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6th Congressional District
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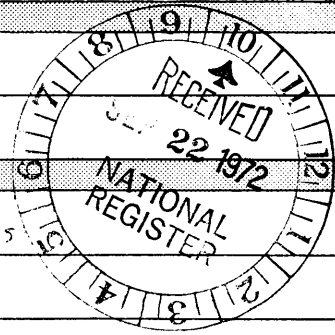
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Spalding	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 20 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Sam Bailey Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Sam Bailey Male Institute

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~North Side of East Poplar Street at Fourth Street~~

CITY OR TOWN:
Griffin

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Spalding	CODE 255
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Griffin-Spalding County Board, of Education

STREET AND NUMBER:
216 South Sixth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Griffin	STATE: Georgia	CODE 13
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Spalding County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Solomon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Griffin	STATE: Georgia	CODE 13
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7 DESCRIPTION

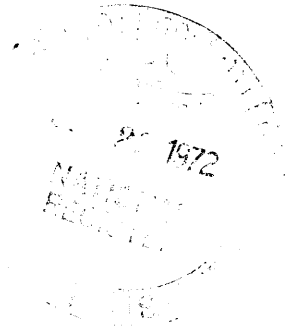
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sam Bailey School is a two-story brick structure whose Italianate details reflect its 1870 date. The surface of this rectangular brick block is articulated by pilaster-like brick projections which define the bays vertically. These vertical elements support a horizontal brick projection which runs around the top of the building like an entablature. Arched window openings in the brick walls are capped by projecting brick arches on corbels. These arches are round in the second story above elliptically capped openings below. Contrasting with these brick elaborations of the wall surface, paired, white wooden brackets support a strongly projecting cornice. Further contrast with the rich, red brick is provided by the wide wooden window frames. The entrance bay of the west facade is distinguished by a balcony of turned balusters and panelled corner posts topped with urns. This feature is supported on curved brackets above the entrance doorway. A simple elliptical fan light and panelled pilasters frame this wide opening. Narrow double round arched windows within an arched opening contribute a vertical thrust to this center section which is picked up in the arched plate above in the gable.

Inside the school building much of the original detailing, such as rectangular transom lights and panelled doors, and a generously proportioned stairway, remains. When the interior was remodeled and modernized in 1957 four large rooms on each floor were subdivided into smaller classrooms. The original front stairway just inside the main entrance continues in service but the space in the opposite end which once housed a similar staircase has been utilized for new rest rooms.

A large parking lot abuts the structure on the north side and newer school buildings are located on its once generous grounds. The Sam Bailey Building itself, however, appears much as it did in the 1870's.



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SIGNIFICANCE

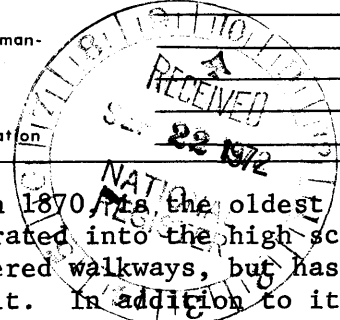
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1870**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sam Bailey School Building, constructed in 1870, is the oldest public school building in Griffin. It is now incorporated into the high school campus and connected to other buildings by covered walkways, but has been in continuous use as a school since it was built. In addition to its veneration by the generations of Griffin citizens who attended school there, this structure, built by one of the city's pioneer builders, stands as a significant architectural monument.

Sam Bailey School was built originally for the Griffin Male Institute. It was named for Sam Wesley Bailey, a banker and landowner who came to Griffin after the Civil War and contributed generously to the school's building fund. Plans for the project began in 1869 with the recommendation of the Committee on the Griffin Male Institute that a two-story building, 60 feet by 90 feet, be built. Estimated cost of the construction was \$15,000 plus \$3000 for equipment. Actual cost was \$17,047.40, of which amount the City of Griffin paid \$10,150, while the balance was paid by public subscription. The city also gave the land, Land Lot No. 56, a site that was originally set aside by the town's founder, Lawrence Lewis Griffin, as a parade ground. The construction was carried out by Gilman Jonathan Drake, who in addition to being active in the public education movement in Griffin, was one of the town's major builders. Drake had come to Griffin in 1857 from New Hampshire at the age of thirty as an itinerant carpenter. Before the Civil War he built many of Griffin's houses and after service in the Confederate Army returned to the city. In 1873 he founded the City National Bank and served as its president until his death in 1885. By 1870, when he built Sam Bailey School, he was an experienced builder and was becoming a prominent businessman.

