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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.

1. Name of Property

historic name United States Post Office--Statesboro
other names/site number Statesboro Post Office, Statesboro City Hall

2. Location

street & number 27 South Main Street (U. S. Highway 301)
city, town Statesboro (n/a) vicinity of
county Bulloch code GA 031
state Georgia code GA zip code 30458

(n/a) not for publication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	1	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Downtown Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia

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

7/19/89
Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Deputy 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
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, explain:
- see continuation sheet

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National Register 9/6/89

for
Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

GOVERNMENT/post office

Current Functions:

GOVERNMENT/city hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival

Materials:

foundation	brick
walls	brick
roof	metal
other	marble (entrance steps)

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The former United States Post Office is located at the intersection of South Main (U.S. Highway 301) and Vine Streets in downtown Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia. The building is south of the county courthouse and the central business district and west of the East Vine Street Warehouse and Depot District (which is also being nominated as part of the Statesboro multiple property listing).

The painted brick structure was constructed in 1917-1918 and exhibits the influence of the Colonial Revival style of architecture. The rectangular building features a symmetrical facade, a balustrade along the parapet, and a central portico with a pediment and a fanlight above the front doors. Other decorative details to the main entrance include festoons, Doric columns, and pilasters. Each facade features a central Palladian window and six-over-six double-hung windows with keystones and shutters.

The current floor plan includes a large central lobby surrounded by offices and meeting rooms of various sizes. Exterior steps on the south facade lead to the basement which is divided into four offices. Other interior features include plaster walls, crown molding, and marble baseboards in the lobby.

Landscaping around the former post office building includes a large oak tree on the northwest corner of the lot and low shrubs on both the north and west sides of the building. The remainder of the lot is occupied by driveways and parking lot.

Alterations to the structure have occurred since the city purchased the building in 1964 for use as a municipal office building; these include painting the exterior brick walls, adding shutters to the windows, and constructing a wheel chair ramp and a drive-through

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window. Alterations to the interior were extensive to allow for the change from post office to city hall. All but three of the interior partitions are modern additions. Although the building has been altered for use as the Statesboro City Hall, it has retained integrity of overall design (especially on the exterior), workmanship, materials, location, and feeling and stands as a rare example of Colonial Revival architecture in Statesboro.

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):

communications
architecture

Period of Significance:

1917-1938

Significant Dates:

1917-1918

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

U. S. Treasury Department

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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 U. S. Post Office (former), located on South Main street in Statesboro, is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C as a part of the Statesboro multiple property listing. Nomination of this building is supported by significance in the areas of communications and architecture.

This building is important for its contribution to communications for the city of Statesboro. At the end of the Civil War American communities generally remained islands unto themselves, but thereafter the impact of railroads, telegraphs, and other new communications technologies helped bind the nation together, end local isolation, and standardize taste and behavior. Postal service was a significant mode of communication for small towns prior to the ubiquity of the telephone and the mass-communication provided by movies, radio, and finally television. The U. S. Postal Service was an important means of bringing information and new ideas to Statesboro and of linking the growing city with the outside world. This building, built near the end of Statesboro's period of pronounced growth and development, reflects the intensity of that growth and development and the pressures for enhanced postal service which it would have engendered. It is Statesboro's only extant historic postal building, representing the unseen, almost taken-for-granted role that postal communications played in the early 20th century in the city.

In terms of architecture, the building is significant for its Colonial Revival design. Statesboro's early 20th-century post office was constructed as a result of the 1913 Public Buildings Act. This Act set standards which affected the construction of public buildings through the 1920s. Standards for small town post offices dictated that the new buildings should be "ordinary" and of the same class as real estate in the town. Frequently, the same plans would be used for several structures and rarely were outside architects hired. At the time the post office was constructed, J. A. Wetmore was the Acting Supervising Architect from the Treasury Department with C. E. Parker as Supervision Architect on the site. This building was influenced by the federal government's turn to Classical and Colonial architecture in the 1910s. Symmetrical facades, the central entrance with portico, the pediment, balustrade, doric columns, and pilasters are all evidence of the Colonial Revival style. It is the largest and most prominent Colonial Revival building in Statesboro and marked a clear break with the community's Victorian architectural traditions.

