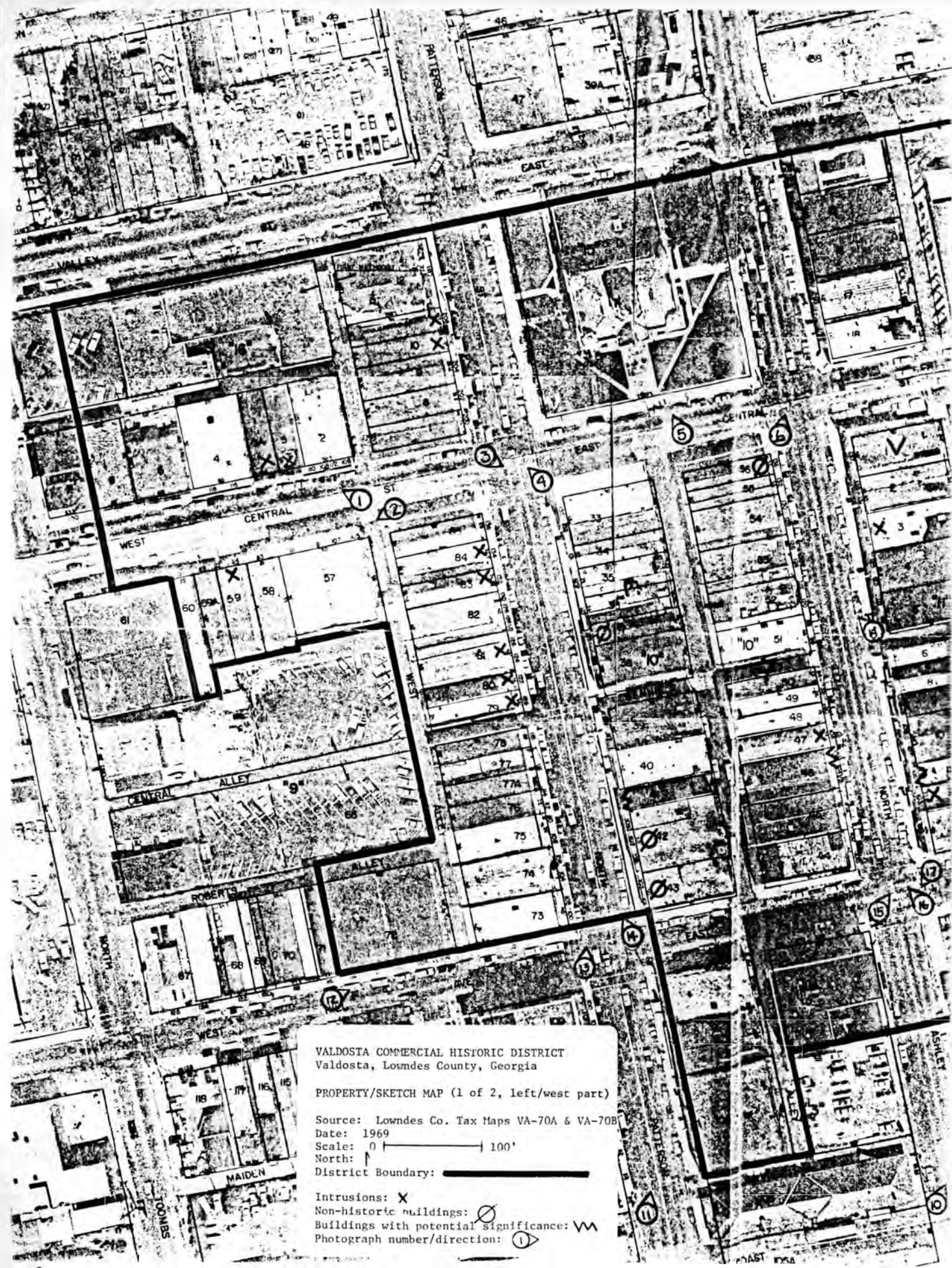
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VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP (1 of 2, left/west part)

Source: Lowndes Co. Tax Maps VA-70A & VA-70B

Date: 1969

Scale: 0 ————— 100'

