

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**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 Davis-Exchange Bank Building

and or common Same

**2. Location**

street & number 100-102 North Washington Street N/A not for publication

city, town Albany N/A vicinity of

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Dr. Jeff D. McGee

street & number 1617 Valencia Drive

city, town Albany N/A vicinity of state Georgia 31706

**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 See Section 7. has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Davis-Exchange Bank Building is a rectangular, six-story, masonry building with a flat roof designed in the commercial Georgian Revival style. It is finished in tapestry brick on its public sides and common brick on the other sides, laid as a veneer over its concrete and steel frame. The building is ornamented on two sides with string courses, decorative molded arches over the first-floor windows and doors, an elaborate cornice, and relief sculpture panels between the first two floors. The upper floors have their original windows, while replacements appear on the second and third floors. Since the building was built to house the Albany Exchange Bank, the open first floor and mezzanine reflect that purpose, while the second through sixth floors contain offices which open off both sides of an L-shaped hall. The interior walls are plaster with paneled wainscoting in the banking room. There is an original vault in the northwest section of the first floor. Much of the first floor has been remodeled over the years. The mezzanine contains plain plaster walls, a concrete floor and no unusual details. The upper floors have plaster walls, wooden doors and window trim. All office doors have sidelights filled with translucent glass. The upper hallways have chair railing. The building retains its original concealed concrete-and-steel frame. The original boiler has been converted from coal to gas. The building sits on a corner of a downtown city block in Albany, with sidewalks on two sides and adjacent commercial buildings on the other two sides. There are no outbuildings. Changes include the position of aluminum windows on the second and third floors and the remodeling of the first floor.

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

On December 30, 1982, the National Register Programs Division of the National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office, issued a preliminary certification of significance for this property.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1919–21 **Builder/Architect** J.E.R. Carpenter, Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Davis-Exchange Bank Building is significant in architecture and commerce. Architecturally, the building is significant as the first of its style to be built in Albany, setting local precedents as a Georgian Revival commercial structure. The building had the most substantial concrete framing in Albany up to that time. It exemplified the Georgian Revival style through the use of red brick with light trim, rounded decorative arches, the modillioned cornice and inset decorative panels. Shortly afterwards, two hotels were built in Albany that were very similar in style and reflected the impact of this building. The bank building is also significant architecturally as a work of J.E.R. Carpenter (1867–1932) of New York City, who had received the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal in 1916 and had studied in Paris at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. He is best known in the South for the Hurt Building in Atlanta and the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville. In commercial history, the building is important for having been built as the city's first skyscraper, to house the Albany Exchange Bank, one of the city's most important financial institutions. It replaced the bank's earlier building, which had burned. The Albany Exchange National Bank had been organized in the late 1890s and was one of several local banks. When the new bank building opened in 1921, it also housed many important local business and professional firms besides the banking operations. The bank was purchased in 1929 by Citizens and Southern. After they moved to newer facilities, the bank area became a shoe store.

These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Dixon, Sandra, Erick Montgomery, and Gary Elmore, Historic Property Information Form, 1982; based on the county history, city directories, building permits, deeds, taxes, records of The Albany Herald, and Ball family records.

Carpenter, J.E.R., Architects in Georgia Research Files, Historic Preservation Section.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Albany West, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A	<u>1</u> <u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <u>7</u> <u>0</u> <u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>9</u> <u>6</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of that parcel of land that lies underneath the building. It is all that is associated with the building and all that has ever been associated with it. The boundaries are marked on the enclosed map.

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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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 1/6/84

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

*Ann Duhon*

date 2/23/1984

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

J.C. PENNEY STORE	31.1	ALLE	A	100.4	32.9	70.9
J.C. PENNEY A BUTLER'S SHOES V						
J.C. PENNEY A MILLER'S V	59.8					
	10	211.2				

SKETCH MAP/PLAT MAP

DAVIS-EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING  
Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia

Scale: 1" = 50'

Source: Based on county tax maps

Date: c. 1982

Key: The nominated property is marked by a heavy black line.

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SILVER'S 5 & 10 STORE		167.3		53.4	232.6
CHURCHWELL'S STORE		167.3		39.9	
SE	GILBERG'S STORE	102.0		18.1	64
		70.1	100		
SE	FRIEDLANDER'S STORE	21.3	22.0	22.0	J. & J. FURNITURE CO. STORE/SHOP
SE	C & S. BANK BLDG. V VACANT (BANK)	102.0	48		
	(BANK) VACANT				WESTBROOK PLACE
	(DRIVE-IN BANK) VACANT				
	(DRIVE-IN BANK) VACANT				JAMES CAFE
	LOANS INVEST. CO.				WESTBROOK LIQUOR
	DIXIE ARMY STORE				
	PAWN SHOP				
	BEST SHOE STORE				
	USED FURNITURE				

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