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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1. Name of Property

historic name Holt Brothers Banking Company Building
other names/site number First National Bank

2. Location

street & number 100-106 Malone Street
city, town Sandersville (n/a) vicinity of
county Washington **code** GA 303
state Georgia **code** GA **zip code** 31082

(n/a) not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	0	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Buildings Designed by Charles Edward Choate, Constructed in Washington County, Georgia, between 1896 and 1919

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Elizabeth A. Lyon

Signature of certifying official

6/9/94

Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon
State Historic Preservation Officer,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall *7-28-94*

Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

() determined eligible for the National Register

() determined not eligible for the National Register

() removed from the National Register

() other, explain:

() see continuation sheet

**Entered in the
National Register.**

for

Signature, Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Commerce: Financial Institution
Commerce: Business

Current Functions:

Commerce: specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late Victorian: Renaissance
Late Victorian: Italianate

Materials:

foundation	brick, stone
walls	brick
roof	unknown
other	marble (facade)

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Holt Brothers Banking Company Building is a two-story, three-bay, brick commercial building with a rusticated first story, marble ornamentation, and flat roof. The structure is situated on the square in downtown Sandersville and encompasses its entire corner lot.

On the first story, the structure has an arched doorway in the center of the front facade surrounded by rusticated stone. Above the doorway, there is an entablature and a marble plaque which reads "1898." In the marble rustication surrounding the front door, there is a pressed plaque close to the ground which reads, "Chas. E. Choate, Architect and Builder," and there are some emblems next to the front door surrounds. There is a colored glass fanlight above the central doorway. The two storefronts, including glass panels, kick plates, and clerestories, have remained intact. There are now two metal awnings above each storefront.

On the second story, above the east and west shops there are three windows with a central window above the doorway and plaque. Above the central window on the second story is a rounded arch of brick. Along the roof line is an entablature with an architrave of brick and marble brackets supporting the cornice. The parapet is brick with marble detailing.

A similar three-part division occurs on the east side of the building, visible because of the corner lot on which the building stands. There is a parapet similar to that on the front facade with 1/1 windows, each window having the same segmented arch above set in a protruding brick "frame." Above each segmented arch, there is a string course

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and small entablature. There is a door on the side of the building surrounded by rusticated stone as on the front facade. A marble string course runs along the bottom of the building on the east side.

The rear of the building is fairly intact with a decorative metal basement vent displaying "Atlanta Stove Works, Atlanta, Georgia." Metal bars cover the windows in the rear which point to the building's original use as a bank. The window openings are boarded but have brick segmental arches above and are flush to the surface unlike those on the side of the building. A curve runs from the side (east) roof line down the end of the structure--a Choate signature on his commercial buildings.

On the interior, there is a pressed metal ceiling and cornice line with square coffers. Two glass clerestory panels in the store front contain tracery and a third one is missing. There is a vault along the interior east wall of the building that has the same details surrounding it as in the W & T Railroad Building with two carved Ionic pilasters. The vault itself has the following printed on the door: "The First National Bank. The American Bank Protection Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota." It also features its original decorative paint scheme. There is wood wainscoting inside one of the shops which is chair rail height. On the second floor the building contains former offices with plastered walls, beaded wainscoting, wood floors, and several simple mantels. A hallway runs down the center of the space with offices on either side.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Period of Significance:

1898 (date of construction)

Significant Dates:

1898

Significant Person(s):

n.a.

Cultural Affiliation:

n.a.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Charles E. Choate, architect

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Holt Bank Building is significant in architecture because it is one of the most elaborate Choate-designed examples of commercial architecture in Washington County, and indeed one of the most elaborate commercial buildings in Sandersville and Tennille. It is one of two such property types within this multiple property nomination. It is also one of the earliest examples of Choate's work in the area.

Overall, the building is a good example of the late 19th-century "storefront" commercial building, found in virtually all Georgia communities as well as in Sandersville and Tennille. Its subdivision vertically into bays corresponding to storefronts and entrances and horizontally into storefronts and entrances on the ground floor and offices above is typical for this type of building. Its corner location makes it a landmark commercial building in downtown Sandersville with two significant facades. Architectural elements significant on the exterior include an unusual rusticated store front, round-arched front door, and marble voussoirs surrounding the opening. The detailed brick corbeling along the roof line is a strong element on the exterior and is significant in its detail and proportion. The characteristic Choate-designed "harp" motif or curved roofline is carried out on the rear. Significant interior details are traditionally late 19th century commercial in appearance. These details include a pressed-metal coffered ceiling, cornices, and display areas and transoms. The more classical inspired details typical of Choate are located in the upstairs space historically used as office space. These include turned balustrades and newel posts, beaded woodworking, and simple mantels with Doric columns.

National Register Criteria

This property meets National Register Criterion C for its architectural significance as a significant work of commercial architecture designed by Charles Choate very early in his local career.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n.a.

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Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

1898--date of construction

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if applicable)

The contributing resource is the building.

Developmental history/historic context (if applicable)

In November 1897, the Holt Brothers, a firm composed of Lewis and Lake B. Holt, purchased a lot located on old Watkins corner in Sandersville. The purchase was made at an auction in front of the Washington County Courthouse. In June 1898, the Sandersville Progress stated that the Holt Brothers Building of Sandersville was constructed at the corner of North Harris Street and fronted Malone Street with the rear of the building along Jernigan Street. It was a two-story brick building with ashlar marble according to the newspaper. The newspaper described the central door entrance featuring a stained glass fanlight and to the right the name "Chas. E. Choate - Architect and Builder" carved in marble.

The Holt brothers were bankers, farmers and businessmen, and they opened the First National Bank in their new building in 1901. Lake B. Holt was the president while S. M. Hitchcock was the cashier.

