

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: East Wetumpka Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Elmore

DATE RECEIVED: 6/30/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/12/99  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/28/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/14/99  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000884

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7-28-99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM. / CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER EB Seall

DISCIPLINE Historian

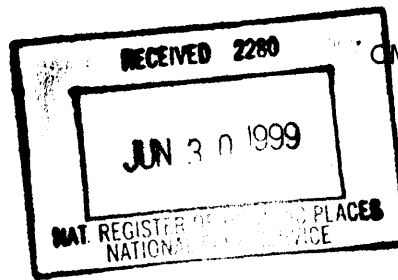
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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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East Wetumpka Commercial Historic District (EXPANSION)  
Elmore County, Alabama

**1. Name of Property**

East Wetumpka Commercial Historic District (EXPANSION)

**2. Location**

206 S. East Main Street, Wetumpka, Elmore County, Alabama 36092

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination        request for determination of eligibility 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 X meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant (       nationally        statewide X locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

6-22-99

Signature of certifying official

Date

Alabama Historical Commission ( State Historic Preservation Office )

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**5. Classification**

The District is being increased by one contributing resource. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 25, out of a total of 35 previous resources, of which 10 were noncontributing. The expanded District inventory will total 36 resources.

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

Other: Depression Modern

**Materials**

Foundation: Concrete

Roof: Other: Tar & Gravel

Walls: Stone: Marble

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Expansion Narrative Description

The East Wetumpka Commercial Historic District is being expanded to incorporate the 1937 United States Post Office building (206 South East Main Street), which was not included in the limits of the original district as entered in the National Register on February 20, 1992.

8<sup>1</sup>. 206 South East Main Street, United States Post Office, free standing on the corner of Main Street and Commerce Street in downtown Wetumpka, was completed in the year 1937 by the federal government: Treasury Department Procurement Division, Public Buildings Branch. The building was designed by the Supervising Architect for Treasury and the contract for construction was awarded to Upchurch Construction Company of Montgomery, Alabama on December 6, 1936, for the sum of \$ 55,286. The building was purchased (surplus) by the City of Wetumpka, in late 1988, after the Postal Service vacated to occupy new quarters.

The one story building covers a full basement constructed of poured in place reinforced concrete. The basement is largely unfinished, with the exception of a "swing room" and employees toilet. The swing room and toilet as well as the boiler room in the basement enjoy some measure of natural light through large windows opening into sub-grade areaways. The areaways are made of concrete, with protective decorative railings at the top of the walls. The original building heating system boiler has since been replaced with a modern heating and air conditioning system. The exterior walls are constructed of brick masonry and veneered with marble facing except the rear loading dock, where the brick is exposed and painted. The front facade has five bays, the center three containing recessed areas which house the central entrance and flanking windows. The recessed walls are fluted marble veneer. Original steps with marble veneer abutments topped with metal railings lead up to the entrance.

The front facade entrance consists of double hung wood doors (½ glazed) with small glazed wood transom above, and a large, ornate rectangular fixed glass wood transom which matches the transoms over the similar flanking fixed windows. The typical operating window sash are wood double hung, six over nine lights, with very wide center lights and very narrow side lights. The fixed glass & wood transom over each window echoes the glass pattern: wide in the center and narrow on the sides. The flat roof system consists of main steel framing members overlaid with 2" tongue and groove roof sheathing, which deck slopes slightly to the north end, where two catch basins collect the roof water. A parapet surrounds the entire roof and contains two original roof scuppers, which were later obscured, but which will be reopened for use forthwith. The interior perimeter walls are plaster over 2" terra cotta hollow tile. Other walls are frame and plaster. The original ceilings of plaster remain in the foyer, while in the other areas acoustical tile suspended ceilings have been added. The foyer and entrance vestibule remain intact (including minor alterations circa 1963), complete with postal boxes and service window grilles.

8. Expansion Statement of Significance

The East Wetumpka Commercial Historic District is being expanded to incorporate one resource,<sup>2</sup> 206 South East Main Street, contiguous to the existing boundaries that was excluded from the original nomination. This expansion is the result of the City of Wetumpka purchasing the building, and in appreciation of the great public benefit of registry, has asked to have the resource listed. The building fully maintains its original integrity, which the City intends to preserve. That preservation includes plans to commence restoration of the exterior wood sash windows which suffer from poor maintenance, and removal and relocation of certain non-conforming metal louvers which have compromised two of the window transoms. The building contributes to the district as a historic post office building used from 1937 to 1988. The City of Wetumpks envisions appropriate adaptive re-use to evolve from a current professional study by SITE. Inc. of Wetumpka.

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<sup>1</sup>. Number corresponds to inventory numbers assigned during Wetumpka Survey Phase I 1988-1990

<sup>2</sup>. Designated Inventory No. 8 during Wetumpka Survey Phase I 1988-1990

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**Period of Significance Increase: c. 1820 to 1949**

The original period of significance, c. 1820 - c. 1931, was increased to end at 1949 to reflect the continued commercial significance within the fifty year rule. The ending c. 1931 date was reflective of the fifty year mark in 1981 when the original nomination was completed. This increase also encompasses 206 South East Main Street which dates from 1937.