Coincidentally, Sam Bailey School was built in the same year that the first public school law was passed in Georgia. The school began, however, as a private school of six elementary grades. Two years later, Griffin tried unsuccessfully to establish a city system of public schools. With \$3500, raised in part by City Council appropriation, and a donation from the Peabody Fund for southern education, the plan was approved by the citizens of Griffin on June 24, 1872. Sam Bailey then opened on August 19, 1873 as a public school with seventy pupils. Insufficient funds brought an end to this beginning in 1877. Sam Bailey returned to private operation, although representatives of the City Council on its Board of Trustees maintained a quasi-public status. Eight years later the building was once again part of a public system. The public school system of Griffin was permanently established by an act of the legislature on December 24, 1884 which was ratified by the people of Griffin in March of

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Melton, Quimby Jr., History of Griffin, 1840-1900 (Griffin, 1959).
 Typescripts and Deed Records in Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education Historical File.
 Personal Inspection and Report, Helen Powell and Jem Roberts, Emory University.
 Personal Inspection, June, 1972, Elizabeth A. Lyon.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

NO DATA
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Consultant to Griffin Historical & Preservation Society

ORGANIZATION: **Emory University, Institute of Liberal Arts** DATE: **June 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1380 South Oxford Rd., N.E.

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name May Gregory Quirt Title State Liaison Officer Date September 15, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/20/73

ATTEST: W. J. Minter
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.9.73

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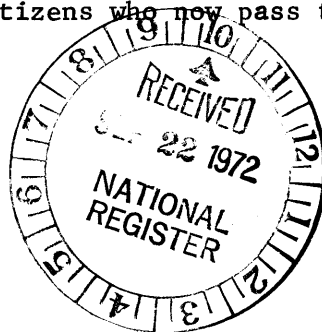
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8. Significance

1885. The first successful Board of Education was appointed in June of the same year. Its first president, Dr. N. B. Drewry, had served the Confederate Army as a surgeon and was a forceful proponent of public education in Griffin. Drewry served until 1913. The trustees of the Griffin Male Institute donated the Sam Bailey Building to the board. At first only the primary grades occupied the building, but later a high school, added to the system in the late eighties, was taught in the building. As the system grew new buildings went up nearby and Sam Bailey reverted to six grammar grades. Later, as the system became even larger, Sam Bailey was utilized as a single grade, the seventh grade. In 1953 the Griffin system was merged with that of Spalding County and the building became the junior high school of the new system. At the time, talk of tearing down the structure for a modern building met with sizeable opposition. Among the suggestions for its use were a museum and a band practice room. However, the greatest need was for classroom space; consequently the interior was renovated and remodeled. Subdivision of classrooms, conversion of one stairhall into rest rooms, and modernization of utilities was completed by 1957.

Sam Bailey, known by this simple designation, continues to serve its original function. The old parade ground on which it is located has now become a parking space and the large old oak trees that once surrounded it are gone. The architectural detail which gives the old brick building its distinctive character, however, remains to enrich the visual experience of later generations of Griffin citizens who now pass through its wide halls.



