

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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



**1. Name**

historic Slotin Building

and/or common Goodwill Building

**2. Location**

street & number 101 West Broad Street N/A not for publication

city, town Savannah N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Georgia code 013 county Chatham code 051

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<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 Vantage Investment and Management, Inc./Joseph M. Mann

street & number 2231 Perimeter Park, Suite 7

city, town Atlanta N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30341

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Chatham County Courthouse

city, town Savannah state Georgia

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title See continuation sheet has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 Slotin Building, constructed in 1926, is a four-story brick commercial style structure located on a city lot at the intersection of West Broad and Zubly Streets in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

The two sides of the load-bearing brick building facing the street are finished with hard-faced brick laid in running bond and trimmed with cast stone. A cast stone string course separates the first floor from those above. On the upper floors of both finished facades, shallow brick piers separate one-over-one double hung sash windows grouped in threes. Cast stone sills, soldier-course brick lintels, and decorative brickwork in the spandrel area under each window complete the window detailing. A crenelated parapet highlighted with cast stone trim and bearing the inscription "Slotin 1926" on a name plaque at the center front wraps around the two finished facades. In the 1940s the first floor of the east (front) facade was altered, changing the original three bay arrangement and introducing a new window and door configuration with structural glass facing on the two north bays. The south bay retains its approximate original appearance, although the plate glass has been removed and replaced by wood siding, and the doors have been changed. The first floor of the Zubly Street side has a row of small rectangular openings with decorative grilles at pedestrian level and pairs of small windows higher up. The north side of the building is windowless, and the rear has large industrial windows.

The interior of the Slotin Building features an open floor plan on each level. Floors are supported by brick piers in the basement and by a system of wooden posts and beams on the four main levels that divide each floor into three long bays. Walls are exposed brick except on parts of the first and fourth floors where they are plastered. The building has plank ceilings except on the first floor where pressed metal is used as a finish material. Two original freight elevators and two enclosed stairways are situated at the west end of the building.

The building is located on an unlandscaped city lot with a small fenced parking yard behind. It is situated in a commercial district of mixed date just beyond the west boundary of the Savannah National Historic Landmark District. The new Chatham County Courthouse complex is directly across West Broad Street. The Scarborough House, a National Historic Landmark, is located three short blocks to the north, providing evidence of the elegant residential architecture which lined West Broad Street until the mid-nineteenth century. The Central of Georgia Railroad: Savannah Shops and Terminal Facilities, another National Historic Landmark, is located to the south.

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On July 9, 1982, the Preservation Services Division of the National Park Service Southeast Regional Office issued a Preliminary Certification of Significance for this structure.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1926 **Builder/Architect** Levy, Clark and Bergen, Architects

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Slotin Building is historically significant in the areas of architecture and commerce. Architecturally, the building is a transitional work of commercial architecture which illustrates, in the Savannah area, the early-twentieth century change from traditional late-Victorian commercial architecture to modern commercial architecture. The building is a good example of early-twentieth century wholesale distribution facilities in Savannah, of which there were several, befitting Savannah's status as a rail head and port city. The Slotin Building was designed by Levy, Clark and Bergen, one of only three architectural firms practicing in Savannah during this period. In terms of commerce, the building is significant for its association with Slotin and Company, one of the two largest dry goods wholesalers in Savannah during the early-twentieth century. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register Criteria A and C.

Architecturally, the Slotin Building's transitional nature in terms of style and building technology is illustrated by its innovative, simplified, almost abstracted exterior arrangement and detailing which is combined with a traditional plank and timber interior highlighted with some pressed metal ceilings. Levy, Clark and Bergen, one of three architectural firms practicing in Savannah during the early-twentieth century, designed a number of major commercial and institutional buildings in the city including this structure. The firm's style changed from traditional late-Victorian to modern during the early decades of the twentieth century. The Slotin Building thus represents a key monument in the early history of this architectural firm illustrating its transition from traditional to modern design.

