

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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 Atlanta Waterworks Hemphill Avenue Station

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1210 Hemphill Avenue, N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

5th - Andrew Young

STATE

Georgia

CODE

13

COUNTY

Fulton

CODE

121

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: public works

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Atlanta

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

__ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fulton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

260 Pryor Street, S.W.

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts, Atlanta Urban Design Commission

DATE

1972

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Atlanta Urban Design Commission, City Hall, Atlanta

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Atlanta Waterworks Hemphill Avenue Station is a red brick structure which compositionally has two large sections of several stories connected together by a lower, entrance block. Of the two large sections of the buildings, the wing closest to Hemphill Avenue is the tallest, rising some three full stories in height; the other block of the building is two stories in height. These portions of the building complex house both the administrative and engineering offices of the works as well as certain necessary machinery for the operation of the plant.

The taller block of the complex was erected in 1908, yet was designed in such a manner as to be almost indistinguishable stylistically from the earlier lower block which was erected in 1892. A one-story entrance wing divided into three bays and topped by a balustrade stands just in front of the three-story block. Each bay has a flat arched opening which contains paired 3-by-4 metal framed windows in each end bay and a modern storefront type glass door in the center bay. The balustrade across the roof line is divided into sections by piers that compositionally are extensions above the cornice, of the facade pilasters that separate the bays of the one-story wing. Behind the entrance wing, the facade of the high block is also divided into three bays separated by wide brick pilasters. The facade of the three-story high block is almost Renaissance-like in its compositional qualities, though. For instance, three arches are recessed into the facade between the brick pilasters and an attic story of sorts containing segmented arch recesses is separated from the full arches by means of a horizontal band of brick that is corbelled. Above the attic story is a pedimented gable of brick complete with circular attic window.

The one-story entrance wing also serves to connect the larger block with a somewhat smaller two-story block containing the turbines used in the waterworks facility. This smaller block is oriented at right angles to the rest of the facility and like the other wing of the building is divided into bays, each containing a window separated by broad brick pilasters. The windows in this portion of the complex are in two parts: the upper consists of a 6-by-4 metal framed glazed opening with a surmounting radial fanlight while the lower portion, separated from the upper by a recessed brick panel contains paired 3-by-4 windows. The roof of the entire complex is of sheet metal.

The building is set within a park space surrounding the reservoir.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1892-1893; 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert M. Clayton, Engineer
S.B. Mosby, Contractor

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Atlanta Waterworks Hemphill Avenue Station was the second waterworks complex erected for the city and was started in 1892 following a decision by the city fathers to enlarge the then extant system. Due to the demand placed upon the original city waterworks located in the Lakewood Community, the old station could no longer continue as the city's only source of water. As a result, the Hemphill Avenue Station was proposed to draw badly needed fresh water from the Chattahoochee River a short distance away. Together with the Lakewood Station, the new station was expected to

supply all of the water that Atlanta would need for some time to come.

The original waterworks building was constructed to serve a large reservoir located on some 55 acres just beside old Howell Mill Road. The initial reservoir had a capacity of some 200 million gallons of water and was surrounded by a park complete with a magnificent summer pavillion, according to one source quoted in Garrett's history of Atlanta.

The firm of S.B. Mosby and Company of Virginia was responsible for the construction of the initial waterworks project which has been enlarged and improved several times since. The Mosby Company employed teams of workers of all sorts under the direction of Chief Engineer Joel Mable who directed the on-site work of the firm. The actual facilities were designed by engineer Robert M. Clayton, City Engineer, and William G. Richards.

In 1893, the Council Committee on Waterworks reported on the Hemphill Station and said in part: "...The work of construction on the new water plant is about complete and since September the water supplied the city has been pumped from the Chattahoochee River.... It is notable that the works were built within the estimate (\$750,000), though there has been a second engine bought and erected at the reservoir station and a house erected over the filters that were not considered in the original estimate of cost made by the City Engineer. Your committee feels that the city is to be congratulated in having this complete and permanent water supply, and the thanks of the community are due the Board of Water Commissioners for their earnest and constant attention to the work."

Notwithstanding the significance of the Hemphill Avenue Station to the city of Atlanta as its second water processing complex, this waterworks plant also stands as a good example architecturally of the late Victorian style as applied to an industrial complex. The structure and its

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garrett, Franklin M., Atlanta and Environs, Vols. I and II, (New York: 1954)

Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Survey of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts, 1972

Consultation with Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Chairman, Atlanta Urban Design Commission Advisory Committee on Historic Sites, Structures

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 3

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	6	7	3	9	9	7	0	3	7	4	1	4	0	0
ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

C

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

D

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
 Beginning at the intersection of the west line of the Atlanta Waterworks System driveway and 14th Street proceed easterly and northeasterly along 14th Street and the rear lot lines of commercial properties located on the northwest corner of 14th Street and Northside Drive; thence northerly along the west right-of-way line of Northside Drive, to the railroad line; thence southwesterly along the railroad right-of-way line to a point due north of the above mentioned driveway; thence due south to the point of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Manager, Survey & Planning Unit
 H. Lee Dunagan, Research Consultant

ORGANIZATION Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources DATE March 30, 1976

STREET & NUMBER 270 Washington Street, S.W. TELEPHONE (404) 656-2840

CITY OR TOWN Atlanta STATE Georgia

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 *David M. Sherman* DATE 5-12-77

TITLE Chief, Historic Preservation Section

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 3 29 78
ATTEST: <i>Walter Lee Cole</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE 3 26 78

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landscaped setting also provide relief to the surrounding commercial environment through nicely detailed brick facades of the building and the open green space which surrounds it.

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Atlanta Waterworks Hemphill Avenue Station, Atlanta, Fulton County

Photographs by: David J. Kaminsky

Date: March, 1977

Negatives filed at: Department of Natural Resources

1. Two-story building, looking west.
2. Two-story building, looking northeast.
3. Both buildings, looking northwest.
4. Interior of two-story building, looking north.