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property**

Less than one acre.

**UTM**

16-574560-3599990

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary expansion property is located at 206 S. East Main Street, Wetumpka, Elmore County, Alabama, and is designated as parcel 74 on Elmore County Ownership Map No. 29-17-04-18-3-301, a part of Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 19 East.

**Boundary Justification**

The expansion boundaries were drawn to include the Wetumpka Old United States Post Office Building, which is now owned by the City. It is contiguous to and continuous with the existing district boundaries.

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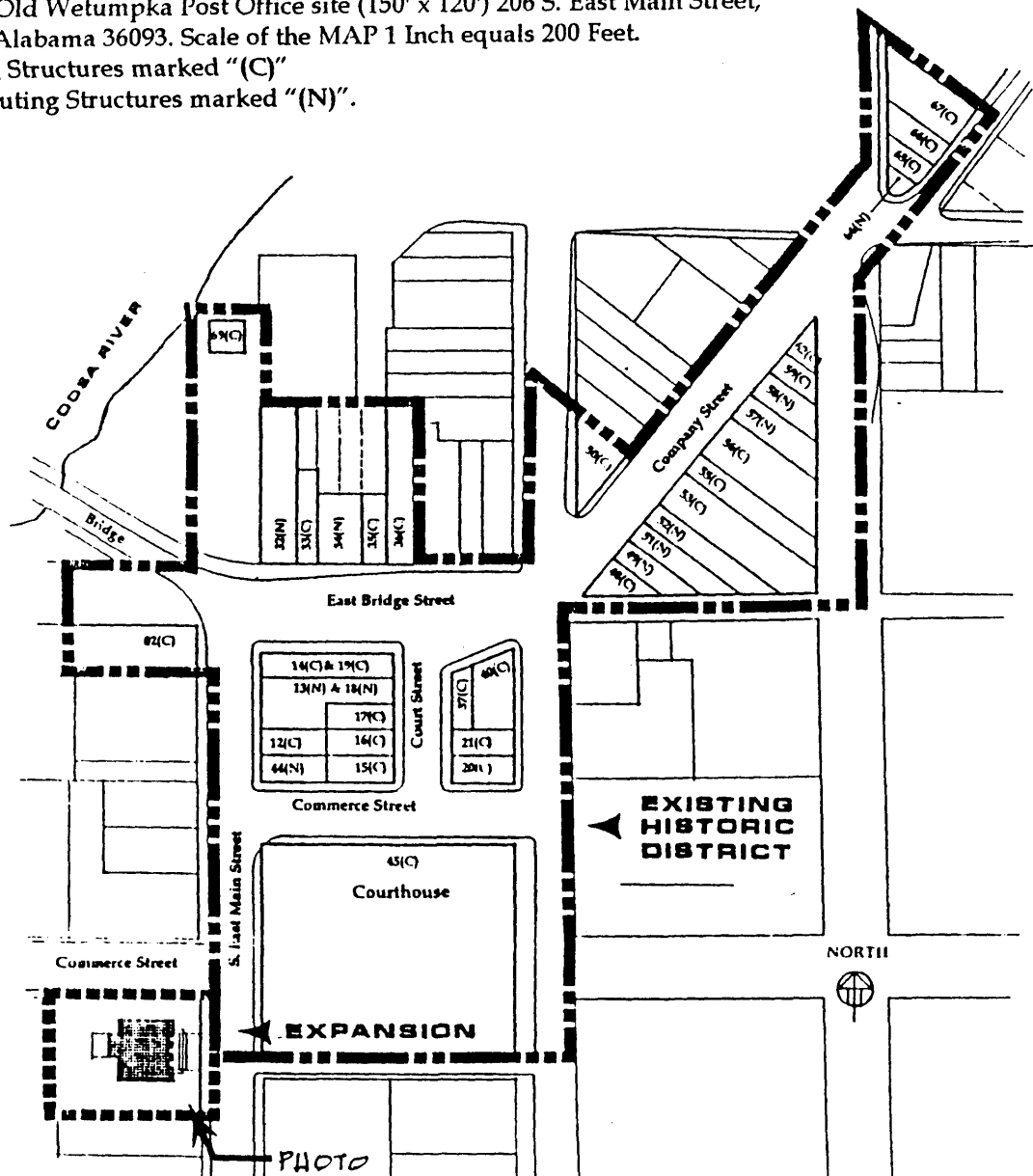
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Name of property: East Wetumpka Commercial Historic District (EXPANSION)  
County and state: Elmore County, Alabama

MAP OF THE EXPANDED EAST WETUMPKA COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Showing the Old Wetumpka Post Office site (150' x 120') 206 S. East Main Street, Wetumpka, Alabama 36093. Scale of the MAP 1 Inch equals 200 Feet.  
Contributing Structures marked "(C)"  
Non Contributing Structures marked "(N)".



Inventory EXPANDED to 36 Resources by adding No. 8<sup>3</sup> (Contributing)

SITE, Inc.