

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Chipley/Pine Mountain City Hall

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number McDougal Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Pine Mountain N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Harris

code 145

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name James Edgar, Mayor, City of Pine Mountain

street & number City Hall

city, town Pine Mountain

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 31822

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Harris County Courthouse

city, town Hamilton

state Georgia

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title None

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_

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## **7. Description**

| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved      date _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                 | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |

### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Chipley/Pine Mountain City Hall is an intact, one-story, brick, commercial-like structure built just after the turn of the century. Its front facade contains a double-doored entrance flanked by single-arched windows on each side. On the interior it consists of one large room (24' x 50') with a small hall and two jail cells 10' x 10' at the rear. There are two rear windows with iron bars and a side door. The front facade has a heavy, capped, dentated cornice. The doors and windows are arched and retain their original hardware. The ceiling is tongue and groove paneling, the walls are plastered, and the floor concrete. The structure completely fills its lot except for a small area in front. There are no outbuildings. The city hall sits in downtown Pine Mountain adjacent to a new commercial/government block and a vacant lot to the south. Changes include the addition of bathroom facilities in the 1930s, modern wiring ca. 1950, and other interior "upgrades" which were undone during the 1985 restoration. During this the ceiling was uncovered, plastering redone, wainscotting replaced, partitions removed, and doors and windows restored. This recent rehabilitation returned the building to near-original condition. It is now being used as a local history museum/archives.

## **8. Significance**

| <b>Period</b>                             | <b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b> |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic         | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                            | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture                 | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature                     | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture     | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military                       | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                         | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                          | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                    | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy                     | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |  |  |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications              | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |  |  |  |  |

**Specific dates** 1906

**Builder/Architect** Unknown

### **Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Chipley/Pine Mountain City Hall is significant in architecture as a good example of the type of utilitarian or functional structure built in a small Southern town at the beginning of the 20th century. Its resemblance to other downtown structures that were commercial in nature is in sharp contrast to more elaborate city halls in larger cities. It is this utilitarian, functional nature within the town's commercial area that emphasizes the small, but important, role that government played in the city's life at that time. The city hall doubled as a city jail. This building is significant in politics and government as the city hall and city jail where all local political and governmental activities would have focused: meetings of the city council, elections, etc. as well as the only penal institution in town; a temporary holding place for prisoners until transfer, if required, to the county jail. It served as the city hall/city jail until 1978. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register Criteria A and C.

### Historical Narrative

The town of Chipley began in 1882 when a roundhouse was built there upon the completion of the Columbus and Rome Railroad from Columbus to that point. It was named for Col. William Dudley Chipley, a major stockholder in the railroad, who took a personal interest in developing the town which was to become a major maintenance center for the line. The town was incorporated by the State Legislature in November, 1882.

Chipley was laid out on land belonging to the L.L. Hardy Estate and W.H. Campbell. Several stores, two churches, and numerous residences were built during the 1880s east of the railroad. About 1890 a store was built on the west side of the railroad, as the town was beginning to expand on that side as well.

The town's greatest period of development was during its first thirty years. This was due to the railroad activity and its development as a trading center for a large farming area. By 1910, the population was 742, over 459 in 1900.

The population remained stabilized in 1920 with only 728, and declined by 1930 to 593. The decline was due to many of the same factors affecting similar small Georgia towns: movement to the cities following World War I; the agricultural depression of the 1920s; the increased use of the automobile for shopping in the nearby cities; and the continued outmigration of young people to find education and employment elsewhere.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Mahan, Joseph B., Jr. "Chipley City Hall." Historic Property Information Form, January 21, 1985, and additional research. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Pine Mountain, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

|   |      |             |               |
|---|------|-------------|---------------|
| A | 1 6  | 7 0 0 7 0 0 | 3 6 3 8 3 4 0 |
|   | Zone | Easting     | Northing      |

|   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| B |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| C |      |         |          |
| D |      |         |          |
| E |      |         |          |
| F |      |         |          |
| G |      |         |          |
| H |      |         |          |

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is that part of lot D of Town Lot 200 in the City of Pine Mountain on which sits the city hall and land in front of it. It is the majority of the intact, historic acreage, having been all that was ever associated with this building. It is marked on the enclosed Tax Map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date March 10, 1986

street & number 270 Washington Street, S.W. telephone 404/656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Elizabeth A. Lyon*  
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/12/86

