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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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New DecaturAlbany Historic District Boundary Increase Morgan County, Alabama	99000148
4. National Park Service Certification	

I hereby certify that the property is:

Entered in the National Register

Date of Action Signature of Keeper

2/12/99

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Section I. Name of Property New Decatur-Albany Historic District (Expansion)

Section II. Location

136 First Avenue N. E., Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama, 35601

# Section III. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this <u>X</u> nomination <u>request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering</u> properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide  $\underline{X}$  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

1-8-99 Signature of certifying official Date Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

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#### Section V. Classification

The district is being increased by one contributing resource. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 37

Section VII. **Architectural Classification** Other: free standing gable front

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Name of Property: <u>New Decatur-Albany Historic District (Expansion)</u> County and State: <u>Morgan County, Alabama</u>

## Section VII. Expansion Description

49. <u>130 First Avenue N. E.</u> (Decatur Light, Power, and Fuel Company) ca. 1898. free standing gable front. Located on the northwest corner of the existing New Decatur-Albany Historic District, the Decatur Light, Power, and Fuel Company is a one- and one-half story brick, free standing gable front commercial building. The solid brick masonry walls are laid in a common bond pattern with decorative stepped corbeling along the roofline of the gable end walls. The foundation is continuous brick and the roof standing seam metal with curved exposed eaves. The front (west) facade contains four bays which are recessed and contain some sort of opening. Moving from north to south along the facade, there is an original opening with a single door and transom above and an arched window with brick infill, two multi-pane metal windows, a metal roll-up door, and two other multi-pane metal windows. The upper story contains three paired metal casement windows. The north elevation has eight recessed bays with some segmented arched openings filled-in with brick. The east elevation currently has a corrugated metal structure atop the original open brick coal bin, which was encased with concrete probably in the 1930s. Decorative stepped brick corbeling can also be found on this gable end. The south elevation also contains eight bays; however, some have openings and others are filled-in. Much of the infill and changing out of windows and doors occurred in the 1930s, when Tennessee Valley Authority took over the building for use as a warehouse. A brick fire wall was added in the 1920s between the fifth (from the front) and third bays and can be seen extending through the roof.

## Archaeological Component

Although no formal archaeological survey has been made of the district expansion area, the potential for subsurface remains is good. Buried portions may contain information that may be useful in interpreting the site.

### Section VIII. Expansion Statement of Significance

Explanation of Expansion: The New Decatur-Albany Historic District is being expanded to incorporate one resource contiguous to the existing boundaries that has the same developmental history with the rest of the buildings located in the district. The expansion is the result of additional survey work conducted in the spring of 1998 at the request of the property owners, the City of Decatur, in conjunction with a grant project funded in part by the Alabama Historical Commission and the city to sympathetically restore the building and put it back into productive use. The Decatur Light, Power, and Fuel Company Building retains a great majority of its original architectural integrity and contributes to the existing district in location, design, material, workmanship, feeling, and association.

### Section X. Expansion Geographical Data

# Acreage of Property: less than one

**UTM Reference:** 16-501270-3829120

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary expansion is located at 130 First Avenue N. E. in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama as represented as parcel number 52-03-04-18-4-035-018, lots 43-47.

**Boundary Justification:** The expansion boundaries were drawn to include the Decatur Light, Power, and Fuel Company Building at 130 First Avenue N. E. and its immediate associated lot currently under single ownership.