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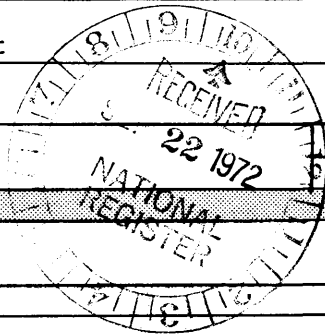
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

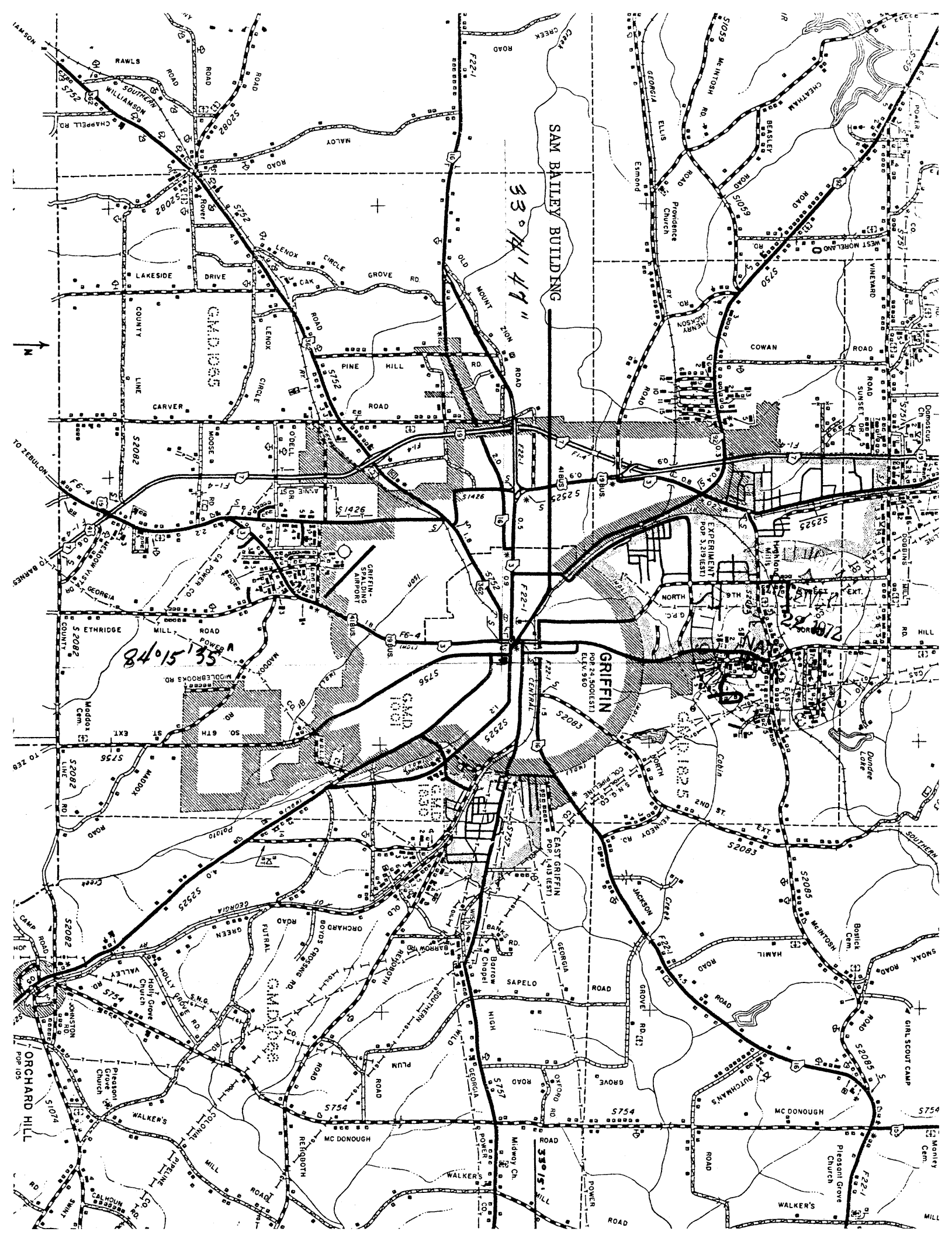
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CITY OR TOWN: Griffin			
STATE: Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Spalding	CODE 255
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: State Highway Department of Georgia			
SCALE: 1:1 mile			
DATE: 1968			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





SAM BAILEY BUILDING

GRIFIN

POP 24,500 (EST)
ELEV 960

33° 41' 47"

84° 15' 35"

32° 07' 12"

