

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Lavonia Roller Mill	HISTORIC NAME:	Lavonia Roller Mill		
STREET ADDRESS:	East Main Street	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	John H. & Guy Mauldin	MAILING ADDRESS:	Box 146		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	GA	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Flour milling business	ACREAGE:	.5 acre (nominated)		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	301-003-001	Z17 E306610 N3812050			

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

The original portion of the Lavonia Roller Mill is a two-story brick structure with segmental arched six-over-six windows. The facades of the structure are divided into three bays with windows placed on center within each bay. Rectangular shaped panels at the top of each bay are used for signage. The roof was altered in 1944 from a flat to a gabled roof. A fire destroyed the interior of the building in 1944 but from comparisons to a historic photograph the present structure resembles closely the original appearance.

Several additions were made to the original building following the fire. Those include a one-story shed-type frame structure on the north and a one-story rectangular-shaped frame structure to the south. A porch was also added to the front of the original building and the rectangular addition. In 1956 a three-story brick addition with industrial sash windows was added to the rear. A row of circular-shaped metal storage structures was added to the rear on the south side of the complex. The original tract of .5 acre includes the land on which the original building is located and is the area proposed for nomination. Non-historic additions to the original building are included on the nominated property, but detached modern structures are excluded.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	Stockholding Company	ORIGINAL USE:	Flour milling business
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	.5 acre
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1898	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	1944, 1956

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

The Lavonia Roller Mill began operation in 1894 when the original building was constructed. Owned by a stockholding company, the mill had the capacity to produce 90 barrels of flour daily. The brand names of the flour were White Rose and White Lilly. The mill was soon

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purchased by T. W. McAllister, who operated it a short time, before it was sold to J. B. McBrayer in 1912. McBrayer operated the mill until 1932 when it was sold to Mr. Guy Mauldin, Sr. The interior of the mill burned in 1944, and following the fire, repairs were made to the original structure and several additional buildings added. Mauldin's two sons, Guy, Jr., and J. H. continue to operate the mill today and presently make flour, meal, and cattle feed.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

In terms of industry the Lavonia Roller Mill is significant as Lavonia's second local industry. Established in 1898, during Lavonia's boom period, it reflects in part the philosophy of the "New South," 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 agricultural products. Unlike the Southern Cotton Oil Company (No. 11), which relied on cotton, the region's principal cash crop, the Lavonia Roller Mill depended on the region's less visible but significant grain farming. The mill's utilitarian building is representative of Georgia's small-town industrial architecture.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None
"Gem of the Piedmont"

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Chamber of Commerce Committee

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