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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 South Main Street Commercial Historic District

2. Location

street & number South Main Street (U.S. 301), between West Main and Vine Streets
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(n/a) not for publication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	5	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	5	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 A. 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

entered in the National Register

Andrew Byrum _____ 9/6/89

() determined eligible for the National Register _____

() determined not eligible for the National Register _____

() removed from the National Register _____

() other, explain: _____

() see continuation sheet

for _____
Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

COMMERCE/business
COMMERCE/specialty store
COMMERCE/restaurant

Current Functions:

COMMERCE/specialty store
COMMERCE/business

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Commercial Style
Italianate
Moderne

Materials:

foundation brick
walls brick, stucco
roof unknown
other plate glass display windows

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The South Main Street Commercial Historic District is located in the small southeastern Georgia town of Statesboro, which is the Bulloch County seat. Statesboro is laid out with a gridiron street pattern around a central, courthouse square. The district is located on level terrain within the central business district, southwest of the county courthouse.

The district consists of five attached commercial storefront buildings of masonry construction, and all but one are two-stories in height. The buildings were constructed between 1900 and 1915 on lots of unequal size. All have uniform setbacks with no side yards or alleys between them. Landscaping within the district is comprised of street trees that have recently been planted.

The architectural detailing of these early 20th-century commercial buildings is relatively modest, consisting of round-arched or segmental-arched window openings and corbeled or denticulated brickwork. Rosenberg's and J. L. Hodges buildings, on the southern end of the district, have retained their historic, recessed entrances and their historic character. The two buildings on the northern end of the district have been unsympathetically altered but still retain their identity as historic commercial buildings; entrances on these two buildings have been modernized and the display windows enclosed. The Statesboro Telephone Company building underwent a renovation in 1938 which introduced Art Moderne details to the facade.

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The boundaries of the district have been drawn to include the remaining intact, historic structures in the South Main Street commercial area. Buildings both to the south and north of the district were constructed during the same period but have been altered considerably and subsequently have lost their integrity. The east side of South Main was initially developed in a manner similar to the nominated district but was heavily damaged in a gas explosion and fire in 1950 with subsequent changes due to required repair and remodeling.

Alterations to the nominated district include the renovation to the telephone company building, which occurred during the 1930s and is now historic in its own right. The two buildings on the northern end of the district have been altered and now feature non-historic light fixtures and awnings. The only change to the upper floors appears to be the addition of non-historic shutters which have not permanently compromised the integrity of the structures or the district.

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
architecture

Period of Significance:

1900-1938

Significant Dates:

1900, 1938

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Aldred, Walter Jr.
Blackburn, L. R.
Franklin, A. J.

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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 South Main Street Commercial Historic District played an important part in the historical development of downtown Statesboro and is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C as a part of the Statesboro multiple property listing. In support of the criteria, the district is significant in the area of commerce for its association with, and current reflection of, the economic expansion and activities which occurred in Statesboro during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The district is also significant in the area of architecture for its small town commercial structures which exhibit common period details including, pressed-metal and corbeled brick cornices.

The district is significant in the area of commerce because it was associated with, and today reflects, the commercial expansion and activities which occurred in response to the town'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. With its commerce tied to the Sea Island cotton market, Statesboro prospered from 1890 until the Great Depression of the 1930s. The South Main Street District developed near the county courthouse and the cotton warehouses and was part of the first commercial section in downtown Statesboro. Businesses within the district have included various grocery, furniture, dry goods, and clothing stores. As early as 1908, the Odd Fellows met on the second floor of the building at the corner of Vine and South Main Streets and during the 1920s that space was used as a law office by a local congressman. Because Statesboro is the county seat, the district has continued to serve the retail, service and entertainment needs of the community and the county.