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National Register Criteria

Because of the U.S. Post Office's role in the history of communications in early 20th-century Statesboro, this building meets National Register criteria A. Because of its Colonial Revival design, which was common to public buildings constructed during the 1910s and 1920s although uncommon in Statesboro, the structure meets National Register criteria C.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n/a

Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

1917-1938: construction and continuous use (50-year rule)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Hanson, Sue P. and Robin Brown. "Statesboro Post Office." Historic Property Information Form, April 1986. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

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:

- (x) 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 less than one acre

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 426380 Northing 3590130

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is bounded on the west and north by South Main and East Vine Streets, respectively. The nominated property is drawn to scale with a heavy black line on the attached tax map.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property coincides with the current legal boundaries and encompasses all of the property historically associated with the former United States Post Office in Statesboro.

11. Form Prepared By

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Photographs

Name of Property: United States Post Office--Statesboro
City or Vicinity: Statesboro
County: Bulloch
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: August 1987

NOTE: Photographs taken in August 1987 were field-checked during the spring of 1989. These photographs convey an accurate impression of the photographed buildings and structures in downtown Statesboro.

Description of Photograph(s):

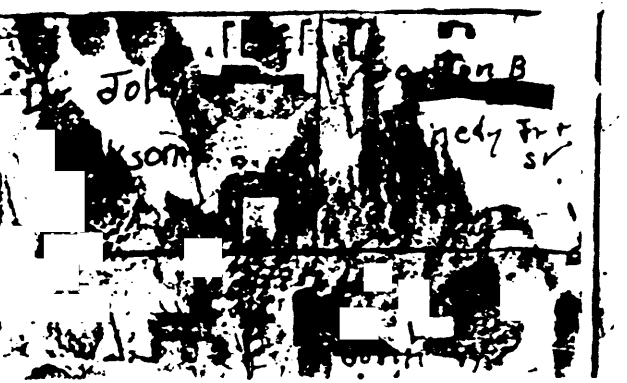
1 of 1. Former post office, now city hall; photographer facing northeast.



