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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Location

street & number First St., Pittsburgh Ave., Fifth St., and Columbia Ave. not for publication N/A  
city or town Sheffield vicinity N/A  
state Alabama code AL county Colbert code 033 zip code 35660

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility 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  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Elizabeth Ann Brown  
Signature of certifying official/Title

April 1, 2010  
Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson R. Beall 5.24.10

[Signature]  
Signature of Keeper

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Date of Action

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2. Location, Continued

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District is generally bounded by First St., Pittsburgh Ave., Fifth St., and Columbia Ave. Montgomery Ave. is the principal thoroughfare.

The district contains the following street numbers:

Alabama Ave. N	501
Austin Ave. N	100 - 301
Columbia Ave. N	105 - 221
Fifth St. E	130
Fifth St. W	100 - 105
First St. E	201
Fourth St. W	102 - 109
Frankfort Ave. N	107 - 223
Montgomery Ave. N	101 - 416
Nashville Ave. N	116 - 411
Pittsburgh Ave. N	200
Raleigh Ave. N	104 - 505
Second St. E	103 - 301
Third St. E	112
Third St. W	101 - 109

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>73</u>	<u>22</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>73</u>	<u>22</u> Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	Sub: <u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Business</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Warehouse</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Hotel</u>
<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>Meeting Hall</u>
<u>See Continuation Sheet</u>	

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	Sub: <u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Business</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>Warehouse</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Hotel</u>
<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>Meeting Hall</u>
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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate, Renaissance

MODERN MOVEMENT: Moderne

OTHER: One-part and Two-part Commercial Blocks

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: BRICK, STONE, CONCRETE

roof: ASPHALT, METAL

walls: BRICK, STONE, CONCRETE, METAL

other: GLASS, METAL, STONE

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>RECREATION &amp; CULTURE</u>	Sub: <u>Theatre</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>Post Office</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>Fire Station</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>Public Works</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>Religious Facility</u>

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>RECREATION</u>	Sub: <u>Theatre</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>Post Office</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>City Hall</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>Public Works</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>Religious Facility</u>
<u>VACANT/NOT IN USE</u>	

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7. Narrative Description

Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District Description

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial District is situated at the heart of Sheffield, Alabama. Sandwiched between Tusculumbia to the south, Muscle Shoals to the east, and Florence to the north, Sheffield is part of the Tennessee Valley. The historic district features 95 resources arranged on a grid pattern of streets and avenues, the focal point of which is Montgomery Avenue. Although some of the buildings have undergone minor alterations, the overall integrity of the Sheffield Downtown Commercial District has not been diminished. Various 20th century economic booms produced waves of construction activity.

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial District is contained within an area of Sheffield bounded by the Southern Railroad tracks to the south; Pittsburgh Avenue to the west; Sixth Street to the north; and Columbia Avenue to the east. Industry borders the west side of the district while residential neighborhoods surround the remaining sides.

A battery of one and multi-story commercial buildings line either side of Montgomery Avenue, the major traffic artery in the commercial district. A cluster of five, one and two-story, commercial buildings (Resources 23-27) stand on the west side of Montgomery Avenue between First and Second Streets (Photos #14 & #15). Two two-story, commercial edifices, Resources 28 and 29, anchor the southwest corner of Montgomery Avenue and Second Street. Resource 38, completes an assemblage of five two-story buildings on the west side of the two hundred block. The buildings are appointed with such stylistic details as recessed panels and corbelled cornices. Opposite these edifices are an amalgam of one and two-story commercial buildings, which include Resources 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 40. The two-story buildings feature stylistic appointments similar to those on the west side of the street (Photo #12). Highlights of the west side of Montgomery Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets (Photos #6 & #9) include the Blake Building (Resource 48), a three-story building that dates to 1888, and the Sheffield Hardware Company building (Resource 45), which features an elaborate cornice. A lot that has remained vacant since Sheffield's inception in the late 1880s extends between the two edifices. Resources 42, 44, 46, 47, and 49 frame the east side of the three hundred block (Photo #2). Another fixture on the east side of Montgomery Avenue is the Montgomery Block (Resource 50). Built in 1888, the three-story, brick commercial building ensconces seven retail spaces on the first floor and apartments on the upper two.

Raleigh Avenue features a variety of commercial buildings. The Union Aluminum Company-Southern Metal Supply Company (Resource 2) is situated on the southwest corner of Raleigh Avenue and Second Street. Built in 1945, the Union Aluminum Company-Southern Metal Supply Company occupies four other industrial buildings and their additions, three of which are located on Austin Avenue (Resources 3, 4, and 5) and one is on Frankfurt Avenue (Resource 19). Other buildings occupying real estate on the one hundred block of Raleigh Avenue include Resource 70, a one-story brick commercial building built circa 1945; and three corrugated metal structures, Resources 67 through 69, all of which were erected circa 1940. Several vacant lots that have not been occupied since the late 1880s are interspersed among three historic brick edifices on the two hundred block (Photo #17). A one-story commercial building, Resource 71, anchors the northwest corner of Raleigh Avenue and Second Street. An open lot stretches between this building and Pride's Cleaners and Laundry (Resource 73 and 74). A laundry service has been housed in these two-story commercial buildings since 1915. The Grand Theatre (Resource 72/photo #18), which once catered to an African-American clientele, stands on

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the east side of the avenue. The three hundred block (Photo #19) consists of the Fire Station/City Hall (Resource 78), built circa 1905; two, two-story, commercial buildings (Resources 77 and 79) both of which were erected between 1915 and 1920; and two, one-story brick buildings, Resources 75 and 76, which have construction dates of 1945 and 1921, respectively. Two post-World War II works by Howard Griffith, Jr., the VFW building (Resource 80) and Elk's Club building (Resource 81), are focal points in the northern section of the commercial district.

Frankfurt Avenue was the center of Sheffield's wholesale grocery district in the early-twentieth century. Resource 22, a one-story brick commercial building built circa 1910, remains from this period of commercial history. Other buildings on the street include an altered one-story brick building (Resource 21) and a modern metal industrial building (Resource 20).

Nashville Avenue (Photo #33) features a number of vacant lots as it has not been as well developed as Montgomery and Raleigh Avenues. Six commercial business houses stand on the two hundred block. One of these is an erstwhile service station (Resource 56), the integrity of which has been compromised. A Public Works Administration project erected in 1937, the Power and Light building (Resource 62/Photo #32) occupies the northeast corner of Nashville and Third. It, like the City Power and Water building (Resource 63), exhibits characteristics of the Modern Movement.

Columbia Avenue (Photo #35) has only four entries in the commercial district (Resources 9-12). Designed in the Renaissance style, the Post Office (Resource 11) has been a fixture on Columbia Avenue since 1930. A one-story brick building across the street from the post office (Resource 12) was constructed in 1962 and is a noncontributing resource. A brick veneer and frame garage building (Resource 10) is located on the east side of the one hundred block.

Second Street (Photos #29 & #30) is the address of two one-story brick commercial rows (Resources 82 and 84). Resource 83, which is situated at the southeast corner of Second Street and Nashville Avenue, represents the third early-twentieth-century service station in the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District.

Six commercial buildings are sandwiched between Raleigh and Montgomery Avenues on Third Street. Three, one-story commercial buildings, Resources 91, 93, and 94 reside on the north side of the block and have done so since 1928. The Ritz Theater (Resource 92), built in 1927 as a silent motion picture theatre, is located on the south side of the block (Photo #22).

Two buildings front on Fourth Street (Resources #17-18). The sole religious building is located on Fifth Street. Built in 1911, the First Presbyterian Church (Resource 13/Photo #33) features several residual High Victorian Gothic elements, such as faux buttresses, arch crowned stained glass windows, parapets, and a side spire.

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial District is composed of buildings built between c. 1888 and 1970 with a majority of them constructed from the late 1880s through the 1940s and 1950s. One-story commercial blocks, like Resources 91 through 94, have storefronts consisting of wood and glass doors, flanking display windows, and transoms and upper facades with recessed name and date panels and parapets.

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There are 24, two-story, commercial block buildings in the commercial historic district. The two-story, commercial blocks, such as the Sheffield Hardware buildings (Resources 51 and 52), have upper facades with parapets, cornices, recessed name and date panels, and stone brick sills and lintels and store fronts with wood and glass doors, flanking display windows, and transoms.

There are 10, three-story, commercial block buildings in the commercial historic district. The Blake Building (Resource 57) and the Montgomery Block (Resource 45) have upper facades with parapets, cornices, recessed name and date panels, and stone brick sills and lintels and store fronts with wood and glass doors, flanking display windows, and transoms.

The one and multiple story, commercial blocks are constructed of brick or concrete block. The upper stories of the multiple story commercial blocks are used as office space, apartments, and/or storage. Decoration of both types of commercial block buildings consists of tile inlays, recessed panels, arch top windows, and corbelling.

The Ritz (Resource 92) and Grand (Resource 72) theaters are the only two movie houses extant in the district; they fall under the multiple story, commercial block and one-story, commercial block typologies, respectively.

Six public buildings (Resources 1, 11, 62, 63, 80, and 81) are located within the boundaries of the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District. Built in 1937 by the Public Works Administration, the Power and Light Building (Resource 62) features a simplified design with a flat roof and an unadorned brick exterior. The City Power and Water Building (Resource 63) also has a flat roof and a simplified design. Polished marble is affixed to the exterior of the building. Designed by architect, Howard Griffith, Jr., the Veterans of Foreign Wars building (Resource 80) and Elk's Club building (Resource 81) feature a post World War II, streamlined look. Two public buildings, the Chamber of Commerce (Resource 1) and the United States Post Office (Resource 11), exhibit strong classical detailing: overall symmetry, abundant use of columns and pilasters, cornice and frieze work, and arched windows and doors.

The Union Aluminum Company plant buildings (Resources 2 through 5) are rectilinear industrial buildings with distinctive sawtooth roofs.

