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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

NAME

HISTORIC

Jewell Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

Jewell Historic District

LOCATION

GA 248 and GA 16

STREET & NUMBER

The Jewell Historic District is located approximately 12 miles east of Sparta and includes the area in Hancock County around the intersection of [continued]

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Jewell

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th - D. D. Barnard

STATE

Georgia

CODE

13

COUNTY

Hancock and Warren

CODE

141/301

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

(Also in Warren County)

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple owners

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Jewell

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

(1) Warren County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

(2) Hancock County Courthouse

Georgia

STREET & NUMBER

(1) Warrenton

(2) Sparta

Georgia

CITY, TOWN

STATE

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Hancock County Survey, W.G. Moffat

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Section

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE
Georgia

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 village of Jewell exists around an expansive open green defined by a few, widely spaced buildings, and along the Warrenton Road (Georgia Highway 16) on both sides of the Ogeechee River. The village lies in two counties, Warren and Hancock, separated by the Ogeechee River. The site is situated near an old Indian trail from the east to the west which crossed the river about a hundred yards below the present bridge (on Highway 16). There were many rocks in the river at that point which afforded a crossing over the river even at flood stage. The rocks were blasted out of the river in later times.

On the west side of the Ogeechee the town surrounds a green, planted at one time with elms which later died. Today the green is grassed and defined by a dirt road circling from the intersection of 248 and 16 back to 248 at the Methodist church. Facing the green are (refer to map):

(1) A small two-story frame schoolhouse on a granite foundation. Built ca. 1871 by Daniel A. Jewell, it has a gable roof with brackets. The principal facade faces north. The entrance is on the center line of the north elevation; a box return gable pediment is over the door. On each side is a window with 6/6 lights. The second story, north elevation, has one window centered over each of the first-story windows, and a double window in the center with pointed arch lintels. On the interior there was a classroom downstairs with meeting hall over the latter reached by winding steps. The benches, the blackboard, the platform, and old stovepipes are still in place. (Linley, Architecture of Middle Georgia) The present use is as a community house for the two churches. Condition: fair.

(2) Baptist Church: 1871 Norman Gothic style. Faces north. Main entrance through tower (north) end. Pilasters and pointed windows (some double like the schoolhouse). Present use: church. Condition: good.

(3) Methodist Church: ca. 1841-45. Original location at Rock Mills Community, moved to Jewell in 1894. Wooden, Gothic style. Five-side south end. Square steeple, pointed windows. Present use: church. Condition: good.

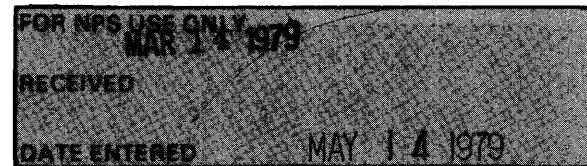
(4) Ashley Jewell Residence: Wood, Victorian Queen Anne, Gingerbread-style house. Faces west. Late 19th Century. Two stories and attic. Fish-scale trim. Present use: residence. Condition: good.

(5) House: Faces east. Wood, one story plus attic with dormer windows. Gable roof. One-story porch. Entrance with transom and sidelights. Bay window. Interesting chimneys. Circa 1850 (?) with Victorian additions. Present use: residence. Condition: excellent.

(6) Site of the company store and post office.

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(7) Site of brick warehouse

(8) Daniel A. Jewell House: 1850. Two-story frame, gable roof, interior end chimneys. A one-story porch with hip roof extends across the front of the house. The main entrance is on the center line of the house and has a rectangular transom and sidelights enframing the door. Two windows are evenly spaced on either side of the door. On the second story, five windows are spaced directly above the first-story windows and door. The number of lights in the windows on this facade vary, some having nine/nine and others six/six. A small balcony with a wooden railing extends from the middle second-floor window over the porch roof. Present use: residence. Condition: excellent.