In terms of commerce, the building is significant as the home of one of Savannah's two largest, early-twentieth century dry goods wholesalers. Slotin and Company was active in a three-state region and operated out of what appears to have been the largest wholesale facility of its type in the city. Wholesaling was concentrated in the part of the city around the Slotin Building, due to the proximity of rail and sea transportation. Slotin and Company, founded about 1907, experienced a period of rapid growth in the early 1920s resulting in the construction of the West Broad Street building and attesting to the successful nature of its operations. The company, controlled by a Jewish family who attained prominence in Savannah, documents the important role played by Jewish Americans in the twentieth century commercial development of Savannah and other American cities.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Reiter, Beth Lattimore. "Slotin Building: Historic Property Information Form".  
 March, 1982. On file Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural  
 Resources, Atlanta.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 0.25 acres

Quadrangle name Savannah, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UMT References**

A 

1	7	4	9	0	8	1	0	3	5	4	9	2	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

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G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

The nominated property, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed map, consists of the historic acreage associated with this building and coincides with the current legal description.

**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

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date February 11, 1983

street & number 270 Wahsington 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Elizabeth A. Lyon

Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 2/14/83


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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<u>Alvora Byun</u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>3/24/83</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

SLOTIN BUILDING  
Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

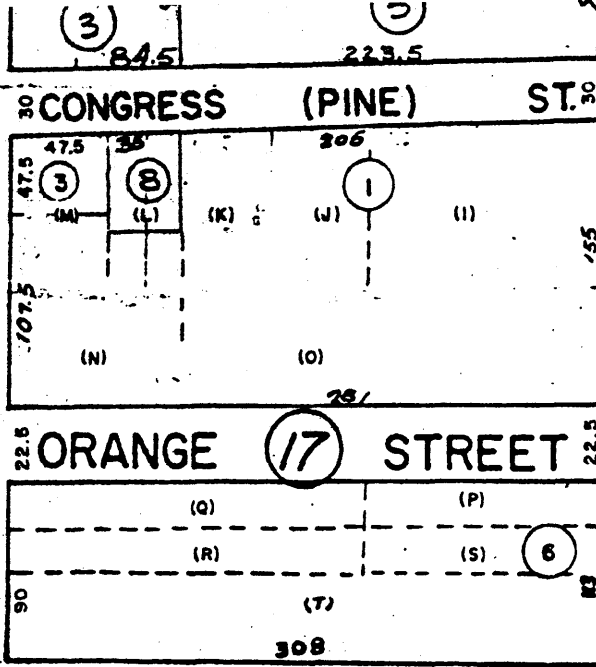
PLAT MAP

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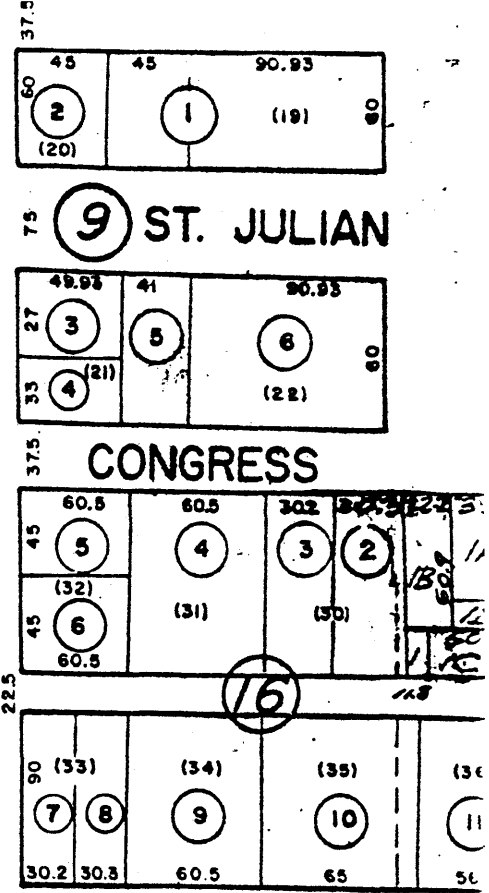
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Property Boundary: 

