

United States Department of the Interior
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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 Fletcherville Historic District

and or common

2. Location

street & number See description N/A not for publication

city, town Thomasville N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Thomas code 275

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"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<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 Thomas County Courthouse

city, town Thomasville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys See Continuation Sheet

title Historic Structures Field Survey: Thomas County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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 Fletcherville Historic District is a residential neighborhood located south of Thomasville's central business district. It is sited on a high flat area of ground that slopes off gently to the east of Fletcher Street from the Harper School property (formerly the site of the old Fletcher Institute). The principal streets within the district, West Jackson, South College, Siexas, Bartow, Lester, Wright, and Fletcher are laid out in a grid pattern with considerable variation in rectangular lot sizes.

Representative architectural styles consist of Greek Revival, Victorian Eclectic, and Craftsman/Bungalow. Most of the houses are modest one-story wood-framed structures, with the exception of several two-story structures located at 427 Fletcher, 126 College, 519 West Jackson, and 116 Siexas. Many of the homes have a front porch or central portico with Doric or Ionic columns, bracketed posts, or tapered columns. Other architectural details include dormer, louvered, lunette, and Palladian windows. The oldest houses in the district, dating from the 1850s and 1860s, are found along South College Street and Fletcher Street facing the square. The Arthur P. Wright House (at 415 Fletcher Street) constructed in 1854, was listed in the National Register on August 12, 1970.

Landscaping throughout the district consists of informally planted yards with grass lawns, shrubbery, crepe myrtle, palm, magnolia, oak, and pine trees. Most of the streets have sidewalks and are lined with trees. The rows of mature live oaks along Bartow Street are of particular note.

Boundary

The general boundary of the district is comprised of West Jackson Street to the west, Siexas Street to the north, Wright Street to the east, and South College Street to the south.

Two modern church complexes, the Harper School, and a scattering of non-historic houses constitute the non-contributing structures. Recent commercial and industrial development is located to the north and west of the district, and an early twentieth-century residential area is located to the east and south.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1850s - 1920s **Builder/Architect** Several

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Fletcherville Historic District is significant in the areas of architecture, community planning and development, education, and landscape architecture. The district meets National Register Criteria A, B, and C.

Architecturally, the district is significant for its collection of predominantly modest middle-class houses, dating from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth century, which illustrate typical local adaptations of prevailing national styles. Most homes are one-story wood-framed structures with a few two-story residences which have Classical, Victorian Eclectic, or Bungalow/Craftsman detailing. The Arthur P. Wright House, located at 415 Fletcher Street, was constructed in 1854 and designed by architect John Wind. It is a good example of a one-story wood-framed antebellum Greek Revival cottage with balustraded front porch supported by six square panelled columns. Other notable houses within the district include the Dekle House at 523 Fletcher Street, built in 1855, and the two-story Victorian Eclectic-style house at 519 West Jackson. Other significant architectural features within the district include front porches with tapered, squared, or turned porch posts.

In terms of community planning and development and education, the Fletcherville Historic District is important as a residential community laid out in the mid-1850s in conjunction with the founding of the Fletcher Institute, a private college established by the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1848. The Institute was located in the block surrounded by Jackson, Bartow, Fletcher, and College Streets. Houses were built by persons associated with the school around this central block and adjoining streets. Early residents of the district were the Reverend Peyton Smith, Reuben Lucky, and William Ponder, trustees of the Institute. Fletcherville was incorporated as a town in 1856 and became a part of Thomasville in 1857.

In the area of landscape architecture, the Fletcherville Historic District is important for its informally landscaped yards, sidewalks, and tree lined streets that document typical late nineteenth-century landscaping features. Large oak trees, some of which are draped with Spanish moss, line both sides of Bartow and College Streets. Other vegetation scattered throughout the district consists of palm, pine, crepe myrtle, and magnolia trees. The square which originally served as the site of the Fletcher Institute and as the center of Fletcherville (now the location of the Harper School) is a significant landscape feature of the district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dixon, Sandra. "Fletcherville Historic District" Historic District Information Form, on file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. (See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 38 acres approximately

Quadrangle name Thomasville, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	7	2	1	4	6	4	0	3	4	1	4	8	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

1	7	2	1	5	1	6	0	3	4	1	4	2	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

1	7	2	1	4	3	6	0	3	4	1	4	2	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The district boundary encompasses the remaining intact historic acreage associated with 19th century Fletcherville. Refer to the map for district boundaries.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Section date 2/28/85

street & number 270 Washington Street, SW telephone 404/656-2840

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

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/7/85

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 4-18-85

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

The Arthur P. Wright House, 415 Fletcher Street, Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, was individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 12, 1970.

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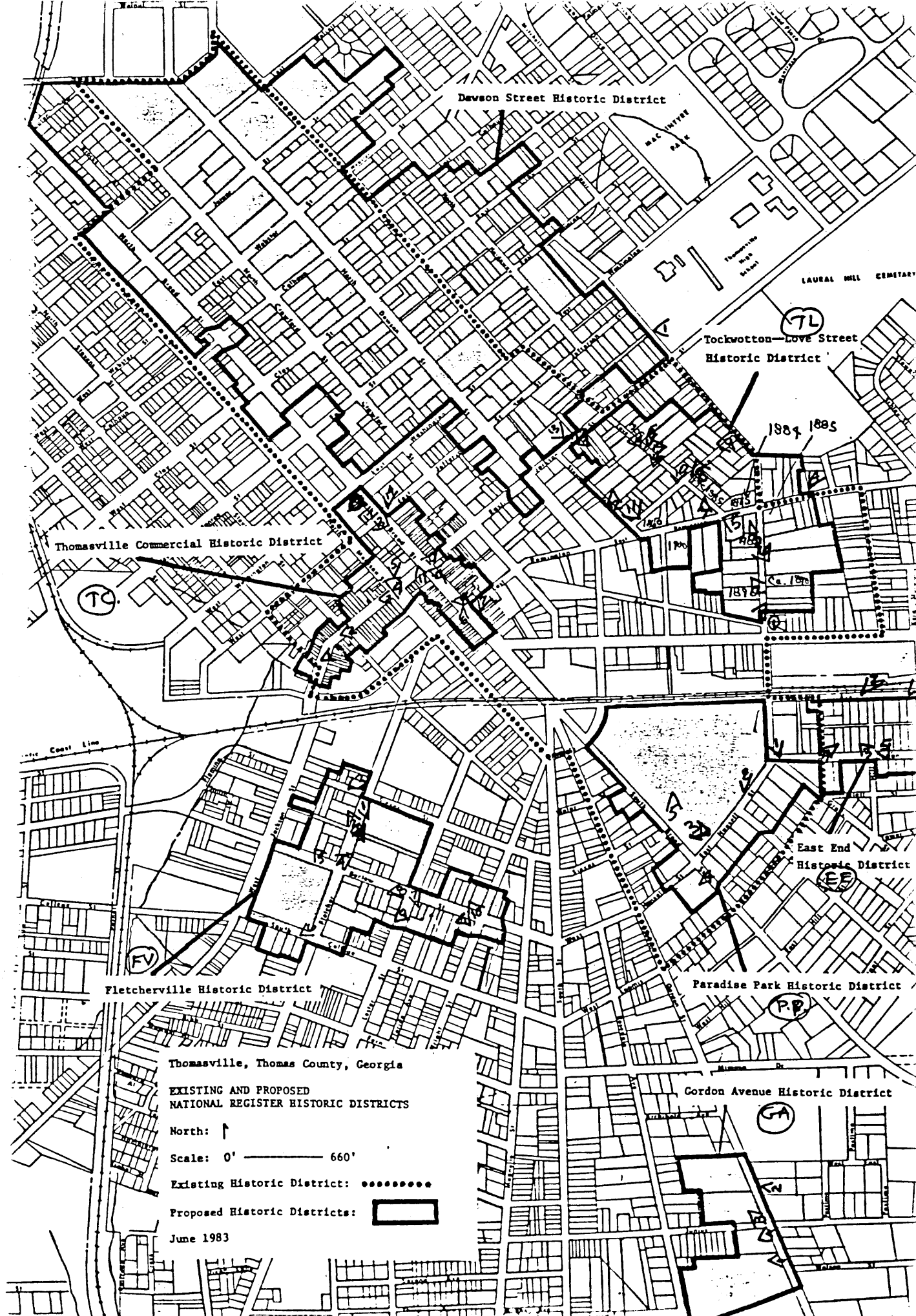


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Dawson Street Historic District

