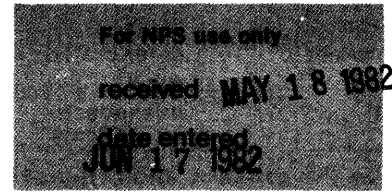


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic ✓ The New Albany Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 245 Pine Street

N/Anot for publication

city, town Albany

N/Avicinity of

~~congressional district~~

state Georgia

code 013

county Dougherty

code 095

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Hilliard P. Burt

street & number P.O. Box 525

city, town Albany

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 31702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Dougherty County Courthouse

city, town Albany

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records None

city, town

state

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The New Albany Hotel, built in 1925, is a six story Georgian-Revival style building located on a corner lot in downtown Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia.

The structure is built of terra cotta block dressed with brick on a concrete and steel frame. The lower five stories are sheathed in tapestry brick laid in Flemish bond; the sixth floor is veneered in brick laid in a Dutch Cross bond. The hotel is symmetrically laid out, with very restrained decorative touches, in typical Georgian Revival style. The original building is "T" shaped in plan. In ca. 1948 a three-story addition extended the leg of the "T" to the rear, and several other one-story additions were built around it. The front facade is divided vertically into three sections by the use of stone quoins at the corners and at the edges of the slightly projecting middle bay. Horizontally, the facade is divided at the first floor by the full-width front porch and at the sixth floor by the large round arched windows and Dutch Cross brick work which are set between a string course and the cornice. The Doric porch is supported at the center by two large brick and stone piers, and elsewhere by wood columns. A wooden balustrade, originally graced with large urns, tops the porch. Protected by the porch, the first-floor front facade features a continuous series of windows and doors set into large openings with side lights and fanlights. The central main entrance is a door topped by a broken pediment which is framed by one of the fanlights. The east end of the porch has been enclosed to form a restaurant area. Windows throughout are eight-over-eight double hung sash with varying trim. Those on the third through fifth floors have stone sills and brick lintels. On the second floor the windows have surrounds featuring quoining on the sides and a stone lintel with keystone decoration above. On the sixth floor the round arched window openings (the original fanlights above the sash have been replaced with solid panels) have the same side quoining with keystones highlighting the brick arches. The building is topped by a pedimented parapet with a garlanded cartouche. A west side entrance on the leg of the "T", with a portico with segmental pediment, has lost prominence due to the encroachment of a one-story 1940's office addition to the north.

The interior layout reflects the "T" shaped plan. Guest rooms, all with private baths, on the upper five floors open off both sides of a "T" shaped corridor. On the ground floor a lobby, office, restaurant, small stores and a ballroom open off a central corridor which runs the length of the hotel. A large kitchen is located in a one-story area on the east side. The ca. 1948 additions at the rear house the expanded ballroom and 1600 square feet of office space. Upstairs rooms are finished simply with plaster, paint and wallpaper. On the ground floor the main corridor is arched at intervals. The lobby area has exposed cypress ceiling beams which give it the feeling of an English great hall. The area around the reception desk has been remodeled with pine paneling. The elevators are original.

The New Albany Hotel is located at the corner of Pine Avenue and Jackson Street in downtown Albany. The hotel almost completely fills the lot on which it sits. Boxwood and other shrubs are planted in the front along Pine Avenue and small trees grow along Jackson Street. On this corner and along both streets are numerous commercial and institutional buildings dating from the Victorian period to the 1970's. West of the hotel, across Jackson Street are the Municipal Auditorium

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(1918) and the Carnegie Library (1906). Across Pine Avenue is the Rhodes Furniture Building and a two-story office building, both of which date from the 1910's and 1920's.

BOUNDARY

The boundary of the nominated property is outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed plat map. This boundary corresponds to the legal description of the New Albany Hotel property except in the northeast corner. Here, the boundary of the nominated property has been drawn to exclude a non-historic brick garage apartment, unrelated to the hotel, which is located on the present hotel acreage.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in May, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1925 **Builder/Architect** Architect: Raymond C. Snow, Atlanta

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Contractor: Silverton Construction Company, Atlanta.

