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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: <u>89001162</u>	Date Listed: <u>9/6/89</u>	
<u>Statesboro City Hall and Fire Station</u>	<u>Bulloch</u>	<u>GA</u>
<u>Property Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Federman
Signature of the Keeper

9/6/89
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria A should be checked rather than Criterion B.

Discussed and concurred in by the Georgia SHPO on September 6, 1989.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Statesboro City Hall and Fire Station
other names/site number Bulloch County Emergency Medical Services

2. Location

street & number Northeast corner of Siebald and Courtland Streets
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(n/a) not for publication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

Amy Federman 9/6/89

Signature, Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

GOVERNMENT/city hall
GOVERNMENT/fire station
GOVERNMENT/correctional facility
GOVERNMENT/courthouse

Current Functions:

GOVERNMENT
other: Emergency Medical Services

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

no conventional style

Materials:

foundation	unknown
walls	brick, concrete
roof	unknown
other	n/a

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Statesboro's historic City Hall and Fire Station is located immediately northeast of the courthouse square. Statesboro is the small-town, county seat of Bulloch County in southeastern Georgia. The town is laid out in a gridiron street pattern around a central courthouse square. The historic city hall building is located at the corner of Siebald and Courtland Streets in the city's central business district, northeast of the Bulloch County Courthouse. Built on the site of the original city stables, this structure once housed both the city government and fire department, along with space for the city jail and courtroom. The single-story brick structure is an early 20th-century commercial design with rectangular floor plan and a flat roof. The building is currently occupied by Bulloch County Emergency Medical Services which provides emergency first aid and ambulance service to the community.

Exterior features of the brick structure include four bays on the main facade with poured concrete arches over the vehicle entrances. The smaller eastern bay is a 1970 addition. Square brick columns with recessed panels and a narrow band of brick corbeling decorate the Siebald and Courtland Street facades. The south, west, and north facades feature numerous doors and six-over-six windows. The six-light transoms over each window and door have been boarded up, but interior photographs indicate that some of them are intact. The windows also feature concrete lintels and window sills. At the northeastern corner of the structure there is a metal-roofed storage shed and the barred windows of the former jail.

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The former city offices, along either side of the main vehicle entrance, have been remodeled for use as office space for the Bulloch County EMS with a lounge and sleeping area for on-duty personnel. Both bays are used for vehicle parking and the former jail cells are used for storage. Interior wall treatments vary through the building. The plaster which covered many of the walls has been completely removed in some of the rooms. In the vehicle and storage areas the walls are painted brick or concrete block. A beaded board ceiling remains intact throughout the building.

Landscape features include two vehicle driveways and two small grass-covered areas on the Courtland Street side. The western facade is flush with the sidewalk and there is an alley and parking to the north and east of the building. No shrubs or trees have been used in the landscape.

Since it was constructed in 1911 as the city stables, this building has been remodeled several times. In 1933, a major addition was made to the structure; the entire structure may have been rebuilt at this time. Remodeling provided space for the city's fire department and other government offices. A Mediterranean-style awning was added to the west facade (before 1966) and the east vehicle bay was added in 1970. In 1986, several of the double-hung windows were replaced by picture windows and some interior plaster was removed to expose the brick walls.

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):

politics/government
architecture

Period of Significance:

1911-1938

Significant Dates:

1911
1933

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Blackburn, L. R.
Howard, Arthur

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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 historic City Hall and Fire Station is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C as a part of the Downtown Statesboro multiple property listing. Nomination of this building is supported by significance in the areas of architecture and politics/government.

Though the county was established in 1796 and Statesboro officially became the county seat in 1803, the local city government did not evolve until the latter part of the 19th century. It was in 1889 that the city's third charter provided for the election of a mayor and city council. It is through this body that the city was first able to provide services to its residents. The City Hall and Fire Station is significant in terms of politics and government because the original building, constructed in 1911, was intended to house offices for all branches of the city government. It was Statesboro's first dedicated municipal building, built in the middle of Statesboro's most pronounced period of historic growth and development. Throughout the historic period the building was remodeled to include the city court, jail, and fire station. The 1933 renovations to the structure were significant and allowed for use by many branches of the city government. The building continued to serve as the Statesboro City Hall until 1964 when city government offices moved to the old post office building on South Main Street. The centrally located building was remodeled again in 1970 and continues to serve the community by housing Bulloch County Emergency Medical Services. Bulloch County EMS provides ambulance service and first aid to the Statesboro area.