In the area of architecture, the district is significant for its concentration of intact, historic, storefront-type commercial buildings in downtown Statesboro. Several local contractors have been given credit for construction of buildings in the South Main Street district, including Walter Aldred, Jr., L. R. Blackburn, and A. J. Franklin. Constructed between 1900 and 1915, these buildings are typical of the small town commercial architecture that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The designs are functional with decorative pressed-metal or denticulated brick cornices. The Statesboro Telephone Company building was remodeled in 1938 and now exhibits a Moderne facade which is significant for being one of only

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two structures in Statesboro that represent that style of architecture.

National Register Criteria

Because of its association with the commercial expansion and commercial activities experienced by Statesboro during the early 20th century and its continued importance as a retail center for the small, south Georgia city, the district meets National Register criteria A. Because the district exhibits architectural designs, building types, and details common to small-town, commercial structures of the early part of the 20th century, the district meets National Register criteria C.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n/a

Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

1900-1938: a period bracketed by the construction dates of the oldest and most recent historic buildings in the district

9. Major Bibliographic References

Hanson, Sue P. and Robin Brown. "South Main Street Commercial Row." Historic District Information Form, May 1986. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

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 less than one acre

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 426360 Northing 3590230

Verbal Boundary Description

The South Main Street Commercial Historic District, located on the west side of South Main Street, is loosely bounded by West Main on the north and Vine Street on the south. The boundary is described by a heavy black line drawn to scale on the attached tax map.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the South Main Street Commercial Historic District include all of the intact properties that are historically associated with commercial development along South Main Street.

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Photographs

Name of Property: South Main Street Commercial Historic 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 3. South Main Street buildings, west side of South Main Street; photographer facing northwest.

2 of 3. South Main Street buildings, west side of South Main Street; photographer facing southwest.

3 of 3. South Main Street district, showing setting (modern commercial buildings), from southwest corner of courthouse square; photographer facing southwest.



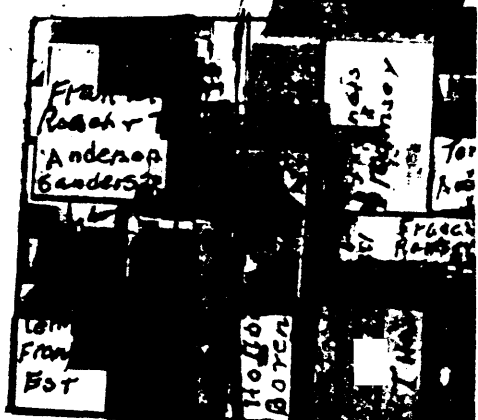
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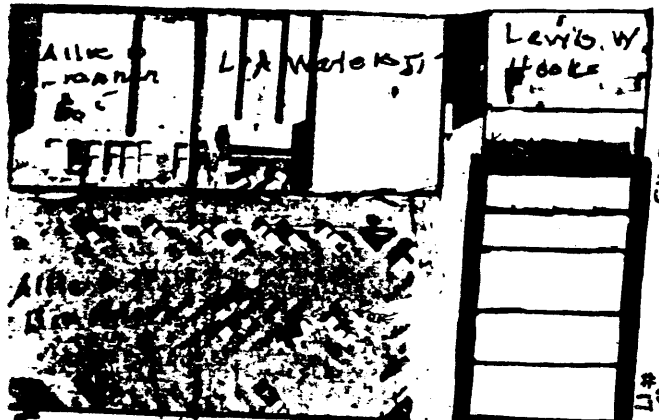


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VINE ST.