7L
Tockwotton—Love Street
Historic District

TC
Thomasville Commercial Historic District

1889 1895

EE
East End
Historic District

FV
Fletcherville Historic District

PP
Paradise Park Historic District

Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia

EXISTING AND PROPOSED
NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

North: ↑

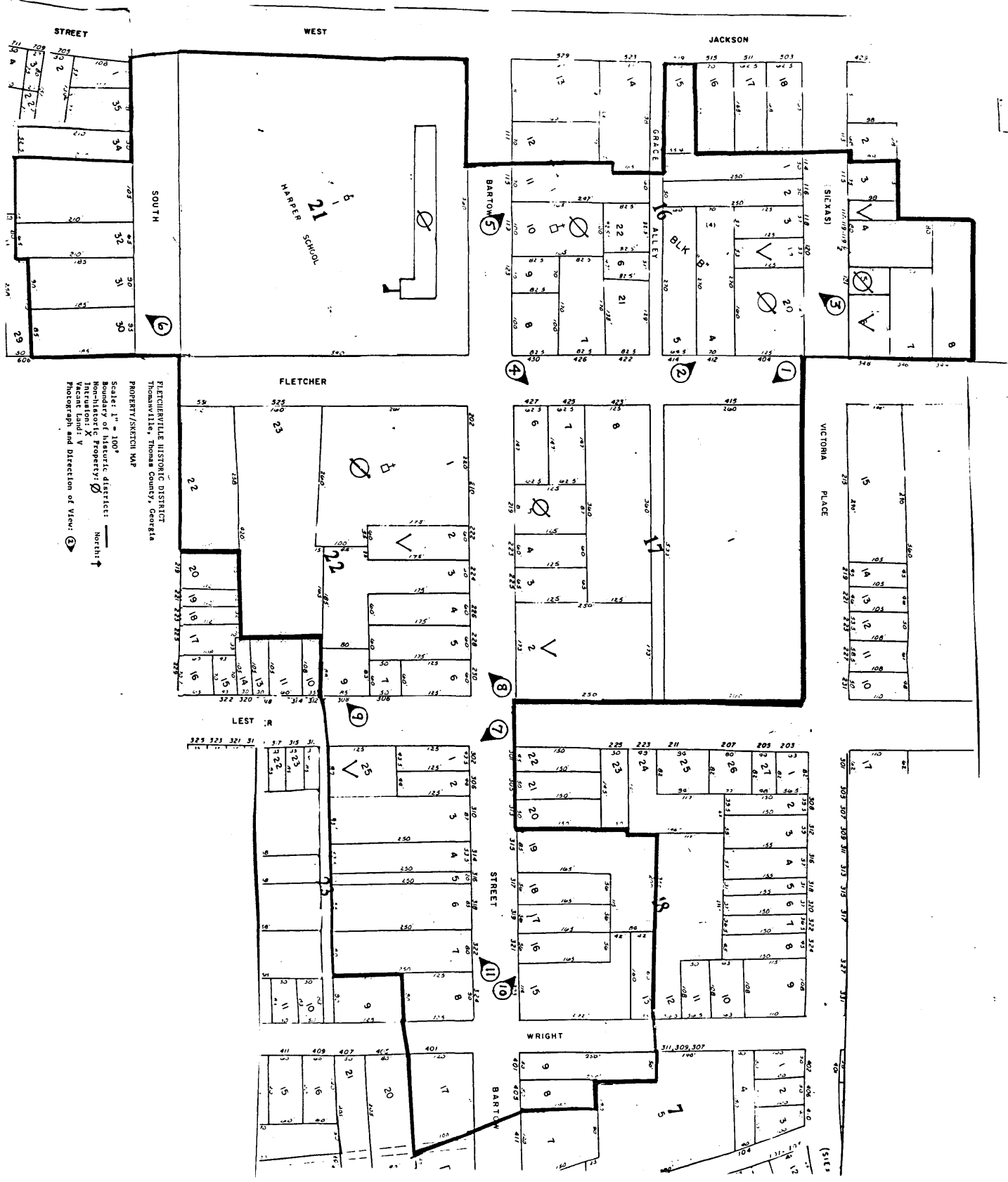
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Existing Historic District: ●●●●●●●●

Proposed Historic Districts:

June 1983

GA
Gordon Avenue Historic District



Scale: 1" = 100'
 Boundary of historic district: ———
 Intervention: X
 Vacant Land: V
 Photograph and Direction of View: ☉

FLETCHERVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT
 THOMASVILLE, THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA
 PROPERTY/SKECH MAP