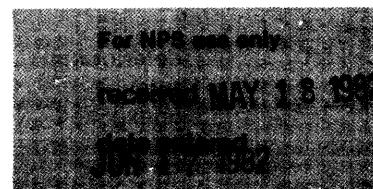


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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

1. Name

historic Wright Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 201 East Market Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Chatsworth

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

state Georgia

code 013

county Murray

code 213

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input 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 | N/A in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" 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 Mrs. Katherine Wright Raine

street & number 201 East Market Street

city, town Chatsworth

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 30705

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Murray County Courthouse

city, town Chatsworth

state Georgia 30705

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:

title Murray County, Georgia

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975

federal state county local

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

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

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 Wright Hotel, built in 1909, is a vernacular, two story brick hotel with a two-story porch on each side. It is located in the downtown area of Chatsworth, Murray County, Georgia on a one-half acre city lot.

The hotel is square in plan and has a double hip roof with a dormer on each side. The roof, originally of tin, is now covered with asphalt shingles. The building, which rests on a ten foot brick foundation is built of local brick laid in common bond. Windows are one-over-one double hung sash except for the six-over-six sash in the dormers. Windows and doors are set into segmental arched openings. The hotel is encased on all sides by a two-story porch with square columns and a simple second-story railing. First floor columns rest on brick piers. The original porch floor has been replaced with concrete; metal awnings have been added to the porch on both levels. The central portion of the second-story rear porch was enclosed in 1920 to form a bathroom. A concrete block laundry room and bath were added to the first floor rear in 1962.

The hotel interior is organized around a central stairhall with lobby, parlor, dining room, kitchen and guest rooms on the first floor and guest rooms and baths on the second. The attic, finished in 1913, contains three more guest rooms and two baths. Low rise, single run stairways are located one above the other in the halls.

The interior is finished with plaster walls and ceilings of beaded tongue and groove boards. Wood baseboards, doors, door and window surrounds, and mantels feature their original dark "black walnut" stain. Doors have six horizontal panels. Fireplaces, located in nearly every room, have built-in coal grates and simple wooden mantels; the ones in the first floor lobby-bedroom and dining room have mirrored overmantels. Changes to the structure are minimal. The originally separated parlor and dining room have been opened up recently to make one living area. Upstairs, the bathrooms were added in 1922. A 1920's steam heating system is intact with the exception of the original boiler, which has been replaced.

The Wright Hotel is situated on a corner lot in downtown Chatsworth. A cement and stone retaining wall runs along the front and east side of the property. Several large hardwood trees and lawns flank the hotel. To the rear, separated from the building by an asphalt drive, are a garden and a non-historic concrete block garage located on the site of the servants quarters. The hotel is located on East Market Street, exactly halfway between the Courthouse and the railroad depot. Stores and a brick warehouse are located in its immediate vicinity.

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BOUNDARY

The boundary of the nominated property coincides with the current legal description of the hotel property. It includes the hotel and its grounds, and is outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed surveyor's map.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in March, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" 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 Built, 1909 **Builder/Architect** Thomas M. Wright, Thomas Banks (builders)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Wright Hotel is architecturally significant as a fine intact example of a vernacular style, early twentieth century hotel in North Georgia. In terms of commerce, the Wright Hotel represents a major commercial venture in a newly founded town that was itself a commercial undertaking. In terms of local history, the hotel was one of two in downtown Chatsworth that served as centers of local social activity. It is the only one to survive. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

The Wright Hotel reflects its local, vernacular, do-it-yourself origins. Built by its owner-operator, Thomas Monroe Wright, and his cousin, Thomas Banks, a builder from Cleveland, Tennessee, it shows few signs of high style architecture. Local materials were used as much as possible. Bricks were manufactured a few blocks away at the now defunct Chatsworth Brick Company. Timber was cut from Mr. Wright's nearby farm and aged for a year before being used in the hotel construction. The surrounding two-story porches made excellent use of one of the area's greatest resources, cool mountain air. The ten foot deep foundation and twelve inch thick exterior walls reflect the care with which Mr. Wright constructed the building. The hotel's modest scale, simplicity of design and structural solidity give it real integrity. The building no longer functions as a hotel, but it has survived remarkably intact.

Chatsworth is a town that traces its origins to the arrival of the railroad in 1905. It is a town that began as a commercial undertaking, the first land being subdivided and sold in 1906 by the newly formed Chatsworth Land Company. Speculative building began in earnest in 1907, and in 1913 it was designated county seat. The 1908-1909 building of the Wright Hotel in the downtown area represents a major commercial venture in the new town. The family-run hotel was built by Mr. Wright to serve the influx of new people who came with the railroad, vacationers, traveling salesmen or "drummers", and men in the process of establishing new local businesses. With the 1913 designation of Chatsworth as county seat, it housed many of the out-of-town judges and jurors. It is significant that the hotel is conveniently located exactly halfway between the courthouse and the railroad depot and only about a block away from each.

The Wright Hotel, like most small town hotels, was an important center of local social activity. Chatsworth had only two such hotels, and the Wright Hotel is the only one to survive. From its opening in 1909 until the time it closed in 1968, it served as a place for meetings, receptions and association gatherings. Several men who became prominent local businessmen used the hotel as headquarters while they built up their businesses. One, Mr. J. Frazier Glenn, turned the local talc mine into a multi-million dollar operation.