In terms of architecture, the building is significant as an example of an early 20th-century municipal building which was enlarged and modified during the 1930s to meet the increased needs of the growing city of Statesboro. L. R. Blackburn, an active local builder, constructed the original building in 1911. The 1933 addition was designed under the direction of by Arthur Howard, a city councilman. Square brick columns and a narrow band of corbeled brick along the parapet are simple decorative details that identify this building as a small-town municipal structure. The poured concrete arch over the main bay shows an Art Moderne influence of the early 1930s. The overall architectural effect is one of simplicity and solidity, befitting the building's "public works" nature. These simple features are characteristic of early 20th-century buildings that were designed by builders, rather than by architects, and they are especially characteristic of small-town municipal buildings in Georgia, where

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strong county governments and landmark county courthouses tend to overshadow city governments and municipal buildings. Even though the former City Hall and Fire Station has been somewhat altered in recent years, it has retained its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and association with the historic development of this south Georgia town.

National Register Criteria

In the early part of the 20th century, Statesboro planned to meet the needs of the growing community. The City Hall and Fire Station was constructed in 1911 to house the local government offices and, when additional services were needed, the building was enlarged to meet those needs. Because of its association with the historic development of downtown Statesboro, this building meets National Register criteria A. Because of its architectural qualities, this building meets National Register criteria C.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n/a

Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

1911-1938: 50-year rule

9. Major Bibliographic References

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

"City Begins the Building of Hall." Bulloch Times, March 30, 1933.

"New City Building Being Considered." Bulloch Times, January 21, 1932.

"New City Office Is Now Occupied." Bulloch Times, May 18, 1933.

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 426470 Northing 3590360

Verbal Boundary Description

The former Statesboro City Hall and Fire Station is bounded on the west and south by Siebald and Courtland Streets respectively. The nominated property is described by a heavy black line drawn to scale on the attached tax maps.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nomination follow the current legal boundaries of the property and include all of the property historically associated with the historic Statesboro City Hall and Fire Station.

