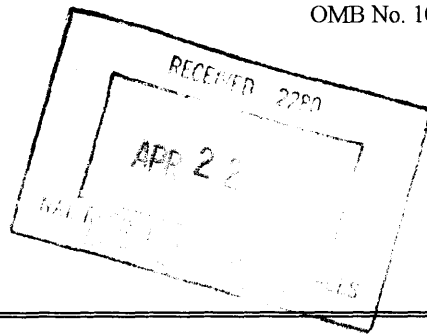


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REGISTRATION FORM**



1. Name of Property

historic name Gurley Historic District
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Section Line Street, Railroad Street, Maple Boulevard & Church Street between Gurley Pike & Jackson Street not for publication N/A
city or town Gurley vicinity N/A
state Alabama code AL county Madison code 089 zip code N/A

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Elizabeth Ann Brown Signature of Certifying official/Title April 14, 2004 Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall

[Signature] Signature of Keeper _____ Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>68</u>	<u>24</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>69</u>	<u>24</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>school</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>religious facility</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>specialty store</u>
<u>INDUSTRY/PROCESSING</u>	<u>communications facility</u>
<u>FUNERARY</u>	<u>cemetery</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>school</u>
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<u>INDUSTRY/PROCESSING</u>	<u>communications facility</u>
<u>FUNERARY</u>	<u>cemetery</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne; LATE VICTORIAN: Gothic; LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Tudor Revival; LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVMENT: Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: BRICK; STONE; CONCRETE BLOCK
 roof: ASPHALT
 walls: WOOD
BRICK
 other: _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Period of Significance ca. 1874-1950

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 70 ac.

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>16</u>	<u>556861</u>	<u>3840067</u>	4	<u>16</u>	<u>557305</u>	<u>3839371</u>
2	<u>16</u>	<u>557813</u>	<u>3840044</u>	5	<u>16</u>	<u>556947</u>	<u>3839464</u>
3	<u>16</u>	<u>557866</u>	<u>3839508</u>	6	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David B. Schneider, Consultant; Christy Anderson, Alabama Historical Commission

organization Schneider Historic Preservation, LLC date 01/14/04

street & number 411 E. 6th Street telephone 256-310-3620

city or town Anniston state AL zip code 36207

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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2. Location, Continued

The Gurley Historic District extends eastward along Section Line Street, Railroad Street, Maple Boulevard and Church Street between Gurley Pike and Jackson Street.

The district contains the following street numbers:

1st St.	144-150	
2nd St.	124	
Cemetery St.	N end	
Church St.	174-239	
College St.	121-154	
Gate St.	125	
Gurley Pike.	111-168	
Jackson St.	122-161	
Joplin St.	101-149	
Maple Blvd.	138-190	
Railroad St.	153-201	
Section Line St.		158-368
Taylor St.	106-166	

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7. Narrative Description

The Gurley Historic District is located in the central portion of the city of Gurley in Madison County in northeast Alabama. The topography of the district is generally flat with a slight rise to the northwest. The district is generally bordered to the north by scattered residential development and agricultural land, to the east and west by modern residential areas, and to the south by residences and strip commercial development that has occurred along the north side of U.S. 72.

The street grid is irregular and results in irregularly shaped blocks of varying size. Streets running generally east to west include (from north to south) Wood Street, Taylor Street, Section Line Street, Railroad Street, Maple Boulevard and Church Street. A railroad line bisects the district between Railroad Street and Maple Boulevard in a southeasterly direction of about 110 degrees. Railroad Street, Maple Boulevard, and Church Street parallel the railroad. Wood Street runs from east to west. Taylor and Section Line Streets run to the northeast at about eighty degrees. Streets running generally in a north to south direction (from west to east) include Gurley Pike, College Street, 2nd Street, Joplin Street, 1st Street, Jackson Street, and Cemetery Road. Of these streets, only Gurley Pike crosses Railroad Street. To the north of Railroad Street: College Street extends from Section Line Street to Wood Street; Joplin Street extends from Railroad Street northward past Wood Street, Jackson Street runs in a more northeasterly direction between Railroad and Section Line Streets, and Cemetery Road runs northward from Section Line Street. 1st Street runs to the south from Railroad Street and 2nd Street extends to the south in a more southwesterly direction from Maple Boulevard.

The district is primarily residential, with 56 of its 69 contributing resources and 18 of its 24 noncontributing resources are in that use. Residences are found throughout the district except within a core commercial area along the 100 block of Joplin Street. Nonresidential uses include eight commercial buildings, a school, a public utility building, four religious buildings, one former hotel (now a residence) and a cemetery. The commercial buildings are generally centrally located along or near the core commercial area. The religious buildings are located on the east side of College Street at Section Line and Taylor Streets in the western portion of the district. The school is located at the north end of College Street. The cemetery is at the north end of Cemetery Road in the eastern portion of the district.

Residential buildings are typically located on irregular lots. Front yard depth varies by block with relative consistency within each block. Landscaping is typically casual and the residential areas typically retain mature tree canopies. Commercial buildings typically cover much of their sites, especially in the densely developed commercial core where party walls are common. The district's open space is limited to the railroad right-of-way and vacant lots.

Eighty-six percent of all contributing buildings and all of the noncontributing buildings are one story in height. The remainder are either one and one half or two stories tall. Frame construction accounts for seventy-seven percent of contributing buildings and twenty-nine percent of noncontributing buildings. Remaining contributing buildings are of masonry construction as are fifty-four percent of noncontributing buildings. Four noncontributing buildings are manufactured houses.

Presently, only one of the district's commercial buildings is occupied. Residences are typically occupied and maintained, as are the district's two churches and its school.

The condition of most buildings within the district is good and most receiving routine maintenance and repair. Several commercial buildings along Joplin Street are in deteriorated condition.

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While no formal archaeological survey has been made, potential subsurface remains could provide additional information about the historical development of the district.

Building Inventory

The following inventory is taken from a historic resource survey conducted by Schneider Historic Preservation, LLC in March and April 2003. Sites are listed by address and their status as contributing or noncontributing resources is indicated.

- 1 House, Not Named ca. 1965 1st St., 144 Noncontributing
One-story brick veneer ranch house with cmu garage to north. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1965.
- 2 House, Not Named ca. 1940 1st St., 150 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame form dwelling with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof; faces east, 2x3 bay core with a rear 2-bay deep hipped extension; full facade hipped porch with wood posts; off-center entrance at facade flanked by a single replacement synthetic window, similar windows at side elevations; replacement composition board siding (1970 ca.); 1 exterior brick chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1940 and remodeled circa 1970. No house is shown at this location on a 1936 U.S.G.S map but a house is indicated on a 1948 map.
- 3 House, Not Named ca. 1935 2nd St., 124 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame form dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof; faces east, 5x2 bay core; full facade recessed porch with wood posts; central entrance at facade flanked by single replacement synthetic 9/9 windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement asbestos shingle siding (1960 ca.); 1 brick exterior end chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1935 and remodeled circa 1960. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1913 but that date appears to relate to an earlier T-shaped house shown on the 1927 Sanborn map that was replaced by the present house. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.
- 4 Gurley Cemetery ca. 1880 Cemetery St., N end Contributing
Large urban cemetery on hilltop site; mature trees and shrubs, planned paths and streets, well maintained; more than 1,000 markers include head and foot stones, monuments, tablets, ledgers, box tombs, and obelisks of granite, marble and limestone; numerous plots enclosed by low brick or stone curbing and/or decorative iron fencing. Gurley cemetery founded circa 1880 according to Alabama Register nomination; family names include Beason, Bennett, Corley, Gable, Given, Grayson, Joplin, Morrow, O'Neal, Roperts, Southerland, Spivey, Styles, Walker, Williams, and Williamson among others. The cemetery remains in use.
- 5 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Church St., 174 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable corrugated metal roof; faces north, 3x1 bay core with rear ell wing to east and rear gable addition to west; less than full facade hipped porch with turned posts and sawn brackets; central entrance with transom & sidelights at facade flanked by double wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar single windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1970 ca.); 2 brick exterior end chimneys observed; continuous

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stone foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1900-1920. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

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| 6 | House, Not Named | ca. 1950 | Church St., 181 | Contributing |
| Rectangular 1-story frame gable front form dwelling with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof with exposed rafter ends; faces south, 3x2 bay core; entrance bay gable porch with replacement metal supports; off-center entrance at facade flanked by double wood horizontal 2/2 windows, similar windows at side elevations; asbestos shingle siding; no chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1950. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1950. | | | | |
| 7 | House, Not Named
Modern manufactured home. | ca. 1975
Modern. | Church St., 182 | Noncontributing |
| 8 | House, Not Named | ca. 1927 | Church St., 196 | Contributing |
| Rectangular 1-story frame gable front form dwelling with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof; faces north, 3x3 bay core; less than full facade gable porch with supports on pedestals; off-center entrance at facade flanked by double wood geometric double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1975 ca.); 1 stucco exterior chimney observed; continuous stucco foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1927 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1927. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps. | | | | |
| 9 | Beckman House | ca. 1893 | Church St., 204 | Contributing |
| Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof with cross gables at the front bays of its side elevations; faces north, 3x2 bay core with secondary rear wing to east; less than full facade replacement shed porch (1965 ca.); central entrance at facade flanked by double wood horizontal 2/2 replacement windows (1965 ca.), similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1965 ca.); no chimneys observed; continuous stucco foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1893 and remodeled circa 1965. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1893. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps. Historical marker reads: "Beckman/Abcox/1893." | | | | |
| 10 | House, Not Named | ca. 1907 | Church St., 207 | Contributing |
| T-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces south, 1x3 bay front-facing gable core with a side gable Tee wing centered at its east elevation with a rear shed extension; modern replacement less than full facade shed porches with wood posts at facade and west elevation; central entrance at facade flanked by a single and double wood 2/2 double hung sash window, similar windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1985 ca.); 1 stuccoed interior chimneys observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1907 and remodeled circa 1985. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1907. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps. | | | | |
| 11 | House, Not Named | ca. 1895 | Church St., 212 | Contributing |
| Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable V-crimped metal roof; faces north, 3x1 bay core with rear shed extension; less than full facade historic replacement shed porch with supports on pedestals (1935 ca.); central entrance at facade flanked by double wood geometric double hung sash windows (1935 ca.), similar single and double windows at | | | | |

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side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1970 ca.); 1 stuccoed central chimney observed; foundation not visible. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895 and remodeled circa 1935 and circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1897. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

12 House, Not Named ca. 1925 Church St., 218 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame gable front form dwelling with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof; faces north, 3x2 bay core; full facade gable porch with wood columns; central entrance at facade flanked by modern picture windows (1960 ca.), single wood geometric double hung sash windows at side elevations; wood novelty siding; 1 modern brick exterior chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1925 and remodeled circa 1960. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1950-1970. Possibly shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

13 House, Not Named ca. 1900 Church St., 219 Contributing
Rectangular 1.5-story frame dwelling with a side gable V-crimped metal roof; faces south, 2x1 bay core with rear shed extension with a rear ell addition; modern replacement full facade shed porch with wood posts; central entrance at facade flanked by a single wood 2/2 double hung sash window, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; no chimneys observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900 and remodeled circa 1995. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1920 but its architectural character suggests an earlier date. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

14 House, Not Named ca. 1900 Church St., 222 Contributing
T-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces north, front-facing gable 1x3 bay core with a central side gable Tee wing to the east with a rear ell addition and extension; full facade shed porch with wood posts with sawn brackets; off-center entrance at facade flanked by single and double 1/1 and 2/2 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard and wood novelty siding; 1 stuccoed interior chimney observed; foundation not visible. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1900-1920. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

15 House, Not Named ca. 1905 Church St., 225 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable corrugated metal roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with rear ell wing to the west; less than full facade shed porch with replacement metal supports; central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 2/2 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement asbestos shingle siding (1960 ca.); 2 brick exterior end chimneys observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1905 and remodeled circa 1965. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1905. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

16 House, Not Named ca. 1910 Church St., 231 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 4x1 bay core with rear shed extension; less than full facade hipped porch with wood posts; paired central entrances at facade flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar windows and some replacement windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1985 ca.); 1 brick exterior chimney observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence

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suggest that this house was constructed circa 1910 and remodeled circa 1985. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1910. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

17 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Church St., 230 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces north, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the east; full facade hipped porch with wood pillars; central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement asbestos shingle siding (1960 ca.); 2 brick exterior end chimneys observed; foundation not visible. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1960. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1890. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

18 House, Not Named ca. 1900 Church St., 233 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with rear shed extension, rear shed addition; full facade shed porch with wood posts; entrances at west and center bays of facade flanked by a single wood 4/4 double hung sash window, similar 4/4 and 6/6 windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; no chimneys observed; foundation not visible. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1900. Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map. Area not included on the 1898 and 1908 maps.

19 House, Not Named ca. 1971 Church St., 239 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick veneer dwelling. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1971.

20 Gurley United Methodist Church ca. 1891 College St., 121 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story masonry church; simplified Gothic Revival style; front-facing gable composition shingle roof with a centrally-placed slightly projecting hipped bell tower; faces west, 3x5 bay core; slightly projecting central gable entrance bay with a pointed arched opening with paired doors and pointed arched transom flanked by stained glass windows in pointed arched openings, similar windows at side elevations; stucco exterior wall finishes; no chimneys observed; continuous stucco foundation. Construction and design evidence are consistent with the Alabama Register nomination date of circa 1891 for this building. It is shown on the 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

21 House, Not Named ca. 1890 College St., 128 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof with cross gables; faces east, 4x3 bay core with front and rear facing cross gable wings to the south; entrance bay entrance recessed within gable entry bay, historic replacement shed porch at south elevation with paired wood columns; off-center entrance at facade flanked by single 4/4 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding; 1 exterior and 2 interior brick chimneys observed; continuous stucco foundation; noncontributing concrete block ancillary building to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1890. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

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22 House, Not Named ca. 1936 College St., 129 Contributing
Rectangular 1.5-story masonry dwelling with a side gable patterned asbestos shingle roof; faces west, 3x4 bay core with a secondary rear ell wing; entrance bay gable door hood; central entrance at facade flanked by double wood 4/4 double geometric double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; uncoursed stone exterior veneer; 1 stone interior chimney observed; continuous stone foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1935. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1936. Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

23 House, Not Named ca. 1890 College St., 132 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof with cross gables; faces east, 3x2 bay core with a front facing cross gable projection to the north and a side facing gable projection at the front bay of its south elevation; full facade hipped porch with brick pillars and apron wall; central entrance at facade flanked by single 4/4 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; 1 interior brick chimney observed; continuous brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1890. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

24 House, Not Named ca. 1900 College St., 135 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with Folk Victorian style details; hipped corrugated metal roof with cross gables; faces west, 3x2 bay core with a front-facing gable wing with a polygonal bay window at the south bay of its facade, side gable wing at the front bay of its north elevation, rear ell wing to the south; less than full facade hipped porch with replacement wood posts; window-entrance-window-entrance at facade of core with single entrances with transoms flanked by single wood 4/4 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding, decorative diagonal board and wood shingle siding at front gable; 1 brick interior chimney observed; foundation concealed by metal skirt. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1900. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

25 Varnburg House ca. 1890 College St., 142 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces east, 1x3 bay front-facing gable core with central side gable wing to the south, rear extensions; full facade hipped porch with brick pillars and apron wall now glassed in (1980 ca.); central entrance at facade with transom flanked by single and double 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations, secondary entrance at south elevation with Victorian hood; plain weatherboard siding; 1 interior brick chimney observed; continuous brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1980. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1890. Historical marker reads: "Vanburg-Bennett/1890." Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

26 Pickens House ca. 1895 College St., 149 Contributing
T-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with Queen Anne style details; cross gable corrugated metal roof; faces west, 1x3 bay core with a central front-facing gable Tee wing with a cutaway bay window, rear additions; former hipped porch at south elevation of core now enclosed, shed addition at north elevation of core with modern carport addition; entrance at enclosed porch Queen Anne block glass at front window, single and double wood geometric windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1980 ca.); 1 brick central chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation; 1-story

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concrete block outbuilding to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895 and remodeled circa 1980. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1895. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

27 House, Not Named ca. 1955 College St., 154 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story frame ranch style dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1955.

28 Walker, Capt. Elijah F., House ca. 1874 Gate St., 125 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with rear 1-bay deep shed extension, long rear gable wing addition; full facade hipped porch with wood columns; central entrance at facade with transom flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar single and double 6/6 and 4/4 windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; 2 brick exterior end chimneys observed; brick pier foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1874. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1874. Shown on 1927 Sanborn map. Reported to have been built for Capt. Elijah F. Walker (1843-1907), a Confederate veteran and prominent local businessman and landowner. Walker served in the state legislature as a Representative for Madison County (1888-1889) and two years as Madison County Commissioner.

29 House, Not Named ca. 1965 Gurley Pike, 111 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick veneer dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1965.

30 Bennett House ca. 1901 Gurley Pike, 168 Contributing
L-shaped 2-story frame Queen Anne style dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof with conical tower within front ell; faces north, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a front-facing gable ell wing at the south bay of its facade with a polygonal bay window at its 1st level, polygonal tower within front ell, secondary rear gable projection corresponding to wing, side gable projection to south; single entrance with transom angled at center bay of tower flanked by single wood 2/2 double hung sash windows, similar windows at upper level and side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; no chimneys observed; stucco foundation; contributing frame shed to west. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1901. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1900. Historical marker reads: "Bennett/Reynolds/c. 1901." Shown on 1908 and 1927 Sanborn maps. Area not shown on the 1898 map.

31 House, Not Named ca. 1898 Jackson St., 122 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable V-crimped metal roof; faces east, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a rear shed extension; full facade porch with wood supports on brick pedestals; central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement asbestos shingle siding (1955 ca.); 3 brick exterior chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation; contributing frame shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895 and remodeled circa 1955. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1898. Shown on 1898, 1908, & 1927 Sanborn Maps.

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- 32 House, Not Named ca. 1895 Jackson St., 127 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces west, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the north; full facade shed porch with wood supports on brick pedestals; central entrance at facade with transom & sidelights flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; 1 brick exterior chimney observed; continuous stucco foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1912, but the house is shown on the 1898 and 1908 Sanborn Maps.
- 33 Hall House Hotel ca. 1895 Jackson St., 142 Contributing
L-shaped 2-story frame dwelling with Queen Anne style details; cross gable composition shingle roof; faces east, rectangular 5x1 bay core with oversized central polygonal bay window at each level, rear 1x4 bay ell wing to the south, 1-story shed extension at north elevation of core; full facade 2-story shed porch with turned wood posts, sawn brackets and decorative sawn balustrade, central bay projects slightly corresponding to bay window at facade, similar porch with chamfered posts at south elevation of rear wing; principal entrance at 2nd bay from south at facade within decorative surround with transom & sidelights, secondary entrances at north bay of facade and at south elevation with transoms, single wood 1/1 double hung sash windows; plain weatherboard siding; 2 brick interior chimneys observed; foundation not visible. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895. Photo dated 1978 in the Gurley vertical file at the Huntsville library identifies this building as "Old Girl's School on Jackson St." Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1902 but it is shown on the 1898 Sanborn Map as a hotel and on the 1908 map as the "Hall Hotel." The 1927 map indicates that it was then in use as a dwelling.
- 34 House, Not Named ca. 1875 Jackson St., 153 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces west, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the north; less than full facade historic replacement gable porch with replacement stucco pillars (1935 ca.); central entrance at facade with frontispiece surround flanked by double wood 6/6 sash windows with continuous transoms, similar windows at side elevations; replacement composition board siding (1965 ca.); 1 brick exterior chimney observed; foundation not visible. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built in the 1870s and remodeled in the 1930s. Construction and design evidence are consistent with those dates and also indicate that the house was also remodeled circa 1975. Shown on 1898, 1908, & 1927 Sanborn Maps.
- 35 House, Not Named ca. 1916 Jackson St., 161 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces west, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the north; full facade shed porch with replacement wood posts wraps to north elevation; central entrance at facade flanked by double wood 2/2 double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding; 1 brick interior chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1915 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1916. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.
- 36 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1897 Joplin St., 101 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story brick commercial building with a hipped composition shingle roof with exposed rafter ends; faces west, open canopy to south, angled central core, 3-bay wide extension to north; off-center entrance at angled core flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows; 3-bay storefront facade at north extension with a central entrance with transom flanked by display windows (now boarded over); painted brick exterior walls; no chimney observed; continuous

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brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1930. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1897. Not shown on 1898, 1908 or 1927 Sanborn maps. Photo dated 1978 in the Gurley vertical file at the Huntsville library identifies this building as "Joe Bickley Service Station."

37 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1923 Joplin St., 108 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story brick commercial building with a monopitch roof concealed at its facade by a flat parapet and at its sides by stepped parapets (all with corbelled caps); faces east; 2 storefront units: south unit consisting of a recessed central entrance with double leaf doors flanked by display windows over low brick bulkheads and with a continuous transom, north unit is similar with a single entrance to the north; corbelled cornice and recessed decorative panels at upper facade, exposed brick exterior walls. Construction and design evidence suggest that this building was constructed circa 1923. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1923. Photo dated 1978 in the Gurley vertical file at the Huntsville library identifies this building as "Hewlett Grocery." Shown on 1927 Sanborn map. Not shown on 1898 and 1908 maps.

38 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1905 Joplin St., 111 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story stuccoed concrete block commercial building with a monopitch roof concealed at its facade by a stepped parapet and at its sides by sloped parapets with tile copings; faces west, rectangular with 1-story frame shed addition to south; storefront with a central entrance flanked by aluminum display windows on low brick bulkheads (1970 ca.); stucco at facade, exposed block at side elevations; no chimney observed; foundation not visible. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1930 and remodeled circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built in the early to mid 20th century. A building of this general size and shape is shown on 1908 and 1927 Sanborn maps but not on the 1898 map.

39 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1945 Joplin St., 113 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a monopitch roof concealed at its facade by a flat parapet and at its sides by stepped parapets; faces west; storefront with entrances at outer bays flanking metal display windows on low bulkheads; modern aluminum canopy; painted concrete block exterior walls; no chimney observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1945 and remodeled circa 1965. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built in the mid 20th century. Not shown on 1898, 1908 or 1927 Sanborn maps.

40 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1955 Joplin St., 115 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a flat roof (appears to be an alteration, 1970 ca.); faces west; storefront with entrances at outer bays flanking metal display windows on low bulkheads; painted concrete block exterior walls; no chimney observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1955 and remodeled circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built in the mid 20th century. Not shown on 1898, 1908 or 1927 Sanborn maps.

41 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1923 Joplin St., 118 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story brick commercial building with a monopitch roof concealed at its facade by a flat parapet and at its sides by stepped parapets (all with tile copings); faces east; 2 similar storefront units consisting of recessed central entrances with double leaf doors and transom (now covered) flanked by 4-light display windows over low brick bulkheads and with covered transoms; corbelled cornice and recessed decorative panels at upper facade, exposed brick

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exterior walls; modern aluminum canopy; continuous brick foundation; small brick addition to north; unidentified frame outbuilding to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this building was constructed circa 1923. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1923. Photo dated 1978 in the Gurley vertical file at the Huntsville library identifies this building as "Gurley Trading Post." Shown on 1927 Sanborn map. Not shown on 1898 and 1908 maps.

42 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1945 Joplin St., 121 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a gable roof concealed at its facade by a stepped parapet; faces west, rectangular core; storefront with a central entrance flanked by wood display window; vinyl siding at facade (1990 ca.), exposed block at side elevations; no chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1945 and remodeled circa 1990. Not shown on 1898, 1908 and 1927 Sanborn maps.

43 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1965 Joplin St., 123 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a hipped composition shingle roof; faces west, rectangular core; storefront with a central entrance flanked by wood display window; painted concrete block exterior walls; no chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1965. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1948, if so it has been extensively altered. Not shown on 1898, 1908 and 1927 Sanborn maps.

44 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1965 Joplin St., 127 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story concrete block commercial building with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof; faces west, rectangular core; garage door at facade; painted concrete block exterior walls; no chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1965. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1962. Not shown on 1898, 1908 and 1927 Sanborn maps.

45 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1950 Joplin St., 128 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame commercial building with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof with molded boxed cornice with returns; faces east, 1x1 core with modern concrete addition to the south; gable entrance hood supported by angle brackets; single entrance at facade, no other windows or doors at core; asbestos single siding; concrete block foundation. Telephone switching station. Construction and design evidence suggest that this building was constructed circa 1950.

46 Van-McBroom House ca. 1905 Joplin St., 129 Contributing
T-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces west, 1x3 bay front-facing gable core with a side gable Tee wing centered at its south elevation with a rear gable wing to the south; less than full facade shed porch with replacement metal supports wraps to south elevation; central entrance at facade flanked by a single wood 4/4 and 8/8 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; wood novelty siding; 2 stuccoed interior chimneys observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1905. Shown in present form on the 1908 & 1927 Sanborn Maps. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1895 and a historical marker at the site reads "Van-McBroom/1895." The 1898 Sanborn map shows a house of a different form than the present house indicating that this house was constructed or extensively remodeled after 1898.

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- 47 House, Not Named ca. 1895 Joplin St., 137 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped industrial metal roof with cross gables; faces south, 3x2 bay core with slightly projecting gable wings at the front bays of its side elevations, long rear ell wing to west; entrance bay gable porch at facade with tapered wood supports on brick pedestals, similar porch along portion of west elevation; central entrance at facade flanked by single 1/1 replacement windows, similar windows and single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1990 ca.); 2 stuccoed interior chimneys observed; stone pier foundation with infill. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895 and remodeled circa 1995. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built in the 1890s. Shown on the 1898, 1908 and 1927 Sanborn Maps.
- 48 House, Not Named ca. 1948 Joplin St., 149 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces west, rectangular 3x2 bay core with a secondary front-facing gable wing at the north bay of its facade; less than full facade shed porch with modern aluminum columns; off-center entrance at facade flanked by double wood geometric double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1985 ca.); no chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1950 and remodeled circa 1985. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1948. No house is shown at this location on a 1936 U.S.G.S map but a house is indicated on a 1948 map.
- 49 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1960 Maple St., 138 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick commercial with a hipped roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1960. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1960.
- 50 House, Not Named ca. 1970 Maple St., 148 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick dwelling with a cross gable roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1946. If so, it has been extensively remodeled.
- 51 House, Not Named ca. 1914 Maple St., 160 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a hip on hipped composition shingle roof with a front-facing cross gable at the west bay of its facade; faces north, 3x3 bay core with a front-facing gable projection to the west and a rear gable wing to the east; less than full facade shed porch with replacement metal supports wraps to east elevation; off-center entrance at facade with transom flanked by single replacement synthetic 12/12 and 9/9 windows (1990 ca.), similar windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1990 ca.); no chimney observed; concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1915 and remodeled circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1914. Shown on 1927 Sanborn map. Not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.
- 52 Hewlett Houseca. 1925 Maple St., 166 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story brick bungalow with a side gable composition shingle roof; faces north, 3x3 bay core with polygonal bay windows at the west bay of its facade and front bay of its east elevation; off-center entrance at facade flanked by single wood geometric double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; exposed brick exterior walls; no chimney observed; continuous brick foundation; modern frame garage to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest

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that this house was constructed circa 1925. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1896 and remodeled in the 1920s. Shown on 1927 Sanborn map. Not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps. Photo dated 1978 in the Gurley vertical file at the Huntsville library identifies this building as "Old Hewlett home."

53 House, Not Named ca. 1960 Maple St. 170 Noncontributing
One-story brick veneer ranch house. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1960.

54 House, Not Named ca. 1910 Maple St., 190 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces north, rectangular 4x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the east; less than full facade shed porch with wood posts; paired central entrances at facade with transom flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung windows, similar windows at side elevations; wood novelty siding; no chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation; contributing frame shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1910.

55 House, Not Named ca. 1881 Railroad St., 153 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof with a cross gable; faces south, rectangular 3x2 bay core with a front-facing gable projection at the west bay of its facade, corresponding rear hipped wing; full facade hipped porch with replacement wood pillars, secondary shed porch at west elevation, modern carport add at east elevation; central entrance at facade with transom flanked by single wood 1/1 double hung windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; 1 brick interior chimney observed; foundation not visible; contributing frame barn to west. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1880 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1881. Shown on the 1898, 1908, & 1927 Sanborn Maps.

56 House, Not Named ca. 1982 Railroad St., 167 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick veneer ranch house with a hipped roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1980. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1982.

57 House, Not Named ca. 1887 Railroad St., 197 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces south, rectangular 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the east and a rear shed extension; entrance bay gable porch with tapered wood posts; central entrance at facade with transom & sidelights flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; 2 brick exterior end chimneys observed; continuous stucco foundation; noncontributing concrete block garage and shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1885. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1887. Shown on the 1898, 1908, & 1927 Sanborn Maps.

58 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1895 Railroad St., 201 Contributing
Rectangular 2-story brick 2-part commercial building with a monopitch roof concealed by a flat parapet at its facade and stepped parapets at its sides, low-relief corbelled brick cornice at facade; faces south, rectangular 3x4 bay core; no porch; storefront level historically articulated by 3 stone arches below a thin stone band and stone quoins is now infilled with a modern entrance at its east bay and an oversized garage door cut into its western bays; slightly recessed corbelled panel at upper level contains three single replacement aluminum horizontal 2/2 windows at upper level and side elevations;

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painted brick exterior walls; no chimneys observed; continuous brick foundation. Shown on the 1898 Sanborn Map as the "Hard W." Shown on the 1908 map as the "Hand Printing/Lodge 2nd." Shown on the 1927 Sanborn map as the "Crescent Theatre/Vacant." Later served for a time as a school and more recently as a fire hall and city hall for the town of Gurley.

59 House, Not Named ca. 1905 Section Line St., 158 Contributing
T-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces north, rectangular 1x3 bay front-facing gable core with a side gable 4x1 bay wing centered to the east; single entrances with transoms at 2nd and 4th bay from east at facade flanked by single wood 2/2 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; no chimneys observed; foundation concealed by skirt. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1905. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built circa 1916, yet it is shown on 1908 and 1927 Sanborn maps. Area not shown on the 1898 map.

60 House, Not Named ca. 1900 Section Line St., 199 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 1x3 bay front-facing gable core with central side gable wing to the west, modern rear cross gable addition to the west, side gable addition at rear bay of east elevation; less than full facade shed porch with turned wood supports on brick pedestals; central entrance at facade flanked by single and double 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1990 ca.); 1 exterior brick chimney observed; continuous brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900 and remodeled circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1900. Site shown as a warehouse on the 1898 Sanborn map. 1908 map shows this as the site of the "Enterprise Spoke Company." This house is shown on the 1927 map.

61 House, Not Named ca. 1886 Section Line St., 205 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with rear ell wing to the west; less than full facade shed porch with tapered wood supports on brick pedestals, side shed porch at west elevation; central entrance at facade with transom flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding, sawtooth eave boards; 2 exterior brick chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation; noncontributing frame shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1886. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1886. Shown on 1898, 1908, 1927 Sanborn Maps.

62 House, Not Named ca. 1912 Section Line St., 214 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof; faces north, 3x2 bay core with a small hipped addition at its southeast corner; full facade replacement shed porch with turned posts (1980 ca.); central entrance at facade flanked by double wood 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows (some with replacement 6/6 sash) at side elevations; wood novelty siding; no chimneys observed; brick pier foundation; contributing frame shed to southwest and noncontributing concrete block garage to east. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1910 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1912. Different house shown on 1898 and 1908 Sanborn Maps. This house is shown on the 1927 map.

63 Williamson House ca. 1919 Section Line St., 215 Contributing
Rectangular 2-story frame Craftsman style dwelling with a low-pitched front-facing gable composition shingle roof with angle bracketed eaves; faces south, 3x4 bay core with 1-story cross gable projections to the southwest, north, northwest

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and northeast; less than full facade low-pitched gable porch with wood supports on tapered stucco pedestals extends to east to form a porte cochere; central entrance at facade at facade with sidelights flanked by single geometric double hung sash windows, single, double & triple geometric double hung sash windows at upper level and side elevations; replacement vinyl siding; 1 interior and 1 exterior stucco chimney observed; continuous stucco foundation; contributing brick well structure to west. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1919 and remodeled circa 1985. Historical marker reads: "Williamson-Strawn/1919." Built by the Williamson family for their daughter. Different house shown on 1898 and 1908 Sanborn Maps. This house is shown on the 1927 map.

64 Walker, William A., Sr. House ca. 1900 Section Line St., 222 Contributing
Rectangular 2-story frame dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof with secondary cross hip at east bay of front slope; faces north, 3x2 bay core with a secondary rear gable wing; full facade hipped porch with brick pillars and apron wall; central entrance at facade with sidelights flanked by double wood 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at upper level and side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1975 ca.); 2 interior brick chimneys observed; continuous brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1900. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

65 Gurley Cumberland Presbyterian Church 1912 Section Line St., 223 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story brick church; simplified Victorian Gothic style; hipped pressed metal shingle roof; faces west, 5x4 bay core with corner bell tower at southwest corner, smaller entrance tower at southeast corner and polygonal pavilion at northeast corner; recessed angled entrance within bell tower with double leaf doors and arched transom, similar single entrance at entrance tower, central double 6-light windows with common arched transom flanked by single small scale pointed arched windows, pointed arched window openings at side elevations with 6-light windows; no chimneys observed; continuous brick foundation. Date stone reads: "Gurley/Cumberland Presbyterian Church/1912." Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

66 Gurley Cumberland Pres. Ch. Ancillary Bld. ca. 1960 Section Line St., 223 (rear) Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick veneer church ancillary building with a cross gable composition shingle roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this church ancillary building was constructed circa 1960.

67 House, Not Named ca. 1930 Section Line St., 225 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame gable front form dwelling with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof now used as a church office; faces south, 3x4 bay core; less than full facade gable porch with tapered wood supports on brick pedestals; off-center entrance at facade flanked by double geometric double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1975 ca.); 2 interior brick chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation; contributing frame garage and shed to east. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1930 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1918 but also refers to it as a "two story Bungalow." Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

68 Smith, H.A., House ca. 1895 Section Line St., 226 Contributing
Irregular-shaped 2-story frame Queen Anne style dwelling with a hipped composition shingle roof with cross gables; faces north, 2x2 bay core with a slightly projecting front-facing gable wing to the west with a cutaway bay window, similar wing at rear bay of east elevation, slightly projecting side gable wing to west, rear 1-story shed extension,

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secondary rear gable wing; less than full facade historic replacement hipped porch with tapered wood supports on brick pedestals wraps to east elevation; off-center entrance at facade with transom flanked by single wood 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar windows at upper level and side elevations; plain weatherboard siding, decorative patterned (diagonal) siding a bay windows; decorative sawn bargeboards and brackets at gables of wings; no chimneys observed; brick pier foundation with brick infill; small noncontributing frame shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895 and remodeled circa 1925. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1897-1900. Historical marker reads: "Smith-Givens/1897." Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps. House was once the residence of Postmaster H. A. Smith.

69 House, Not Named ca. 1978 Section Line St., 230 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1978.

70 House, Not Named ca. 1937 Section Line St., 231 Contributing
Rectangular 1.5-story brick veneer dwelling with a side clipped gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 3x4 bay core; less than full facade gable porch now glassed in (1960 ca.); off-center entrance at facade flanked by a modern picture window with a modern aluminum awning, east bay obscured by porch enclosure, single and double geometric double hung sash windows at side elevations; brick veneer exterior walls; 1 exterior end brick chimney observed; continuous brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1935 and remodeled circa 1960. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1937. Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps. According to informant, this house was built for Solon Phillips.

71 House, Not Named ca. 1975 Section Line St. 232 Noncontributing
Manufactured home. Modern.

72 McKinney, W. R., House 1911 Section Line St., 239 Contributing
T-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 1x3 bay core with a central side gable wing to the east; less than full facade replacement shed porch with replacement metal supports, modern carport addition at west elevation; central entrance at facade flanked by a modern picture window (1955 ca.) and a double wood 1/1 double hung sash window, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding; no chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1910 and remodeled circa 1955 and circa 1980. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1911. Historical marker refers to it as the McKinney-Davis House. Built for W. R. McKinney according to informant. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

73 Roberts House 1911 Section Line St., 247 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with cross gables; faces south, 3x2 bay core with a slightly projecting cross gable bay at the west bay of its facade and the front bay of its east elevation; less than full facade hipped porch with replacement wood posts; central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 1/1 double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding; no chimneys observed; brick pier foundation with brick infill; contributing frame garage to east, frame barn to north. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1910 and remodeled circa 1980. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was

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built circa 1911. Historical marker refers to it as the Roberts-Jennings House. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Not shown on either the 1898 or 1908 maps.

74 Commercial Building, Not Named ca. 1945 Section Line St., 250 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick commercial building with flat roof concealed by stepped parapets; faces north, 6x4 bay core; oversized garage door to east flanked to the east by a single window and to the west by an infilled pedestrian entrance, storefront at the west portion of the facade with a central entrance flanked by display windows on low brick bulkheads (windows now covered), similar windows and doors at side elevation; painted brick exterior walls; continuous brick foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this commercial building was constructed circa 1945 and remodeled circa 1975. Alabama Register nomination indicates that it was built in the 1940s. No building is shown at this location on a 1936 U.S.G.S map but a building is indicated on a 1948 map.

75 House, Not Named ca. 1888 Section Line St., 255 Contributing
T-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 1x2 bay core with a central side gable wing to the east, rear gable wing to the east; less than full facade shed porch with replacement wood supports on brick pedestals appears to have been enclosed ca. 1945 and has modern replacement aluminum windows; fenestration at facade obscured by porch enclosure, single wood 4/4 double hung sash windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding; 1 exterior stucco chimney observed; brick pier foundation with brick infill; noncontributing frame garage to east. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1945 and circa 1980. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1888. Shown on the 1898, 1908 and 1927 Sanborn Maps.

76 House, Not Named ca. 1970 Section Line St., 280 Noncontributing
Manufactured home. Modern.

77 House, Not Named ca. 1900 Section Line St., 323 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with rear ell wing to the west; less than full facade shed porch with tapered wood supports on brick pedestals; central entrance at facade flanked by double wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar single windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1990 ca.); 1 exterior stucco chimney observed; continuous brick foundation; noncontributing frame garage to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1900 and remodeled circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1881. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

78 House, Not Named ca. 1963 Section Line St., 325 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof. Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

79 House, Not Named ca. 1970 Cemetery St., W side, NW of Section Line St.
Noncontributing Modern manufactured home. Modern.

80 House, Not Named ca. 1940 Section Line St., 334 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof; faces north, 4x2 bay core with a rear shed extension; full facade hipped porch with replacement metal supports; paired central entrances at facade flanked by double

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wood geometric double hung sash windows, similar single and double windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding; no chimneys observed; foundation not visible; noncontributing frame sheds to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1940 and remodeled circa 1965. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built in the 1950s but architectural character indicates an earlier date. Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

81 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Section Line St., 335 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame pyramidal form dwelling with a hipped replacement industrial metal roof (1990 ca.) with cross gables; faces south, 3x2 bay core with side gable projections at the front bays of its side elevations and rear gable wings; less than full facade replacement shed porch with tapered wood supports on concrete block pedestals, side porch with carport addition at west elevation; central entrance at facade with transom flanked by single horizontal 2/2 replacement windows (1960 ca.), similar windows at side elevations; replacement aluminum siding (1960 ca.); 2 exterior brick chimneys observed; continuous concrete block foundation; contributing frame shed, garage and privy to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1960 and circa 2000. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1893. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

82 House, Not Named ca. 1880 Section Line St., 340 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof, vinyl siding. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was a "one story folk Victorian" with asbestos shingle siding, if so it was extensively altered or replaced circa 1990. Historical marker in front of house reads: "Usrey/1880" Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

83 House, Not Named ca. 1894 Section Line St., 341 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame gable front and wing form dwelling with a cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces south, 1x2 bay front-facing gable core with a central side gable wing to the east, rear ell wing to the east; less than full facade shed porch with replacement metal supports; central entrance at facade flanked by modern bay window and a single horizontal 2/2 replacement window (1960 ca.), similar windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1990 ca.); no chimneys observed; brick pier foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1960 and circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1894. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

84 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Section Line St., 351 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable corrugated metal roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with a rear shed extension; less than full facade shed porch with wood posts; central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; replacement asbestos shingle siding (1955 ca.); 1 exterior stucco chimney observed; concrete block foundation; noncontributing frame shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1955. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built in the 1890s. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

85 House, Not Named ca. 1955 Section Line St., 356 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable composition shingle roof, aluminum siding. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1955 and remodeled circa 1970. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1954. Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

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86 House, Not Named ca. 1955 Section Line St., 357 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1955 and remodeled circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1953 and 1954. Not shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

87 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Section Line St., 364 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable corrugated metal roof; faces north, 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the east; less than full facade shed porch with replacement wood posts and some lattice screening (1990 ca.); single wood 2/2 double hung sash windows at outer bays with interior single entrances, similar 4/4 windows at side elevations; plain weatherboard siding with flush board siding within porch; 1 exterior stucco chimney observed; continuous brick foundation; noncontributing frame shed to rear. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built in the 1880s. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

88 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Section Line St., 365 Contributing
Rectangular 1-story frame dwelling with a side gable V-crimped metal roof; faces south, 3x1 bay core with a rear shed extension and a rear gable addition; full facade shed porch with turned wood posts with decorative sawn brackets; central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 2/2 double hung sash windows, similar 6/6 windows at side elevations; replacement vinyl siding (1990 ca.); 1 exterior stucco chimney observed; continuous stone foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1990. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1880 to 1890. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

89 House, Not Named ca. 1890 Section Line St., 368 Contributing
L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a cross gable composition shingle roof; faces north, 3x1 bay core with a rear ell wing to the west; less than full facade shed porch with replacement wood insect screen framing on a brick apron wall (1950 ca.); central entrance at facade flanked by single wood 6/6 double hung sash windows, similar windows at side elevations; wood novelty siding; 1 exterior brick chimney observed; continuous concrete block foundation. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1890 and remodeled circa 1950. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built in the 1890s. Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not shown on 1898 or 1908 maps.

90 House, Not Named ca. 1980 Section Line St., 106 Noncontributing
One-story brick veneer ranch house. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1980.

91 House, Not Named ca. 1955 Taylor St., 166 Noncontributing
Rectangular 1-story brick veneer ranch house with a hipped roof. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1955. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1955.

92 Graham House ca. 1897 Wood St., 161 Contributing
T-shaped 2-story frame gable front & wing form dwelling; Folk Victorian; cross gable V-crimped metal roof; faces south, front-facing 1x3 bay core with a full-height cutaway bay window under a pedimented gable, central 2x1 bay Tee wing to the west, rear 1-story extensions; less than full facade 1-story shed porch with paired wood columns on pedestals, 2-story

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porch at east elevation with similar columns at lower level and turned posts at upper level; central entrance at facade with transom flanked by single wood 4/4 double hung sash windows, similar windows at upper level and side elevations; plain weatherboard siding; 1 brick interior chimney observed; brick pier foundation with infill. Construction and design evidence suggest that this house was constructed circa 1895. Alabama Register nomination indicates that the house was built circa 1897. Historical marker at house reads "Graham/Scott House/1897." Shown on 1927 Sanborn Map. Area not included on 1898 and 1908 maps.

93 Madison County High School 1936 Wood St., 173 Contributing
U-shaped 1-story masonry school building with a hipped composition shingle roof with intersecting hips and gables; faces south, 13x3 core with rear 3-bay deep U wings to the east and west, auditorium extension to rear between wings with an arched roof, detached stone ancillary building to northeast with modern industrial metal building added as upper level, modern brick veneer ancillary building to northwest, detached concrete block ancillary building to north; outer bays of facade project slightly under hipped roofs with adjacent gables over recessed entrance bays, Tudor style half timbering at gable ends; recessed entrances with multi-light transoms flanked by single and double metal awning windows, similar windows in grouping of single and triple units at side elevations; tapestry brick veneer; continuous brick foundation; 1 exterior brick chimney to rear. Date stones read: "A.J. Honeycutt Co. Inc./Builders/Chas. H. McCauley/Architect/1936" and "Board of Education/H.C. Pollard Chairman/C. G. Given L.E. Collier Jr./W.P. Fanning John O. Orman/Superintendent/Geo. D. Brown."

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8. Statement of Significance

The Gurley Historic District is significant under Criterion C. Resources within the district reflect the community's historical development as a small rural community that prospered in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Architecturally, buildings within the district are typical of popular styles of the period. Developed on land owned by the Gurley family, the community consisted of scattered farms until a small settlement evolved around a water tank built to service locomotives along the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. Originally known as "Gurley's Tank," a post office was established in 1866. Access to the railroad and nearby timber resources resulted in the development of a number of lumber-related industries in the early 1890s and a subsequent demand for housing and community services. The town grew from 120 residents at the time of its incorporation in 1891 to more than 950 by 1900. With the gradual decline of its industries by mid-century, Gurley increasingly became a commuter community for nearby Huntsville. The district's period of significance extends from circa 1874, the date of its earliest surviving building, to circa 1950, by which time the district's last commercial and industrial buildings had been constructed.

Historical Narrative

John Gurley, John McBroom, and several other families settled in the area surrounding present-day Gurley in the 1830s. Gurley, a native of Johnson County, North Carolina and a Revolutionary War veteran, is listed in the 1840 federal census as living in the "south half of Madison County." Over the ensuing years, Gurley acquired additional land and became a successful plantation owner. In 1857, the Memphis & Charleston Railroad extended its line through Gurley's land and he is credited with having built a large cedar water tank to service the railroad's locomotives. Supplied with water piped from nearby Keel Mountain, the tank became a local landmark and resulted in the area becoming known as "Gurley's Tank." Prior to the Civil War, Gurley's son, Frank B. Gurley (1834-1920), also acquired sizable landholdings. The 1860 census records Gurley as a farmer who listed assets of \$8,000 in land and \$13564 in real estate.¹ After serving as a Captain in the Confederate army, the younger Gurley returned home and in 1866 established the first business in town, King and Gurley, a general store. Gurley would remain as one of the community's principal business leaders until his death in 1920.

The area was referred to as Gurley's Tank at least until a post office was established there for Gurleyville on August 3, 1866.² According to an article in the Gurley Record dated January 11, 1892, "there were only three or four families living there" when the post office department changed the name of the post office to Gurley a few years later. The town of Gurley was incorporated under a general law in 1890 with a population of approximately 120. By the time the town was reincorporated by an act of the Alabama legislature the following year, its population had more than doubled. The town's charter set its limits as a 1,400 yard square centered on the water tank.³ Taking advantage of nearby supplies of pine and hardwood trees, a number of industries developed in town that were related to the use of wood. The Alabama Lumber and Manufacturing Company began its general lumber operations circa 1896 and added the manufacture of buckets in 1891.⁴ The Walton & Sons Stave Factory was established in July 1891 to manufacture staves and heads for barrels.⁵ Also in operation by 1892 was the Eagle Pencil Company of New York, which was, according to the Gurley Record, "the largest manufacturer of lead pencils in the world."⁶

1892 the number of businesses reached twenty-four and included the "Eagle Pencil Mill, Alabama Lumber and Mfg., Johnston Planing Mill, Walker and Sons Stave Factory, Gurley Barrel Hoop Factory, and other small industrial enterprises which give the town a thrifty appearance all seasons of the year."⁷ Three churches were established by 1892 for Methodist, Missionary Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian Congregations. The Gurley Academy was established in 1887. In 1893, the Robert Donnell High School was built on an elevated site at the northern end of College Street. The cost for

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construction of the school building was split between the citizens of Gurley and the Robert Donnell Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Industrial businesses shown on an 1898 Sanborn insurance map of Gurley included the Enterprise Spoke Company, W.B. Roberts Cedar Saw Mill, Key and Brother Saw Mill, the H.A. Smith Lumber Yard and Saw Mill, the Fowlks and Davis Cotton Gin, and an inactive sawmill. Also shown is Nininger-Craver, manufacturers of wooden ware and handles, and a cedar chest finishing business. The pencil mill was located outside the area covered by the map. In addition to the industrial sites, the map indicated one corn warehouse, a hardware store, a post office, three grocery stores, one hotel, eight general stores, six vacant stores, a drug store, a barber, a small office building, a cobbler shop, a carpenter shop, and an undertaker. Industrial facilities were scattered throughout the town and commercial buildings were centered along the 100 block of Joplin Street and adjacent blocks of Railroad Street. The Hall House Hotel, 142 Jackson St., site #33, was constructed circa 1895. A passenger depot for the M&C Railroad and a cotton platform were located adjacent to the north side of the railroad tracks just west of Joplin Street and two railroad water tanks "kept full by spring in mountain" are shown just east of Joplin Street.⁸

The 1900 census recorded 964 residents in "Gurley town."⁹ By 1910 the population had declined to 750.¹⁰ In 1907, the Alabama legislature passed a bill to create a high school in each county in Alabama. Gurley was chosen as the location of the school over nearby Huntsville and the school took over the former Robert Donnell High School building on Wood Street. A 1908 Sanborn map indicates a similar mix of businesses to those shown on the 1898 map. A bank and blacksmith shop had been added along Joplin Street, as were another office and additional stores. The 1927 Sanborn map covered a wider area of the town than had previous editions. The map indicates that water facilities included private and public wells, that there was no organized fire department and no fire equipment, and that streets remained unpaved. The former hardware store at 201 Railroad Street (site #58) is shown as the Crescent Theatre. The former Hall Hotel (site #32) had been converted into a residence by that time. Despite a major fire that in 1923, Joplin Street is shown with a concentration of commercial buildings including thirteen stores, a bank, a drug store, a paint store, a harness shop, an office, a post office, and a garage. The Gurley Lumber and Milling Company, Giles and Williamson's Cotton gin, the Sequatchie Handle Works and a small-unnamed cotton gin remained as the town's only industries. Fire and the gradual depletion of surrounding timber resources contributed to the loss of industrial facilities. As the town's industrial base was declining, its population also fell. Between the 1920 and 1930, federal census record that the population of Gurley dropped from 727 to 582.¹¹

Very little development appears to have occurred within the town of Gurley after 1930. Comparison of the 1927 Sanborn map with U.S.G.S. maps dating from 1937 and 1948 indicates that only a couple of buildings were constructed or demolished during the period. A new high school was built in 1936 (site #93, 173 Wood St.) at the site of the former Robert Donnell High School. With the gradual loss of its industries, Gurley increasingly became a commuter community for nearby Huntsville.

An informal historic sites survey was conducted of the town of Gurley in 1978.¹² While many of the buildings included in the survey remain, several brick commercial buildings along Joplin Street are no longer extant. A former lodge hall on the south side of Maple Boulevard has also been removed.

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Architecture

The surviving buildings in the Gurley Historic District reflect its historical development as a small rural community from 1874 to circa 1950. The earliest resource in the district is the Elijah F. Walker house at 125 Gate Street (site #28), constructed circa 1874. Walker attained the rank of Captain in the 6th Missouri Regiment, C.S.A., and settled in Gurley in 1866. He later served in the Alabama legislature in 1888 and also served two terms as a Madison County Commissioner. Other notable residential buildings include the H.A. Smith House at 226 Section Line Street (site #59), an elaborate Queen Anne style dwelling constructed circa 1895 and by local carpenter and building contractor H.A. Smith who later served as Gurley's postmaster.

Stylistically, most of the buildings in the district are representative of common folk forms. A small number of buildings are representative of major architectural styles, with five having been classified as Queen Anne, one as Gothic Revival, two as Craftsman, and one as Tudor Revival. The residential folk patterns represented include gable front, gable front and wing, side gable, single pen, massed plan, pyramidal, ell, and Foursquare. Several of the late-nineteenth and early twentieth century residences represent folk adaptations of simple Victorian patterns with common decorative details including decorative wood shingles and/or window and vent combinations in gable ends, simple and limited sawn decorative trim, and turned or chamfered porch posts occasionally with simple gingerbread trim. The majority of the district's buildings date from circa 1891 through 1930, with almost forty percent dating from 1891 through 1910 and slightly more than twenty percent dating from circa 1911 through 1930. The earlier period corresponds directly to the town's greatest period of population growth and the latter indicates the tapering off of that growth in the following two decades. These periods of growth and decline are consistent with the changing patterns of the town's commercial and industrial prosperity.

The Smith-Phillips House, built circa 1895 at 226 Section Line Street (site #68) is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style that features cutaway bay windows and elaborately detailed sawn gable ornamentation. Other examples of Queen Anne style residences include the Bennett House (168 Gurley Pike, site #30), constructed circa 1901; the Pickens House, circa 1895 (149 College Street, site #26); and the Graham House, circa 1897 (161 Wood Street, site #92). The Hall House Hotel at 142 Jackson Street (site #33) was constructed circa 1895 and is now in use as a single-family residence.

Craftsman style houses include the Hewlett House at 166 Maple Boulevard (circa 1925, site #52) and the Williamson House constructed in 1918 at 215 Section Line Street (site #63). Early twentieth-century gable front and massed plan form dwellings tend to be relatively simple in design and detailing with several exhibiting simplified Craftsman style details such as exposed rafter ends, angle bracketed eaves, porch pillars or supports on pedestals and apron walls. The former Madison County High School (173 Wood Street, site #93) was constructed in the Tudor revival style in 1936.

Both of the contributing church buildings represent simple adaptations of the Victorian Gothic style. The Gurley Cumberland Presbyterian Church (223 Section line Street, site #65) is a one story brick building with a hipped roof and unequal sized corner towers that was constructed in 1912 and retains its overall historic appearance and detailing. The Gurley United Methodist Church (121 College St., site #20), built in 1891, is a one-story stuccoed masonry building with a front-facing gable roof and central bell tower.

With the exception of the now altered building at 201 Railroad Street (site #58), commercial buildings in the district are typically simple in design and detailing. 201 Railroad Street was constructed circa 1895 and originally served as hardware store with lodge rooms above. As constructed, the building featured storefront windows and entrance set within three

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stone arches. The buildings at 108 and 118 Joplin Street (sites #41 and #37) were constructed circa 1923 and are both two unit brick freestanding commercial buildings with flat parapets and simple corbelled brick details. 111 Joplin Street (site #38) was built circa 1930 and has a plain stucco facade with a stepped parapet. The adjacent building at 113 Joplin Street has a plain concrete block facade with a flat parapet. The commercial building at 101 Joplin Street was constructed as an automobile service station circa 1930 and has a canopy attached to a surviving party wall of a former commercial building to the east. Remaining contributing commercial buildings include a simple freestanding concrete block building with a stepped parapet (121 Joplin Street, circa 1945, site #42) and a telephone switching station (128 Joplin Street, site #45, circa 1950).

Most of the noncontributing residences (11 of 19) are modern ranch style dwellings, most of which have brick veneers, built from the late 1950s through the 1980s. Remaining noncontributing residences include four houses that could loosely be categorized as minimal traditional, one gable front, one massed plan and four manufactured houses. The remaining noncontributing resources include five commercial buildings, two of which appear to have been constructed between 1945 and 1950 that have been extensively altered and three of which are modern, and a modern church ancillary building.

Intrusive elements within the district are generally limited to scattered modern residential and commercial buildings that are typically similar in scale and massing to surrounding historic buildings. Four manufactured houses are also located within the district.

Figure 1: Construction Date

Date Range	Contributing		NonContributing			
Pre 1890	6	8.7%	1	4.2%	7	7.5%
1891-1910	37	53.6%	0	0.0%	37	39.8%
1911-1930	15	21.7%	0	0.0%	15	16.1%
1931-1945	6	8.7%	0	0.0%	6	6.5%
1946-1950	5	7.2%	1	4.2%	6	6.5%
Post 1950	0	0.0%	22	91.7%	22	23.7%
Totals	69		24		93	

Figure 2: Property Type Distribution
Historic Use (Contributing Resources Only)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling	56	81.2%
RELIGION/religious facility	2	2.9%
COMMERCE/Hotel	1	1.4%
COMMERCE/Specialty Store	7	10.1%
EDUCATION/School	1	1.4%
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/communications facility	1	1.4%
FUNERARY/cemetery	1	1.4%

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Figure 3: Stylistic Distribution

	Contrib.	Noncon.
LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne	5	0
LATE VICTORIAN/Gothic	1	0
LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH C. REVIVAL/Tudor Revival	1	0
LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH C. AM. MOVE/Bungalow/Craftsman	2	0
OTHER/gable front & wing	9	0
OTHER /gable front	4	1
OTHER /side gable	7	0
OTHER /pyramidal	10	0
OTHER /ell	13	0
OTHER /foursquare	1	0
OTHER /massed plan	5	1
OTHER /single pen	1	0
OTHER /commercial-freestanding parapet front	7	1
OTHER /commercial-freestanding gable front	1	0
OTHER /religious-gable front	1	0
MODERN MOVEMENT: ranch	0	12
OTHER: minimal traditional	0	1
Modern Commercial	0	4
Manufactured Homes	0	4
Non building	1	0
Subtotal	69	24

¹ United States Census, 1860.

² Thomas Jones Taylor, A History of Madison County and Incidentally of Northern Alabama, 1732-1840 (Tuscaloosa, AL: Confederate Publishing Co., 1976), p. 85 states that the post office was established in 1866; Date verified by the United States Postal Service.

³ Charter, Town of Gurley Alabama, Gurley Public Library, Gurley, Alabama.

⁴ Gurley Record, March 10, 1892.

⁵ Gurley Record, January 21, 1892.

⁶ Gurley Record, March 10, 1892.

⁷ Gurley Record, January 11, 1892.

⁸ Gurley, Alabama, Sanborn-Parris Map Co., March 1898.

⁹ Census, 1900.

¹⁰ Census, 1910.

¹¹ 1920 & 1930 census.

¹² Huntsville Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama, Vertical File on Gurley contains a photographic survey of historic buildings in 1978.

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10. Geographic Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Gurley Historic are indicated on an accompanying scaled map (graphic scale indicated). The map was based on information obtained from the Madison County assessor's office.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the surviving portions of the community of Gurley that retain sufficient historic character and resources to convey a sense of the district's historical development. Areas excluded from the district generally possessed higher ratios of noncontributing to contributing resources or otherwise retained insufficient integrity to warrant inclusion.

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6. Section Line St., Gurley Cumberland Presbyterian Church (site #65), camera facing NW
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6. College St., Streetscape, camera facing NE
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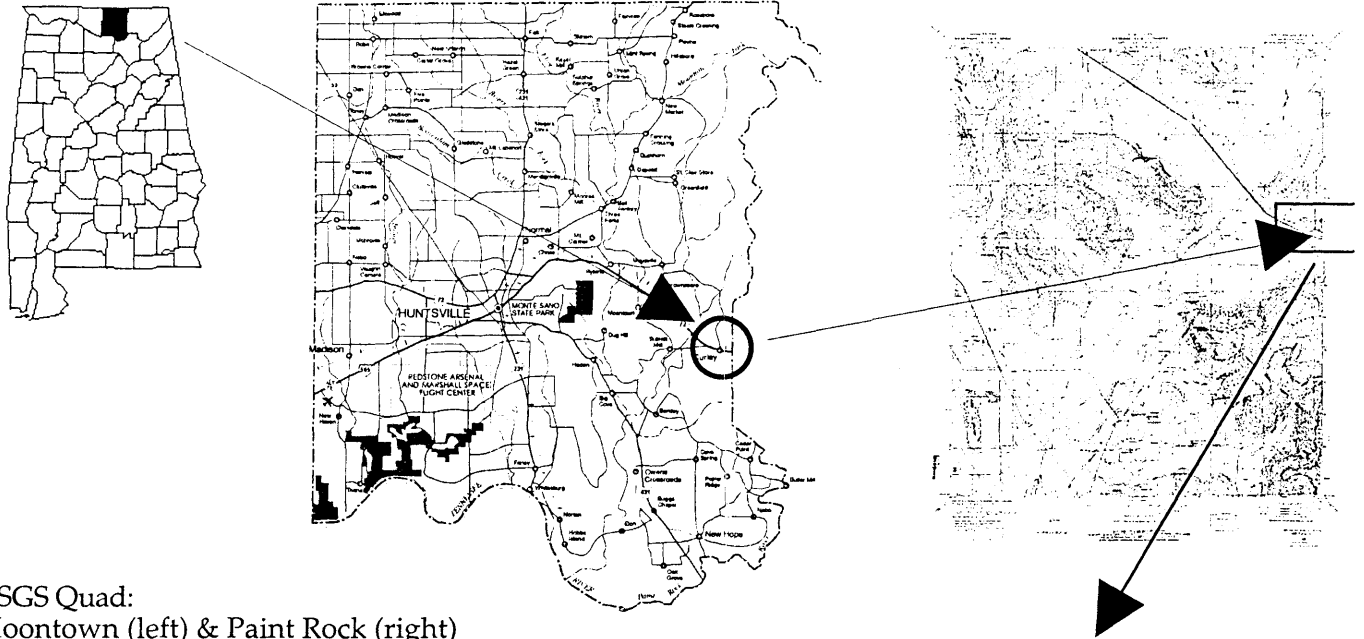
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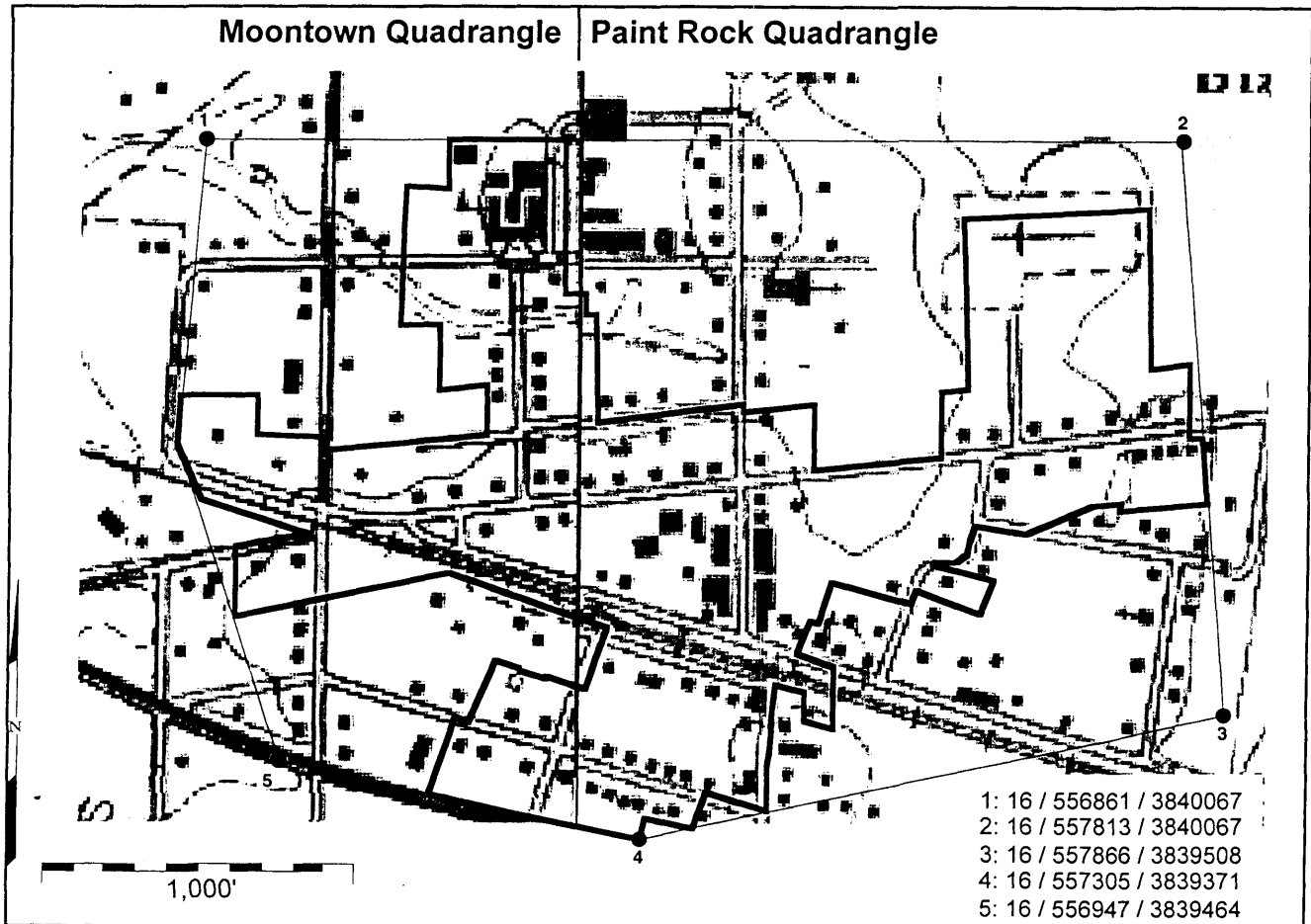
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USGS Quad:
Moontown (left) & Paint Rock (right)



