

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Lavonia Manufacturing Co.	HISTORIC NAME:	<u>Lavonia Cotton Mill</u>
STREET ADDRESS:	Main Street	CITY:	Lavonia, Georgia
PRESENT OWNER:	Pope Shuford, President Shuford Mills, Inc.	MAILING ADDRESS:	P. O. Drawer 2228
CITY:	Hickory	STATE:	North Carolina
CURRENT USE:	Yarn Production	ZIP CODE:	28641
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	ACREAGE:	5 acres
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	316-001-001	U. T. M. REFERENCE:	
			Z17 E306820 N3811550

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

This five acre fenced-tract contains a variety of historic industrial buildings. The mill, the largest building in the complex, is a long-one story brick structure. Detailing on the mill includes segmental arched windows which have been filled in with brick, bracketed eaves, and large arched doorways. The mill is divided into several sections by brick walls which extend through the roof and appear to have been designed as firewalls. Other buildings in the complex include a metal structure, two brick structures, an office covered in white stucco, and a gate house covered in asbestos siding. There is a metal water tower located on the southeast side of the property. Mill and surrounding buildings appear to be in good condition.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	Mack Crawford, Tom McCallister	ORIGINAL USE:	Yarn Production
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	100+
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1901	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

The Lavonia Cotton Mill was established in 1901 by Mack Crawford and Tom McCallister with 4,992 spindles making twist yarns. The mill was constructed in the southern portion of Lavonia with the railroad line on the west side. To the east a mill village was constructed to house the labor force. In 1924 the Lavonia Cotton Mill was incorporated with J. M. Batson, B. F. Chappellear, W. F. Jackson, Wade Cothran, and W. S. Griffin as stockholders. In 1930 the plant was purchased by M. C. King of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

In 1944. the mill was purchased by Alex Shufford of Hickory, North Carolina and became known as the Lavonia Manufacturing Company. In 1952 the mill village was demolished and low income housing was constructed on the site. The mill continues full-time operation today and employees total 115 with 6,080 spindles producing more than 3,000,000 pounds of twisted yarn annually. These yarns are used in the manufacture of drapes, scatter rugs, bedspreads, carpets, and other products.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Industry LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, the Lavonia Cotton Mill is significant as a good local example of the kind of small-scale industrial complexes found in many of Georgia's towns and smaller cities. Simple load-bearing brick construction with segmentally arched openings, heavy "slow burning" post and plank interior construction, low massing, and exposed rafter ends are all characteristic features of turn-of-the-century industrial architecture in Georgia. Also typical is the utilitarian styling of buildings in the complex. In terms of industry, the Lavonia Cotton Mill is significant as Lavonia's third and largest historic industry. Established in the middle of Lavonia's greatest period of economic and physical growth, it reflects in part the "New South" philosophy which encouraged industrial development in small towns as well as large cities, and in part the interest of local businessmen to diversify Lavonia's economy and take advantage of the region's principal agricultural product.

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