

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Central of Georgia Depot

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 125 Central Street NA not for publication

city, town Andalusia NA vicinity of 2nd congressional district

state Alabama code 01 county Covington code 039

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	NA	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Andalusia & Conecuh Railroad Co., Inc. and Alabama Electric Cooperative

street & number P. O. Box 1713 (Property is leased to The Covington Historical Society,
P. O. Box 1582, Andalusia, AL 36420)

city, town Andalusia NA vicinity of state Alabama 36420

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Covington County Courthouse (Probate Court)

street & number 100 Court Square North

city, town Andalusia state Alabama 36420

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Central of Georgia Depot is located at the terminus of a line that extends to Andalusia, Alabama from Columbus, Georgia and is identified as Station S-429-1. The depot is situated on a parcel of land containing five acres. The design of the building is similar in character and shape to those that were built in the rural communities along this line during the 1890s.

Located in the downtown commercial district of Andalusia, Alabama, the Central of Georgia Depot is a one-story, wood frame building measuring 31.5 feet by 97 feet. The exterior is of board and batten siding. The gabled roof is covered with asbestos tile and is punctuated with three brick flues. The front two rooms that were used for passenger waiting rooms have separate entrances and have three double-hung, six-over-six windows each. The middle room, or agent's office, spans the width of the building and has entrances on each side. A bay window protrudes from the south side of this room with four windows--each four-over-four with double hung sashes. The north end of the room has a double hung six-over-six window. All windows are protected with burglar bars. The freight room comprises the remainder of the building. The north and south sides of this area are serviced by large freight doors with one on the east end. The gable on the east end contains a single sash with twelve lites. A narrow loading platform runs the length of the freight area on the north side. The main track runs along the south side of the depot with a house-track on the north side.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1899 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecture:

The Central of Georgia Depot, built in 1899, at Andalusia, Alabama is a fine example of a small, late 19th century board and batten train station. This depot was designed and built for the Central of Georgia Railroad Company and is the last remaining commercial building of wooden construction in Andalusia.

Transportation:

The depot is significant for its association with the Central of Georgia Railroad Company. The railroad brought modern transportation and increased prosperity to the town of Andalusia by making available the means to export finished lumber, logs and timber, naval stores and agricultural products. Several new wholesale houses and businesses were opened near the depot. Also, the railroad was the major factor that caused the population of Andalusia to double, in one year, to 596. This form of modern transportation provided many new commercial opportunities not readily available to Andalusia prior to the coming of the railroad.

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Historical Summary:

For several years before the coming of the railroad, local businessmen had realized the impact that the railroad could have on the Andalusia area's economy, and they worked hard to secure rail service for their community. In order to encourage the railroads to extend their lines to Andalusia, several local businessmen posted a \$5,000.00 prize for the railroad that could reach the town first. One such businessman was J. M. Prestwood, who deeded five acres to the Central of Georgia Railroad Company.

Two companies joined in a race to claim the prize; the Central of Georgia Railroad and the Alabama-Florida Railroad. The Central of Georgia Railroad Company laid the last section of track into Andalusia on September 20, 1899 - ten days ahead of schedule - and claimed the prize.

In one year the population of Andalusia doubled to 596. It continued to expand so that by 1920 the population of Andalusia had reached 2,480. The railroad brought businessmen, investors, and their families to the area. It provided the means to export finished lumber, logs and timber, naval stores and agricultural products. Numerous wholesale houses and new businesses sprang up near the depot. The coming of the Central of Georgia Railroad brought prosperity to the town of Andalusia.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .76 acre

Quadrangle name Andalusia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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B

Zone			Easting						Northing							

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Zone			Easting						Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

(see continuation sheet)

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

state NA code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title H. David Walters, Covington Historical Society, & Michael Bailey

organization Alabama Historical Commission date

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone (205) 261-3184

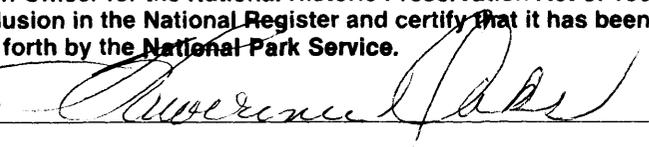
city or town Montgomery state Alabama 36130

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 

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/26/84

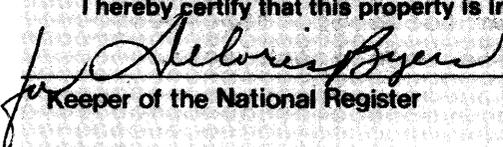
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

8/30/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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"When the Builders Came to Andalusia," The Andalusia Star, March 6, 1947.

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Beginning at a point in the east right of way of Central Street and running east along the south side of a building known as the Benson Hardware Building a distance of 225 feet to a point; thence run south a distance of 115 feet to a point; thence run west a distance of 275 feet to a point; thence run northeast a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning, said property lying and being in portion of Sections 17, 18, 19, and 20 T4, R16, Covington County, Alabama.