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Photographs

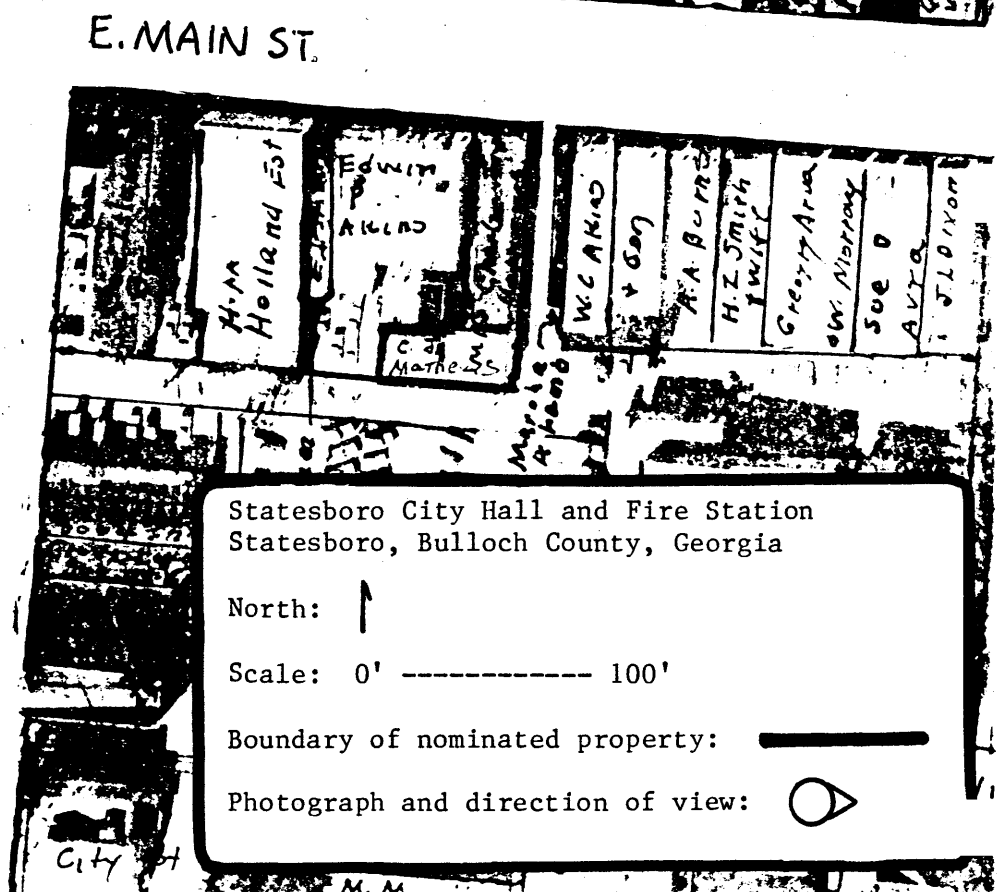
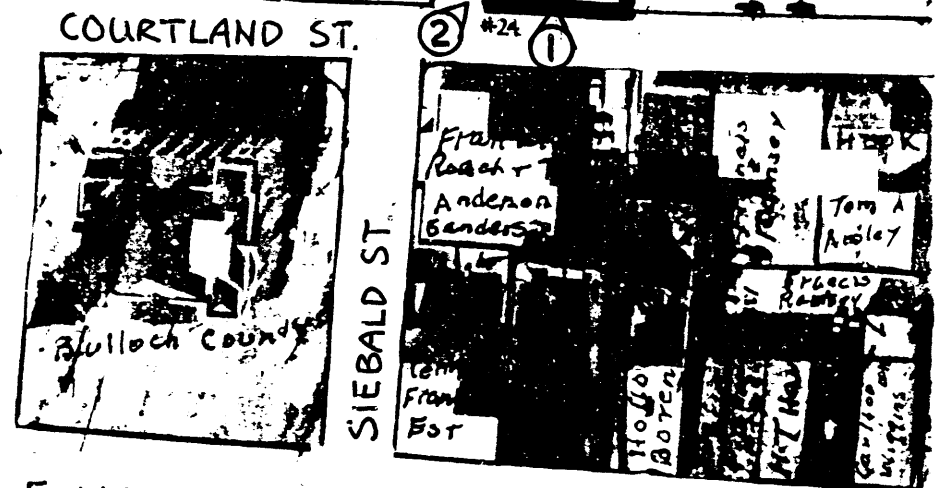
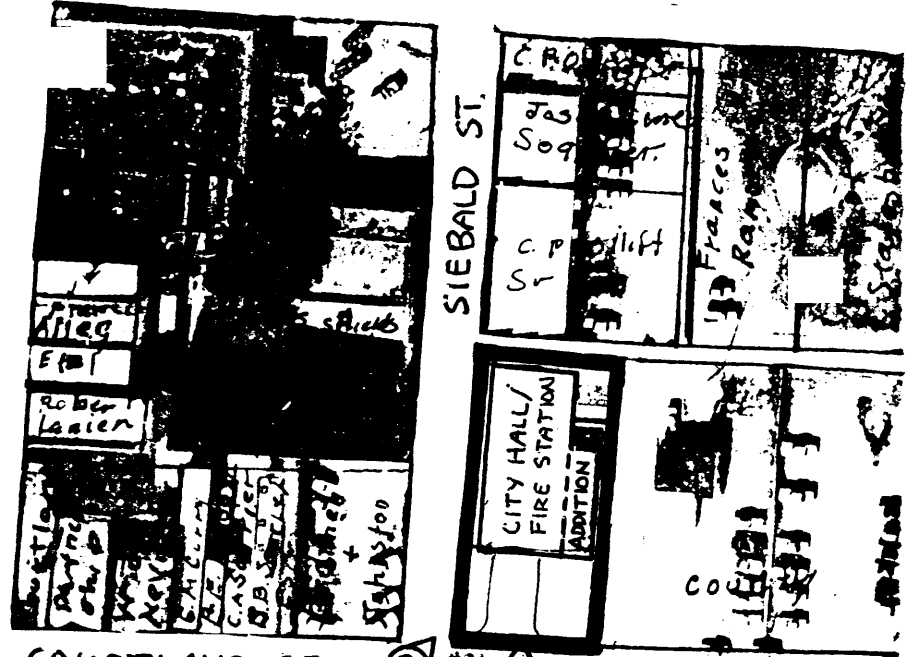
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City or Vicinity: Statesboro
County: Bulloch
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: August 1987

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 2. Front facade; photographer facing north.