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

*Entered in the  
National Register*

date

*4-17-86*

*Selena Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

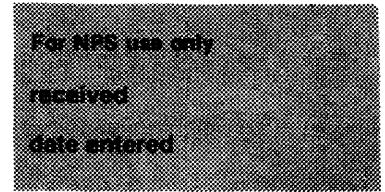
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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After the Depression years of the 1930s, Chipley's population rose to 709 in 1940. Part of this was due to the development of nearby Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park and the Pine Mountain settlement project, both New Deal creations. After World War II, small industries began to locate in Chipley but had generally ceased by the 1960s due to consolidation and technological development.

The establishment of Callaway Gardens, two miles south of the town, in 1950 and the resulting tourist industry has provided the continuing economic support for the community and made up for the loss of these industries. By 1970 the population had risen to 862.

In 1905, W.H. Campbell, on whose land the town had been settled, was elected to the first of three terms as mayor. On March 3, 1906, he and his partner, R.A. Zachrey, sold the city a lot for \$225. It was upon this lot that the city hall was built. This was the first local government building. It eventually contained the city hall, city jail, police headquarters, and was used for public meetings and for military enlistments. It served as the city government facility until 1978 when a new city hall opened immediately next door.

The name of the town of "Chipley" was officially changed to "Pine Mountain" to be effective on January 1, 1958. It was heavily supported by Cason Callaway, Sr., founder of Callaway Gardens. He felt the new name would be more in keeping with the tourist industry since the area around the city and the gardens was already called "Pine Mountain."

In September, 1985, the former city hall, after restoration, was reopened as the "Chipley Historical Center of Pine Mountain," housing the city's archives and local history museum.

CHIPLEY/PINE MOUNTAIN CITY HALL  
Pine Mountain, Harris County, Georgia

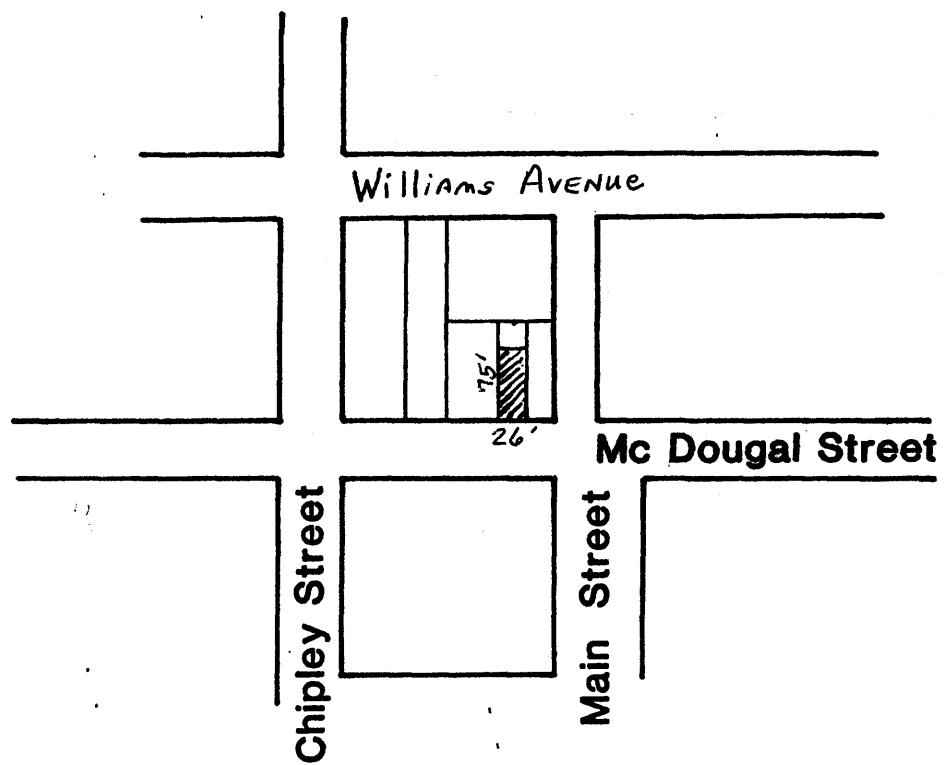
SITE PLAN

Scale: 1" = 170'

Source: Harris County, Georgia, Tax  
Assessors Office

Date: 1985

Key: The nominated parcel is shaded. It is  
the north one/half of Town Lot D,  
Lot 200.