On the Warren County side of the Ogeechee, a similar row of mill-worker houses lined both sides of Highway 16. A parallel street known as "Smut Row" was situated just north of 16 and ran from the mill site eastward and was also lined with mill workers' houses. Smut Row and the houses on the north side of Highway 16 were cleared out ca. 1966 for pasture land. The Jewell Mill was located on the east bank of the Ogeechee a few hundred feet north of the present bridge. It burned in 1927, and only the foundations remain.

Approximately five of the old mill houses remain on the east side of the Ogeechee. Mr. Walter Dickson's house is one of the oldest, dating ca. 1845. It was built for his great-grandfather, Eli Carr, who moved to Jewell (Shivers) about 1840. He had been mill superintendent of a mill at Baltimore at \$700.00 per year. Mr. Shivers offered him \$1,000.00 to come take charge at Jewell. After the Jewells bought the mill, he left the mill and farmed nearby until his death.

(9) Eli Carr House: Circa 1845. Wood, one story, gable roof. One-story hip roof porch. Central chimney. Entrance on center, two windows on each side of front entrance. Present use: residence. Condition: good.

(10) Hugh Cason's Residence: Condition: good.

(11) Rogers Cason's Residence: 1868. Wood, Queen Anne style Victorian with Gingerbread trim. Condition: good.

(12) Store operated by Rogers and Bunyan Cason: Wood, two stories, gable roof, ca. 1870.

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(13) Bunyan Cason's Residence: Wood. Queen Anne Victorian. Circa 1870.
Condition: good.

(14) Denham Cason's Residence: Condition: good.

The village of Jewell is an important relic of 19th Century Georgia. It has suffered relatively few 20th-Century intrusions. The green, the river, the trees and remaining houses are bound together in a district well cared for by its residents. The principal threat to the area would be any adverse change in the use of Highway 16.

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Georgia Highway 248 and Georgia Highway 16

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PROPERTY OWNERS
SHIVERS/ROCK FACTORY/JEWELL

The mailing address for each of these property owners is Jewell, Georgia 31045. There are no intrusions in this district.

Mr. Billy Poss ✓
Mr. John A. Mitchell, Sr. ✓
Mr. Ralph Mitchell ✓
Mr. Henry Mitchell ✓
Mr. Hugh Cason ✓
Mr. Loyd Mitchell ✓
Ms. Vera Williams ✓
Ms. Jane Townsley ✓
Mr. William Gokel ✓
Jewell Baptist Church ✓
Jewell Methodist Church ✓
Mr. William Poss ✓

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Indian	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The district of Jewell, Georgia, is significant as the remains of an early Georgia mill village. Its architectural features date from the 1840s and latter half of the 19th Century. Nearby are the sites of a textile mill, grist mill, and an iron foundry, all deserving archaeological study. The town of Jewell is located on an old Indian trail which crossed the Ogeechee River a few hundred yards from the present bridge.

The town of Jewell has been known by various names. In the early days of its development, it was owned by the Shivers family and tradition has it that it was called "Shivers." The Shivers family, headed by Jonas Shivers, came to Georgia from Virginia and lived in Hancock and Warren counties, Georgia, in the late 18th Century. Jonas' son, William Shivers (1783-1852), was proprietor, not only of the site where Jewell is located, but of Rock Mills, about a mile and a half north, on the Ogeechee, where the William Shivers homeplace (known as Rock Mill) still remains. One site was also known as Shivers Mills, 1826-1835.

Mr. Shivers had a grist mill at the Rock Mills, and later built a thread mill, as well as a large store to supply the mill workers and their families, at Shivers.