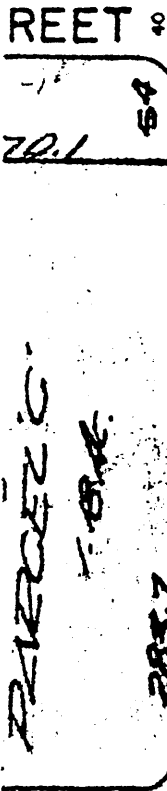
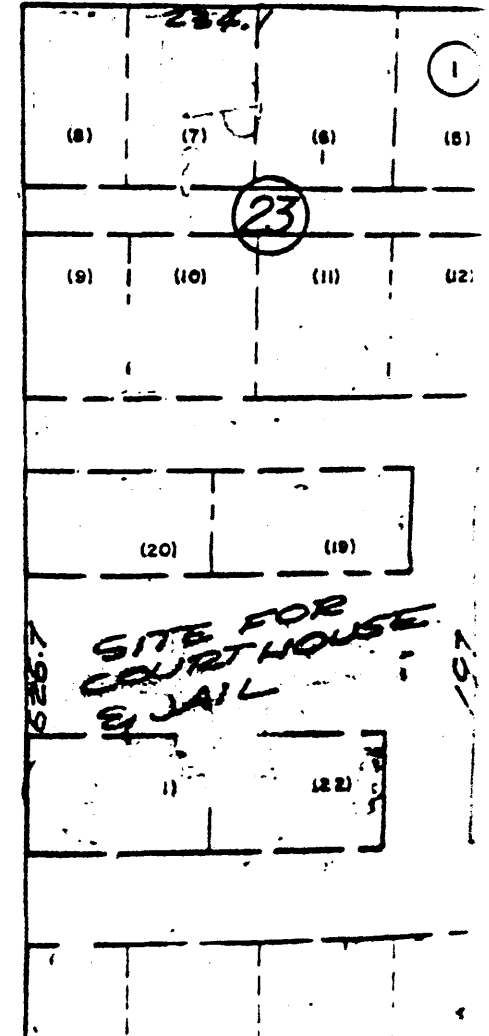
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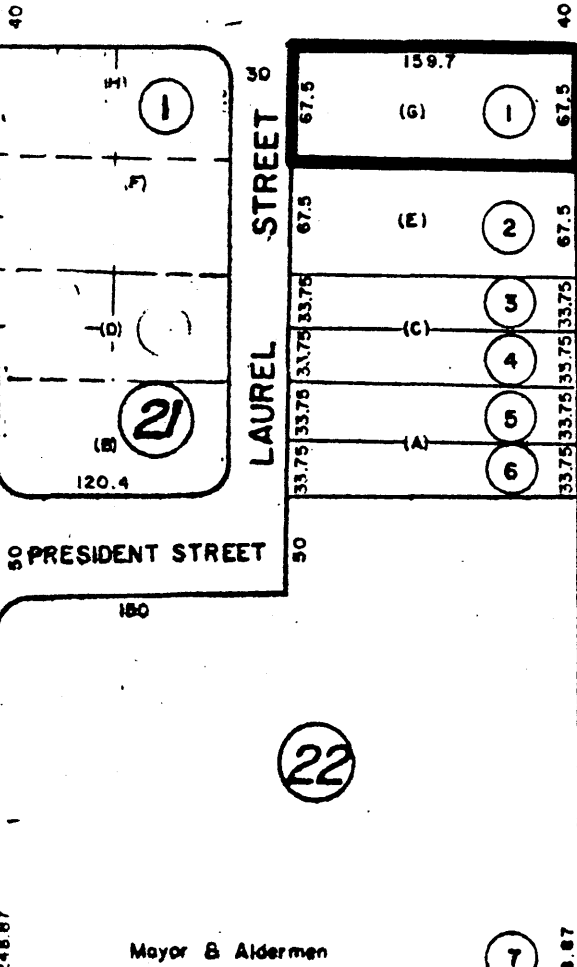
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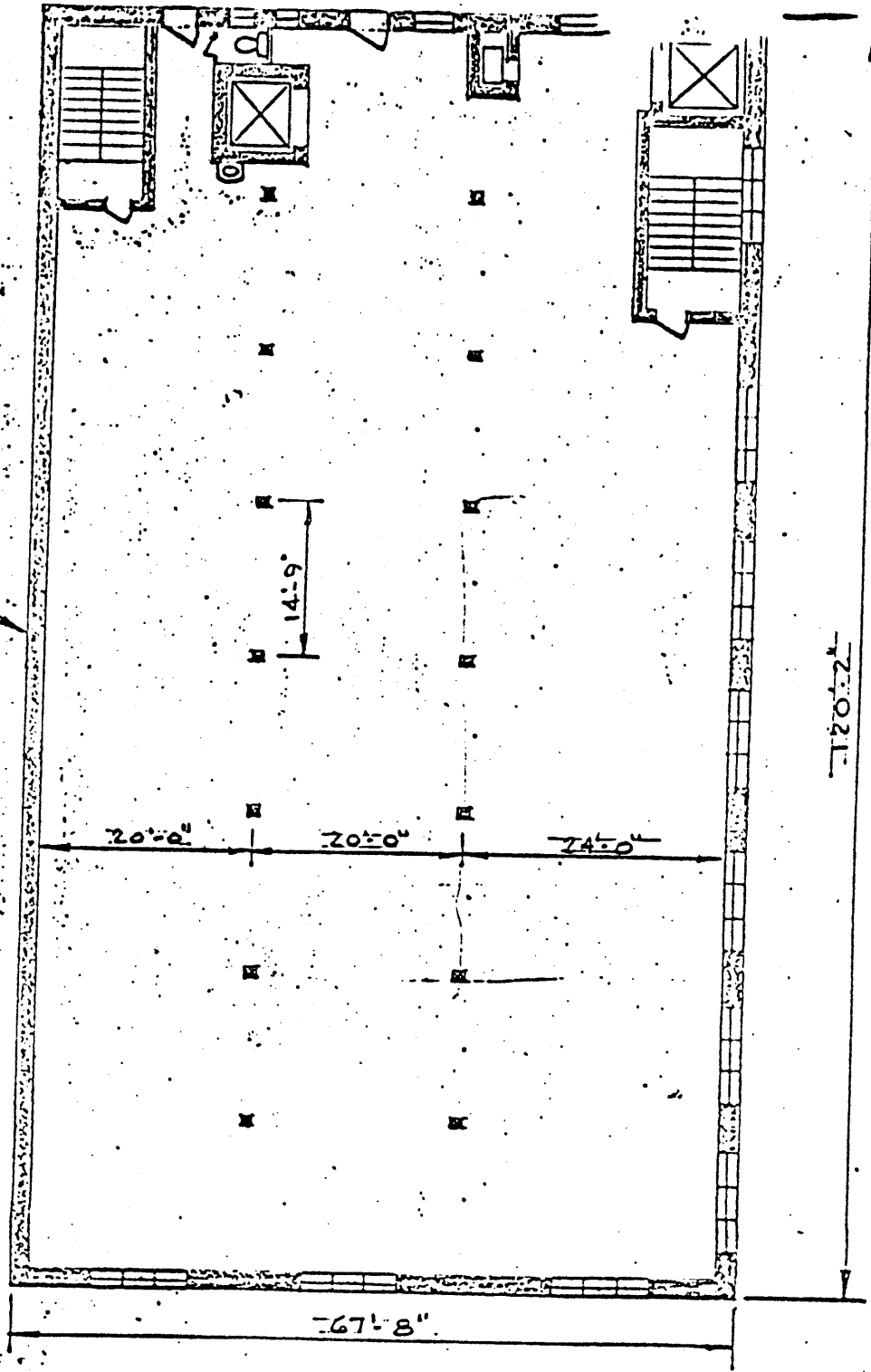
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TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

North: ↗



SECOND FLOOR  
SCALE 1/16" = 1'-0"

NOTE: THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS SIMILAR  
EXCEPT EXTERIOR MASONRY WALLS