The New Albany Hotel, built in 1925, is historically significant in the areas of architecture, commerce and local history. In terms of architecture, the New Albany Hotel is significant as a good example of the early-twentieth century Georgian Revival-style commercial buildings found in small Georgia cities and as one of several Georgian Revival-style buildings built in Albany during this period. In terms of commerce, the hotel is significant as one of two major hotels built in Albany during the 1920's to accommodate travel needs generated by the railroads. In terms of local history, the hotel was a center of Albany social life during the 1920's and 1930's.

The New Albany Hotel is a good example of the use of the Georgian Revival style for a commercial building. The Georgian Revival style was one of several Revival styles that attained widespread popularity in Georgia and throughout the country during the early years of the twentieth century. In the small cities throughout the state it was employed frequently for commercial and institutional buildings such as banks, hotels and schools. In Albany, the New Albany Hotel is one of a number of buildings designed in this style. It is the only hotel in the Georgian Revival style and by far the largest Georgian Revival building in the city. It is the only one of the two hotels to retain much of its original character.

The building is a relatively high-style example of the Georgian Revival for a small Georgia city. It perhaps reflects the "big city" sophistication of its Atlanta architect, Raymond C. Snow, about whom little is known. The building is well-proportioned and features a rather sensitive and restrained use of a variety of Georgian Revival details. These include the pedimented parapet, quoins, decorative brickwork, varying window treatment, the Doric porch, ground floor arched windows and doors with fanlights and the broken pediment above the main entrance. The interior is largely intact and, while not as finely detailed as the exterior (with the exception of the lobby), reflects the prevailing principles of early 20th century hotel design. The hotel is one of the tallest early-twentieth century buildings in Albany, its height made possible by its concrete-and-steel frame.

The New Albany Hotel was one of two major hotels built in Albany during the 1920's. By this time Albany had become the hub of railroad transportation in southwest Georgia, serviced by seven rail lines and over thirty-five trains daily. It was a regional trade center, and these first-class hotels were built to accommodate the tourists, business people and traveling salespeople whose presence in town was stimulated by the railroads. The hotel was a major downtown commercial venture. It was completed in 1925 shortly after the elegant Hotel Gordon opened nearby on Pine Avenue, next to the county courthouse. A hotel had been located on

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery, Erick. "Historic Property Information Form", February 16, 1981. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Approximately one-half acre

Quadrangle name Albany West, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is described and 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

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher

organization Historic Preservation Section
Georgia Department of Natural Resources date March 30, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street, SW telephone 404/656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia

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 4/30/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Elizabeth A. Lyon
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 6/17/82

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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the New Albany Hotel site since before 1886. The owners of the then wood frame New Albany Hotel, spurred on by the competition, determined to build an equally modern and elegant facility. The western portion of the old hotel was torn down (the eastern portion remained standing, adjacent to the present building, for many years) and was replaced with the new structure. It featured tubs and shower baths, telephones in every room, hot and cold water and the finest furnishings and other modern conveniences. The hotel also housed several local businesses including offices, shops and restaurants. The cost of the building, \$425,000, was the largest amount issued in an Albany building permit during 1925.

The hotel was an instant success. With its large restaurant and ballroom it became an important center of social life in Albany during the 1920's and 1930's. Sunday dinner in its dining room was an Albany tradition for many years while it remained an elegant hostelry.

