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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 Milledge Circle Historic District

and or common

2. Location

street & number See Continuation Sheet N/A not for publication

city, town Athens N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Clarke code 059

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 type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	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

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Clarke County Courthouse

city, town Athens state Georgia

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Milledge Circle Historic District is located southwest of the Athens Central Business District and the University of Georgia campus. It is primarily a residential neighborhood comprised of historic houses dating from the 1910s through the 1930s. The district has a relatively flat terrain and is laid out in a curvilinear street pattern with small, irregular-shaped lots, extensive landscaping, and modest house styles. At the northeastern edge of the district near Five Points are several large apartment buildings, and a few commercial buildings are located on Lumpkin Street.

Most of the houses in the district are modest one- or two-story brick structures with a few buildings constructed of wood and stone. Representative styles include the American Foursquare, modest versions of the Neoclassical, and both high-style and simple vernacular versions of the Bungalow. All of the houses face the street in a relatively uniform setback line and form a dense development pattern for a single family neighborhood. Three 1920s apartment buildings which include the Milledge Circle Apartments, the Milledge Park Apartments, and the Henrietta Apartments are located at the Five Points intersection of Milledge Circle and South Lumpkin Street.

The district is landscaped with sidewalks, small grass triangles, grass lawns, hedgerows, oak, magnolia, and pine trees, boxwood, and flowers. There is less landscaping along Lumpkin Street where the commercial buildings are located.

The boundaries of the Milledge Circle Historic District include the historically developed portion of Milledge Park, a planned subdivision laid out in 1913. The district is bordered to the east by Lumpkin Street, to the north, northwest, and south by the area around Milledge Circle. To the east of the Milledge Circle Historic District are commercial areas and larger homes along Milledge Avenue. To the north and west are residential neighborhoods similar in scale to the homes in the Milledge Circle Historic District but with structures dating from the 1940s and 1950s. The area to the south on Lumpkin Street is commercial development.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1910s - 1930s **Builder/Architect** Georgia Development Company, and others

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Milledge Circle Historic District is significant in the areas of architecture, community planning and development, and local history.

In terms of architecture, the district is important for its intact collection of early 20th-century middle and upper-middle class homes and apartment buildings which document the ways in which national styles, and particularly the Bungalow style, were locally interpreted. Most of the one-story Bungalows are constructed of brick with the exception of a few wood-framed and stone structures. Significant details of these structures include double gables on the principal facade, wide eave overhangs, large brackets, and large porches. The district is important for its association with E. L. Griggs, an architect and engineer with the Georgia Development Company, who designed several of the early residences in the neighborhood. The larger two-story homes in the district are American Foursquare or Colonial Revival in style.

The Milledge Circle Historic District is significant in community planning and development as an example of a planned residential neighborhood on the edge of town, a trend that became popular in America in the late 19th and early 20th century. In keeping with this trend, the neighborhood was laid out in a curvilinear pattern rather than a gridiron street configuration to emphasize the natural landscaping features in the area. The district was developed by the Georgia Development Company who owned the property, and several of the homes were designed by E. L. Griggs and constructed by Michael Frank Costa. The Milledge Circle, Milledge Park, and Henrietta Apartment buildings were constructed by the Caskey Construction Company in the 1920s.

In the area of landscape architecture, the district is important for its informally landscaped yards, sidewalks, large trees, hedgerows, shrubbery, flowers, and grass lawns, which create a naturalistic setting that was characteristic of late 19th- and early 20th-century planned subdivisions.

In terms of local history, the district is significant for its homes which are associated with middle and upper-middle class residents of Athens including doctors, lawyers, judges, business executives, and University professors. One of the earliest homes, 210 Milledge Circle, was built for Judge W. G. Cornett. A bungalow on Westview Drive was the home of a descendant of Howell Cobb.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brown, David J. "Historic District Information Form - Milledge Circle Historic District, Athens, Georgia". July, 1983. (On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources.)

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 22 acres approximately

Quadrangle name Athens West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	7	2	7	9	1	8	0	3	7	5	7	8	4	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

1	7	2	7	9	4	0	0	3	7	5	7	7	6	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

1	7	2	7	9	2	1	1	0	3	7	5	7	3	4	0
Zone			Easting				Northing								

D

1	7	2	7	8	8	8	0	3	7	5	7	5	2	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing								

F

Zone			Easting				Northing								

G

Zone			Easting				Northing								

H

Zone			Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Description in part 7.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/7/85

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

4-18-85

J. Melvyn Byars
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration