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REGISTER**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name n/a
other names/site number East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot
District

2. Location

street & number on the south side of East Vine Street, north of
Cherry Street, and east of the Central of Georgia
Railroad tracks
city, town Statesboro (n/a) vicinity of
county Bulloch code GA 031
state Georgia code GA zip code 30458

(n/a) not for publication

3. Classification**Ownership of Property:**

- private
 public-local
 public-state
 public-federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	6	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	6	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of
Downtown Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Elizabeth P. Lyon

 Signature of certifying official

7/19/89

 Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon
 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer,
 Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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

 Signature of commenting or other official

 Date

 State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, explain:
- see continuation sheet

Andrew Beyus Entered in the National Register *9/6/89*

Andrew Beyus Signature, Keeper of the National Register _____
 _____ Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

TRANSPORTATION/rail-related
COMMERCE/warehouse

Current Functions:

COMMERCE/warehouse
COMMERCE/specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Commercial

Materials:

foundation	brick, stone
walls	brick, wood
roof	metal
other	n/a

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot Historic District is located on the west side of the railroad tracks in southeastern Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia and is a part of the Statesboro multiple property listing. It is situated just southeast of Statesboro's central business district. East Vine Street borders the district on the north, Cherry Street on the south, and Central of Georgia Railroad on the east.

The historic district is comprised of five brick warehouses that date from 1906-1908 and a 1923 frame depot. The district, located on relatively flat terrain, is divided into relatively large lots of unequal size and setback which are oriented to East Vine Street and extend southward to Cherry Street. The district has paved alleys, streets, and loading areas. There are no major landscape features or street decoration within the district. Rail sidings, which once served the warehouses, are visible in the alleys between the structures.

The buildings in the district are basically utilitarian and feature architectural details common to early 20th-century industrial structures such as horizontal parapets on flat-roofed warehouse buildings. Some of the warehouses have segmental-arched windows and steel-beam lintels or arched doorways. Most have retained their wooden loading docks along the side and rear facades, but these have deteriorated over the years. Historically, signs painted on the sides of the warehouses identified the owner and his business. These painted signs have faded and modern merchants use aluminum signs to identify their businesses.

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The depot is the easternmost property within the district and is located between the Planters Cotton Warehouse and the railroad tracks. The single-story depot features a weatherboard exterior and hipped roof with extended, bracketed eaves. It is typical of small-town depots constructed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. After the Savannah and Statesboro Railroad ceased operations in 1931, the depot has served to house a farm supply business and is currently being used by the Statesboro Telephone Company's Engineering Division. Constructed in 1923, the depot was designed to follow the plan of the 1899 depot that was destroyed by fire. The Savannah and Statesboro Railroad Depot was the last depot constructed in pre-World War II Georgia.

There are no major landscape features within the district. The warehouses were designed and constructed for function and utility and the entire district reflects that utility rather than aesthetics. Several of the buildings, including the depot and the Planter's Cotton Warehouse, have modern chain-link fences surrounding stacks of hardware and telephone wire currently stored there. The southern boundary of the district also reflects its utility. Along Cherry Street there are no sidewalks, curbs, or decorative facades. A single, mature oak tree stands behind the Planter's Warehouse, though it probably grew there by chance rather than plan.

The district is a commercial warehousing area that was much larger in the past than it is today. Depots belonging to the other railroad companies have been lost and other warehouses which served local companies have been torn down and replaced by modern structures or parking lots. Though several of the warehouses have had facade changes in recent years, the historic district that remains is relatively intact because the changes affect only the front facade while the sides and rear retain their historic character. District boundaries were determined by the concentration of historic structures.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

commerce
transportation
architecture

Period of Significance:

1906-1923

Significant Dates:

1923

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Blackburn, L. R.

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District played an important part in the historical development of downtown Statesboro and is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places as a part of the Statesboro multiple property listing. In support of National Register criteria C, the district is significant in the area of architecture for its depot and concentration of historic warehouse structures which developed in conjunction with the railroad. The utilitarian design featured on these buildings was common to early 20th-century warehouse districts around Georgia but is found in Statesboro only in this district. The district is also significant under National Register criteria A in the areas of commerce and transportation for its support of the economic expansion which occurred in Statesboro during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This economic expansion has been credited to the Sea Island cotton market and the accessibility of the railroad.

The district is significant in the area of commerce and transportation because it is associated with the two principal forces driving Statesboro's early 20th-century economic prosperity. Statesboro was founded in 1802, but its physical development did not commence until 1889 with the coming of the railroad and the increase in the production of Sea Island cotton. The East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District is comprised of the extant structures directly associated with the railroad and cotton marketing. With its commerce directly tied to the Sea Island cotton market, Statesboro prospered from 1890 until the boll weevil caused dramatic damage to the crop in the 1920s. The Great Depression of the 1930s also had a detrimental effect on Statesboro's economy and the availability of marketable goods. The structures had been important for storing cotton and, to a lesser extent, other goods near the railroad. Cotton crop damage and the depression resulted in a smaller amount of goods that needed to be stored and transported. The Savannah and Statesboro Railroad Depot still stands within the district as reminder of the early 20th century when the railroads were the most convenient and economical method for overland conveyance of freight such as cotton and other agricultural products. The 1923 depot was constructed near the end of Statesboro's boom period.

In terms of architecture, the buildings are significant for their early 20th-century utilitarian design, the purpose of which was to withstand heavy use. This simple, straightforward design is typical of similar buildings built throughout the state in the late 19th and

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early 20th centuries. Beyond their practical purpose, the buildings exhibit decorative features commonly found on commercial and warehouse structures constructed at the time in Georgia. These decorative features include signs painted on the sides of the structure for merchant identification, horizontal stepped parapets, segmental-arched windows and doors, and corbeled-brick cornices. L. R. Blackburn, a contractor associated with downtown Statesboro's development, has been given credit for some of the masonry construction within the district. The depot is the 1923 reconstruction of an 1899 depot which was destroyed by fire in 1922. The late Victorian-style depot was reconstructed using the same plan as the original and was the last railroad depot constructed in pre-World War II Georgia.

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During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Georgia county seats were shipping and transportation centers for their county. Cotton and other goods were then shipped from the county seat to port cities, such as Savannah. Because of the district's association with the early 20th-century commercial expansion resulting from the Sea Island cotton trade and its continued importance as a transportation and warehouse center for Statesboro and Bulloch County, the district meets National Register criteria A. Because the district exhibits architectural design characteristics common to small-town, commercial and industrial structures of the early part of the 20th century, including corbeling, pressed-metal cornices, round- and segmental-arched windows, the district meets National Register criteria C.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n/a

Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

1906-1923: period of growth and development in the district associated with extant buildings in the district

9. Major Bibliographic References

Hanson, Sue P. "East Vine Street Warehouse/Depot Historic District." Historic District Information Form, May 1986. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

"S. & S. Depot Burned Late This Afternoon." Bulloch Times, April 27, 1922.

"S. & S. Planning New Passenger Depot." Bulloch Times, May 18, 1922.

"Valuable Improvements in Railroad Property." Bulloch Times, July 12, 1923.

"Will Begin at Once to Build a New Depot." Bulloch Times, March 15, 1923.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (x) N/A

- () 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:

- (x) State historic preservation office
- () Other State Agency
- () Federal agency
- () Local government
- () University
- () Other, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

n/a

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 3 acres.

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 426560 Northing 3590090

Verbal Boundary Description

The East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District is bounded by East Vine Street on the north, Cherry Street on the south, and the railroad tracks on the east. The district boundary is drawn to scale on the attached tax maps.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District include all of the intact properties that are historically associated with the warehouse and railroad district in Statesboro. The district is bordered by a mix of historic and nonhistoric commercial and industrial buildings on the north and west, by a mix of residential and nonresidential development on the south, and by vacant lots and residential development on the east.

11. Form Prepared By

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Photographs

Name of Property: East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District
City or Vicinity: Statesboro
County: Bulloch
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: August 1987

NOTE: Photographs taken in August 1987 were field-checked during the spring of 1989. These photographs convey an accurate impression of the photographed buildings and structures in downtown Statesboro.

Description of Photograph(s):

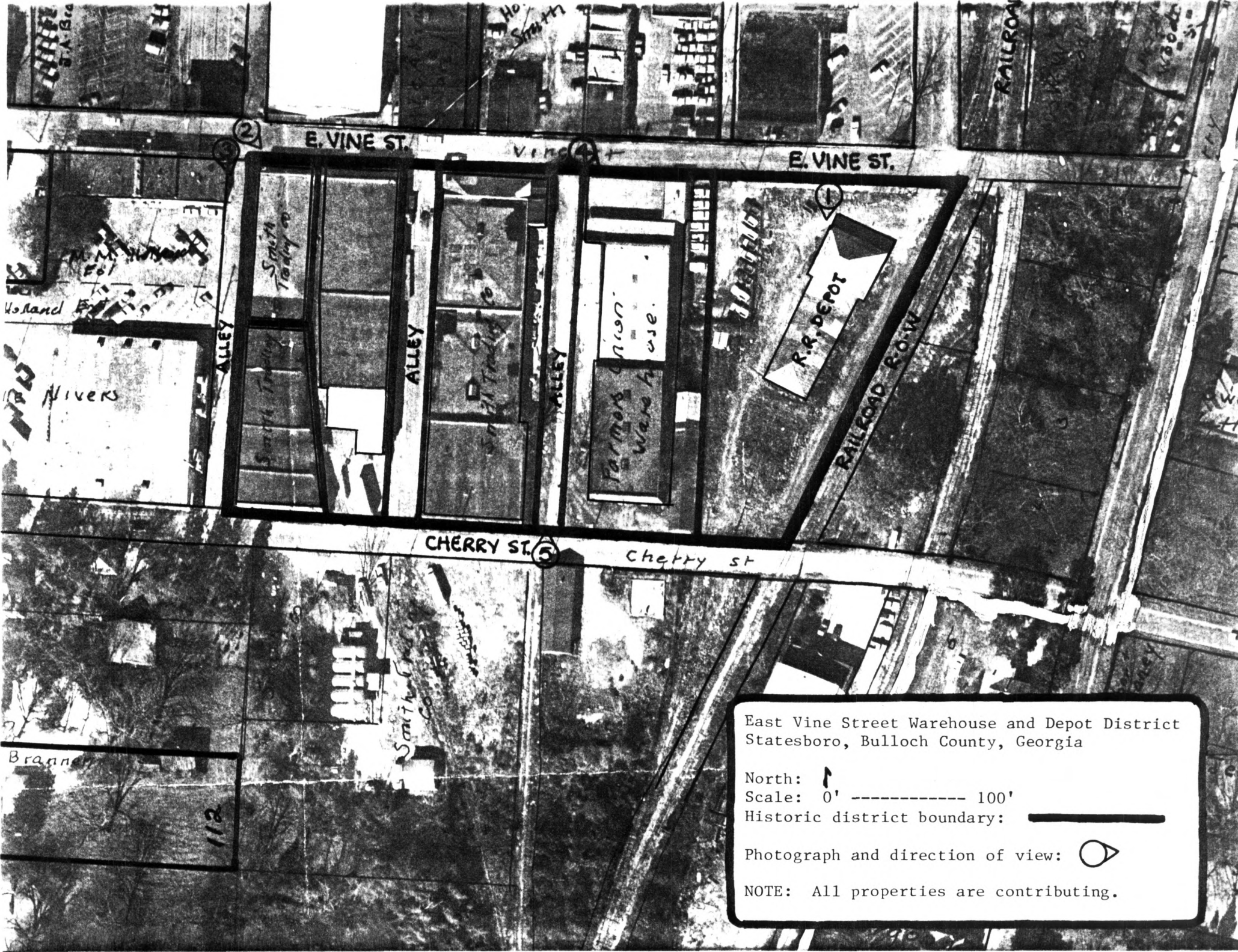
1 of 5. Depot at east edge of district; photographer facing south.

2 of 5. Warehouses at west edge of district, facing East Vine Street; photographer facing southeast.

3 of 5. Side elevation of warehouse at west edge of district; photographer facing southeast.

4 of 5. Farmers' Onion Warehouse, in middle of district along Vine Street; photographer facing southeast.

5 of 5. Rear facades of warehouses along Cherry Street; photographer facing northeast.



E. VINE ST.

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CHERRY ST.

Cherry st

R.R. DEPOT

RAILROAD E-O-W

ALLEY

ALLEY

Smith Trading Co

Smith Trading Co

Farmers Union Warehouse

NIVERS

Holland

Brann

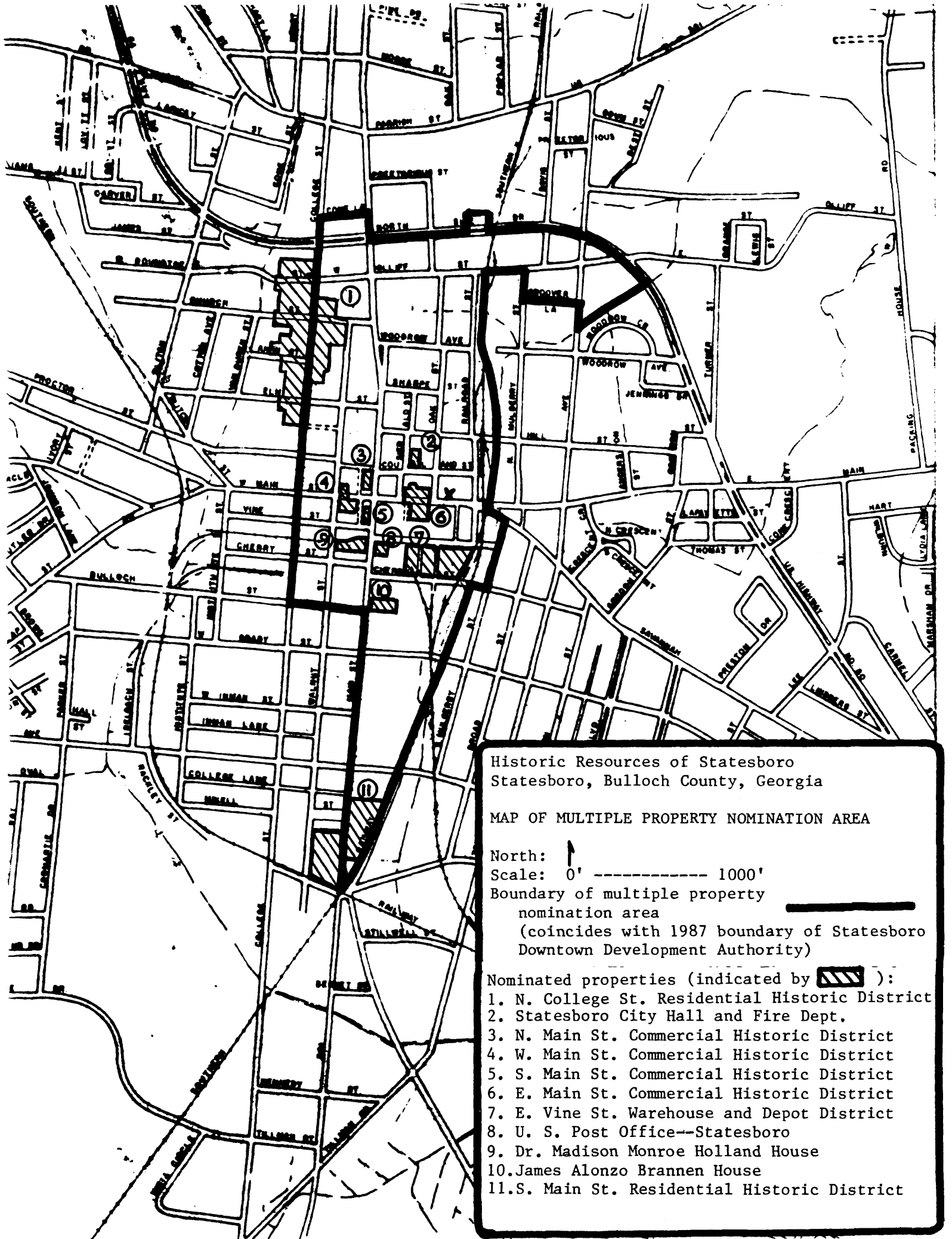
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East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District
Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia

North: ↑
Scale: 0' ----- 100'
Historic district boundary: —————


Photograph and direction of view: ◁


NOTE: All properties are contributing.