Noncontributing resources make up a small percentage of the resources in the district and are either historic buildings with modern alterations (Resources 12, 14, 23, 25, 35, 39, 46, 52, 56, 57, 59, and 79) or modern intrusions (Resources 20, 21, 40, 47, 51, 53, 54, 55, 85, and 89). Of the 95 resources in the district, 73 are considered contributing, 22 are noncontributing.

Archaeological Component: Although no formal archaeological survey has been conducted of this district area, the potential for subsurface remains is minimal; however, buried portions may contain information that could be useful in interpreting the entire area.

#### Inventory

The following is both a description of the present and past status of the resources in the Sheffield Downtown Commercial District. Each of the resources is assigned a number from 1 to 95. The resources are organized by

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street and number hierarchy. The buildings are divided into two classifications: those that contribute to the significance of the historic district and those that do not contribute to the significance.

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|----|---|----------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1  | Chamber of Commerce   | 1922 ca. | 501 Alabama Ave. N  | Contributing |
|    | Renaissance-Public Building. Chamber of Commerce. Two-story, brick civic building with hip roof of asphalt shingles, wrap around stone cornice with paired brackets, brick pilasters, second floor with paired 1/1 pane sash windows with arch transom, keystone on all elevations, first floor with paired 1/1 pane sash windows with transom, east elevation (facade) with partial width portico with hip roof, cornice, exterior stone columns, metal supports, central double glass and wood door, basement with windows on all elevations. The building was originally used as the Chamber of Commerce, but in recent years it has been converted into a private residence. [Photo #4] |          |                     |              |
| 2  | Union Aluminum Company  | 1945 ca. | 100 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | Modern Movement-Industrial. One-story building with sawtooth roofs of metal, metal and brick walls. [Photo #24]   |          |                     |              |
| 3  | Union Aluminum Company  | 1945 ca. | 101 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | Modern Movement-Industrial. One-story building with sawtooth roofs of metal, metal and brick walls.   |          |                     |              |
| 4  | Union Aluminum Company  | 1945 ca. | 200 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | Modern Movement-Industrial. One-story building with sawtooth roofs of metal, metal and brick walls. [Photo #25]   |          |                     |              |
| 5  | Union Aluminum Company  | 1945 ca. | 201 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | Modern Movement-Industrial. One-story building with sawtooth roofs of metal, metal and brick walls.   |          |                     |              |
| 6  | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1950 ca. | 215 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | One-story concrete block commercial building with gable roof of standing seam metal, east elevation (facade) with stepped parapet, brick cladding, one metal garage door, one wood door, south elevation with one window and a door.  |          |                     |              |
| 7  | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1950 ca. | 217 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | One-story concrete block commercial building with gable roof of standing seam metal, east elevation (facade) with stepped parapet, brick cladding, central six panel wood door, flanking windows, one covered with plywood.   |          |                     |              |
| 8  | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1915 ca. | 301 Austin Ave. N   | Contributing |
|    | Two-story wood frame commercial building with gable roof of standing seam metal, pressboard siding, 3x2 bay core faces east, 3/1 pane sash windows concealed by plywood (typical), single entrance at south bay of east elevation.  |          |                     |              |
| 9  | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1948 ca. | 100 Columbia Ave. N | Contributing |
|    | One-story, brick and concrete block commercial building with flat roof, parapet, off center plate glass door, flanking plate glass windows, two garage doors, south elevation with glass block and doors. [Photo #34]   |          |                     |              |
| 10 | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1945 ca. | 110 Columbia Ave. N | Contributing |
|    | Rectangular 1-story frame and brick veneer commercial building with a front-facing gable industrial metal roof concealed at its facade by a stepped gable; faces west, 3x1 bay core with rear 3 bay V-crimped metal-clad extension. Building is shown on the 1962 Sanborn map as an auto repair shop but is not on the 1928 edition.  |          |                     |              |
| 11 | U.S Post Office   | 1930 ca. | 210 Columbia Ave. N | Contributing |



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- Renaissance-Public Building. Two-story, brick civic building with flat roof, wrap around parapet and cornice, west elevation (facade) with seven second story 8/8 pane sash windows with stone sills and lintels, six first floor 15/15 pane sash windows, four inner windows with stone balustrades, stone segmental arch crowns with keystone and radiating voussoirs, central glass and wood door with sidelight, transom, stone segmental arch crown with keystone and radiating voussoir, stone plinth, fenestration of north, south, and east elevations similar to facade, corner stone inscribed "A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect; 1930." [Photo #36]
- 12 Building, Not Named 1962 221 Columbia Ave. N Noncontributing  
Rectangular 1-story brick veneer building with a flat roof. Constructed in 1962 according to the 1962 Sanborn map.
- 13 First Presbyterian Church 1911 ca. 130 Fifth St. E Contributing  
One-story, brick religious building with residual High Victorian Gothic details, front gable roof of asphalt shingles, parapet, side spire, north elevation (facade) with triple stained glass window with arch crowns, nave stained glass windows, buttresses; addition: Two-story, brick religious building with flat roof, parapet, stone coping, wrap around cornice, north elevation with two 6/6 double hung sash windows on second floors, first floor with central recessed wood door with stone pediment and surrounds, two flanking 6/6 double hung sash windows, east elevation with second floor with sixteen 6/6 double hung sash windows, one porthole window, first floor with sixteen 6/6 double hung sash windows, one recessed wood door with stone pediment and surrounds. [Photo #33]
- 14 Commercial Building, Not Named 1950 ca. 100 Fifth St. W Noncontributing  
One-story, brick commercial block with flat roof, parapet, plate glass windows and door, gas pump island with canopy. This building is shown on the 1962 Sanborn map as a gasoline station. Due to alterations, it no longer retains integrity.
- 15 Commercial Building, Not Named 1955 ca. 105 Fifth St. W Contributing  
Rectangular 1-story concrete block building with perma-stone veneer and a monopitch roof; faces north, 3x6 bay core; central aluminum storefront system flanked by single replacement windows. Building is shown on the 1962 Sanborn map as an office building but is not on the 1928 edition.
- 16 Commercial Building, Not Named 1949 ca. 201 First St. E Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, upper facade with decorative inlays, store front with off center glass door, flanking plate glass windows.
- 17 State National Bank 1954 102 Fourth St. W Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, stone coping, stone cladding, north elevation with two drive-in windows, west and south elevations with two pane fixed windows, plate glass door. This building is shown on the 1962 Sanborn Map as the State National Bank. The map indicates that it was built in 1954.
- 18 Commercial Building, Not Named 1949 ca. 109 Fourth St. W Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, north elevation with large opening filled with glass block, multi-pane fixed windows, west elevation with plate glass door, glass block window, south elevation with glass block windows.
- 19 Union Aluminum Company 1945 ca. 107 Frankfort Ave. N Contributing  
Modern Movement-Industrial. One-story building with sawtooth roofs of metal, metal and brick walls. [Photo #25]

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20		Commercial Building, Not Named	1965 ca. 207 Frankfort Ave. N Noncontributing
		One-story, metal commercial building with gable roof, inset corner entry with double metal doors. The 1962 Sanborn map shows two store buildings and a residence at this location.	
21		Commercial Building, Not Named	1955 ca. 209 Frankfort Ave. N Noncontributing
		One-story, brick commercial building, flat roof, parapet, recessed plate glass door, flanking plate glass windows, steel door.	
22		Commercial Building, Not Named	1910 ca. 223 Frankfort Ave. N Contributing
		One-story, brick commercial building, flat roof of tar composition, parapet, south elevation with three recessed panels with corbelled brickwork, two segmental arch windows, one segmental arch loading bay, one door with segmental arch transom, east elevation with five segmental arch windows, two segmental arch doors.	
23		Commercial Building, Not Named	1900 ca. 101 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing
		Two-story, brick, stucco covered commercial building, flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with corbelled cornice, three second floor windows with hoods, first floor with central double leaf glass and wood doors with transom, flanking plate glass windows with transoms, south elevation with nine second floor openings, eight of which are enclosed, the remaining with a 1/1 pane sash window, five first floor openings, one with a door, the other four with 1/1 pane sash windows, basement; building has been covered with vinyl siding and no longer retains integrity (2008).	
24		Commercial Building, Not Named	1903 ca. 103 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing
		One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with Vitrolite siding, two exterior double glass and wood doors with transom, interior plate glass windows.	
25		Commercial Building, Not Named	1903 ca. 105 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing
		One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with aluminum siding, central recessed glass door with transom, flanking plate glass windows. Integrity compromised by alterations.	
26		Commercial Building, Not Named	1889 ca. 107 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing
		Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, stepped parapet, east elevation (facade) with four ventilation openings with decorative metal covers, four second floor 2/2 pane sash windows with segmental arch tops, brick sills, corbelled cornice, first floor with four paneled wood door that fronts a stairwell, glass and wood door with transom, plate glass windows, Vitrolite cladding.	
27		Commercial Building, Not Named	1928 ca. 109 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing
		One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with deteriorated signage, metal awning, central recessed double glass and wood door with flanking plate glass windows.	
28		Commercial Building, Not Named	1903 ca. 117 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing
		Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with projecting cornice embellished with brackets, four second floor 1/1 pane sash windows with stone sills, cornice, awning, central recessed glass door with transom, flanking plate glass windows.	
29		Commercial Building, Not Named	1908 ca. 123 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing
		Two-story, brick, stucco covered commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with 1/4 barrel vault awning, two recessed glass doors with transom, flanking plate glass windows, north elevation with two second floor windows, one first floor glass block window and a door.	
30		Commercial Building, Not Named	1910 ca. 200 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing
		Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, cornice, upper facade (shared with Resource 33) with five second floor windows, three with segmental arch tops, first floor store front with center	