In June 1914, the Holt brothers sold their building to the First National Bank. By April 1930, Gordon S. Chapman, publisher of the Sandersville Progress and mayor of Sandersville, became the owner of the building and property.

Upon Chapman's death, his daughters Mary Jean Paris and Louise Chapman Orr acquired the building and in December 1976, Louise Chapman was the sole owner of the property. At this time, the building was converted to stores and office rental. Today, Our Shoppe and the Little Shoppe, both clothing stores, occupy the building on the first floor while the second floor remains vacant.

9. Major Bibliographic References

See the bibliography in the multiple property documentation form.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (x) N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

n.a.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.1 acre

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 330770 Northing 3650750

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is the current legal description of the property as represented by Lot 77 of Tax Map S-11. It is indicated by a heavy black line drawn to scale on the attached tax map.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is the property which historically and currently is associated with the building.

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Photographs

Name of Property: Holt Brothers Banking Company Building
City or Vicinity: Sandersville
County: Washington
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: September 1992

Description of Photograph(s):

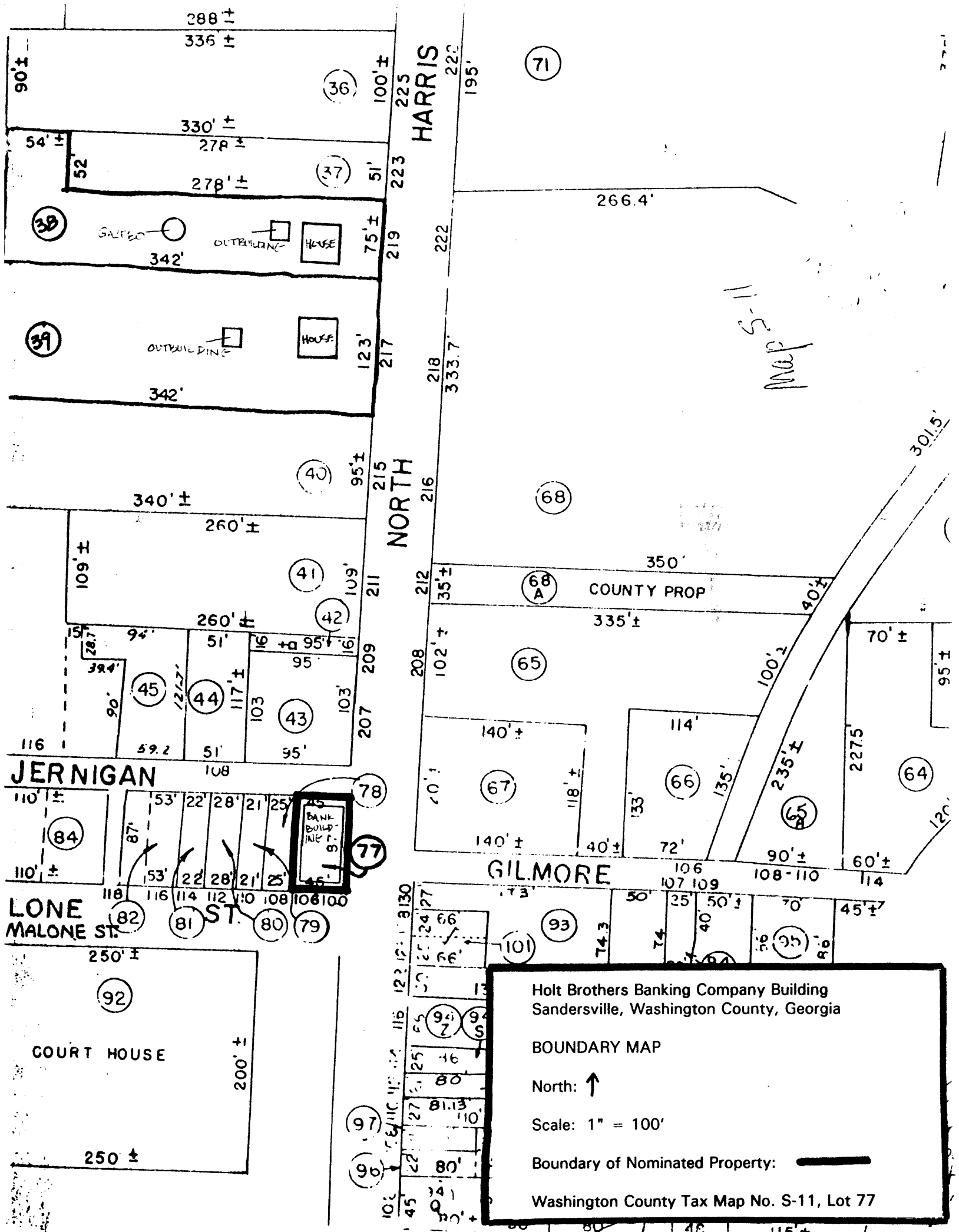
1 of 5. Front (Malone St.) and east side (N. Harris St.);
photographer facing northwest.

2 of 5. East side (N. Harris St.) and rear; photographer facing
southwest.

3 of 5. Interior, east store, showing vault, ceiling, and interior of
storefront; photographer facing southeast.

4 of 5. Central stairway and hall, second floor; photographer facing
south.

5 of 5. Second floor, southeast (front) corner room; photographer
facing south.



Holt Brothers Banking Company Building
 Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia

 BOUNDARY MAP

 North: ↑

 Scale: 1" = 100'

 Boundary of Nominated Property: **—————**

 Washington County Tax Map No. S-11, Lot 77

Holt Brothers Banking Company Building
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FLOOR PLAN

North: ↑

Scale: not to scale