2 of 2. Front and side of building; photographer facing northeast.



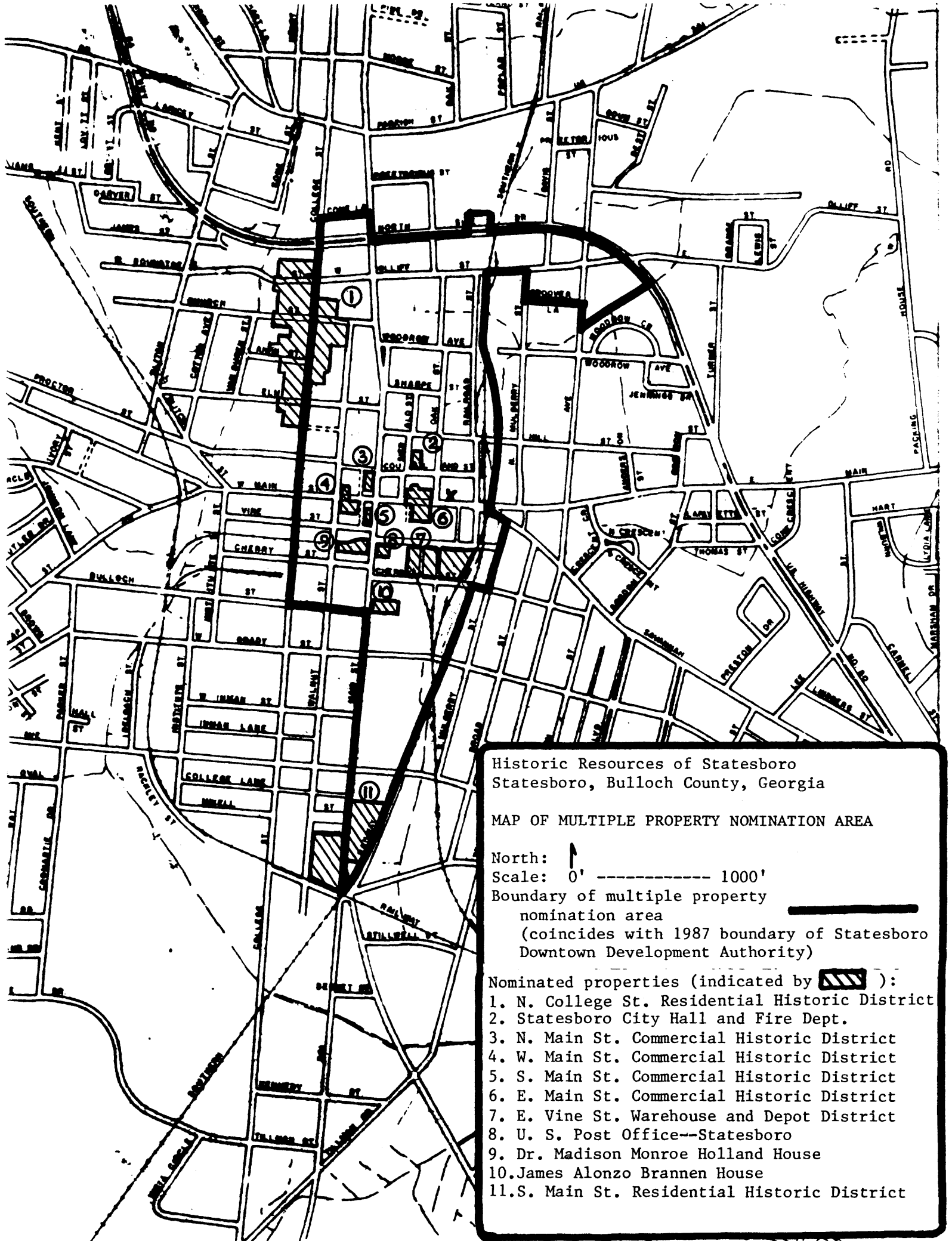
Statesboro City Hall and Fire Station
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North: ↑