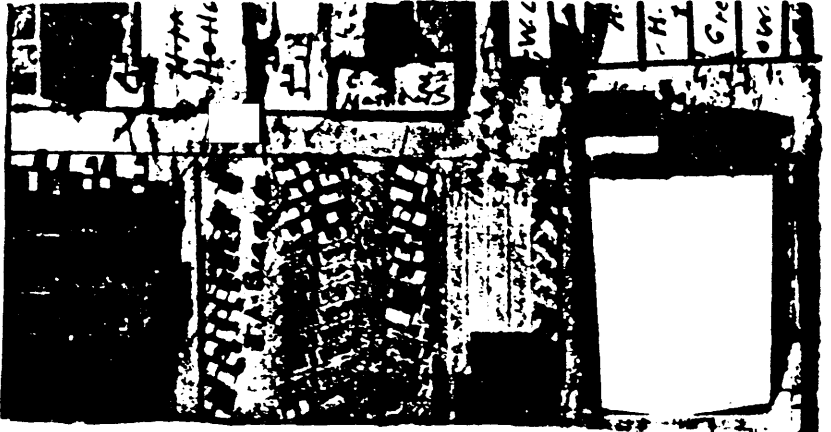
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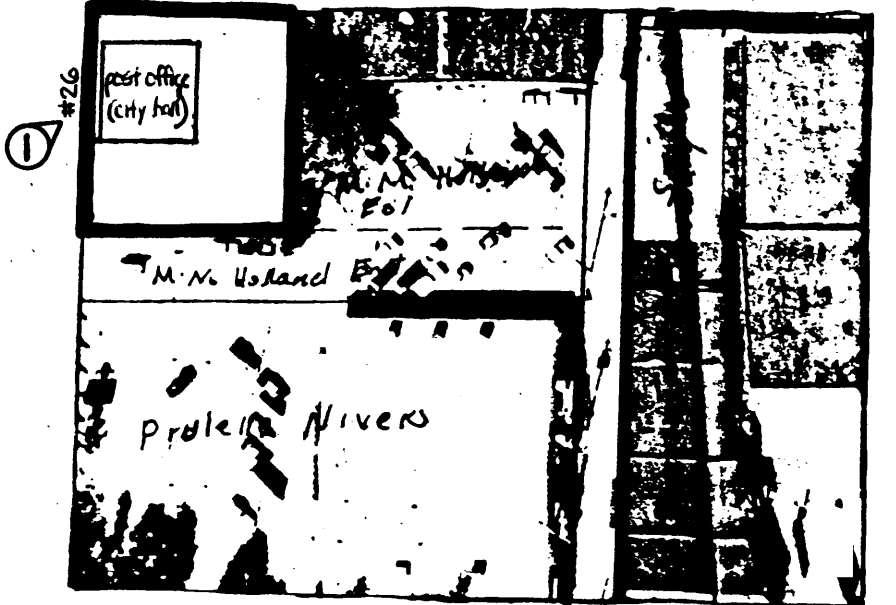
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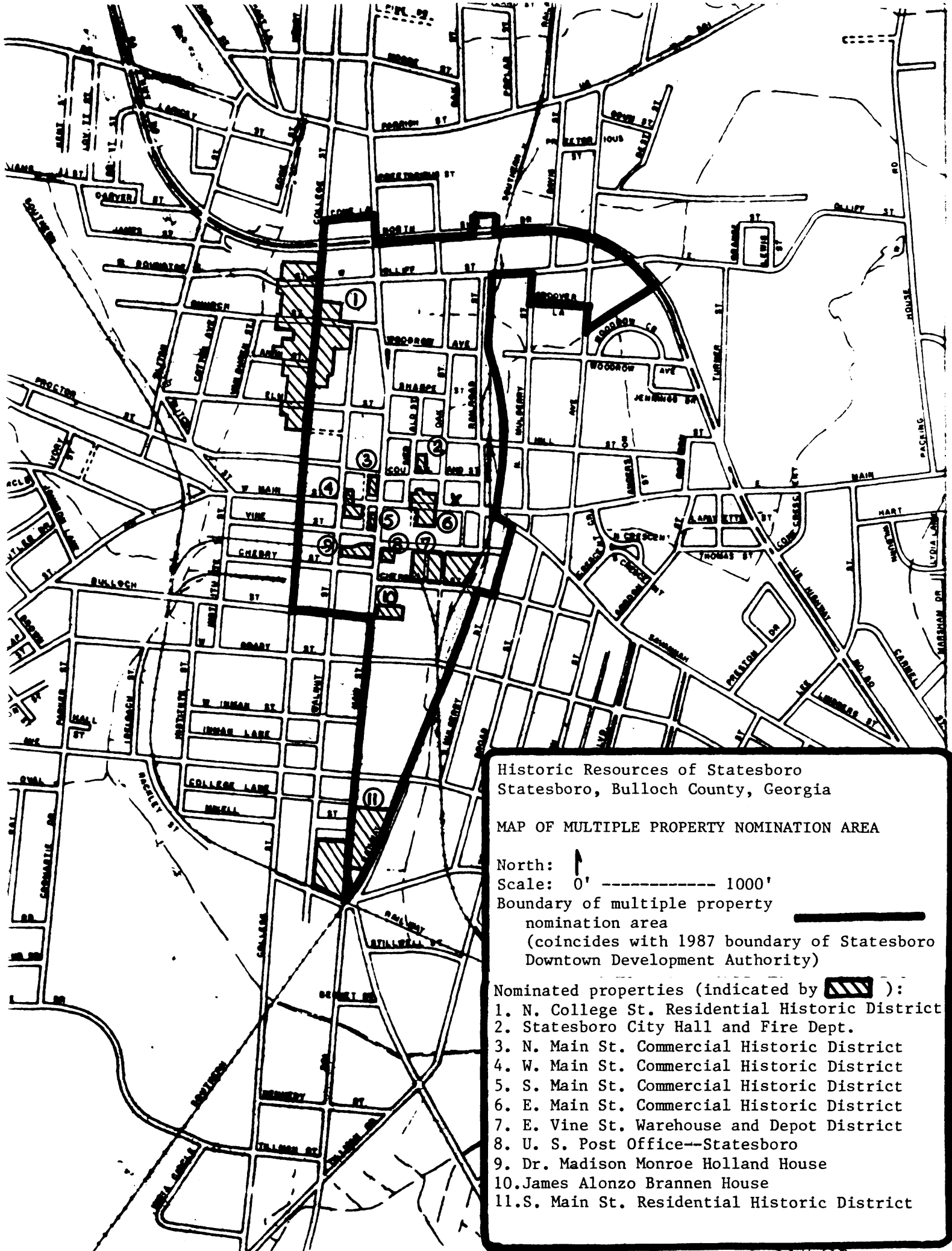
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North: ↑

Scale: 0' ----- 100'