North: ↑

District Boundary: —————

Intrusions: X

Non-historic buildings: ⊘

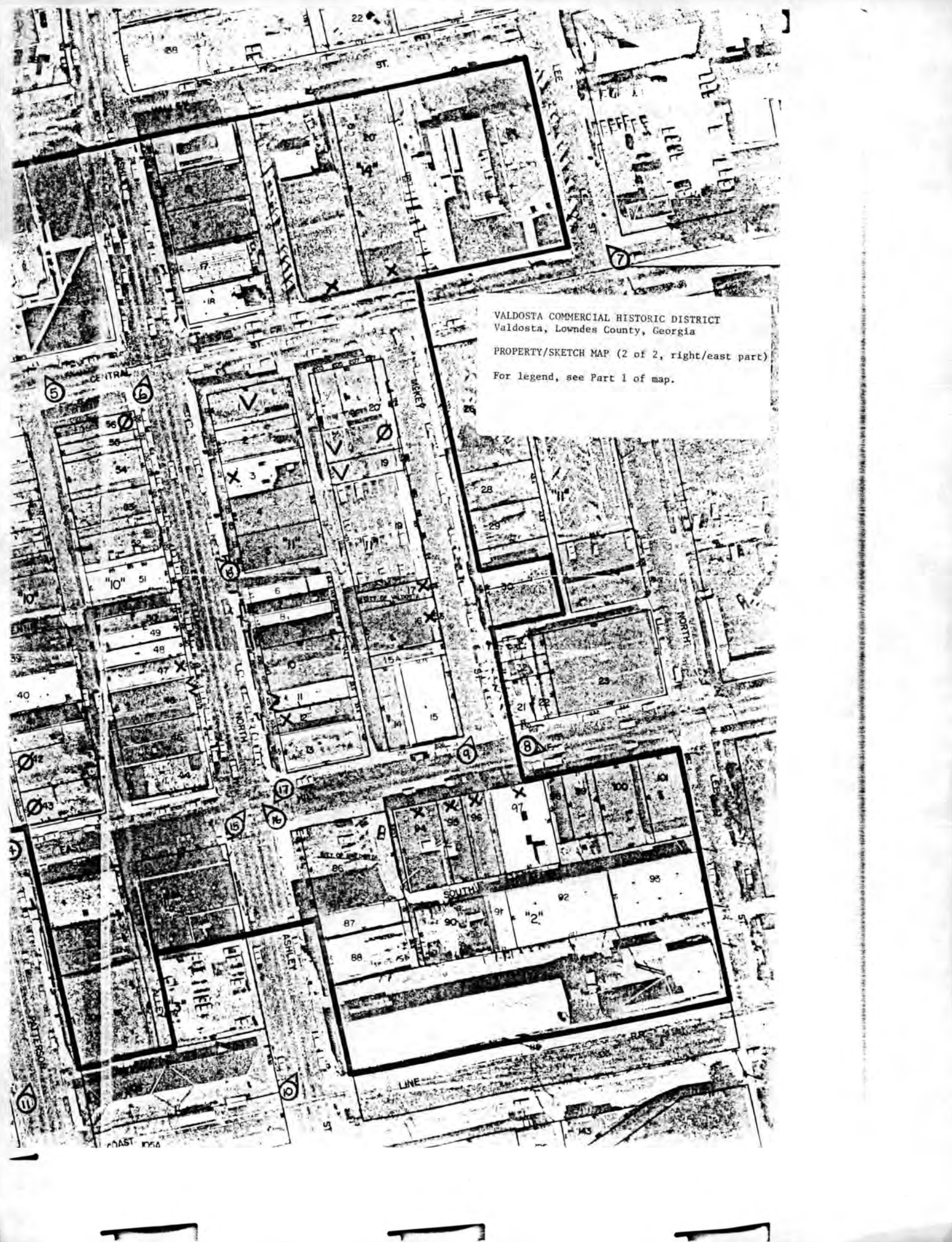
Buildings with potential significance: W

Photograph number/direction: ①

VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP (2 of 2, right/east part)

For legend, see Part 1 of map.





VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia  
Photographer: James R. Lockhart  
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Natural Resources  
Date: November, 1982  
Description: (1 of 18): North side of  
West Central Avenue between North  
Toombs and North Patterson Streets;  
photographer facing west.