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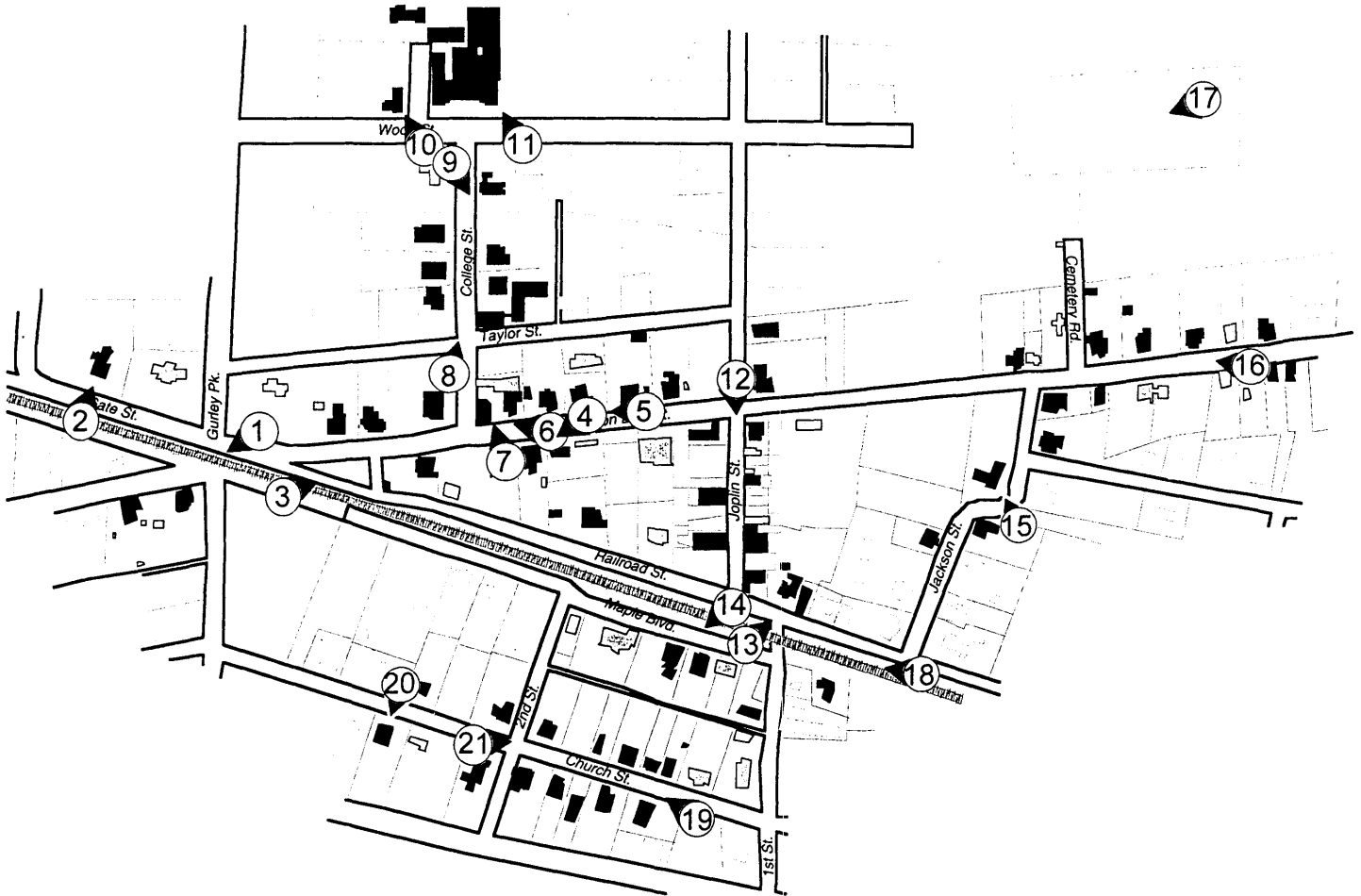
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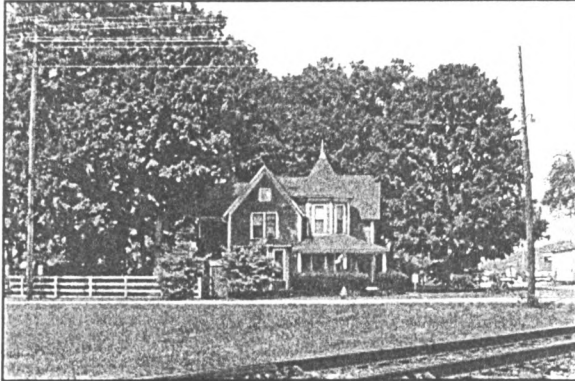
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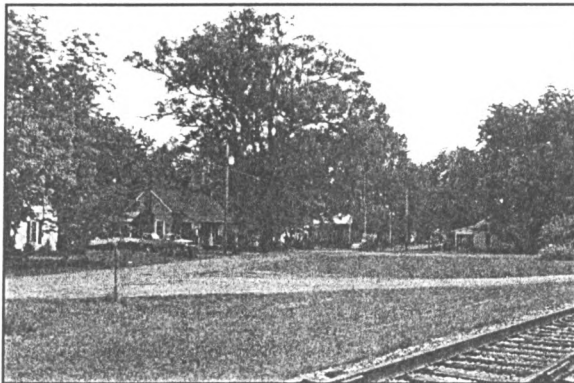