Boundary of nominated property: ██████████


Photograph and direction of view: ○

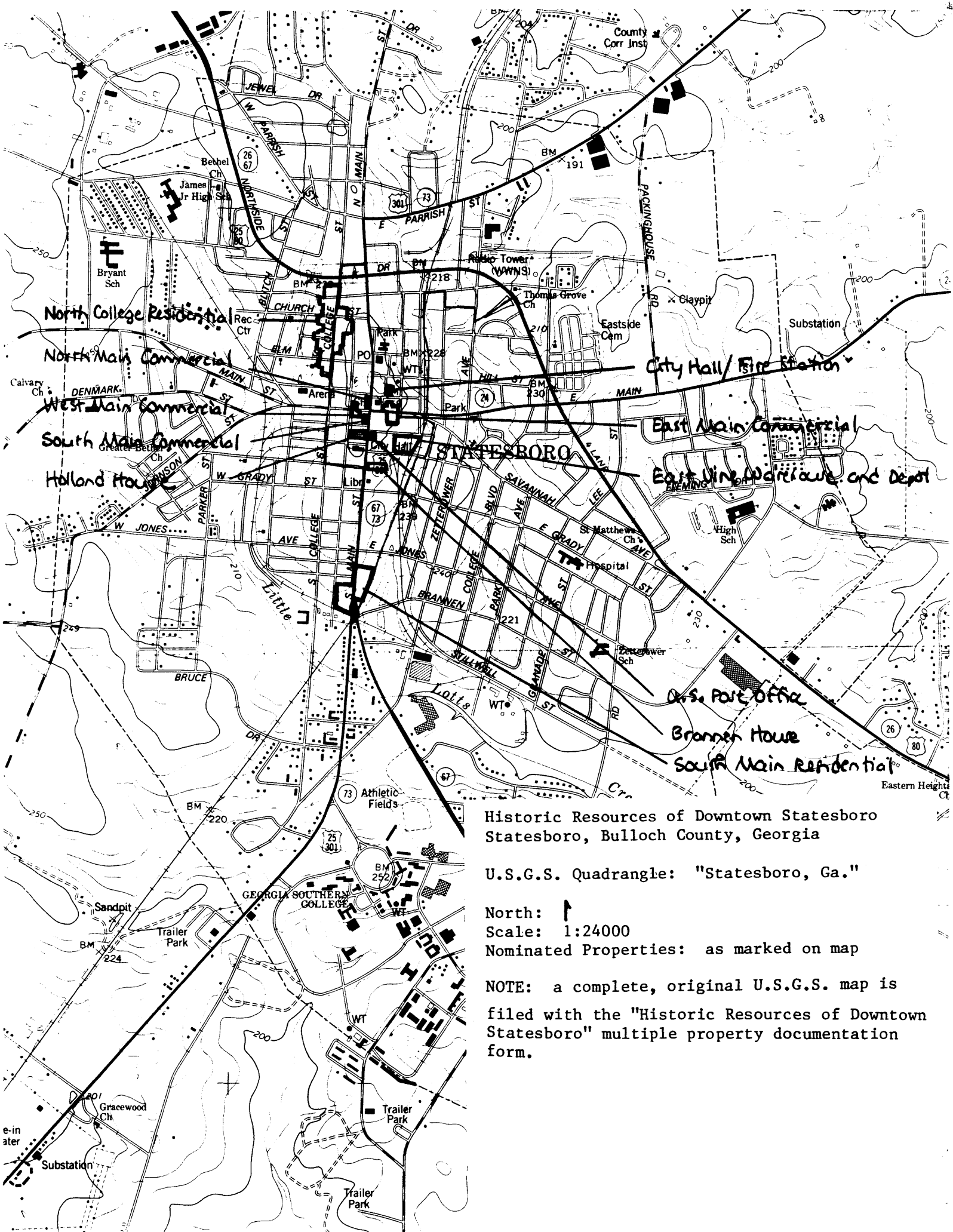


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Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia

MAP OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY NOMINATION AREA

North: ↑
 Scale: 0' ----- 1000'
 Boundary of multiple property nomination area (coincides with 1987 boundary of Statesboro Downtown Development Authority)

- Nominated properties (indicated by ):
1. N. College St. Residential Historic District
 2. Statesboro City Hall and Fire Dept.
 3. N. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 4. W. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 5. S. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 6. E. Main St. Commercial Historic District
 7. E. Vine St. Warehouse and Depot District
 8. U. S. Post Office--Statesboro
 9. Dr. Madison Monroe Holland House
 10. James Alonzo Brannen House
 11. S. Main St. Residential Historic District



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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: "Statesboro, Ga."

North: ↑

Scale: 1:24000

Nominated Properties: as marked on map

NOTE: a complete, original U.S.G.S. map is filed with the "Historic Resources of Downtown Statesboro" multiple property documentation form.

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

for
Keeper *Melony Bynum* 11/17/89

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Bulloch County
Georgia

This property was listed in the National Register on September 6, 1989. The street address of the property on the National Register form is incorrect. The correct street address is:
26 South Main Street

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon
Chief, Historic Preservation Section
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

11/1/89
Date