IMAGE NOT REPRODUCIBLE
ITEM NOT VERIFIED

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dykes, Mrs. Clay. "Historic Preservation Section Structural and Site Survey Form", July 26, 1979; on file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Approximately one-half acre
Quadrangle name Chatsworth, Georgia Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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| A | 1 6 | 7 0 4 2 3 5 | 3 8 4 9 3 4 5 | B | | | | | |
| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing | | |
| C | | | | D | | | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification The boundary is marked on the enclosed surveyor's map. It coincides with the current legal description of the hotel property and includes the hotel and its grounds.

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

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| N/A | | | |
| state | code | county | code |

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher
Historic Preservation Section
 organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date February 16, 1982
 street & number 270 Washington Street, SW telephone 404 656-2840
 city or town Atlanta state Georgia

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 date 4/30/82
 title State Historic Preservation Officer

For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.
Alison Byers 6/22/82
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

WRIGHT HOTEL
CHATSWORTH, MURRAY COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP

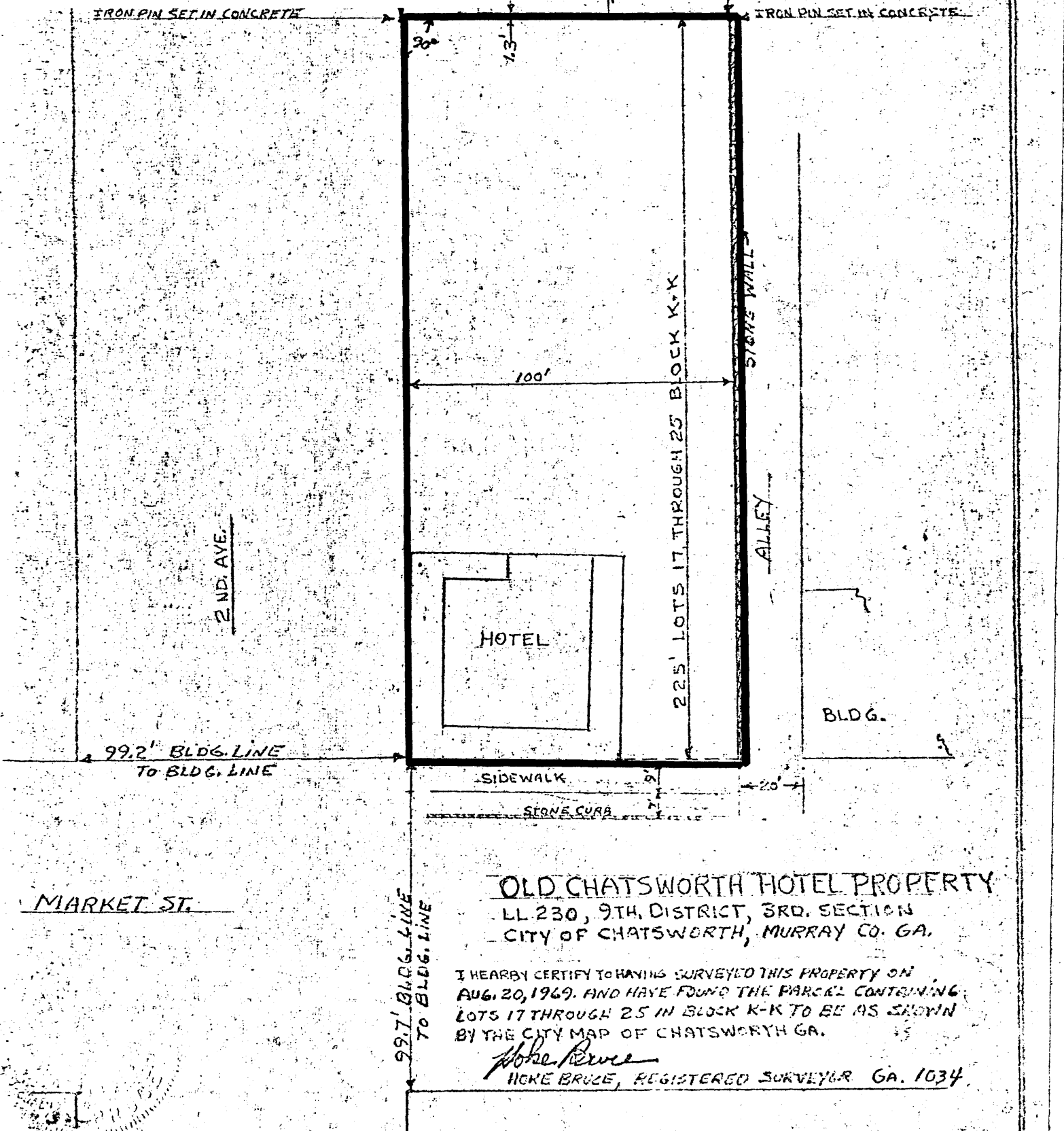
Source: Surveyor's Map

Date: August 20, 1969

North: ↑

Scale: 1" = 40'

Property Boundary: —————



OLD CHATSWORTH HOTEL PROPERTY
LL 230, 9TH. DISTRICT, 3RD. SECTION
CITY OF CHATSWORTH, MURRAY CO. GA.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO HAVING SURVEYED THIS PROPERTY ON
AUG. 20, 1969, AND HAVE FOUND THE PARCEL CONTAINING
LOTS 17 THROUGH 25 IN BLOCK K-K TO BE AS SHOWN
BY THE CITY MAP OF CHATSWORTH GA.

More Bruce
MORE BRUCE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR GA. 1034