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- recessed glass and wood door, flanking plate glass windows, south elevation with second floor windows, several with segmental arch tops, first floor store front.
- 31 Commercial Building, Not Named 1903 ca. 210 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, west elevation (facade) with corbelled cornice, four recessed panels, four 2/2 pane sash windows with stone sills, three first floor openings, one with door, the other two with plate glass windows, two iron columns, north elevation with seven second floor windows with stone lintels and sills, four second floor windows with stone lintels and sills. [Photo #13]
- 32 Commercial Building, Not Named 1928 ca. 212 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, ceramic tile awning, 1/4 barrel awning, plate glass door, plate glass windows, south elevation with three windows, two of which are enclosed.
- 33 Commercial Building, Not Named 1908 ca. 213 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) recessed name and date plate, three enclosed windows with stone sills and lintels, shutters, first floor with Vitrolite siding, awning, central recessed glass door with transom, flanking plate glass windows, wood floor, exposed brick interior walls, tin panel ceiling.
- 34 Commercial Building, Not Named 1945 ca. 214 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, west elevation (facade) with signage, two second floor metal casement windows, awning, central recessed double glass and wood door, flanking plate glass windows.
- 35 Commercial Building, Not Named 1908 ca. 215 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with recessed name and date panel with corbelled brickwork, metal slip cover, awning, first floor with central recessed glass door with sidelight, flanking plate glass windows.
- 36 Commercial Building, Not Named 1903 ca. 219 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with corbelled cornice, recessed name and date plate, seven enclosed second floor windows with stone lintels, first floor with two recessed double glass doors, flanking plate glass windows, linoleum tile floor.
- 37 Commercial Building, Not Named 1903 ca. 221 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with corbelled cornice, recessed name and date panel, three enclosed second floor windows with stone lintels, signage, first floor with recessed glass door, flanking plate glass windows, linoleum tile floor.
- 38 Commercial Building, Not Named 1895 ca. 223 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Three-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with corbelled cornice, three recessed panels, three third floor windows with stone sills and arch tops filled with glass block, three second floor windows with stone sills, segmental arch tops filled with glass blocks, quoins, neon signage, 1/4 barrel vault awning, first floor with vitrolite siding, recessed glass door with sidelights and transom, flanking plate glass windows, linoleum tile floor, acoustic tile ceiling, north elevation with third and second floor windows like those of facade, first floor with two segmental arch top windows and a door, basement. [Photo #10]
- 39 Commercial Building, Not Named 1949 ca. 230 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing  
One-story, brick, stucco covered commercial building with flat roof, parapet, signage, recessed double plate glass door, flanking plate glass windows. Integrity lost to alterations.
- 40 Commercial Building, Not Named 1970 ca. 232 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing

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- One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, wrap around shingled awning, recessed double plate glass door, plate glass window bands.
- 41 Commercial Building, Not Named 1910 ca. 301 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with continuous second floor window hood, grouped awning windows, first floor with recessed double glass door, two plate glass windows, linoleum tile floor, south elevation with ventilator frieze, eight pilasters, seven second floor windows, first floor with six large openings filled with glass block, double plate glass door, west elevation with three ventilators, two second floor windows, one first floor window. The east elevation (facade) was altered in the 1950s. The cornice and other detailing was removed; window openings on the second floor were enlarged to accommodate twenty-five awning windows; the historic, first floor fenestration was removed; a plain, double leaf, glass door and unadorned, plate glass, windows were installed. The alterations occurred during the district's period of significance and the significant Third Street elevation remains essentially intact from its circa 1910 construction.
- 42 Commercial Building, Not Named 1903 ca. 304 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, upper facade (shared with Resource 47) with seven second floor openings fitted with windows of contemporary design, stone lintels and sills, first floor store front with awning, recessed glass door with flanking plate glass windows, south elevation with two enclosed second floor windows.
- 43 Commercial Building, Not Named 1947 ca. 307 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, two recessed double plate glass doors, flanking plate glass windows, linoleum and carpeted floors, acoustic tile ceiling.
- 44 Commercial Building, Not Named 1903 ca. 308 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, upper facade (shared with Resource 50) with bracketed cornice, decorative brickwork, seven second floor windows with awnings, stone sills, awning, first floor with iron pilaster, glass door, flanking plate glass windows, vinyl siding, linoleum tile floors, acoustic tile ceiling.
- 45 Sheffield Hardware Company 1908 ca. 309 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, upper facade with elaborate cornice embellished with modillions, brackets, and arches, ventilation slits, two sets of three second floor openings fitted with 2/2 pane sash windows with stone sills, cornice, recessed name and date panel, center first floor recessed plate glass door with transom and flanking plate glass windows. [Photos #6 & #7]
- 46 Commercial Building, Not Named 1945 ca. 312 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing  
Three-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, west elevation (facade) with composite siding, three third and second floor windows, first floor with central recessed double plate glass door, south elevation with third, second, and first floor windows, basement. Integrity lost due to alterations.
- 47 Commercial Building, Not Named 1970 ca. 316 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, plate glass door and plate glass windows, canopy.
- 48 Blake Building; Sheffield National Bank. 1888 ca. 321 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Three-story, brick and rusticated stone commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with stepped parapet, wrap around stone cornice with modillions, six third floor windows with stone sills and arch crowns, brick belt course, second floor with three sets of three pane windows with stone sills and lintels, stone belt course, first floor with central entry fitted with double wood panel door with transom, pediment, arch light, flanking triple three pane windows with stone lintels and sills, stone steps, four

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basement windows, north elevation bay arrangement similar to facade, north elevation with exterior metal fire escape, south elevation with only two third story segmental arch windows, wood floor, tin panel ceiling, skylight. [Photo #5]

- 49 Commercial Building, Not Named 1910 ca. 322 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, west elevation (facade) with diamond tile inlays, wrap around corbelled cornice, three second floor windows with awnings and stone sills, stone belt course, awning, central plate glass door, flanking plate glass window, north elevation with diamond tile inlays, ten second floor windows with stone sills, stone belt course, nine first floor windows, plate glass door with awning.
- 50 Montgomery Block 1888 ca. 400 Montgomery Ave. N Contributing  
Three-story, brick commercial block with flat roof, parapet; south elevation with corbelled cornice, ten 1/1 pane sash windows with stone lintels and sills on third and second floors, first floor with three 1 pane windows with stone lintels and sills, door with awning; north elevation with ten third floor windows with stone sills, eight second floor windows with stone sills, six first floor windows; west elevation (facade) with twenty-two 1/1 pane sash windows with stone sills and continuous lintel course on third and second floors, recessed panels, ten pilasters, first floor divided into six store fronts; store front with iron cross beam, exterior pilasters with capitals, two iron columns, central double wood and glass door with transom and canopy, flanking plate glass windows with four pane transom, wood floor, tin panel ceiling, stairwell door with flanking pilasters and awning. [Photos #1 & #2]
- 51 Commercial Building, Not Named 1965 ca. 401 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, suspended metal awning, plate glass windows and door. [Photo #3]
- 52 Commercial Building, Not Named 1904 ca. 412 Montgomery Ave. N Noncontributing  
One part commercial building with three interior bays. Rectangular 1-story stone commercial building with a modern stucco and glass facade. South elevation showing original cut stone exterior remains exposed. The building is not shown on the 1903 Sanborn map but appears on the 1905 map as a Two-story building with a stone 1st floor, three shops on the first floor, and a skating rink on the 2nd floor. The 1921 edition shows the Lyric Picture Theatre as one of the three bay of the 1st floor and offices on the second. Integrity has been lost due to storefront alterations but the stonework on the side elevation is notable.
- 53 Commercial Building, Not Named 1960 ca. 116 Nashville Ave. N Noncontributing  
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof; recessed central entrance at facade flanked by single display windows, brick veneer at facade. The building appears to have been built circa 1960 but has been remodeled and no longer retains integrity.
- 54 Commercial Building, Not Named 1960 ca. 118 Nashville Ave. N Noncontributing  
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof; central entrance at facade flanked by single display windows. The building appears to have been built circa 1960 but has been remodeled and no longer retains integrity.
- 55 Commercial Building, Not Named 1965 ca. 122 Nashville Ave. N Noncontributing  
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a hipped composition shingle roof; recessed central entrance flanked by display window, brick veneer at lower facade.
- 56 Commercial Building, Not Named 1920 ca. 204 Nashville Ave. N Noncontributing  
One-story, wood frame, commercial building with flat roof, parapet, aluminum clad canted side, canopy and metal pole supports, altered facade with numerous windows and doors. Large industrial metal clad warehouse to rear. Integrity has been lost due to alterations.

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| 57 | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1950 ca. | 212 Nashville Ave. N | Noncontributing |
|    | Rectangular 1- story concrete block commercial building with a monopitch roof. Modern aluminum applied to upper level. Integrity lost due to alterations.   |          |                      |                 |
| 58 | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1948 ca. | 213 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | One-story, brick commercial building, gable roof of asphalt shingles, off center wood and glass panel door.   |          |                      |                 |
| 59 | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1950 ca. | 214 Nashville Ave. N | Noncontributing |
|    | Rectangular 1- story concrete block commercial building with a flat roof. Modern aluminum storefront system with pent composition shingle roof above. Integrity lost die to alterations.  |          |                      |                 |
| 60 | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1920 ca. | 215 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, stone coping, upper facade with decorative brickwork, store front with two wood doors with transoms, brick kick plates.   |          |                      |                 |
| 61 | Commercial Building, Not Named  | 1949 ca. | 220 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | Two-story brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, tile coping, north elevation with three second story eight pane metal casement windows, first floor with wood door with awning, eight pane metal casement window, plate glass window, canted northwest corner with second floor 12 pane metal casement window, first floor, plate glass door with sidelights, west elevation with second story 24 pane metal casement window, first story plate glass window, south elevation with second story door with awning and metal stairwell, one 24 pane metal casement window, one 12 pane metal casement window.  |          |                      |                 |
| 62 | Power and Light Building  | 1937 ca. | 300 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | One-story, brick utilities building with flat roof, west elevation with five rectangular ventilators, five awnings, five openings fitted with two fixed panes of glass, brick sills, south elevation like west elevation but with three windows, east addition constructed of brick with flat roof. The Power and Light Building was constructed by the Public Works Administration in 1937. The 1962 Sanborn map indicates the following physical evolution: the southwest portion of the building and a separate building located to the east were built in 1937; a T-shaped addition was added to the north of these buildings in 1949 and also filling the northern portion of the space between them; and the remainder of the space between the buildings was infilled in 1962. [Photo #32] |          |                      |                 |
| 63 | City Power and Water Building   | 1955     | 302 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | One-story, brick tripartite building with flat roof, parapet; south section with marble veneer, off center glass door, flanking plate glass windows; middle section with three openings fitted with two fixed panes of glass; north section with upper facade with four sections of glass block, one bay bricked in, three garage doors. The 1962 Sanborn map indicates that this building was built in 1955.   |          |                      |                 |
| 64 | First National Bank   | 1956     | 323 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | One-story commercial brick veneer bank building with flat roof; corner entrance with aluminum framed storefront system. This building is shown on the 1962 Sanborn Map as the First National Bank. The map indicates that it was built in 1956. Despite the addition of a modern aluminum cornice, the building retains its overall historic appearance.  |          |                      |                 |
| 65 | Southern Bell Telephone Building  | 1956     | 411 Nashville Ave. N | Contributing    |
|    | Two-story brick veneer commercial building with flat roof; entrance bay at northern end of facade with entrance recessed below flat aluminum canopy with enframed stucco panel above, 4 central bays have aluminum casement windows within slightly recessed horizontal bands with cast sills; three southern bays similar. Large rectangular brick veneer addition to rear-south. This building is shown on the 1962 Sanborn Map and at the time consisted of the portion of the building represented by the five northern bays of the   |          |                      |                 |

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- facade. An addition to the rear of this portion is indicated as having been built in 1956. The southern three bays of the facade appear to have been added sometime shortly thereafter and the rear-south addition is modern.
- 66 Industrial Building, Not Named 1928 ca. 200 Pittsburgh Ave. Contributing  
Vacant, corrugated metal industrial building, monitor roof south elevation with large door for vehicular access, east side shed addition.
- 67 Commercial Building, Not Named 1940 ca. 104 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, T-shaped concrete block building with a flat roof concealed by low flat parapets with tile caps, brick veneer at façade, façade with central entrance flanked by single windows now infilled with plywood; shed pole garage to south.
- 68 Warehouse, Not Named 1940 ca. 110 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
Rectangular 1-story frame warehouse with a front-facing gable corrugated metal roof with three large round ridge ventilators; single pedestrian door at street facade, single cargo entrance centered on north elevation; clad with corrugated metal siding. The building is not shown on the 1928 Sanborn map but is included on the 1962 edition as a hardware warehouse.
- 69 Warehouse, Not Named 1940 ca. 120 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, corrugated metal building with front gable roof. The building is not shown on the 1928 Sanborn map but is included on the 1962 edition as a furniture warehouse. [Photo #16]
- 70 Commercial Building, Not Named 1945 ca. 122 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, chimney, north elevation with plate glass door, flanking plate glass windows, five smaller windows, wrap around awning, west elevation with plate glass door, flanking plate glass windows, two smaller windows with awnings.
- 71 Commercial Building, Not Named 1945 ca. 201 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) stepped parapet, two centrally located wood and glass doors with multipane transom, pilasters, garage door, wrap around window with multiple fixed panes.
- 72 Grand Theatre 1916 ca. 210 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, west elevation with wood and glass door with flanking plate glass window and transom, flanking tripartite plate glass window, north and south elevations with segmental arch windows, door. The theatre serviced an African American clientele. [Photo #18]
- 73 Commercial Building, Not Named 1915 ca. 215 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with two sets of four pane fixed steel casement windows on second floor, signage, first story with canopy, recessed central double plate glass door, south elevation with thirteen enclosed second story windows, pilasters, seven windows of varying types and shapes, two wood and glass doors, one with sidelights and transom, suspended awning. Shown on the 1928 Sanborn map as a store.
- 74 Commercial Building, Not Named 1915 ca. 215 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing  
One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet; 5x9 bay core with 3-bay addition to the south; east elevation (facade) with 3 off-center entrance flanked by replacement windows. Concrete block ancillary building to rear across alley. The northern portion of the building is shown on the 1921 Sanborn map as a "Steam Laundry & Dry Cleaning" business. The north addition is shown on the 1962 edition and the building to the north (Resource #69) had been incorporated into the laundry operation by that time.
- 75 Commercial Building, Not Named 1945 ca. 301 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing

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- One-story, brick commercial building, flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with glass door and sidelight, flanking plate glass windows, south elevation with six plate glass windows, three doors.
- 76 Commercial Building, Not Named 1921 ca. 303 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing
- One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, east elevation (facade) with recessed name and date panel with corbelled brickwork, central plate glass door with sidelight, flanking openings filled with glass block, north elevation with wood frame, shed roof addition.
- 77 Commercial Building, Not Named 1915 ca. 306 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing
- Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, north elevation with one 1/1 pane segmental arch window, west elevation with four covered second floor segmental arch windows, four wood doors, one with transom, plate glass door. This building was historically used as one retail space on the first floor.
- 78 Fire Department-City Hall 1905 ca. 313 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing
- Two-story, brick civic building with flat roof, stepped parapet, east elevation (facade) with stone name and date panel, three second story recessed panels with corbelled brickwork, cross motif ventilation openings, three 6/9 pane sash windows with segmental arch tops and stone sills, first story with wood and glass door, plate glass window, garage door, south elevation with enclosed windows, north elevation with four 6/9 pane sash windows and door on second floor, stairwell, two first floor doors. [Photo #20]
- 79 Miller Building 1919 ca. 319 Raleigh Ave. N Noncontributing
- Two-story, brick commercial building with gable roof of metal, east elevation (facade) with 1st floor with central double wood and glass door, flanking windows, two wood and glass doors, transom, south elevation with six covered second floor windows, first story door, north elevation with covered second story windows. Stucco and other modern elements recently added to facade. Integrity lost due to alterations.
- 80 Veterans of Foreign Wars 1952 419 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing
- Two-story, brick civic building with flat roof, east elevation (facade) with stone cornice, central recessed entry vestibule with double doors, two sets of multi-pane fixed windows, south and north elevations with second and first floor multi-pane fixed windows, south side stairwell. [Photo #21]
- 81 Elks Lodge 1950 ca. 505 Raleigh Ave. N Contributing
- Irregular-shaped one-story, brick civic building with flat roof, faces east, central entrance at façade with aluminum awning, industrial metal windows at remaining elevations, porthole ventilators at attic level.
- 82 Commercial Building, Not Named 1908 ca. 103 Second St. E Contributing
- One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, metal awning, central glass and wood door, flanking plate glass windows.
- 83 Commercial Building, Not Named 1928 ca. 200 Second St. E Contributing
- One-story, brick service station with office with flat roof, engaged awning with ceramic tiles, chimney, decorative metal brackets, off centered glass door with flanking plate glass windows, attached bathroom with gable roof of asphalt shingles, four bay facade with wood door and three-three pane fixed windows, attached garage with hip roof of asphalt shingles, three multi-pane garage doors. [Photo #37]
- 84 Commercial Building, Not Named 1920 ca. 205 Second St. E Contributing
- One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, recessed name and date plate, central recessed glass and wood double door with flanking plate glass windows and display spaces, linoleum tile floor
- 85 Commercial Building, Not Named 1975 ca. 210 Second St. E Noncontributing
- Rectangular 1-story industrial metal building with a front-facing gable roof.



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86	Commercial Building, Not Named	1908 ca.	214 Second St. E	Contributing
	One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, recessed name and date panel, store front with plate glass door, flanking plate glass windows.			
87	Commercial Building, Not Named	1945 ca.	300 Second St. E	Contributing
	Rectangular 1-story stucco gasoline station with a flat roof, flat metal canopy at west end of facade; 3 garage doors at eastern bays, pedestrian entrance with transom, display window.			
88	Dollar General	1940 ca.	301 Second St. E	Contributing
	One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, southwest corner of building curved, upper facade with large glass block section, decorative brick inlays, south elevation with off center double glass doors, flanking plate glass windows, suspended flat awning.			
89	Commercial Building, Not Named	1970 ca.	112 Third St. E	Noncontributing
	Rectangular 1-story brick veneer commercial building with a side gable industrial metal roof; aluminum storefront system. Building is not shown on the 1962 Sanborn map.			
90	Commercial Building, Not Named	1903 ca.	101 Third St. W	Contributing
	Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, north elevation with corbelled cornice, two second floor covered openings with segmental arch tops, metal awning, first floor with central opening fitted with a wood and glass door with east side sidelight, flanking plate glass windows, west elevation with parapet, second floor windows with segmental arch tops, first floor windows and a door.			
91	Commercial Building, Not Named	1908 ca.	102 Third St. W	Contributing
	One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof; east unit has parapet, recessed name and date panel, central door of wood and glass, flanking plate glass windows; west unit is similar.			
92	Harris Building; Ritz Theater	1928 ca.	105 Third St. W	Contributing
	Two-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, stepped parapet, rusticated stone cladding, denticulated cornice, pilasters, second floor with two outer 9/9 pane sash windows with stone hoods, three central 9/9 pane sash windows surmounted by 12 pane casement windows, cornice, first story with inset entry with two double wood doors, ticket booth, one wood door with porthole window, plate glass window, inset wood door, lobby, theatre, stage. [Photo #23]			
93	Commercial Building, Not Named	1908 ca.	104 Third St. W	Contributing
	One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet, storefront with central wood and glass door with flanking plate glass windows.			
94	Commercial Building, Not Named	1908 ca.	106 Third St. W	Contributing
	One-story, brick commercial building with flat roof, parapet; east unit has a recessed sign panel, central entry with double wood and glass panel doors surmounted by a transom, flanking windows; west unit has been stuccoed.			
95	Commercial Building, Not Named	1903 ca.	109 Third St. W	Contributing
	Two-story, brick and rusticated stone clad, commercial building with flat roof, parapet, north elevation with rusticated stone cladding, three enclosed 2nd story windows, metal cornice, 1st story with inset wood and glass door plate glass windows, wood and glass door with transom.			

