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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 Waverly Terrace

and/or common Same

2. Location

*Roughly bounded by Hamilton Rd., Peabody Ave.,
27th and 30th Sts.*

street & number See Continuation Sheet.

N/A not for publication

city, town Columbus

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Muscogee

code 215

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple owners (more than 50)

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Muscogee County Courthouse

city, town Columbus

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title See Continuation Sheet.

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

Waverly Terrace is an early-twentieth-century planned residential suburban development. It is located on what were the outskirts of Columbus at the turn of the century, approximately a mile and a half north-northeast of downtown Columbus. The district is situated on gently sloping land in the "highlands" area of Columbus, above the Chattahoochee River floodplain. Shaped by major perimeter streets, the district is trapezoidal in form. Streets in the district are laid out in a gridiron pattern skewed slightly from the compass points. Lots are small, generally rectangular in shape, and front onto the residential streets of the subdivision. Buildings in the district are almost exclusively detached single-family residences; exceptions include a historic church, elementary school and high school. The houses are situated near the front-centers of their lots and are uniformly set back from the streets. They range from one to two stories in height; the majority date from 1906 to 1929. Architectural styles represented in the district include primarily Craftsman/Bungalow, with some Spanish Mission, late Victorian, Neoclassical, and Georgian Revival influences evident as well. Construction is predominantly wood frame, veneered in weatherboard, stucco, or brick. Details are fashioned from wood. Front porches are an important architectural feature uniformly represented throughout the district. Landscaping in the district consists of informally landscaped yards, terraced front yards with low retaining walls, street trees, stone curbs, and concrete sidewalks and driveways. One intrusion, a recently built apartment building, and a handful of non-historic homes are the only non-contributing properties within the district.

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Location

In Columbus, Muscogee County, an area bounded by Hamilton Road on the west, 30th Street on the north, 27th Street on the south, and the rear property lines of properties on the east side of Peabody Avenue on the east.

Representation in Existing Surveys

The Secondary Industrial School (Columbus Junior High School) was individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 9, 1980. It is centrally located in the Waverly Terrace Historic 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 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 checked="" 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 1906-1929 **Builder/Architect** Multiple

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Waverly Terrace is an excellent intact example in Columbus of an early-twentieth-century planned residential suburb with landscaping features and housing stock typical of middle-class residential neighborhoods of the period. It is historically significant in the areas of community planning and development, architecture, landscape architecture, education and local history. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A, B and C.

Community Planning and Development

Waverly Terrace is significant as an early Columbus example of a planned residential suburb and as a good local example of the American "streetcar suburb." Waverly Terrace's location, layout, design controls, land-use controls, utilities, and development are all characteristic of such suburban residential developments in Georgia.

As Columbus expanded in the early-twentieth century, G. Gunby Jordan (1846-1929), a prominent industrialist and land owner, determined to subdivide and develop "Waverly Farm," a large parcel of land he owned on the outskirts of the city. In 1904, he deeded the farm to the Jordan Company, of which he was president. In 1906, in a final survey of the property, Waverly Terrace was laid out in its present form, and the Jordan Company became its principal developer. All utilities in the neighborhood, including water, sewer, and electric power lines, were installed with the initial laying out and grading of the streets. Regular streetcar service linked Waverly Terrace to downtown Columbus. The location of the Secondary Industrial School in the neighborhood is explained by G. Gunby Jordan's position as president of the Columbus Board of Education, his commitment to vocational education, and his donation of a tract of land within Waverly Terrace for the school.

Architecture

Waverly Terrace is significant for its collection of houses which reflect prevailing design principles and construction practices of early-twentieth-century middle-class suburban housing. Predominant domestic architectural styles, namely the Craftsman/Bungalow and Spanish Mission styles, are well represented in the district, along with instances of late Victorian, Neoclassical, and Georgia Revival design. Wood, stucco, and brick--all used in the district--are characteristic

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Approximately 45 acres

Quadrangle name Columbus, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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

B

1	6	6	9	0	0	1	0	3	5	9	5	9	6	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

1	6	6	8	9	5	8	0	3	5	9	6	2	6	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

D

1	6	6	8	9	6	7	0	3	5	9	6	5	5	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

The historic district boundary, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed map, circumscribes the intact portion of the historic Waverly Terrace subdivision.

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

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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 State Historic Preservation Officer

date 10/25/83

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

Entered on the
National Register

date 12/1/83

for Allene Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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building materials for houses of these styles, types, and period. The district is also significant architecturally for its association with Thomas W. Smith, one of Columbus' most prominent architects of the period, who designed schools, churches, public buildings and residences throughout southwest Georgia. Smith (1860 - 1926) is well represented in the district by Waverly Terrace School, the Congregational Church, his own home at 2850 Hamilton Avenue and a number of other houses. Local contractors J.T. Harwell, Frank Smith, the Butts Lumber Company, and the Williams Lumber Company built many of the other houses.