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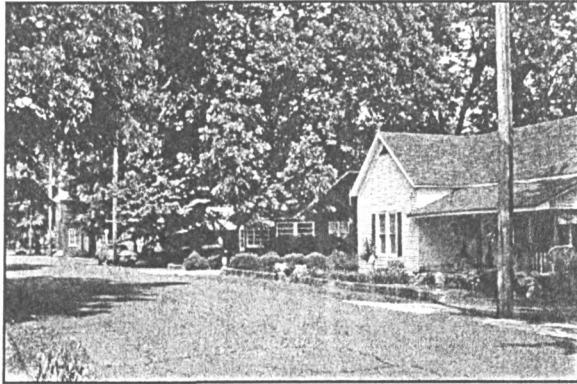
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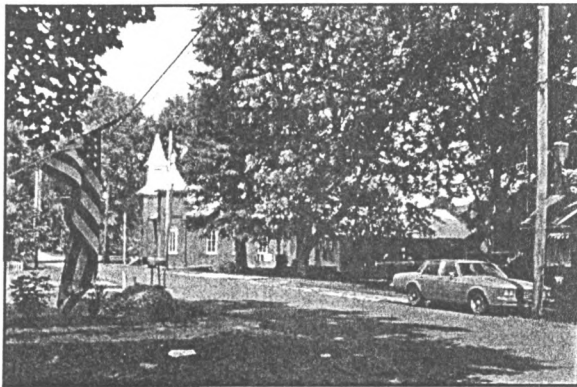
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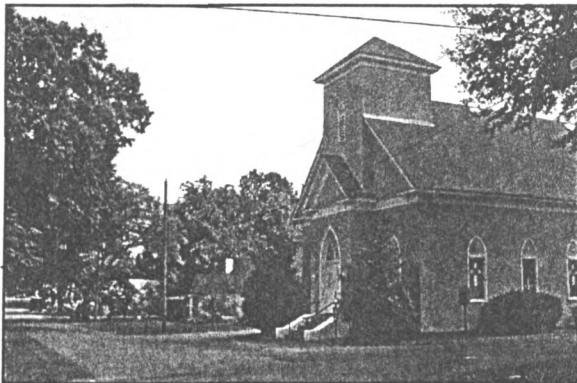
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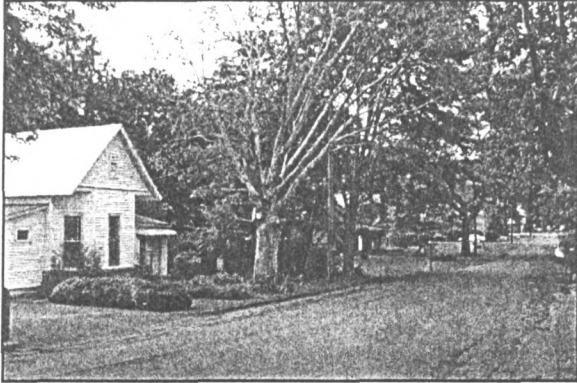
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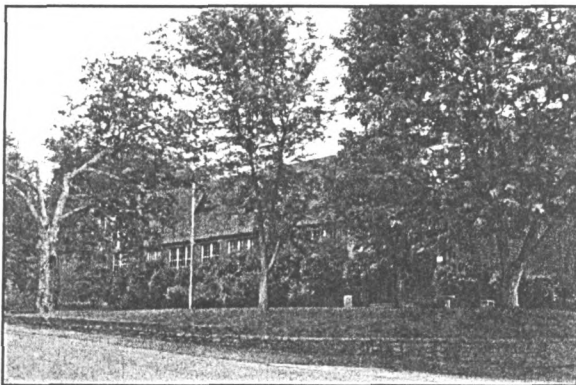
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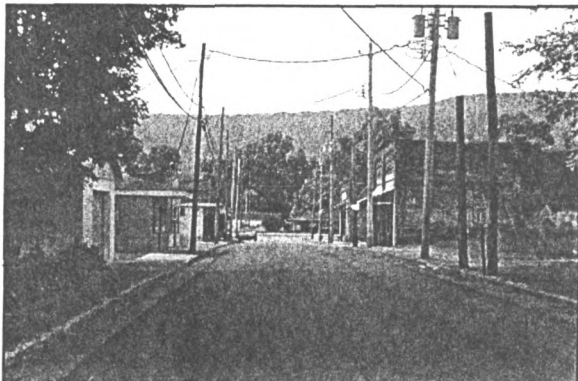
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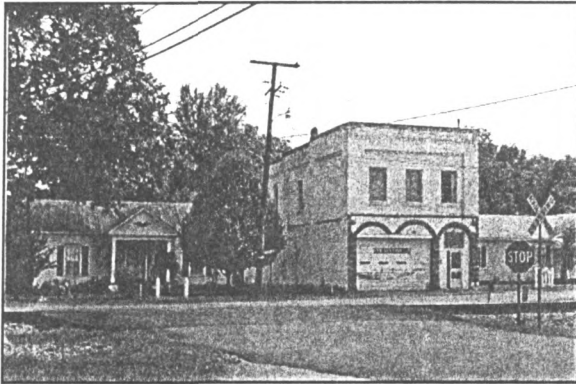
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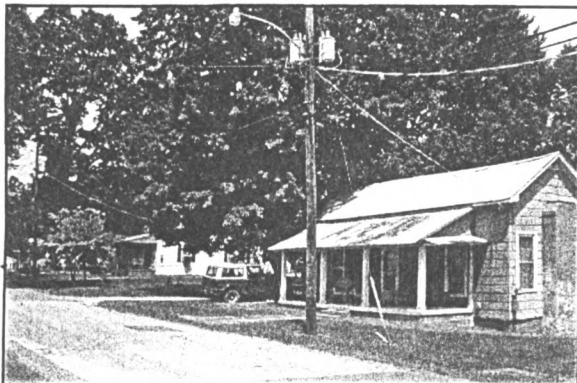
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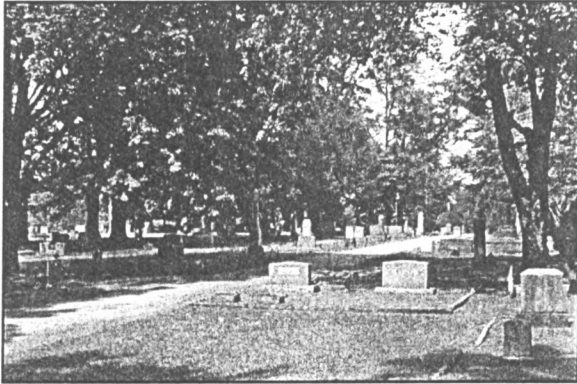
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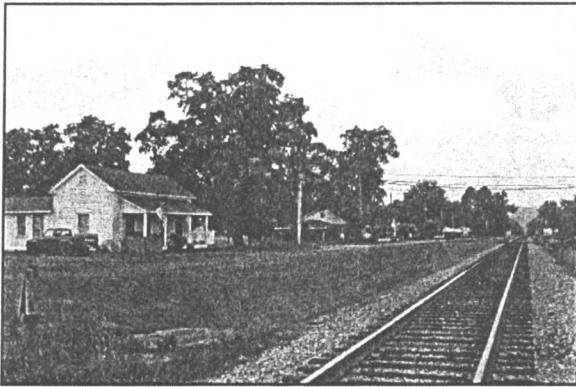
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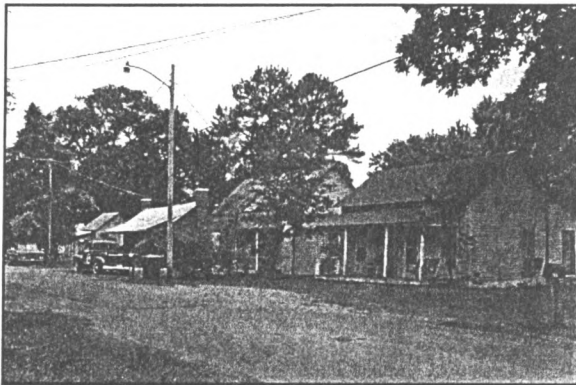
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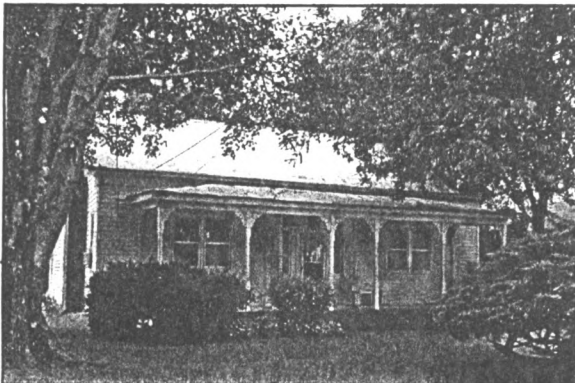
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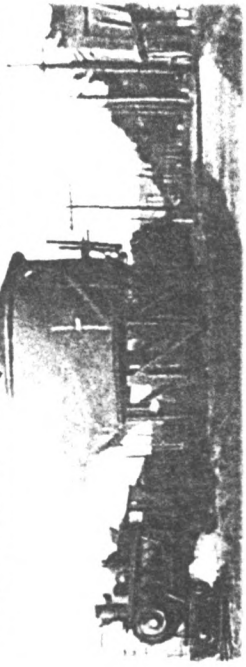
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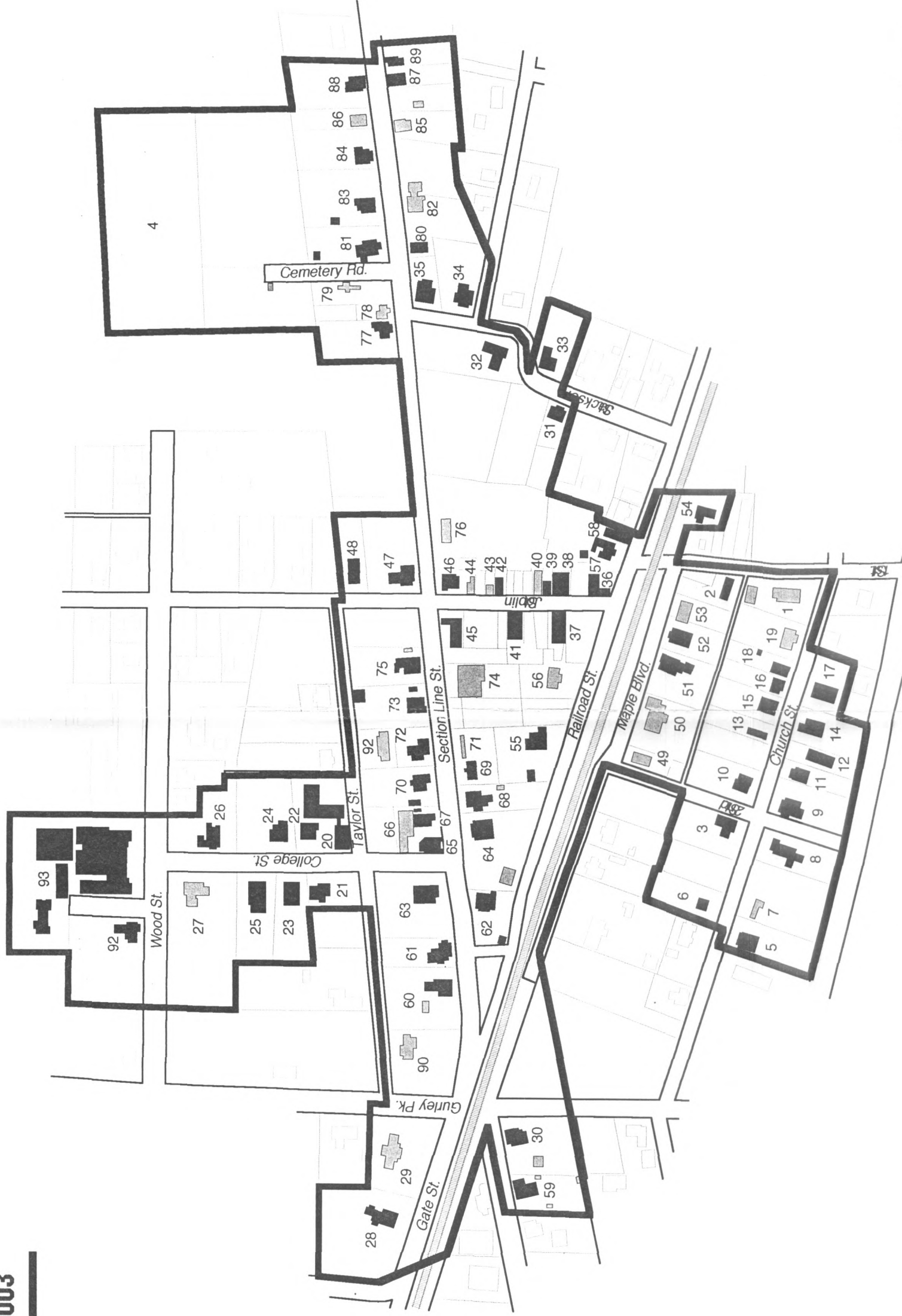
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