**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce \_\_\_\_\_

Architecture \_\_\_\_\_

Industry \_\_\_\_\_

Government \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance c. 1888-1959

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Griffith, Howard, Jr.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- 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:

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- Other State agency
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Significance

The **period of significance** for the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District extends from c. 1888 (the date of the earliest extant building) to 1959, the fifty year cut-off date. Although development of Sheffield's downtown core continued up to 1970, the overwhelming majority of its buildings were constructed in this 71 year period.

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District is locally significant under **Criterion A: Commerce, Industry and Government** for its collection of late-nineteenth to mid-twentieth-century commercial, industrial and governmental buildings. The commercial buildings were built throughout the period of significance and are generally one part and two part commercial blocks of modest design. The most visually prominent of these commercial buildings—the Sheffield Hardware Company, the Blake Building and the Montgomery Block—are located, of course, on Montgomery Avenue, the historic main thoroughfare of downtown Sheffield. Service stations and two theaters are other types of commercial resources in the downtown. The first testifies to the influence of the automobile on that area while the second reveals the multiple functions of the town center. Although industry came to Sheffield in the late 19th century, the industrial buildings found in this historic district only represent the post-WWII growth of the Union Aluminum Company in the town. These utilitarian resources signify the contributions of northwest Alabama's aluminum industry to the economy of Sheffield. The governmental buildings in the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District include the Fire Department-City Hall (c. 1905), the Chamber of Commerce (c. 1922), the post office (c. 1930), the Power and Light Building (c. 1937) and the City Power and Water Building (1955). Taken as a group, they illustrate the commitment of both the Federal and the local governments to serving the citizens of Sheffield. The Federally-financed construction of the post office and the Power and Light Building during the Great Depression provided jobs. The services of the post office then bolstered the commercial development of the downtown. The Power and Light Building and the City Power and Water Building represent the infrastructure crucial to the town center's growth. The Chamber of Commerce promoted the economic advancement of the community. The earliest building, the Fire Department-City Hall, symbolizes the city government's efforts to protect and efficiently govern the town.

These buildings represent the influence of Sheffield's initial development in the late 1880s when the town had ambitions of becoming a manufacturing center; revitalization at the turn of the century as the result of the Southern Railway Company's decision to locate its headquarters at the south end of Montgomery Avenue; the construction of two nitrate plants and Wilson Dam in 1917; Henry Ford's attempt to build a large automobile manufacturing facility in the Muscle Shoals area; economic relief stimulated by the development of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and other New Deal projects; World War II industries; and postwar era contributions from new industries and the presence of the TVA.

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District is also locally significant under **Criterion C: Architecture** for its collection of the community's most important interpretations of the architectural styles and building typologies popular during the period of significance. The architectural styles include Renaissance (the Chamber of Commerce Building and the US Post Office), High Victorian Gothic (First Presbyterian Church) and Moderne (Veterans of Foreign Wars and Resource 88). The building typologies include a 1920s service station and one part and two part commercial blocks. These buildings also display design elements that were popular at their time of construction.

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Commerce, Industry, Government

Contained within the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District are two commercial block buildings that date to the earliest commercial development in Sheffield. The Blake Building (Resource 48/Photo #5), and Montgomery Block (Resource 50/Photo #1), which were built c. 1888, stand as monuments to the grand aspirations of Sheffield's founding capitalists, industrialists, and developers. The Montgomery Block initially featured offices and stores occupied by, among others, J.H. Hopkins, architect; R.C. Randolph, real estate dealer; and Blair and Blair, physicians. The Sheffield National Bank chose the Blake Building as its headquarters. The three buildings have housed stores, professional offices, financial institutions, and even civic organizations for over a century.

Located within the commercial historic district are twenty-five commercial buildings that were built between 1898 and 1910. These buildings owe their origins to a boom sent in motion by the Southern Railway Company, which opened offices and shops in Sheffield in 1898. Although these turn-of-the-century buildings were built on a more modest scale than the Montgomery Block (Resource 50) and Blake Building (Resource 48), they had ample room for the goods and services demanded by the multitude of people flocking to Sheffield at the time. Some of these goods and services included produce distributors (Resource 22), hardware (Resource 45/Photo #7), and a drugstore (Resource 94). Booms associated with the construction of Wilson Dam and two nitrate plants in the Sheffield area in 1916 and Henry Ford's offer to purchase these facilities in the 1920s accounted for several, notable commercial and entertainment mainstays in the historic district. Constructed on Raleigh Avenue near Third Street, Sheffield's historic African-American theater, the Grand Theatre (Resource 72/Photo #18), was constructed at the beginning of the 1916 boom, while the extant white theater, the Ritz (Resource 92/photo #23), dates from the 1920s boom and is located around the corner on Third Street. The Pride's Cleaners and Laundry building (Resources 73 and 74) has been in continual operation as such since 1915.

Sheffield's commercial area includes several service stations. One of them (Resource 83/Photo #37) was built circa 1928. The gas stations were constructed to service the growing automobile culture that was beginning to emerge on Sheffield's streets and roadways nationwide.

Sheffield's Downtown Commercial Historic District is also synonymous with industrial activity. The western section of the downtown has been home to the Union Aluminum Company (UACO) (Resources 2 through 5, 19/Photos #24 & #25) since 1945. Using aluminum produced at the Reynolds Aluminum plant located several miles east of downtown Sheffield, UACO manufactured aluminum frame windows for many decades. These windows were featured in millions of homes built nationwide during the post-World War II baby boom. They were also marketed worldwide.

Sheffield's extant public utility and governmental buildings were gradually constructed during the first decade of the twentieth century and the 1920s, 30s, and 40s and are located in both the commercial and residential National Register historic district nominations. The 1922 Chamber of Commerce building (Resource 1/Photo #4) is the oldest of the group within the commercial district, promoting Sheffield's commercial and industrial activities for many years. The 1930s brought two new public buildings in the commercial area: the Renaissance-styled United States Post office (Resource 11/Photo #36) in that decade's first year and the Power and Light Building (Resource 62/Photo #32), constructed by the Public Works Administration in 1937. The year 1949 saw the last major addition to city infrastructure and significant construction of postwar fraternal

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buildings: the City Power and Water Building (Resource 63) designed by architect, Howard Griffith, Jr.; the Veterans of Foreign Wars building (Resource 80); and the adjacent Elk's Club building (Resource 81).

#### Architecture

Represented in the district are fine examples of locally significant one-part and two-part commercial buildings. The multi-story commercial buildings such as the Sheffield Hardware building (Resource 45) have upper facades with parapets, cornices, recessed name and date panels, and stone or brick sills and lintels and store fronts with wood and glass doors, flanking display windows, and transoms. One-story, commercial buildings like Resources 91, 93, and 94 have store fronts consisting of wood and glass doors, flanking display windows, and transoms and upper facades with recessed name and date panels and parapets. Other commercial building embellishment in the historic district includes decorative tile mosaic floors, iron columns, and tin panel ceilings. The UACO plant buildings (Resources 2 through 5, and 19) portray a strong industrial design and many are topped with distinctive sawtooth roofs.

A small number of edifices in the Sheffield Downtown Historic District bear influences of High Victorian Gothic, Renaissance, and Modern Movement architecture. With its base of rusticated stone, quoins, central doorway with arch surround, and arch top windows, the Blake Building (Resource 48) reflects the Renaissance style. The Chamber of Commerce (Resource 1) and United States Post Office (Resource 11) also are embellished with Renaissance details, such as cornices, brackets, segmental arch top windows, radiating voussoirs, pilasters, columns, and an overall emphasis on symmetrical and horizontal design. Constructed in 1911, the First Presbyterian Church (Resource 13/Photo #33) has an asymmetrical layout, side spire, parapets, and arch top windows reminiscent of High Victorian Gothic architecture. Good examples of streamlined modern design - flat roofs, smooth surfaces, rectilinear massing, horizontal emphasis, and minimal decoration, -- can be found in the Power and Light Building (Resource 62), City Power and Water Building (Resource 63), Veterans of Foreign Wars Building (Resource 80/Photo #21), and the Elks Lodge (Resource 81).

#### Historical Summary

After the Cherokees and Chickasaws were forced to cede their lands in what is now known as the Tennessee River Valley in 1816 the territory was hastily surveyed, divided into lots and large tracts, and auctioned off at land sales, such as the one held in 1818. The great Indian fighters General Andrew Jackson and General John Coffee, both of whom purchased hundreds of acres surrounding York Bluff, envisioned a magnificent future for their embryonic settlement on the south bank of the Tennessee River. Their aspirations did not come to fruition, at least not in their lifetime. Jackson attempted to toil in the soil for a time, but within several years he deemed his efforts futile and sold his York Bluff land. Several farmers remained in the area, but nothing more came of the town site until the late nineteenth century.

In 1883 a fateful meeting occurred on the York Bluff town site that would transform the bucolic farming community into a major manufacturing center. Captain Alfred Moses, a Montgomery-based banker and real estate developer, had the blind good fortune to meet with Colonel Walter S. Gordon during a business trip in Florence. Gordon convinced Moses to examine a several thousand-acre site on the south side of the

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Tennessee River at what was to become Sheffield, which took its name from manufacturing giant Sheffield, England (Armes 1910).