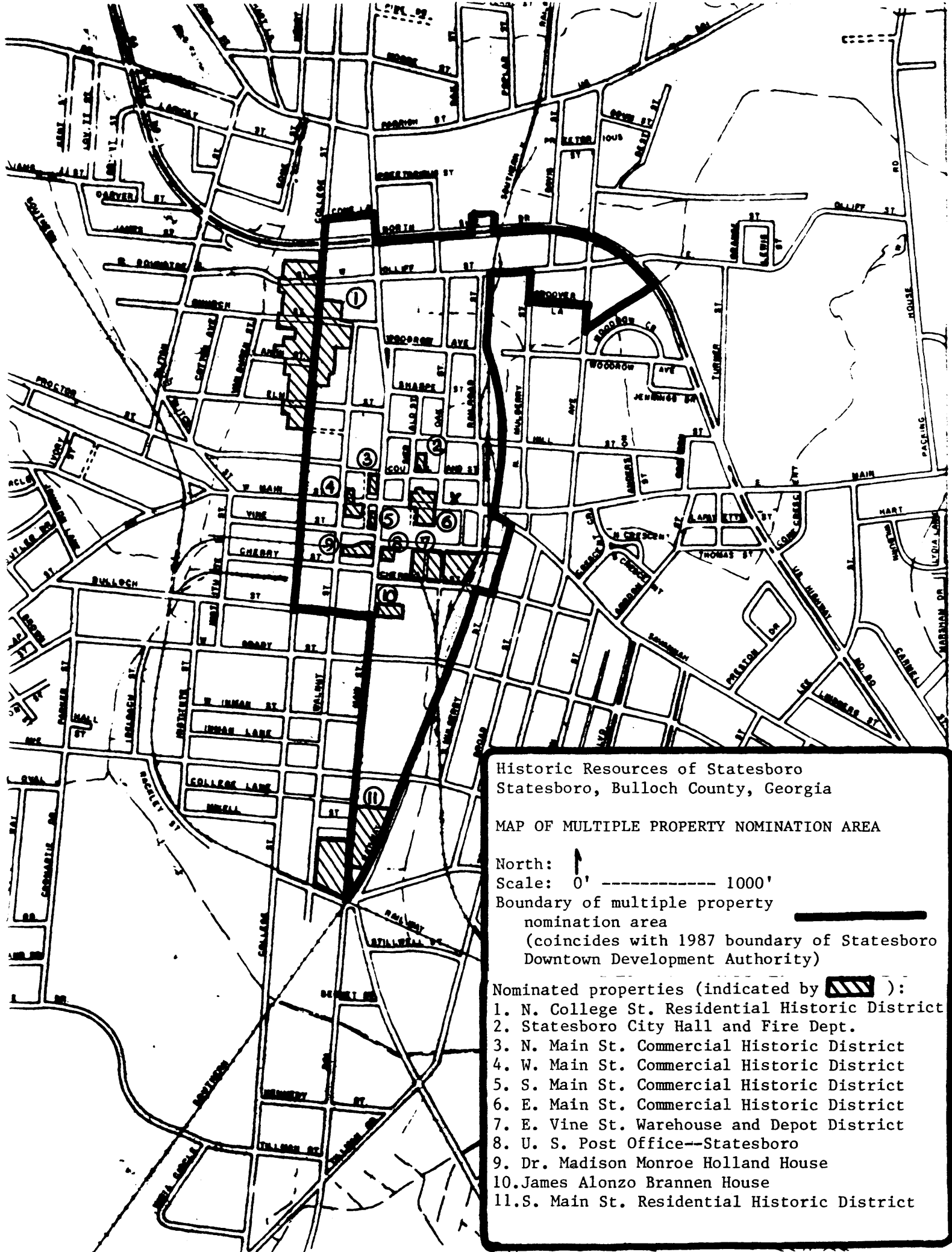


South Main Street Commercial Historic District
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North: ↑
Scale: 0' ----- 100'
Historic district boundary: —————

Photograph and direction of view: ○

NOTE: All properties are contributing.





