

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Broad Street Historic District

and/or common

2. Location

*Roughly bounded by Mcendon Circle, Gordon St, Vernon Rd,
and Wavelly way*

street & number See Continuation Sheet.

N/A not for publication

city, town LaGrange

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Troup

code 285

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple owners

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Troup County Courthouse

city, town LaGrange

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:

title Troup County, Georgia [See Continuation Sheet.]

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977

federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Broad Street Historic District represents the intact portion of a historic in-town neighborhood made up of nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century houses. The district is irregular in form and lies on gently sloping ground between a low rise of land occupied by the central business district to the east and a steep hill occupied by LaGrange College to the west. Broad Street, the principal street in the district, runs in an east-west direction through the middle of the district, and skirts the north side of LaGrange College at the west end of the district; Ben Hill Street extends two blocks to the north near the middle of the district; and Vernon Road parallels Broad Street to the south. Lots in the district are generally rectangular in shape and vary in size from a fraction of an acre to more than an acre; a majority of the lots in the district front on Broad Street. Buildings in the district are almost exclusively single-family residences. These houses are situated relatively close together near the front-centers of their lots and generally share common setbacks from the street. They range in period from the early-nineteenth century through the early-twentieth century, in style from Greek Revival through Victorian Eclectic, Queen Anne, and Neoclassical to Craftsman/Bungalow, and in size from one-story cottages to two-story dwellings. Most of these houses are wood framed, weatherboarded, and detailed with appropriate wood trim; most also feature front porches. A few are constructed of brick. The front yards of these houses are informally landscaped with trees, shrubbery, lawn, and a few stone, brick, or concrete retaining walls. The streets in the district are bordered by curbs, street trees, and sidewalks, some of which are laid with hexagonal concrete paving blocks. Few non-contributing structures mar the cohesive historic residential character of the district.

Boundary

The district boundary circumscribes a residential area in the city of LaGrange that developed along either side of Broad Street between the central business district and LaGrange College. This area represents the intact portion of a once-larger historic residential neighborhood. To the east is the central business district; to the north and south is non-historic residential development or historic residential development with a distinctly different character and appearance; and to the west is LaGrange College and non-historic residential development.

Photographs

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in March, 1981, still provide an accurate view of the district. No significant changes have been made since this date.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates early 19th Century-
early 20th Century

Builder/Architect Multiple

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Broad Street Historic District is historically significant in terms of community planning and development, architecture, landscape architecture, and local history. In terms of community planning and development, the district is a good example of a residential neighborhood that developed incrementally along a principal historic city street during the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Architecturally, the district is significant for its excellent examples of domestic architecture from the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. In terms of landscape architecture, the Broad Street Historic District is significant for its late-nineteenth-century naturalistic landscaping, typical of American landscaping practices nationwide during this period. In terms of local history, the district is significant as the home of some of LaGrange's historically prominent citizens and middle-class residents. These areas of significance support district eligibility under National Register criteria A, B and C.

Community Planning and Development

In 1828, three years after Troup County was established, LaGrange was laid out on Land Lot 109 as the county seat. It experienced slow but steady growth throughout most of the nineteenth century as it developed into a cotton and commercial center for the surrounding area. From 1880 to 1910, a period of rapid growth and industrialization was triggered by the establishment in the town of four major textile mills. The prosperity of these mills contributed to continued growth throughout the early-twentieth century and up through today.

The Broad Street Historic District is the intact portion of the in-town residential area that originated with the founding of LaGrange and then developed incrementally throughout the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. It is centered along Broad Street, one of LaGrange's principal historic city streets which was laid out in 1828 as part of the original gridiron town plan. Large houses on very large lots were built along the street in the ante-bellum years by some of the town's most prominent citizens. These large landholdings were gradually subdivided in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries in response to the need for new upper-middle-class housing generated by the extensive turn-of-the-century mill development. This pattern of incremental development is characteristic of many residential areas in Georgia's cities and towns and contrasts sharply with more deliberately planned and developed areas.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Golsen-Williams, Maurie. "Draft National Register Nomination: Broad Street Historic District," September, 1980. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta. (This National Register nomination is based largely on the information contained in this document.)
 [See Continuation Sheet.]

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 25 acres

Quadrangle name LaGrange, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A	1,6	6,8,3,2,6,0	3,6,5,7,1,7,0	B	1,6	6,8,2,9,6,0	3,6,5,6,9,2,0
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	1,6	6,8,2,8,1,0	3,6,5,7,1,8,0	D	1,6	6,8,2,6,2,0	3,6,5,7,2,2,0
E	1,6	6,8,2,6,4,0	3,6,5,7,3,5,0	F	1,6	6,8,2,9,4,0	3,6,5,7,3,6,0
G	1,6	6,8,3,0,6,0	3,6,5,7,5,9,0	H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary, outlined with a heavy black line on the attached map, is explained and justified in Section 7.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher
Historic Preservation Section
 organization Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources date December 5, 1983
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 city or town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Elizabeth A. Lyon
 Elizabeth A. Lyon, Ph.D. date 12/9/83
 title State Historic Preservation Officer

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

John Allouez Byers date 1/12/84
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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Architecture

The Broad Street Historic District provides good examples of houses designed in a wide range of nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century residential architectural styles, including the antebellum Greek Revival style, postbellum eclectic Victorian styles, turn-of-the-century Neoclassical and Georgian Revival styles, and early-twentieth-century Tudor Revival and Craftsman/Bungalow styles. Included in the district is ca. 1855 Bellevue, an outstanding example of a high-style Greek Revival mansion which is individually listed in the National Register and a National Historic Landmark. Also of particular note in the district are some of LaGrange's best examples of late-nineteenth-century Victorian Electric houses with elaborate wood trim. Together the houses in the district illustrate how nationally prominent styles were locally interpreted in a Georgia town.

Landscape Architecture

Broad Street Historic District provides an excellent example of the type of informal, naturalistic landscaping typical of landscaping practices nationwide during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. The streets in the district are lined with large shade trees and sidewalks, which in some areas still retain their early-twentieth-century hexagonal concrete paving tiles. Front yards are grassed and informally landscaped with shade trees, hedges, shrubs and low retaining walls.

Local History

Many of LaGrange's most prominent leaders and middle-class citizens lived, historically, in the Broad Street Historic District and contributed both individually and collectively to the town. Politicians, doctors, judges, merchants and mill owners were among the people who occupied the houses in the district.

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Location

The Broad Street Historic District is located in LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia. It is a residential area west of the central business district, including Broad Street (400-618 on the north side, 409-511 on the south side), Ben Hill Street, 101 Park Avenue, and Vernon Road (601-609 on the south side, 502-610 on the north side).


Representation in Existing Surveys


Bellevue, a Greek Revival house located in the district, was individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places on November 7, 1972, and is a National Historic Landmark.


BROAD STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia


DISTRICT SKETCH MAP

Source: Troup County Tax Maps

Scale: 0  100'

North: 

District Boundary: 

Non-historic buildings: 

Photograph Direction and Number: 