After William Shivers' death in 1852, his administrator sold the Rock Mill Factory (known in public advertisements simply as the "cotton factory") at Shivers to Thomas Neal of Warren County in November, 1853. This tract included nine acres surrounding the mill site on the Warren County side of the river. Neal sold the same to Thomas Windsor on July 15, 1856, and on February 20, 1857, Windsor, of Baldwin County, sold the site and nine acres jointly to Daniel Ashley Jewell (late of Massachusetts and New Hampshire) and Simeon C. Bodfish (late of Connecticut) for \$3,500. In April, 1857, Jewell and Bodfish bought 105 acres across the Ogeechee in Hancock County to add to their enterprise. A year later, June 15, 1858, Bodfish sold his half interest in both locations to Jewell, and the firm was dissolved. Jewell then became sole owner of the Rock Manufacturing Company.

In 1858, Jewell and Bodfish (and after July 6th, Jewell alone) had advertised that they had repaired and added new machinery at the mill and that cotton and wool manufacturing was once again underway. They could supply yarns, osnaburgs, wool and cloth.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 56 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME	<u>Jewell</u>			QUADRANGLE SCALE	<u>1:24000</u>		
UTM REFERENCES							
A	1 7	3 3 4	8 0 0	3 6 8	5 4	2 0	
B	1 7	3 3 4	1 0 0	3 6 8	5 3	4 0	
ZONE EASTING		NORTHING		ZONE EASTING		NORTHING	
C	1 7	3 3 3	5 3 0	3 6 8	5 4	3 0	
D	1 7	3 3 3	5 4 0	3 6 8	4 8	0 0	
E	1 7	3 3 3	8 9 0	3 6 8	5 0	2 0	
F	1 7	3 3 4	8 2 0	3 6 8	5 2	5 0	
G				3 6 8	5 5	9 0	
H							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Georgia	13	Hancock	141
Georgia	13	Warren	301

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Beth Lattimore Reiter, Historic Preservation Planner; Ken Thomas, Custodian

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section DATE: June 1978, 1976

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

TITLE: Acting State Historic Preservation Officer DATE: 3/8/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE: 5-19-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Carl J. Dube DATE: 5/14/1979

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Under the sole operation of Daniel A. Jewell (1822-1896), the community became a burgeoning textile center. A two-story schoolhouse was built on the green by Jewell about 1871. During his ownership, homes were built, many on the highlands on both sides of the river, continuing the standard mill houses, built of heart pine and mortised-and-pegged construction, which had been built for the millworkers beginning in the 1840s. The Walter Dickson house is an example and is one of the two oldest houses standing in Jewell.

D.A. Jewell, a Massachusetts native, had come at age 25 (ca. 1847) to Milledgeville, Georgia, the state capitol, and had married there in 1849 Mary Ann Shea. In the mid-1850s, he operated D.A. Jewell and Company, a wool-manufacturing firm, and this was his occupation just prior to the purchase of the Rock Factory. He moved to Jewell (then called Rock Factory) by 1859, for he was living there in 1860.

During the War Between the States, while the town was still known as Rock Factory, a company known as the "Ogeechee Minute Men," was formed in 1863, with Jewell himself, a Northerner, asking the state's adjutant general for weapons. Tradition has it that federal soldiers came through the town in 1864 after reaching Shoals on the Ogeechee, a few miles to the south, but did not burn the mills or the town due to seeing the masonic symbol on the mill's chimney. (This stone was later salvaged and is now located at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia.)

The William P. Haynes Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons had been formed at Rock Factory in 1864 and was chartered in 1865, shortly after the end of the war. It was dissolved in 1946.

A Baptist church was organized there in 1869 and the brick edifice was built ca. 1871 on the green, also sponsored by Mr. Jewell. It is the oldest brick church building in the Washington Baptist Association. The wooden Methodist church was built about 1841-1845 at Rock Mills, and was moved to Jewell in 1894. It had been previously known as the Rock Mills Church. Today it stands on the northwest side of the green.

The name of the town remained Rock Factory until approximately 1869-1870. An act of the legislature in 1872 incorporated the town as Jewell's Mills, and maps after this date are the first to show the new name. Later, the name became Jewell's, and later Jewell, as it remains today. The U.S. Post Office at Jewell's was established in 1873 with Mr. Jewell as the postmaster, later to be succeeded by his son.