*Evelyn's*

*Evelyn's*

FASHIONS  
ACCESSORIES  
GIFTS

Mathew  
FURNITURE

VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
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Description: (2 of 18): South side of  
West Central Avenue between North  
Toombs and North Patterson Streets;  
photographer facing southwest.





VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia  
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Description: (3 of 18): East side of  
North Patterson Steet just south of  
East Central Avenue; photographer  
facing southeast.



KING'S GRILL

KING'S GRILL

DOLLAR STORES

T O R

NO RIGHT TURN

ONE WAY  
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VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart

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Natural Resources

Date: November, 1982

Description: (4 of 18): West side of  
North Patterson Street between West  
Central Avenue and West Valley Street;  
photographer facing northwest.



VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia  
Photographer: James R. Lockhart  
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Date: November, 1982  
Description: (5 of 18): Lowndes County  
Courthouse, Central Avenue facade;  
photographer facing northwest.



NO RIGHT TURN

SECURITY FINANCE CORP.

EXTERMINATING PRODUCTS CO.

JEPHS

LOANS

DO NOT ENTER

VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia  
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Natural Resources

Date: November, 1982

Description: (6 of 18): East side of  
North Ashley Street between East  
Central Avenue and East Valley Street;  
photographer facing north.





SAVANNAH CITY HALL

LARRY'S 4-2034  
SPECIALIZING IN AUTO  
UPHOLSTERY CLEANING  
CAR WASHED - POLISHED

VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart

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Date: November, 1982

Description: (7 of 18): Valdosta City  
Hall (formerly United State Courthouse),  
North Lee Street facade; photographer  
facing northwest.



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Photographer: James R. Lockhart

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Description: (8 of 18): South side of  
East Hill Avenue between North Ashley  
and North Lee Streets; photographer  
facing east.



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Photographer: James R. Lockhart

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Date: November, 1982

Description: (9 of 18): West side of  
McKey Street between East Hill and  
East Central Avenues; photographer  
facing north.



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ARMY-NAVY SURPLUS

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SOUTHERN SALVAGE CO.

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OFFICE EQUIPMENT

PANN SHOP "LOANS"

VALDOSTA FEED MILLS INC.

VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

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Date: November, 1982

Description: (10 of 18): East side of  
North Ashley Street between East  
Savannah and East Hill Avenues; photo-  
grapher facing north.





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VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
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Description: (11 of 18): East side of  
North Patterson Street between East  
Savannah and East Hill Avenues;  
photographer facing north.



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Description: (12 of 18): North side of  
West Hill Avenue between North Toombs  
and North Patterson Streets; photo-  
grapher facing northeast.



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Date: November, 1982  
Description: (13 of 18): North Patterson  
Street between Hill and Central Avenues;  
photographer facing north.



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Date: November, 1982  
Description: (14 of 18): West side of  
North Patterson Street between Hill  
Avenue and Valley Street; photo-  
grapher facing northwest.





THE FAMOUS STORE

TAYLOR'S FURNITURE

FRIEDLANDER'S  
DOWNTOWN  
STORE



It's the  
real  
thing.  
Coke.

GOING-OUT  
BUSINESS  
BARGAINS  
GALORE!

NO  
LEFT  
TURN

VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

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Date: November, 1982

Description: (15 of 18): East side of  
North Ashley Street just north of East  
Hill Avenue; photographer facing north.



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Photographer: James R. Lockhart

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Date: November, 1982

Description: (16 of 18): West side of  
Ashley Street north of East Hill  
Avenue; photographer facing northwest.



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Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart

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Date: November, 1982

Description: (17 of 18): South side of  
East Hill Avenue between North Pat-  
terson and North Ashley Streets (Ashley  
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grapher facing southwest.



VALDOSTA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia

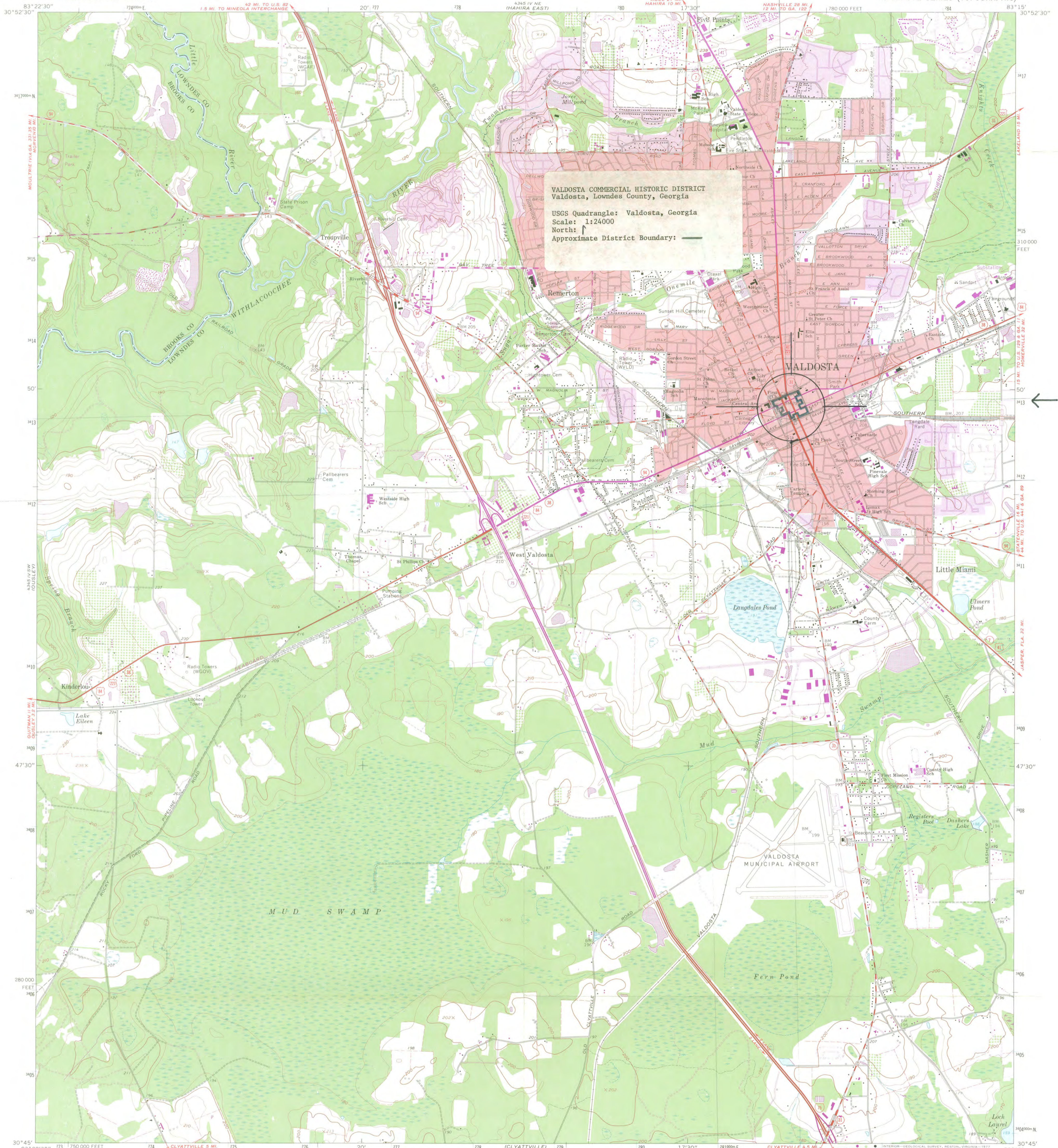
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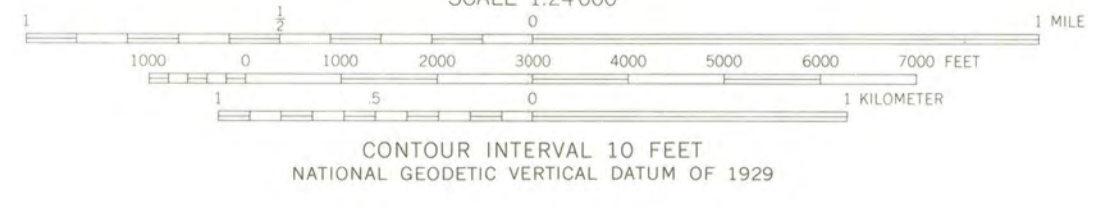
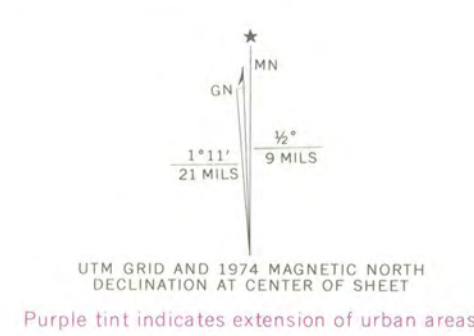
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North Ashley Street just south of  
East Central Avenue; photographer  
facing northwest.





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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Valdosta Commercial Historic District  
Lowndes County  
GEORGIA

Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 2 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 9/1/83 9/16/83

Action:  ACCEPT 9/15/83

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*architecturally significant grouping of late 19<sup>th</sup> early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings - historically significant in areas of commerce, community planning, & politics/government*

Recom./Criteria accept A&C  
Reviewer Patrick Adams  
Discipline Historian  
Date 9/15/83  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



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# C.C. Varnedoe & Co.

THE STYLE CENTER OF VALDOSTA

P. O. Box 1067  
Valdosta, Georgia 31603-1067  
2 December 1982

Dr. Elizabeth Lyon  
Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Section  
270 Washington Stl, S. W.  
Room 701  
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

Dear Dr. Lyon,

The meeting in Valdosta lastnight conducted by Mr. Cloues was a great success. The only complaints were that the area drawn was not large enough.

As a property owner and Chairman of the Central Valdosta Development Authority, I am whole heartedly in favor of the move. It cannot help but succeed in keeping our downtown area closer to what it was at the past height of success. I write past, as I fully believe that our greatest success is yet to come. We have something here that cannot be duplicated. Something that has a personality and character that belongs to no one else.

I am grateful to Haley Blanchard who has worked diligently and intelligently for this recognition. If there is anything that we can do here in Valdosta ....please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sherwood C. Dennis, Pres.  
C. C. Varnedoe & Co.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION



VALDOSTA AND LOWNDES COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

December 6, 1982

Ms. Elizabeth A. Lyon  
Department of Natural Resources  
270 Washington Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Ms. Lyon:

We are delighted to support the nomination of the Valdosta Commercial Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. As you know, the Chamber of Commerce at 416 North Ashley Street is located in the Barber-Pittman House, which is also on the National Register.

We feel that the Historic District under consideration is a significant part of the history and heritage of our community and should be preserved. It is certainly associated with events that have contributed to our history, embodies distinctive characteristics of architecture and represents home places of many persons that are significant in the past history of our community.

We urge your approval.

Very truly yours,



John B. Lastinger  
Executive Vice President

JBL/mc



# Department of Transportation

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December 14, 1982

Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Department of Natural Resources  
270 Washington Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Lyon:

Subject: Valdosta Commercial Historic District, Lowndes County

In reference to your notice of November 15, 1982, we have reviewed the information on the subject nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We find no approved transportation plan or proposed project which would have an affect on the site. However, it is requested that, wherever possible, highway rights-of-way not be included in the nomination.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alton L. Dowd, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Alton L. Dowd, Jr., P.E.  
Director of Preconstruction

ALDjr/dm

# Department of Natural Resources

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Joe B. Tanner  
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August 1, 1983

Ms. Norma Rowland  
National Register Control Unit  
Interagency Resources Division  
National Park Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
T8 and C Street  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Rowland:

Enclosed is a copy of the "property/sketch map" for the Valdosta Commercial Historic District, Lowndes County, Georgia, a nomination recently submitted to the National Register. The map submitted with the original nomination form was not completely photocopied. Please substitute this two-page map for the one-page map in the original. This material is being submitted pursuant to instructions given to me in a telephone conversation with Dolores Byers on August 1, 1983.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We appreciate the fact that review of this nomination will not be dealyed very much.

Sincerely,

*Richard Cloues*

Richard Cloues  
National Register Coordinator  
Historic Preservation Section