Scale: 0' ----- 100'

Boundary of nominated property: ————


Photograph and direction of view: ○

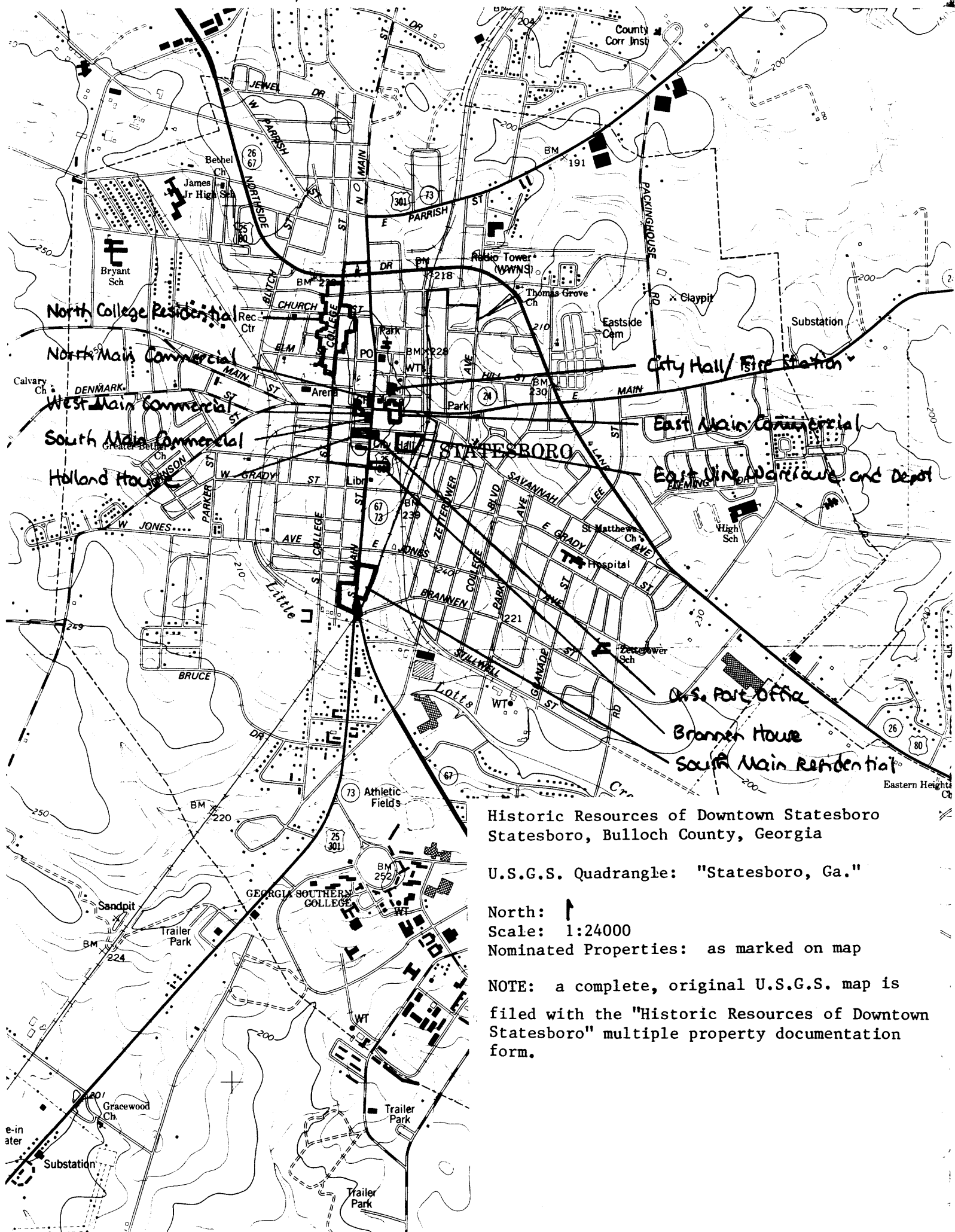


Historic Resources of Statesboro
 Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia

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.