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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Upper Avenue A Historic District

and or common

2. Location

Roughly bounded by Oostanaula River, Turner-McCall Blvd, Avenue B and W. 11th St.

street & number See Continuation Sheet N/A not for publication

city, town Rome N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Floyd code 115

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Owners - more than 50.

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Floyd County Courthouse

city, town Rome state GA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Upper Avenue A Historic District is a late nineteenth-early twentieth century residential neighborhood which began as part of a separate suburban village on the Oostanaula's west bank across from Rome's Between the Rivers commercial and residential area. Streets in the generally flat district are laid out in a grid pattern. Single family houses on varying size lots are set back uniformly facing the streets. Landscaping is minimal and consists mainly of well-kept lawns informally highlighted with flowers, hedges, and shrubs. The houses, the majority of which were built between 1880 and 1920, are for the most part solid one and two story frame structures. The largest, most substantial houses with some late-Victorian detailing such as decorative shingles, gable vents, large porches with scrollwork, brackets, and/or turned balusters, and stained glass were built first and are located along Avenue A and to a lesser extent along Avenue B. At the district's north edge and scattered elsewhere are more modest, early-twentieth century, single story residences with little or no detailing. The majority of these are square in plan with two to four rooms and with small front porches.

Boundary

The nominated property consists of one of two areas remaining in Rome's Old Fourth Ward that contain an intact group of historically significant structures. The boundary was drawn to exclude vacant land and new construction to the north and new low-income housing and compromised historical structures to the west. Turner-McCall Boulevard, a major intrusion on the site of an earlier historic street, and the river form boundaries on the south and east.

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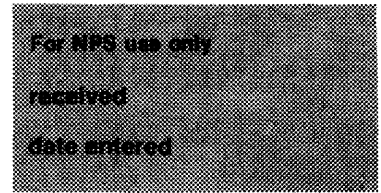
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Upper Avenue A Historic District is located in the City of Rome, Floyd County, Georgia on the west bank of the Oostanaula River and to the north of Turner-McCall Boulevard. Properties located on one or both side of parts of Avenue A, Avenue B, West 10th Street and West 11th Street are included in the district.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1880s - 1920s **Builder/Architect** Multiple

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Summary Statement of Significance

Upper Avenue A Historic District is historically significant in the areas of community planning and development, architecture, and local history. In terms of community planning and development, the district is significant for its development as an early suburb of Rome, which was later incorporated into the city. In terms of architecture, the district is significant for its group of intact residences that document typical historic housing in Rome dating from the 1880s to the 1920s. In terms of local history, Upper Avenue A Historic District is significant for the collective accomplishments of the people who lived there and contributed in myriad ways to the city of Rome. These areas of significance support district eligibility under National Register criteria A, B, and C.

Community Planning and Development

The Upper Avenue A area developed originally as part of the village of DeSoto, an early suburb of Rome located on the flat land northwest of the historic heart of Rome in Between the Rivers and across the Oostanaula River. DeSoto began a slow growth in the 1870s and 1880s as Rome entrepreneurs and land companies laid out streets and sold lots in the area. The development moved northward into the Upper Avenue A residential area from North Fifth Avenue, the village's commercial center located two blocks to the district's south. By the late 1880s Avenue A was growing into a neighborhood for businessmen and professionals from Rome, and in 1885 DeSoto was annexed by the city of Rome, becoming the Fourth Ward. The construction of a bridge in 1886 connecting the DeSoto area with Between the Rivers (downtown Rome), the arrival of a street car line, and the location in the immediate area of a number of industries that provided many jobs were three factors that contributed to the rapid growth of the neighborhood in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Its development as a suburb, later subsumed by the city, is typical of the suburbs that began to appear nationwide as new theories about the advantages of suburban living developed and methods of transportation improved.

See Continuation Sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 20 acres

Quadrangle name Rome North, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary, outlined with a heavy black

line on the enclosed map, is described and justified in Section 7.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Reviewer

organization Historic Preservation Section date July 25, 1983
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

street & number 270 Washington Street, S.W. telephone 404/656-2840

city or town Atlanta state GA 30334

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Elizabeth A. Lyon date 7/27/83
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

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Keeper of the National Register National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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UPPER AVENUE A HISTORIC DISTRICT
Rome, Floyd County, Georgia


PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP


Source: Floyd Co. Assessment Map #406


Date: 1962


Scale: 1":200'

North: ↑

District Boundary: 

Contributing Structures: 

Intrusions: 

Non-historic Structures: 

Photograph Number/Direction: 