Landscape Architecture

Waverly Terrace is significant for its repertoire of early-twentieth-century landscape features, including informally landscaped yards, terraced front yards with low retaining walls, street trees, stone curbs, and concrete sidewalks and driveways. The landscape features contribute significantly to Waverly Terrace's pronounced sense of time and place.

Education

Waverly Terrace is significant for containing the Columbus Secondary Industrial School (1906), a pioneering institution in the history of American vocational education which is individually listed in the National Register, and Waverly Terrace School, a good local example of a progressive early-twentieth-century elementary school.

Local History

Waverly Terrace is significant as the home of many of Columbus' influential middle-class citizens whose individual and collective accomplishments helped shape the city's early-twentieth-century history. Professionals, management-level executives, small businessmen, and skilled tradesmen are all represented by the district.

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WAVERLY TERRACE
Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia

DISTRICT SKETCH MAP

Source: Tax Map

North: ↑

Scale: 0 — 100'

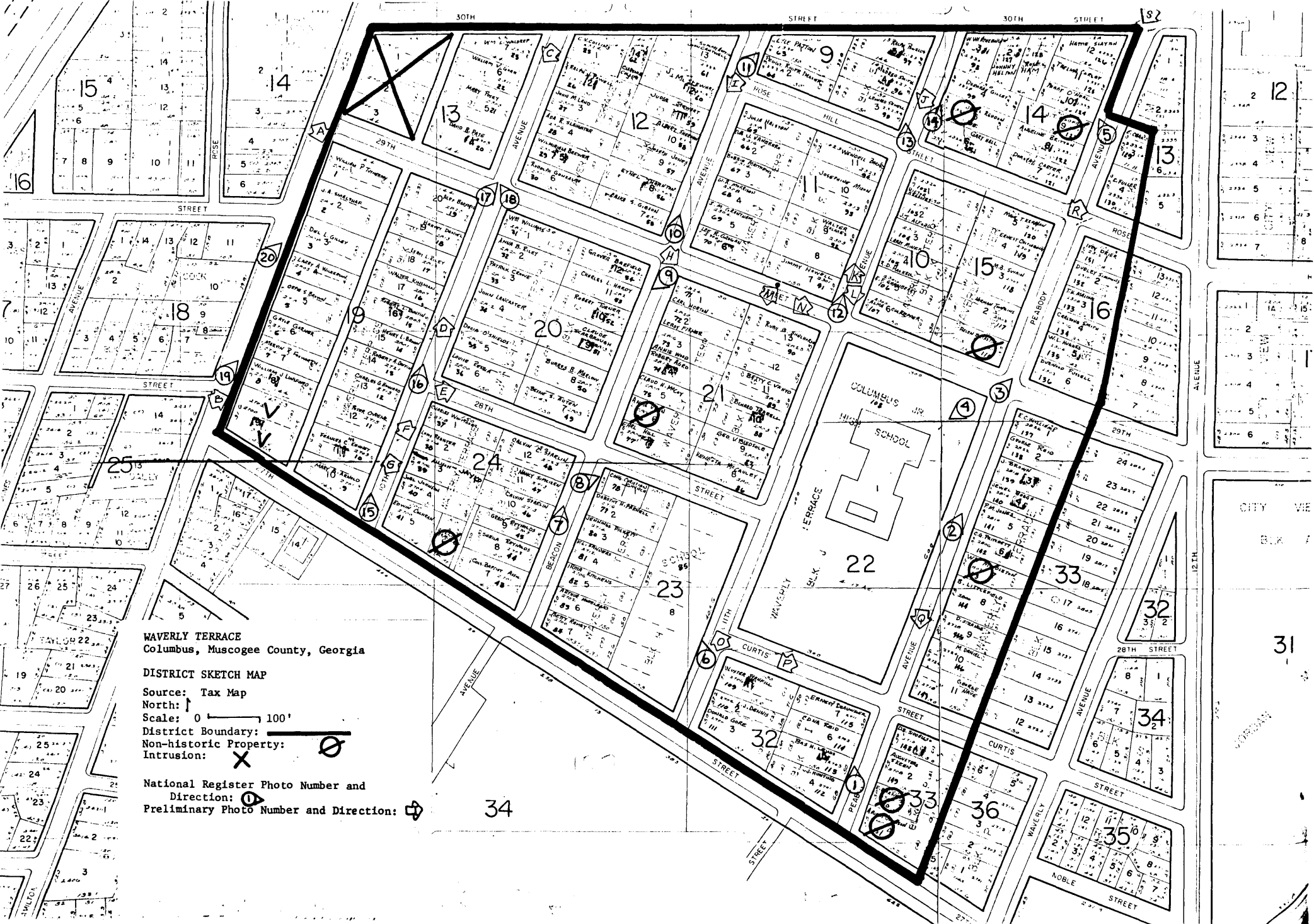
District Boundary: —

Non-historic Property: ⊘

Intrusion: X

National Register Photo Number and
Direction: ⊙

Preliminary Photo Number and Direction: ⊕



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