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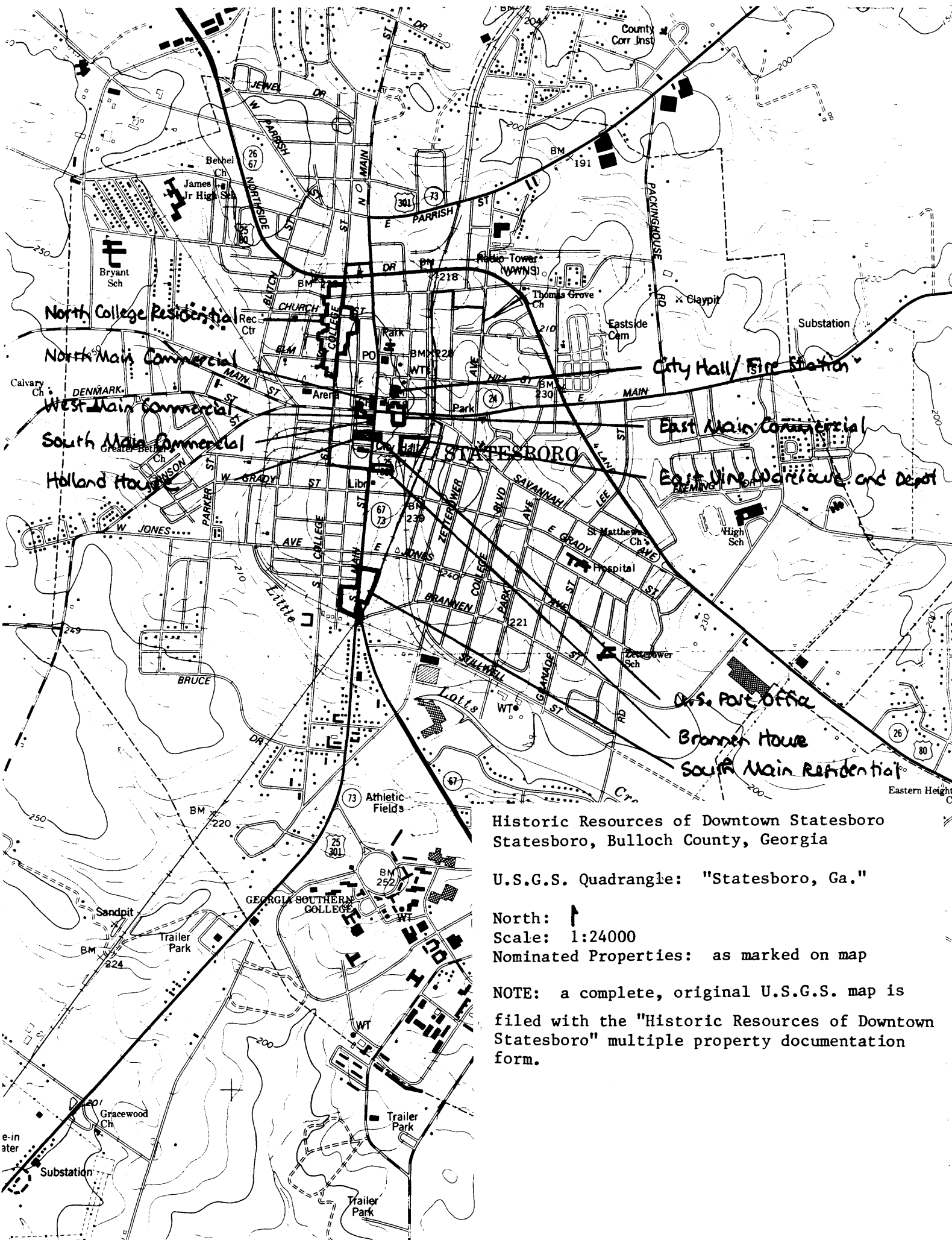
MAP OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY NOMINATION AREA

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



**Historic Resources of Downtown Statesboro
Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia**

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.

North College Residential

North Main Commercial

West Main Commercial

South Main Commercial

Holland House

City Hall/Fire Station

East Main Commercial

East Wing Warehouse and Depot

Post Office

Brannen House

South Main Residential

Substation

Trailer Park

Trailer Park

Eastern Heights