From:

Tax Map no. 56-B  
Tax Assessor's office  
Harris County Courthouse  
Hamilton, Georgia

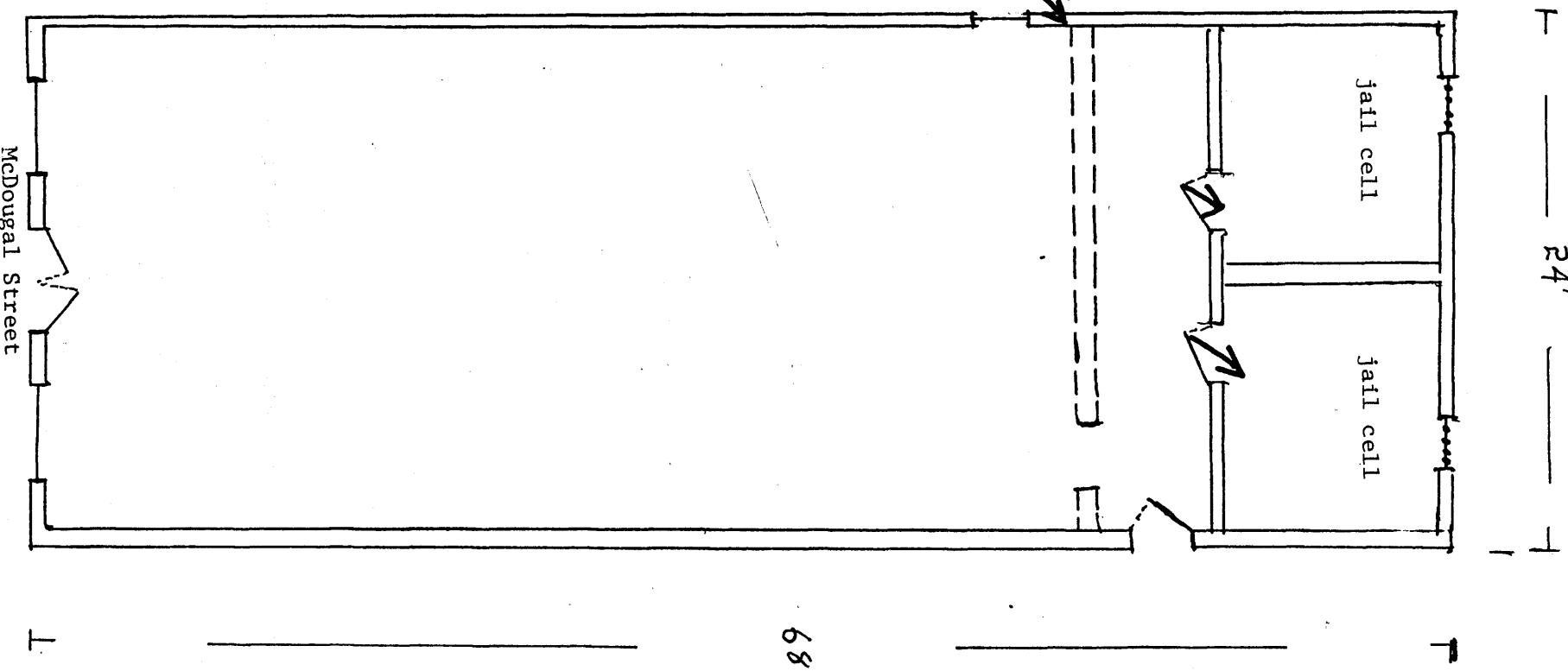
ONE INCH=200 FEET  
Prepared by Joe Mahan  
Lower Chattahoochee APDC  
January 18, 1985



North

Chipley-Pine Mountain City Hall

(Floor Plan)



CHIPLEY/PINE MOUNTAIN CITY HALL  
Pine Mountain, Harris County, Georgia

FLOOR PLAN

Scale: 1/8" = 1'

Source: Drawn by Dr. Joseph B. Mahan, Jr.

Date: 1985

Key: As marked on the plan.

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1/8" in = 1 ft  
J.B.M.