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During the first decade after the Civil War (1866-1876), the mill resumed operations, as evidenced by the surviving Factory Accounts book for the entire period. The mill operated six days a week except for holidays (usually Thanksgiving, Christmas, and sometimes July 4th), or when the water was exceedingly high or low, thus hampering production. Changes in equipment also caused several down days during this decade. Produced during these years were osnaburgs, kerseys, jeans, and yarn. By 1876, kerseys were being made in cotton and wool. In 1876, the mill complex also included flour and saw mills, and by 1880, there were 3,000 spindles for cotton and 150 for wool, with 50,000 pounds of cotton being processed per month.

D.A. Jewell died in 1896 and was buried in the town that not only bore his name, but bore the results of his hard work and benevolence. His wife, who died the year before, is buried there also.

The town of Jewell has been connected with a number of the South's great textile families. Fuller E. Callaway, later president of the Callaway Mills of LaGrange, Georgia, married Jewell's granddaughter, Ida Cason (for whom Callaway Garden was later named) and eventually helped members of the Jewell family to move to Chickamauga, Georgia, where their descendants are still involved with the cotton mills.

D.A. Jewell, Sr.'s sole ownership of the mill continued until 1875, when his son-in-law, Colonel W.L. Bowen, acquired partnership with him and the name was changed to Bowen-Jewell Company. Metal "coins" were minted for use by mill workers during this period. Eventually, D.A. Jewell, Jr. (1860-1935) became the family partner with Colonel Bowen. Sales were made in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Jewell, Jr., built a bag plant there, alternating weeks supervising the plants at Jewell and Chattanooga. Gordon Lee of Chickamauga, Georgia, began developing springs in his area and sold land to Jewell, Jr., for a mill, where ca. 1902 he built a finishing plant. After several decades of dual mills, Jewell, Jr., sold the Georgia site around 1922 to the Gant Brothers, who ran the Glen Raven Mills of North Carolina. In 1927 the mills at Jewell were completely destroyed by fire.

Today only the mill's foundation remains on the banks of the Ogeechee. A street of mill houses, known as "Smut Row," paralleling the Warrenton Road, were cleared in the 1960s to make pastureland.

Many of the present-day residents of Jewell are descendants of the original mill families. They have carefully preserved the remaining houses and are interested in seeing that the character of the town remain unchanged.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary begins at the city limit marker at the eastern boundary of Jewell on Georgia Highway 16 and runs perpendicular north 200 feet to a point and thence along a westerly line 200 feet parallel to Georgia Highway 16 to the Ogeechee River (to include the houses and old mill site on the north side of the highway); thence across the river and following the west bank of the Ogeechee River south to Georgia Highway 16; thence with said highway (on its south side) west 2,000 feet to a point; thence from that point southwardly approximately 900 feet (being approximately 50 feet west of the D. A. Jewell House) to its intersection with a dirt road; thence northeast along the north side of this dirt road until it intersects with Georgia Highway 248; thence going across Georgia Highway 248 and following the 400 Foot Contour line (to include the cemetery) to a point where the contour line intersects with a dirt road perpendicular to the east side of Georgia Highway 248; thence easterly along the south side of this dirt road and on beyond its termination point across the Ogeechee River to a point; thence from this point in a line parallel and 250 feet south of Georgia Highway 16 to a point due south of the point of beginning; and thence along a line north connecting with the point of origin on Georgia Highway 16.

Shivers/Rock Factory/Jewell Historic District
 Jewell, Hancock and Warren Counties, Georgia
 Sketch Map
 Source: Based on Plat dated 1918
 Not to Scale



TENTHS OF A MILE FROM Jewell Road sign in Warren county going west TO Jewell Road sign in Hancock Co.