Together, Moses, his brother, and Gordon formed the Sheffield Land, Iron and Coal Company in 1883. On May 8, 1884, the company held a land sale, auctioning off 500 lots (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1885). Sheffield was incorporated in 1885. Buildings went up in no time. An 80,000 gallon water tank was erected as were four brick stores by the Mobile Real Estate Company in 1885; railroad construction was underway (Leftwich 1935). The northern portion of Montgomery Avenue became the residential area, the southern the business district. A public school, still extant, went up somewhere between the two. Completed in 1885, the Sheffield Hotel commanded a prime location at Fifth Street and Montgomery Avenue. The Blake Building (Resource 48) and Montgomery Block (Resource 50) were built on Montgomery Avenue in 1887 and 1888, respectively.

After Sheffield was founded, five furnaces were established a short distance from the business district. In 1886 the Alabama and Tennessee Coal and Iron Company moved its headquarters to Sheffield (Damsgard 1975). The company began operating two furnaces in 1888. A third was completed in 1895, but by then the three furnaces were the property of the Sheffield Coal, Iron and Steel Company. These three furnaces were predated by one built in 1887 by the Sheffield Furnace Company (Adams 1977). Colonel Enoch Ensley, a Memphis magnate, acquired it in 1889, renaming it the Hattie Ensley Furnace. Ensley built another, dubbing it the Lady Ensley Furnace (Nathan 1975). The five furnaces operated infrequently and all were eventually shut down in the early twentieth century.

Concomitant with the rise of Sheffield's iron industry was the development of a transportation infrastructure. Under the aegis of the Sheffield and Tuscumbia Street Railway Company, a rail line was built from the south end of Montgomery Avenue to the Memphis and Charleston depot in Tuscumbia in the late 1880s (Leftwich 1935). The Alabama Improvement Company began construction of a railroad from Sheffield to the ore-rich fields in Franklin County in the early 1880s; but the project was halted when financing failed. This line was opened in 1887 as the Sheffield and Birmingham Railroad (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). The Southern Railway Company later represented a major addition to Sheffield's rail system as well as the economy.

The company located its shops and a depot just south of Montgomery Avenue and 1st Street in 1898 (Nathan 1975). The Louisville and Nashville line also came to town during this period.

For Sheffield, the 1880s represented a period of prosperity. Spurred by the rise of the iron industry and railroad system, other businesses sought to locate in the boom town. A short list of enterprises that set up shop or proposed a venture in addition to those already mentioned include: the Sheffield Pipe and Nail Works; Electric Light and Gas Fuel Works, Sheffield Ice Company; Eureka Brick and Lumber Company; Cleveland Hotel Company; and many more (Leftwich 1935).

An 1889 Sanborn map records downtown Sheffield as sparsely developed. According to the map, the northeast corner of A Street (1st Street) and Montgomery Avenue was anchored by two partially completed, three-story brick buildings. The southeast corner of B Street (2nd Street) and Montgomery Avenue featured a series of one-story, wood frame business houses. They were occupied by several grocery stores, a jewelry

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shop, a plumber, and other businesses. The map records the presence of the First National Bank Building. While the Sheffield Hotel was under construction, the Cleveland Hotel was operating at the time of the Sanborn survey. Other structures dotted the downtown Sheffield district as indicated by the Sanborn map.

An 1894 Sanborn map documents a number of changes in and additions to the Montgomery Avenue commercial district. The wedge-shaped Sheffield Hotel was open for business. South of it was located the three-story, brick Christy Building. The Montgomery Block (Resources 50) was in place by 1889. A proposed opera house near the northwest corner of C Street (3rd Street) and Montgomery Avenue that was recorded by the Sanborn Map Company in 1889 either was destroyed or was never realized. However, a Meyer's Opera House was present near the northwest intersection of A Street and Montgomery Avenue. Constructed of brick, the Habbler Block rose at the northwest intersection of B Street and Montgomery Avenue. A number of other buildings, including Resource 76, were erected between 1887 and 1894 as well.

Unfortunately, the optimism of the 1880s did not prevail throughout the 1890s. A recession hit Sheffield in the early 1890s (Adams 1977). The furnaces closed; many industries folded; residences and stores stood empty; and people left town. Sheffield may very well have become a ghost town had Southern Railway not come to town in 1898.

The Southern Railway Company provided a much needed stimulus to the Sheffield economy at the turn of the century. The railway brought many jobs to the area. Following the example of the railroad, other businesses and industries chose to settle in Sheffield (Adams 1977). Dormant for several years, the furnaces fired up, providing tons of pig iron. A New York based interest bought out the Sheffield Land, Iron and Coal Company and reorganized it as the Sheffield Company (Leftwich 1961). The Sheffield Company constructed a street railway from Sheffield to Tusculumbia and Florence in 1905. The Sheffield Car Barn was built at this time. Many stores and homes were erected in the first decade of the twentieth century. Triggered by the Southern Railway Company's move, a renaissance was underway in the town by the Tennessee River.

A 1903 Sanborn map does not record many changes on Montgomery Avenue between 1894 and 1903. The most noticeable, however, is the addition of the Southern Railway Company's offices and a freight depot at the south end of Montgomery Avenue. Two buildings were built next to the opera house. They housed a wholesale grocery, drugstore, and a dry goods store. Two edifices were erected north of the Habbler Block. Raleigh, Nashville, and Frankfurt Avenues were home to a small scatter of business houses.

According to a 1908 Sanborn map, much happened in the intervening years between 1903 and 1908. Between Nashville and Columbia Avenues on A Street, the Union Railroad built a passenger depot. The west side of Montgomery Avenue was packed with buildings offering a wide range of goods. Grocery stores, restaurants, and dry goods abounded. Jewelers, furniture stores, and pool halls were in no short supply. On the east side of Montgomery Avenue, a hotel was erected adjacent B Street. Resources 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 41, 42, 44, 45, 49, 76, 80, 84, 88, 89, 91, 92, and 93 were built during this period.

Despite the infrequent operation of the furnaces in the early twentieth century, Sheffield continued to bustle with activity. That activity greatly increased when it was learned that the Muscle Shoals area was selected as the site for a hydroelectric dam and two nitrate plants in 1916. Critical to the development of munitions, the nation's nitrate supply, which came from South America, was threatened by Germany. Thus, it was deemed

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necessary to establish a domestic supply at the outbreak of World War I. A readily available source of hydroelectric power, i.e., the Tennessee River, a well developed river and rail infrastructure, and many industrial resources made the Muscle Shoals area an ideal choice for the dam and nitrate plants (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). In 1917 construction began on two nitrate plants; Nitrate Plant I was established on the west side of Sheffield; Nitrate Plant No. 2 on the east side of town. The two plants, dam, and support facilities attracted an additional 30,000 people to the area (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). Sheffield scrambled to accommodate its burgeoning population. Many residences and commercial buildings, including Resources 8, 13, 20, 54, 58, 70, 71, 72, 75, 78, and 82 were constructed during this era.

A 1921 Sanborn map reflects Sheffield's rapid growth during World War I. The Chamber of Commerce (Resource 1) was a new face on Alabama Avenue. The Montgomery Block (Resource 50) is present under an assumed name, the Wilhoit Block. Whatever its name, the circa 1888 building had a northern neighbor, the Little Building, which was built between 1907 and 1921. In addition to the Sheffield Hotel, Montgomery Avenue featured five other hotels. Numerous other buildings on other downtown streets were erected in this period.

The big industries contributed little roar to the roaring twenties in Sheffield. The five furnaces, most of which had been rebuilt, continued to operate infrequently, and all would be closed permanently by the 1930s (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). In 1919 both nitrate plants were put on standby status; construction of Wilson Dam was completed in 1927. A short lived recession prevailed in the early 1920s.

News of the automobile manufacturing magnate Henry Ford's interest in utilizing the nitrate plants and dam in a scheme to build a 75-mile long city along the Tennessee River, the focus of which would be the production of cars, ignited a speculation frenzy in the Muscle Shoals area. In the early 1920s, real estate investors from Detroit, Chicago, and New York flocked to the area to buy and develop real estate (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). A boom ensued.

According to a 1928 Sanborn map, the boom initiated the construction of a number of edifices in Sheffield's downtown. They include Resources 11, 27, 32, 74, 80, and 81. A number of theaters came into existence at this time, including the Ritz Theatre (Resource 90). The Ritz opened in 1928. Between 1921 and 1928, a number of filling stations were erected to serve Sheffield's growing automobile population. During the 1920s, Frankfurt Avenue became quite the wholesale area as numerous wholesale produce and grocery shops opened for business.

Sheffield was not immune to the deleterious effects of the Great Depression. The banks closed; people lost their jobs; businesses closed; and college students were forced to withdraw from school and return home to find whatever jobs were available (Sepmeier 1977). Succor came to Sheffield in the way of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Established in 1933, the TVA addressed a six-fold mission: improve manageability of the Tennessee River and provide flood control by the construction of dams; generate electrical power for the Tennessee River Valley; reforest denuded lands; provide for agricultural and industrial development; operate Muscle Shoals properties for national defense; and manufacture fertilizer (Headrick and Schafer 1993). The nitrate plants and Wilson Dam went into full production. Construction of Wheeler Dam several miles east of Wilson began in earnest in 1933. TVA provided a well needed boost to the Sheffield economy in the 1930s. Despite this boost only five of the Resources in the commercial district were built between 1931 from 1941:



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Resources 62, 67, 68, 69 and 88. The Power and Light Building, Resource 62, was constructed by the Public Works Administration in 1937.

The direct link between TVA facilities and national defense kept life bustling in Sheffield during World War II. Reynolds Metal Company built a plant in Sheffield in 1941 (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). Additional chemical plants were constructed on TVA property. These plants and others in the Muscle Shoals area operated around the clock producing munitions and other wartime goods for the allied cause. With plentiful employment, the Sheffield population swelled from 7,933 in 1940 to 10,767 in 1950 (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). Housing was in great demand. People added on to their homes and converted garages in order to accommodate those requiring shelter. TVA built 250 prefabricated units throughout the area (Rosenbaum 1993).