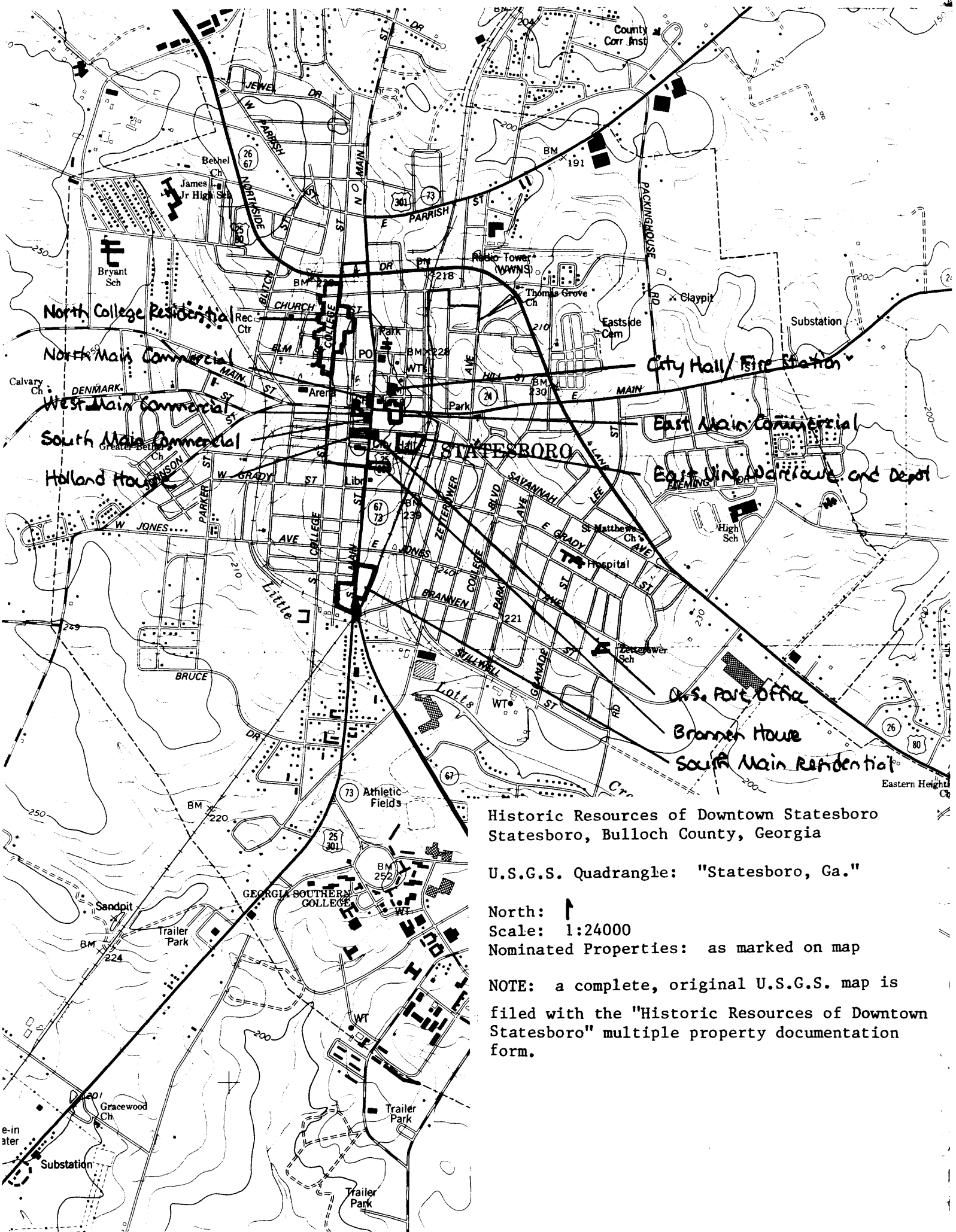


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MAP OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY NOMINATION AREA

North: ↑
 Scale: 0' ----- 1000'
 Boundary of multiple property nomination area 
 (coincides with 1987 boundary of Statesboro Downtown Development Authority)

- Nominated properties (indicated by ):
1. N. College St. Residential Historic District
 2. Statesboro City Hall and Fire Dept.
 3. N. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 4. W. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 5. S. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 6. E. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 7. E. Vine St. Warehouse and Depot District
 8. U. S. Post Office--Statesboro
 9. Dr. Madison Monroe Holland House
 10. James Alonzo Brannen House
 11. S. Main St. Residential Historic District



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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: "Statesboro, Ga."

North: ↑

Scale: 1:24000

Nominated Properties: as marked on map

NOTE: a complete, original U.S.G.S. map is filed with the "Historic Resources of Downtown Statesboro" multiple property documentation form.