NEW ALBANY HOTEL
Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia

PROPERTY PLAT MAP

Scale: 1" = 50'

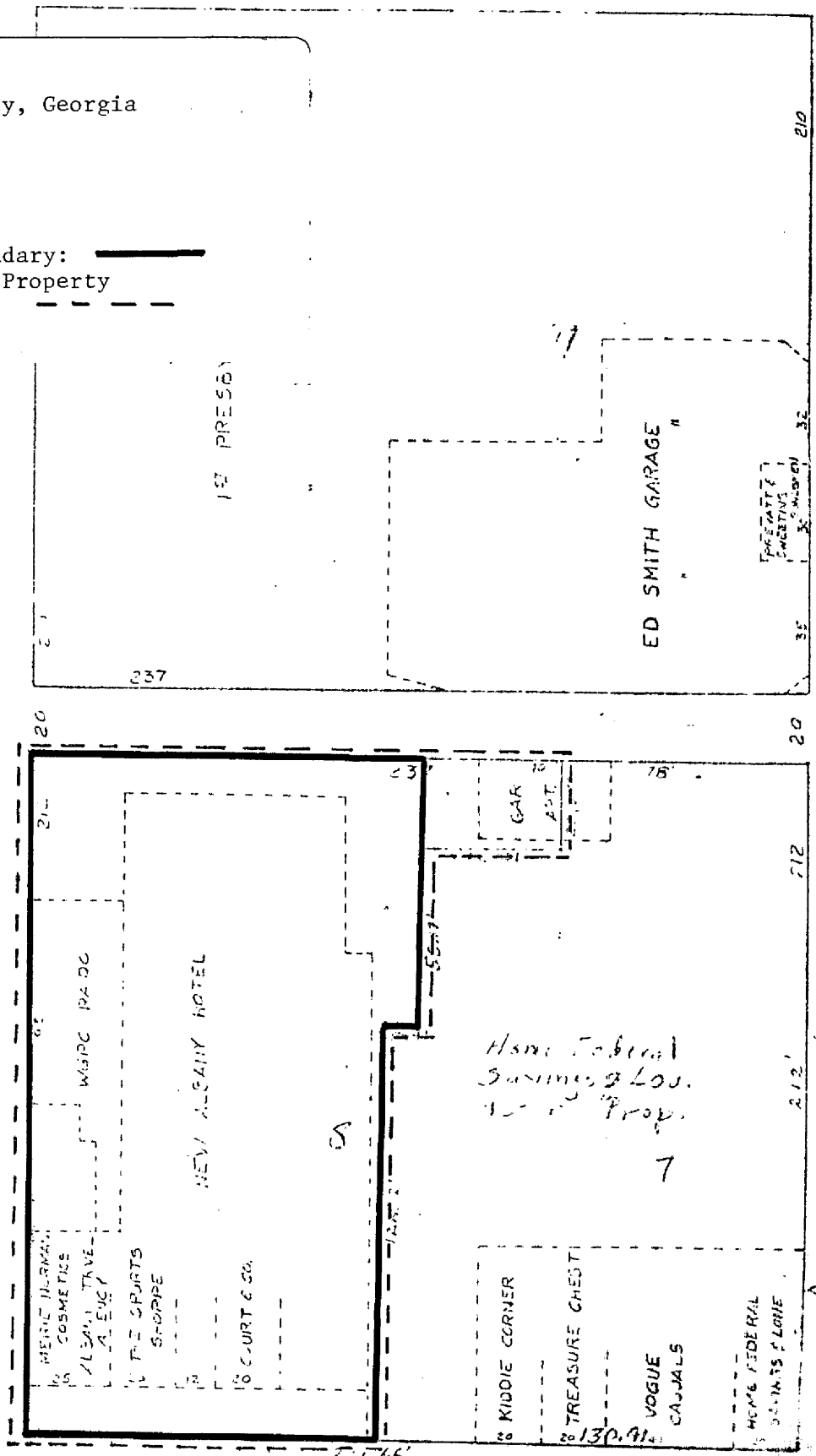
North: ↑

Nominated Property Boundary: ————

Total New Albany Hotel Property
as described in deed: - - - - -

JACKSON ST.

JACKSON ST.



HALL AVE.

HALL AVE.

1966