

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 Greenville Street - LaGrange Street Historic District

and/or common

2. Location La Grange, N. Adams, Greenville, Powell, Reese, Powell

street & number See continuation sheet N/A not for publication and Buchanan Sts.

city, town Newnan N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Georgia code 013 county Coweta code 077

3. Classification

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| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>N/A</u> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple owners - more than 50

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Coweta County Courthouse

city, town Newnan state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Structures Field Survey: Coweta County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" 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 Greenville Street-LaGrange Street Historic District is a historic residential neighborhood, dating from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, located just south of Newman's central business district. The district is laid out along Greenville and LaGrange Streets, which follow low ridgelines that diverge toward the south. Several smaller cross streets are also included in the district. Streets in the district are irregularly laid out, with the major streets following topographic features and the minor streets following property subdivision lines. Lots are generally rectangular in shape and vary considerably in size. Houses are generally located near the front center of these lots. Historic outbuildings are located to the rear of some of the lots. Houses in the district range in size from cottages and bungalows to mansions, with a majority being substantial middle class dwellings. They date from the late antebellum period to the early twentieth century. Most of the houses are wood-framed and weatherboarded; a few are of brick. Styles represented include Greek Revival, Victorian Gothic, Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Colonial Revival, Tudor, and Craftsman. The larger houses from each period line Greenville and LaGrange Streets; the smaller and generally later houses are located along cross streets. Yards are informally landscaped with trees, shrubbery, and lawn. Streets are lined with curbs, sidewalks, and mature hardwood trees and occasional retaining walls. With the exception of a group of non-historic houses along Reese Street, there are very few non-contributing properties in the district. A brick ranch house on Greenville Street and a brick ranch apartment house on LaGrange Street are the only intrusions.

Boundary

The boundary of this historic district, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed sketch map, circumscribes the remaining intact portion of a historic residential neighborhood. This area was once part of a larger neighborhood that has been encroached upon by commercial development. To the north and east of the district are railroad tracks and commercial development; to the south and west are non-historic residential developments.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local history |
| 1840s - early | | | | |
| Specific dates | twentieth century | Builder/Architect | Multiple | |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Greenville Street-LaGrange Street Historic District is significant as a historic residential neighborhood that developed over a period of 100 years along two major high-ways in the southern part of the city of Newman. It is significant in the areas of community planning and development, architecture, landscape architecture, exploration and settlement, military history, and local history. These areas of significance support the district's eligibility under National Register Criteria A, B, and C.

Community Planning and Development

In terms of community planning and development, the district is significant for the way in which it illustrates the growth of a residential neighborhood along principal transportation routes. Greenville Street and LaGrange Street were the two main south-bound roads leading from Newman. Early in the city's development, a few substantial houses, located on large lots, were built along the two streets, followed as the years progressed by other large residences. In the early years of the twentieth century, the breakup of some of the original large landholdings resulted in the subdivision of the land, the creation of Nimmons, Reese and Buchanan Streets, the smaller cross streets which connect the major streets, and the building of bungalows and cottages along these streets and in the newly created lots along Greenville and LaGrange Streets. This pattern of development, in which the oldest, principal streets are lined with the oldest and grandest houses and the later, infill streets are lined with the newer and smaller houses, is characteristic of many of Georgia's residential neighborhoods and contrasts sharply with more deliberately planned and developed areas. It illustrates the successive subdivisions of land that accommodated steady residential development for nearly one hundred years in Newman.

Architecture

In terms of architecture, the district is significant for its historic houses which represent local interpretations of architectural styles prevalent from the late antebellum period through the early twentieth century. Included in the district are good examples of the antebellum Greek Revival style, the mid-nineteenth Victorian cottage, the late-nineteenth century Eclectic house with Second Empire, Queen Anne and Eastlake features, the turn-of-the-century Neoclassical style, and the early-twentieth century Craftsman and Colonial and Tudor Revival styles. The building materials and techniques used to construct these houses represent the prevailing building techniques of the past. Most

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 50 acres

Quadrangle name Newnan South, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The district boundary is described by a heavy black line on the attached sketch map and is justified in Section 7.

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

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organization Historic Preservation Section Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources date March 11, 1983

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 State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/16/83

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| For NPS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. <u>for Delores Byer</u> Keeper of the National Register | NATIONAL REGISTER date <u>4/28/83</u> |
| Attest: | date |
| Chief of Registration | |

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The Greenville Street-LaGrange Street Historic District is located in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia. It encompasses 79-161 Greenville Street, 66-168 LaGrange Street, Reese Street (entire) Nimmons Street (partial), and 1-17 Buchanan Street.

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of the houses are wood-framed and weatherboarded, with the antebellum houses having heavy braced frames of hand hewn timbers and the postbellum houses have balloon frames of milled lumber. Many of the 1920s and 1930s houses are constructed of brick. The district's residential architecture is distinguished by the presence of architectural woodwork produced by the R. D. Cole Company of Newnan, by designs of Leila Ross Wilburn, a noted woman architect from Atlanta, and local architect, David Cuttino, Jr., and by apparent pattern book design.

Landscape Architecture

In terms of landscape architecture, the Greenville Street-LaGrange Street Historic District is significant for its informally landscaped yards and street trees. The large shade trees, shrubs, and lawns of the individual yards blend together to create a park-like environment which reflects prevailing principles and practices of American landscape gardening of the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

Exploration and Settlement

In terms of exploration and settlement, the Greenville Street-LaGrange Street Historic District is significant for containing some of the oldest houses in Newnan which were associated with local pioneering families. Newnan was incorporated in 1828. Shortly after, some of Coweta County's earliest settlers, including the Buchanan and Nimmons families, built homes just south of the then city limits in what is now the Greenville Street-LaGrange Street Historic District. These houses were located on large land lots and situated near the two main southbound transportation arteries leading from the city. In subsequent years these large landholdings were subdivided to accommodate the growth of the neighborhood. The names of later streets, such as Nimmons Street and Buchanan Street, document the early presence of these settlers in the neighborhood.

Military History

In terms of military history, the district is significant for containing the antebellum house known as Buena Vista (87 LaGrange Street) which served as Confederate headquarters during the Battle of Brown's Mill in July, 1864. This battle was a significant victory for the Confederacy and saved Newnan from capture and possible destruction.

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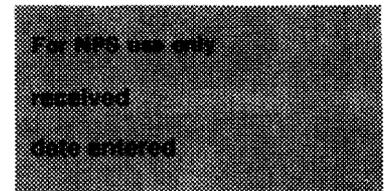
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Local History

In terms of local history, the district is significant for containing the homes of many of Newman's prominent local citizens, including planters, merchants, businessmen, professionals, educators and politicians. Many of the district's residents were involved in enterprises on the nearby downtown square. Others, who served as legislators and judges for the state, had influence on a wider scale. All of these people helped to shape the social life of the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banks, May 3, 1982.

Ms. Ruby Bridges, May 17, 1982.

Ms. Ellen Corker, June 2, 1982.

Ms. Glenda Davis, June 5 and 18, 1982.

Mrs. Carol Markham, April 12, 1982.

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