Sheffield continued to bask in the warm glow of prosperity after World War II. The Union Aluminum Company (UACO) built a plant (Resources 2-5 and 19) in downtown Sheffield in 1945 (Friends of the Sheffield Public Library 1985). Using aluminum produced at the Reynolds Aluminum plant located several miles east of downtown Sheffield, UACO manufactured aluminum frame windows for many decades. These windows were featured in millions of homes built nationwide during the post-World War II baby boom. They were also marketed worldwide. Twenty-seven other Resources, 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 34, 39, 43, 46, 57, 58, 59, 61, 63, 64, 65, 70, 71, 75, 80, 81, and 87 are attributed to this era. Better late than never, the Ford Motor Company constructed a facility at the edge of town. Sometimes the old did not make the transition with the new. The Sheffield Hotel, a prominent fixture on Montgomery Avenue since the 1890s, was destroyed by conflagration. The Muscle Shoals Hotel rose in 1950. Unfortunately, the construction of a number of shopping malls in the 1960s and 1970s displaced a number of longtime Montgomery Avenue businesses that sought more modern environs; but in the late 1980s that trend began reversing itself as the City of Sheffield began preserving its historic resources.

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 47 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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3	<u>16</u>	<u>436322</u>	<u>3846301</u>	6	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

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**Maps**

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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10. Geographic Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District are indicated on an accompanying scaled map (graphic scale indicated). The map was based on information obtained from the Colbert County assessor's office.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the surviving portions of the downtown area of Sheffield which retain sufficient historic character and resources to convey a sense of the district's historical development. Areas excluded from the district generally possessed higher ratios of noncontributing to contributing resources or otherwise retained insufficient integrity to warrant inclusion.

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Photographs

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County:                                        Colbert  
State:                                         AL  
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Date of Photographs:                      May 2008  
Location of Original Digital Negatives: 411 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Anniston, AL 36207

Photo #1 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0001)  
Montgomery Block, 400-410 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 50), camera facing northeast

Photo #2 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0002)  
Streetscape, 400 and 300 blocks of Montgomery Ave. N, east side, camera facing southeast

Photo #3 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0003)  
412-416 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 51), noncontributing resource with surviving historic stone sidewall, camera facing northeast

Photo #4 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0004)  
Chamber of Commerce Building (Resource 1), 501 Alabama Ave. N, camera facing northwest

Photo #5 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0005)  
Blake Building, 321 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 48), camera facing southwest

Photo #6 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0006)  
Streetscape, 300 block of Montgomery Ave. N, west side, camera facing southwest

Photo #7 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0007)  
Sheffield Hardware Company, 309 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 45), camera facing southwest

Photo #8 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0008)  
Streetscape, 300 and 200 blocks of Montgomery Ave. N, east side, camera facing northeast

Photo #9 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0009)  
Streetscape, 300 block of Montgomery Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest

Photo #10 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0010)  
223 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 38), camera facing southwest

Photo #11 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0011)  
Streetscape, 200 and 300 blocks of Montgomery Ave. N, east side, camera facing northwest

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Streetscape, 200 block of Montgomery Ave. N, east side, camera facing northeast

Photo #13 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0013)  
210 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 31), camera, facing southwest

Photo #14 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0014)  
109 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 27), camera facing southwest

Photo #15 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0015)  
Streetscape, 100 block of Montgomery Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest

Photo #16 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0016)  
120 Raleigh Ave. N (Resource 69), camera facing northeast

Photo #17 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0017)  
Streetscape, 200 block of Raleigh Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest

Photo #18 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0018)  
Streetscape, 200 block of Raleigh Ave. N, Grand Theatre (Resource 72) in foreground, east side, camera facing northeast

Photo #19 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0019)  
Streetscape, 300 block of Raleigh Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest

Photo #20 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0020)  
Fire Department-City Hall, 313 Raleigh Ave. N (Resource 78), camera facing northeast

Photo #21 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0021)  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, 419 Raleigh Ave. N (Resource 80), camera facing northwest

Photo #22 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0022)  
Streetscape, 100 block of Third St. W, south side, camera facing southeast

Photo #23 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0023)  
Harris Building; Ritz Theatre, 105-107 Third St. W (Resource 92), camera facing northwest

Photo #24 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0024)  
Union Aluminum Company, 100 Austin Ave. N (Resource 2), camera facing southeast

Photo #25 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0025)  
Streetscape, facing Union Aluminum Company from Pittsburgh Ave. (Resources 4, 19), camera facing northeast

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Photo #26 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0026)  
Streetscape, 200 block of Austin Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest

Photo #27 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0027)  
Streetscape, 100 block of Frankfort Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest

Photo #28 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0028)  
Streetscape, 200 block of Frankfort Ave. N, west side, camera facing southwest

Photo #29 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0029)  
Streetscape, 100 block of Second St. E, north side, camera facing northwest

Photo #30 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0030)  
Streetscape, 200 block of Second St. E, north side, camera facing northwest

Photo #31 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0031)  
220 Nashville Ave. N (Resource 59), camera facing southeast

Photo #32 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0032)  
Streetscape, 300 block of Nashville Ave. N, east side, Power & Light Building (Resource 62) in foreground, ,  
camera facing northwest

Photo #33 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0033)  
Streetscape, 400 block of Nashville Ave. N, west side (left), 100 block of Fifth St. E, south side, camera facing  
southwest

Photo #34 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0034)  
100 Columbia Ave. N (Resource 9), camera facing northeast

Photo #35 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0035)  
Streetscape, 200 block of Columbia Ave. N, east side, camera facing northeast

Photo #36 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0036)  
U.S. Post Office, 210 Columbia Ave. N, east side, camera facing northeast

Photo #37 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0037)  
200 Second St. E (Resource 83), camera facing southeast

Photo #38 (AL\_ColbertCounty\_SheffieldDowntownHD\_0038)  
214 Second St. E (Resource 86), camera facing southwest

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6. Montgomery Block, 400-410 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 50), camera facing northeast
7. Photo #1

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6. Streetscape, 400 and 300 blocks of  
Montgomery Ave. N, east side, camera fac. SE
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6. 412-416 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 51),  
noncontributing resource with surviving historic  
stone sidewall, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #3

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6. Chamber of Commerce Building (Resource 1),  
501 Alabama Ave. N, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #4

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6. Blake Building, 321 Montgomery Ave. N  
(Resource 48), camera facing southwest
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6. Streetscape, 300 block of Montgomery Ave. N,  
west side, camera facing southwest
7. Photo #6

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6. Sheffield Hardware Company, 309  
Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 45), camera  
facing southwest
7. Photo #7

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6. Streetscape, 300 and 200 blocks of  
Montgomery Ave. N, east side, camera fac. NE
7. Photo #8

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6. Streetscape, 300 block of Montgomery Ave. N,  
west side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #9

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6. 223 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 38),  
camera facing southwest
7. Photo #10

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6. Streetscape, 200 and 300 blocks of  
Montgomery Ave. N, east side, cam. fac. NW
7. Photo #11

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6. Streetscape, 200 block of Montgomery Ave. N,  
east side, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #12

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6. 210 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 31),  
camera, facing southwest
7. Photo #13

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6. 107 Montgomery Ave. N (Resource 26),  
camera facing southwest
7. Photo #14

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6. Streetscape, 100 block of Montgomery Ave. N,  
west side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #15

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6. 120 Raleigh Ave. N (Resource 69), camera facing northeast
7. Photo #16

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6. Streetscape, 200 block of Raleigh Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #17

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6. Streetscape, 200 block of Raleigh Ave. N,  
Grand Theatre (Resource 72) in foreground,  
east side, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #18

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6. Streetscape, 300 block of Raleigh Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #19

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6. Fire Department-City Hall, 313 Raleigh Ave. N  
(Resource 78), camera facing northeast
7. Photo #20

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6. Veterans of Foreign Wars, 419 Raleigh Ave. N  
(Resource 80), camera facing northwest
7. Photo #21

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6. Streetscape, 100 block of Third St. W, south side, camera facing southeast
7. Photo #22

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6. Harris Building; Ritz Theatre, 105-107 Third St. W (Resource 92), camera facing northwest
7. Photo #23

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6. Union Aluminum Company, 100 Austin Ave. N  
(Resource 2), camera facing southeast
7. Photo #24

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6. Streetscape, facing Union Aluminum Company from Pittsburgh Ave. (Resources 4, 19), camera facing northeast
7. Photo #25

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6. Streetscape, 200 block of Austin Ave. N, west side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #26

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6. Streetscape, 100 block of Frankfort Ave. N,  
west side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #27

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6. \* Streetscape, 200 block of Frankfort Ave. N,  
west side, camera facing southwest
7. Photo #28

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6. Streetscape, 100 block of Second St. E, north side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #29

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6. Streetscape, 200 block of Second St. E, north side, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #30

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6. 220 Nashville Ave. N (Resource 61), camera facing southeast
7. Photo #31

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6. Streetscape, 300 block of Nashville Ave. N, east side, Power & Light Building (Resource 62) in foreground, camera facing northwest
7. Photo #32

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6. Streetscape, 400 block of Nashville Ave. N, west side (left), 100 block of Fifth St. E, south side, camera facing southwest
7. Photo #33

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6. 100 Columbia Ave. N (Resource 9), camera facing northeast
7. Photo #34

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6. Streetscape, 200 block of Columbia Ave. N,  
east side, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #35

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6. U.S. Post Office, 210 Columbia Ave. N, east side, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #36

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6. 200 Second St. E (Resource 83), camera facing southeast
7. Photo #37

