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Name: East Main Street Residential HIstoric District.

Location:

In Lumpkin, Stewart County, Georgia; both sides of East Main Street taking in the four houses at the intersection of East Main Street and Elm Street.

Acreage: 3 acres (approximate)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary of the East Main Residential Historic District is outlined in black on the accompanying map of the Lumpkin Multiple Resource Area. This boundary encompasses a small but significant cluster of four houses at the intersection of Elm and East Main Streets, with the Lumpkin Commercial Historic District to the direct west, and non-historic dwelling on the remaining three sides. It is the only surviving intact portion of a once-larger historic residential neighborhood along East Main Street.

UTM References:

- A 16 E708440 N3547960
- B 16 E708440 N3547810
- C 16 E708330 N3547810
- D 16 E708340 N3547960

Description:

The East Main Street Residential Historic District includes one Plantation Plain house and four Victorian houses around the intersection of East Main and Elm Streets. Three of these houses, two gable roofed Victorian cottages and a gable roofed plantation plain house, are of moderate size and sit toward the front of their rectangular lots. On the fourth corner is a Queen Anne two-story house sitting toward the middle of a square lot. This house has a series of bay windows, rotundas, and gable peaks with a rambling one-story porch. This collection of houses forms a cohesive group of buildings. Other historic properties out East Main Street are cut off from being a part of this group due to numerous non-historic homes; several of them are being nominated as individual properties.

These properties have minimal shrubbery landscaping around the foundations and trees scattered around their lawns. The overall appearance of the district is that of a small downtown residential district.

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Significance:

Architecture. The East Main Street Residential Historic District is significant in architecture as a cohesive grouping of dwellings representing three types of architecture in Lumpkin; a Plantation Plain cottage, two Victorian cottages, and a Queen Anne house. These homes not only provide insights into building techniques and styles in the difference eras, but serve as fine examples of the styles in the town. They also suggest the awareness of popular styles found in larger towns, such as the Queen Anne style, and Victorian cottage dwellings.

Community Planning and Development. The East Main Residential Historic District is significant to community planning because it is the only residential neighborhood to the east of town. Adjacent to the commercial district on Main Street, there is a fine line between the end of the commercial Historic district and beginning of the East Main Historic District. Owners of these houses were involved with the commercial business of the town and wanted to be close at hand to their businesses. This small district is located at a key intersection in the city's original gridiron street plan.

Local History. The East Main Street Residential Historic District is significant to the local history of Lumpkin as it shows typical types of housing found along a main road, the road to Americus, in this case primarily middle income housing, these homes being representative of homes built close to town so merchants could be close to their businesses. The Queen Anne home, originally owned by Mr. Herring, the local railroad magnate, suggests the importance and financial success of the railroad in Lumpkin's history.

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