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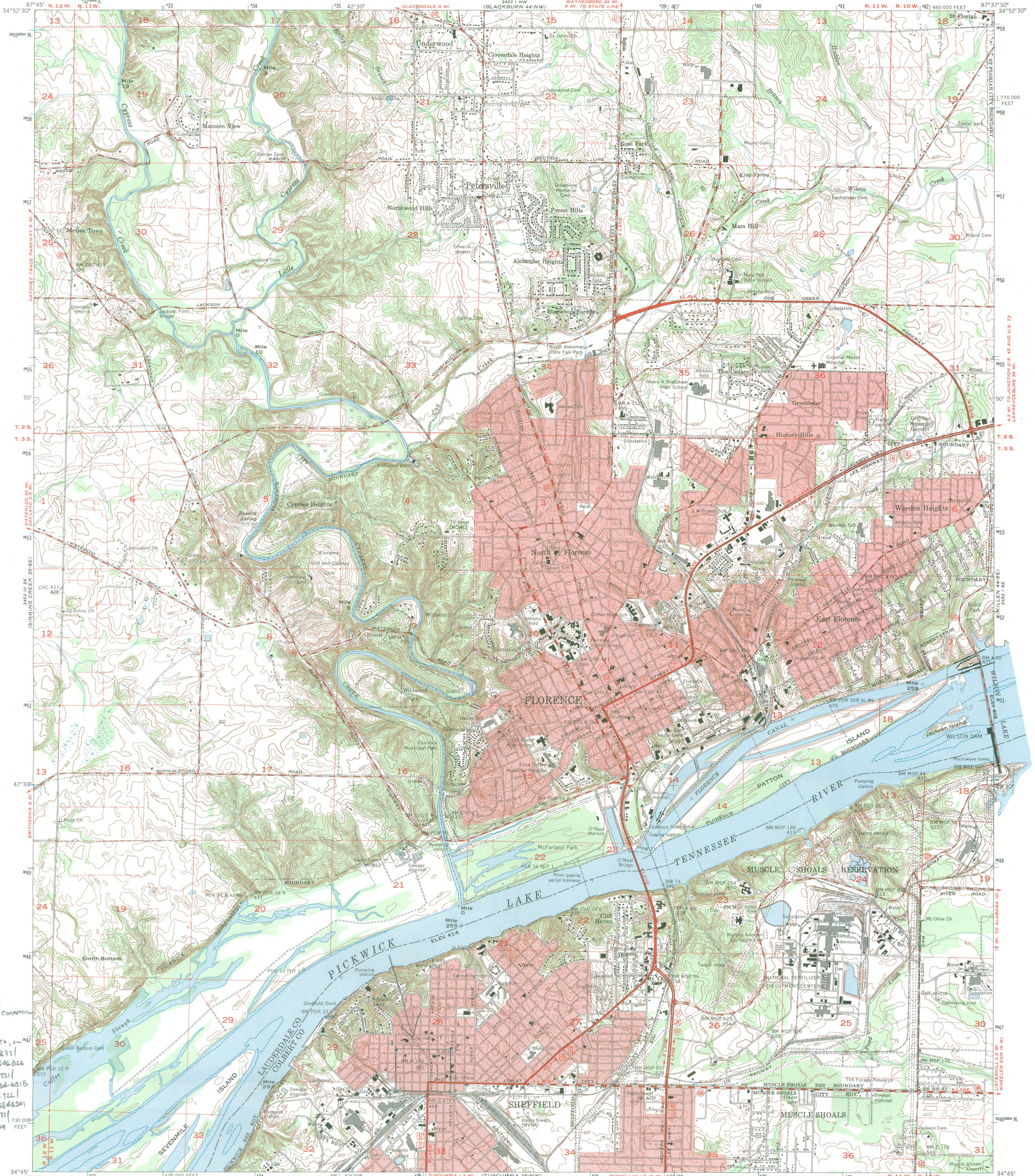


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6. 214 Second St. E (Resource 86), camera facing southwest
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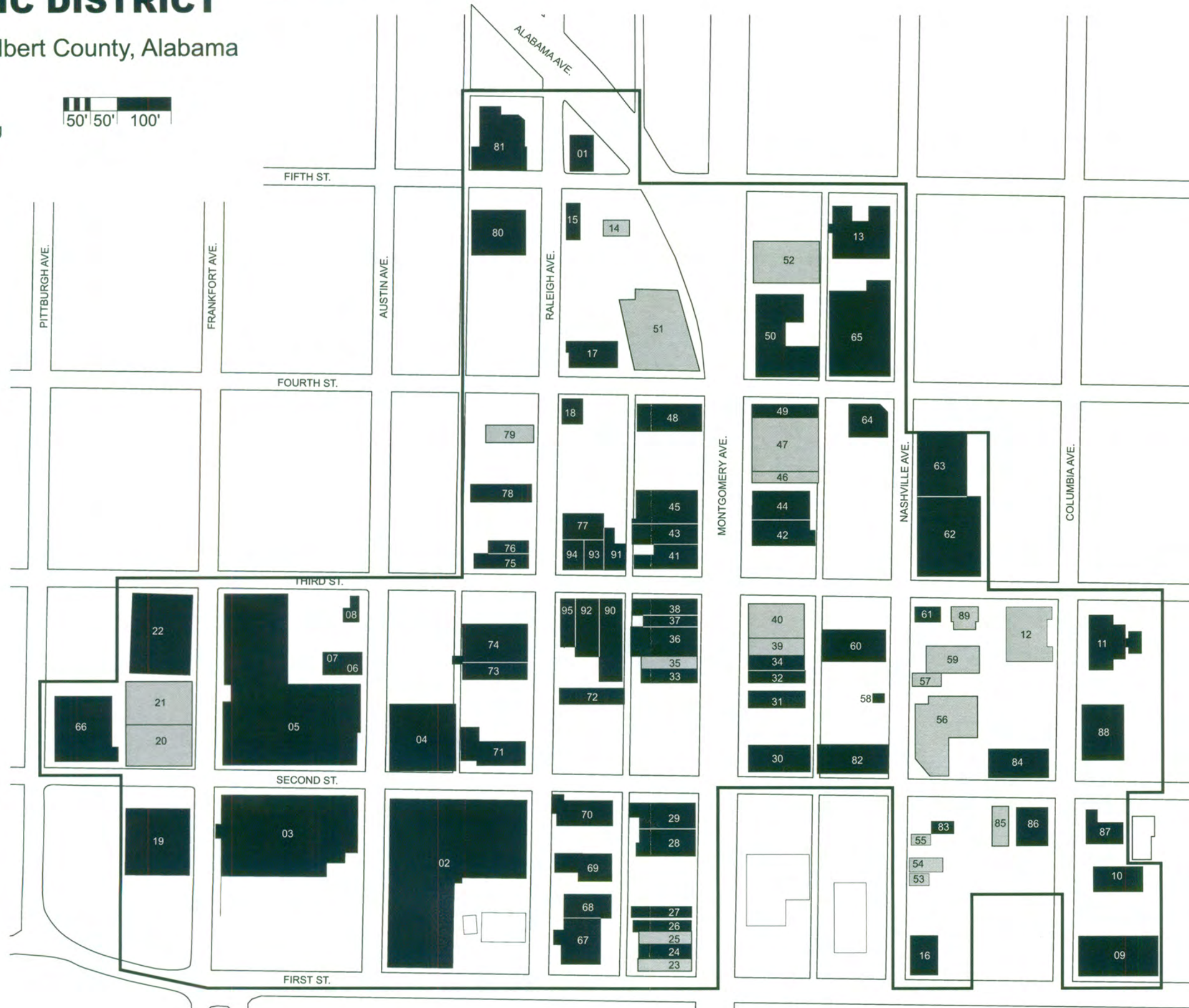




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Mr. Dallon C. Wordekemper  
Federal Preservation Office, Postal Service  
4301 Wilston Blvd., Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22203-1861

RE: 210 Columbia Ave., N.

Dear Mr. Wordekemper:

Because you are an owner whose property/properties are within the boundaries of the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District in Sheffield (Colbert County), Alabama, I am pleased to inform you that this district is to be considered by the Alabama National Register Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on October 22, 2009. The National Register is the official national list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage. Enclosed is a fact sheet on the National Register of Historic Places as well as a map of the Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District.

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property that party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed; however, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for determination of eligibility for listing in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, the only result is that federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If an owner chooses to object to the listing of the property, the notarized objection must be submitted to the Alabama Historical Commission by October 21, 2009. Please send your comments on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register to our National Register Coordinator, Susan Enzweiler, at the above address.

The Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District falls within the jurisdiction of the city of Sheffield, one of the certified local governments within the state of Alabama. Certified local governments have certain National Register notification responsibilities. Within 30 days of notification, the local historic preservation commission and the chief local elected official should transmit to the Alabama Historical Commission their opinion as to whether or not the property meets the criteria for listing in the National Register. This opinion

Dallan Wordekemper  
August 20, 2009  
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shall constitute formal comment by the certified local government and may be as simple as an affirmative statement that, in their opinion, the property meets the criteria for listing in the National Register. However, if in their opinion the property does not meet the criteria, reasons for that opinion should be stated.

During the 30-day period, the certified local government must provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment. The measure to be taken by each certified local government would be determined by mutual agreement between the local government and the Alabama Historical Commission. In the event that both the local commission and the chief local elected official separately determine that the property meets the criteria for listing to the National Register and recommend the property to be considered for nomination, the nomination process continues. If the local commission or the chief local elected official determines that the property does not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register, the nomination process continues. If both the local commission and the chief local elected official determine that the property does not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register and recommend the property not be nominated, the Alabama Historical Commission shall take no further action on the proposed nomination. However, if a third party files a written appeal with the Alabama Historical Commission, the nomination process must continue.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 334/230-2667.

Very truly yours,



Elizabeth Ann Brown  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Sheffield Postmaster



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Cultural Resources  
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Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the nomination and supporting documentation to be considered for listing the following Alabama resource in the National Register of Historic Places:

Sheffield Downtown Commercial Historic District  
Sheffield, Colbert County, Alabama

Your consideration of the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination is appreciated.

Truly Yours,

Elizabeth Ann Brown  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures