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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Main Street Commercial District encompasses the old downtown commercial center of the City. It includes portions of six (6) blocks, stretching for three (3) blocks along Main Street which bisects the center of the district, and one block along North Foster, South Foster, and South St. Andrews Streets. The Southern (old Central of Georgia) Railroad tracks extend through the southern portion of the district almost parallel to E. Main Street.

The district is characterized by a high concentration of closely spaced commercial buildings. The scale of the area and spacing of the buildings has changed only slightly since the 1920s, this due to gaps formed following the demolition of some structures. The appearance of many of the buildings in the area has been compromised by the covering or altering of faces in 'modernization' attempts. Although many of the upper facades reflect their original appearance, a large number of the first floor facades have lost their integrity.

The district is composed entirely of commercial and warehouse structures dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries when the City was undergoing steady growth. Most of the buildings are one or two-story brick commercial structures of varying widths and sizes. Ornamentation is varied although limited primarily to the elaboration of structural elements through the use of stone and brick. Other buildings in the district include several three-story brick, several of concrete block construction, several brick warehouses, a brick gas station, a classic revival bank and a five (5) story enameled brick "skyscraper." Two structures with stone-faced facades have been covered over with brick. The building types found in the district range from the simple, one-story brick commercial structures to the later, larger, more ornamented urban-typed structures, and illustrate the rapid development of Dothan from a small, rural town into a moderate size city.

Of the 83 buildings in the district, 40 or 48.2% are considered to be contributing elements by virtue of their period design and integrity. Of the remaining buildings, 28 or 33.7% are classified as conditionally contributing structures which date from the period of significance, but which have modifications which could be reversed. Buildings listed as non-contributing, either period buildings which have lost their original appearance, but retain their scale, shape and cornice line, or newer construction which blends easily with the scale of the area, include 15 structures or 18.1% of the total district. No structures were considered to be major intrusions.

The Dothan Landmarks Foundation is promoting the restoration of the downtown area and is hopeful that the additional tax incentives available with National Register listing will encourage owners to undertake period restorations.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799X 1800-1899X 1900-	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agricultureX architecture artX commerce communications	community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlement	landscape architecture law literature military music philosophy politics/government	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1885-1933	Builder/Architect	N/A	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Commerce - The late 19th and early 20th century buildings located in the Main Street Commercial Historical District reflect the role of the downtown area as the commercial center of Dothan and the role of the City as the trade and transportation center of the Wiregrass area. These buildings span the period of Dothan's early growth (1885-1930) and illustrate the economic development of Dothan from a small rural town into a moderate size city and regional trade center.

Architecture - The district contains a variety of late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings representative of the range of commercial structures constructed in the Wiregrass area, the last portion of the state to be settled and developed. Buildings located in the district range from the older (late 1880s), simple one-story, brick commercial structures to the diverse larger, and more ornamented urban-type commercial structures.

The City of Dothan developed around a small spring called Poplar Head Springs (presently located under the Liddon buildings of East Main Street). Poplar Head Springs was at the crossroads of trails of the Creek Indian Confederacy and later served as a rest stop for white settlers. Settlement probably began in the 1820s when William Cawthon built livestock pens around the spring. By 1858, when the first post office was established, as many as nine (9) families lived in pine pole cabins in the vicinity of the springs. Most of these first inhabitants were migrant cattle herders or turpentine and lumber men.

The settlement was abandoned during the Civil War only to start anew during the early 1870s. Southeast Alabama during this time was still largely virgin pine forests, ripe for exploitation by turpentine men who moved into the area from the exhausted forests of Georgia, and the Carolinas. Lumbermen soon followed, cutting the spent trees and establishing a thriving lumber industry. Clearings made by lumbering were taken over by small farmers whose main cash crop was cotton.

Several early settlers began laying the foundations for a town. J. P. Folkes (1879) and William J. Baxley (1880) were instrumental in establishing a real community around the springs. They gave land to new settlers, established a blacksmith shop and mercantile store, recruited a sawmill and brickmaker and organized the first church and school. Richard Pilcher (1882), along with several of his sons, established the first grist mill and cotton gin. Another townbuilder, A. C. Crawford, (1885), offered two (2) acres of land and red bricks and timber for one wall to anyone who would come here and build. Most of the early commercial structures were built with Crawford's red bricks. Largely as a result of the efforts of these men, many of the new families which moved into the Wiregrass area during the 1880s settled in the Poplar Springs area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- 16. Theodore J. Bauman 1600 Tacoma Street Dothan, AL 36303

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 105 North Foster Street
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- 28. Rollins L. Tindell and Calvin D. Denney 117 West Main Street Dothan, AL 36301
- 29. R. L. Tindell 117 West Main Street Dothan, AL 36301
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- 31. Rollins L. Tindell,
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 Clifford L. Stephenson
 117 West Main Street
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- 32. Wilson's Mens Shops 109 West Main Street Dothan, AL 36301
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- 34. Hubert W. Toole Sr. P. O. Box 1729
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- 35. Mrs. H. D. Saliba 703 South Orange Dothan, AL 36301
- 36. A. B. Brumbelow 320 6th Avenue Dothan, AL 36301
- 37. Eleanor L. Martin Estate C/O James Floyd Martin 702 Wildwood Avenue Dothan, AL 36303
- 38. R. L. and Reba Green 124 South Foster Street Dothan, AL 36301
- 39. Eleanor L. Martin Estate C/O James Floyd Martin 702 Wildwood Avenue Dothan, AL 36303

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- 44. Carlton and Eva Grace Buie 119 South Foster Street Dothan, AL 36301

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- 48. E. R. Porter Estate C/O Jane Porter Thrower 2001 West Main Street Dothan, AL 36301

- 49. Blumberg and Sons, Inc. C/O Herman Blumberg
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- 50. E. R. Porter Estate C/O Jane Porter Thrower 2001 West Main Street Dothan, AL 36301
- 51. Sara O. Newton 407 South Park Dothan, AL 36301
- 52. John E. Byrd, Cada M. Carter and Rufus R. Smith, Jr. 116 East Main Street Dothan, AL 36301
- 53. Carl K. Adams
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- 54. Charles D. Peters 301 South Park Dothan, AL 36301
- E. Charles G. and Marion I. Bell 408 Circleview Dothan, AL 36301
- F. Charles G. and Marion I. Bell 408 Circleview Dothan, AL 36301
- 55. Charles G. and Marion I. Bell 408 Circleview Dothan, AL 36301
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- 57. E. R. Porter Estate C/O Jane Porter Thrower 2001 West Main Dothan, AL 36301
- 58. Lawrence P. and
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- 59. James E. and Mark E. Hartzog P. O. Box 7043
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- 75. First Alabama Bank 201 East Main Street Dothan, AL 36303

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STRUCTURES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT

- 1. First National Bank Building (101 E. Main Street): 1907; c. 1960; two story, yellow brick bank; classical revival influence; monumental, smooth columns of the Roman Doric order support a detailed entablature along the front and left sides; entablature consists of a smooth architrave, a frieze with metopes, triglyphs and guttae and cornice; facade was expanded to incorporate a small brick structure on the rear and a two story brick structure on the right side; facade has been remodeled with new yellow-brown brick replacing the original and new 1 over 1 aluminum frame windows.
- 7. Building (122 N. Foster Street): before 1912*; two story, rusticated concrete block; decorative cement cornice; second story retains much of its original fabric; three l over l second floor windows have been replaced with metal casement windows; first floor has been altered with the addition of a new brick and glass storefront.
- 11. Farmer-Porter Building (130-134 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; two story, brick structure; pressed metal entablature with intricate, bracketed, protruding cornice, dentils and detailed frieze; second floor has seven window bays; first floor storefronts on either side of a central door have been altered and covered with aluminum and glass.
- 13. Porter-Farmer Building (138-142 N. Foster Street): 1910; two story, yellow brick structure with decorative brickwork around the top of the facade; second floor has five double window bays on the front and twelve single 1 over 1 windows along the left side (facing E. Troy Street); three commercial storefront bays on first floor front have been altered and covered with aluminum and glass; nine boarded-up windows and three doorways along left side first floor facade.
- 14. Garner Insurance Agency (108 E. Troy Street): before 1912*; one story, brick with decorative brick cornice and two recessed panels.
- 15. Old J. C. Penney Building (145 N. Foster Street): c. 1945; two story, yellow brick facade, department store building; decorative brickwork in upper facade; windows in second floor front facade have been covered; modern plate glass display windows have replaced original storefront; several display bays on the right side (facing W. Troy Street) have been bricked up; numerous windows along right side.
- 20. Building (127-129 N. Foster Street): before 1907*; three story, concrete block structure; concrete block on upper two stories is smooth with alternating, rough, horizontal bands and rusticated blocks on the corners; storefront on first floor has been modernized with glass and aluminum; small concrete cornice with dentils on top; embossed, round, Mason's insignia in center of upper facade, just under cornice; four window bays on both second and third floors have been boarded up.

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- 30. Eyeglass Laboratories (117 W. Main Street): before 1907*; three story, rusticated concrete block; concrete cornice with dentils; two block belt courses on front; four windows on each second and third floor front facade have been boarded up; first floor stuccoed and altered with new plate glass windows.
- 34. Kress Building (101-107 W. Main Street): before 1931*, c. 1955; two story, yellow brick structure; the right side was added to the original structure c. 1955; facade of addition was constructed to match existing, although lighter colored yellow bricks were used; first floor facade was remodeled with aluminum and glass at same time; eleven I over I windows in second floor front facade; numerous various sized windows in left side facade (facing S. Foster Street); limestone cornice along front and left side facade.
- 35. Irby Paul, Counseling Services (116 S. Foster Street): before 1931*; one story, brown brick; small brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; storefront altered with metal framing and glass windows.
- 36. Bodyworks Gym / Filter Queen (118-120 S. Foster Street): before 1893*, facade probably c. 1925; one story, brick; small brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; two storefronts have been somewhat altered with paneling and glass.
- 37. Roberts Jewelry (122 S. Foster Street): before 1931*; small, narrow, one story structure with plain brick facade; appears to retain largely original appearance.
- 41. Carmichael Building (140 S. Foster Street): before 1924*; three story, brick; six boarded-up window bays on second and third floor front facade and five each along the side facade (facing W. Crawford Street); two rectangular, recessed panels in upper facade, below a decorative brick cornice; two storefront bays in first floor, front facade, right bay has been paneled over, left has been altered with new aluminum frame and glass storefront.
- 42. T. R. Frith Seed and Hardware (125-127 S. Foster Street): before 1912*; two story, brick; Spanish style influence evidenced by large, tile roofed, bracketed cornice on upper facade; limestone, medallion-type ornamentation on brick extending above both front corners; five window bays on second floor front facade; seven segmental arched windows along second floor right side facade (facing E. Crawford Street); two wood, brick and glass storefronts on first floor front (c. 1940) replaced original large, wood garage-type doors.
- 43. Building (123 S. Foster Street): before 1912*; one story, brick; small brick cornice, two wood, brick and glass storefronts, c. 1945, replaced original large wood doors.
- 44. Buie's Cafeteria (119-121 S. Foster Street): before 1907*; one story, brick; two large, rectangular recessed panels below small brick cornice; lower facade partially altered and covered with permastone, wood paneling, aluminum and glass; existing brick facade probably replaced original brick facade c. 1930.

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- 48. E. R. Porter Hardware Co. (109 S. Foster Street): before 1920*; one story, brick; decorative brick cornice and brickwork in upper facade; retains most of original fabric; two commercial storefronts on left side, doorway, two windows and covered-over display window on right side.
- 50. E. R. Porter Hardware Building (112 E. Main Street): c. 1890, c. 1907; two story, yellow brick; one story, brick structure built c. 1890 was reportedly raised into present two story structure with present facade in 1907; pressed metal, bracketed cornice; three windows with limestone lintels and sills on second floor; metal cornice over first floor storefront; structure retains most original interior and exterior fabric; oldest continuously operating business in same building in Dothan.
- 55. Ellison Drug Building (126 E. Main Street): before 1893*, c. 1907; two story, light colored brick; original facade believed to have been placed over original red brick facade c. 1907. Four 1 over 1 windows in second floor front facade and six along left side facade (facing S. St. Andrews Street); first floor storefront has been altered with wood, brick and glass; two limestone belts and heavy, bracketed limestone cornice extend around entire facade.
- 57. Building (faces Southern Railroad): before 1907*; one story, brick warehouse; two freight doorways, two doorways and two windows, all segmental arched, face railroad.
- 58. Tri-State Publishing Co. (120 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1920*; one story, brick; small brick cornice and three recessed brick panels in upper facade; storefront has been somewhat altered with stone and new plate glass.
- 61. Trailways Bus Terminal (130 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1931*; small brick gas station with hip roof; hip roofed overhang with cast iron support.
- 62. Malone Ford Building (131 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1924*; large, one story, brick; central doorway flanked by four large display windows; altered with new display glass and metal trim; brick posts on top of facade have been "hidden" by infill brick; large garage doorways along both sides; interior showroom retains original pressed tin ceiling and tile floor.
- 63. Cotton Warehouse (Holman Alley): south one-half before 1924*, north one-half before 1931*; one story plain brick warehouse; there are a number of loading doors around the structure including several with segmental arches.
- 64. Building (119 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1907*; two story, brick; brick cornice and decorative brickwork in upper facade; three windows in second floor facade set in recessed panels; modern wood and glass storefront.

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- 65. Moody Building (113-117 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1912*; two story, brick; nearly identical to #64; brick cornice and decorative brickwork in upper facade; six windows in second floor facade set in recessed panels; two plate glass and brick storefronts on first floor level have replaced original large, wooden doors.
- 66. Building (111 S. St. Andrews St.); before 1907*; one story, brick; brick cornice and three recessed panels in upper facade; cast iron and glass storefront.
- 67. Saliba Building (103-109 S. St. Andrews St.): 1906; two story brick warehouse; brick cornice and six recessed, rectangular panels in the upper facade; embossed, limestone identification stone in center of upper facade; four segmental arched windows and large, bricked up, round arched window in front, second floor facade; three round arched, double doorways in first floor facade; twin brick belts along front facade between first and second floors.
- 68. Young Building (200-202 E. Main Street): 1914; five story, white enamelled brick office building; built by J. R. Young, Mayor of Dothan for four separate two year terms; detailed limestone cornice on front and right side (facing S. St. Andrews St.) facades; decorative blue tiles in upper front facade; original windows on upper four floors have been replaced with single sheets of plate glass with aluminum trim; storefront on first floor front has been replaced with new aluminum and plate glass; marble apron around bottom of facade.
- 69. Building (204 E. Main Street): before 1920*; two story, brown brick; brick cornice; three stone bands across facade; three 1 over 1 windows in second floor facade; retains original wood and glass storefront.
- 70. Building (206 E. Main Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; brick cornice and recessed, rectangular brick panel in upper facade; storefront has been altered with aluminum and plate glass.
- 71. Segrest-Canady Building (223-229 E. Main Street): 1910; large, two story, brick; brick cornice and decorative patterned brickwork in upper facade; seventeen equally spaced window openings in second floor facade have been boarded up; five, various sized commercial storefront bays on first floor level; aluminum has been used to cover central portion of facade, between first and second floors.
- 72. Ellison Building (221 E. Main Street): 1907; two story, brick; brick cornice; three boarded-up windows in second story facade set in recessed panels; first floor storefront altered with aluminum and new plate glass.
- 73. Building (205 E. Main Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; brick cornice; storefront has been covered over and altered with sheet aluminum and glass.

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- 74. Bender's (203 E. Main Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; brick cornice; storefront has been altered with carrarra glass and new plate glass.
- 77. Building (123 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; smooth stucco covers brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; storefront has been altered with wood.
- 78. Building (121 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; brick cornice and single, rectangular panel in upper facade; storefront has been altered with aluminum, wood and glass.
- 79. Building (119 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; brick cornice and two recessed brick panels in upper facade; storefront has been altered with aluminum, wood and glass.
- 80. Gem Jewelry & Loan (117 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; brick cornice and single, rectangular recessed panel in upper facade; storefront has been altered with wood, aluminum and glass.
- 82. Rose Jewelers (107 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; two decorative brick panels in upper facade; storefront altered with wood, aluminum and glass.

BUILDINGS WHICH CONDITIONALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT

- 3. Season's Past Antiques (114 N. Foster Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; upper part of facade covered over with sheet aluminum; storefront altered with aluminum and glass.
- 4. Baxter's Shoes (116 N. Foster Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; upper part of facade covered over with paneling; storefront altered with carrarra glass, aluminum and glass.
- 5. Lorch's (118 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; decorative brick cornice is visible above aluminum covering upper portion of facade; storefront altered with aluminum and glass.
- 9. Bauman Building (126 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; two story, brick; brick cornice and two rectangular, recessed panels in the upper facade; three original second floor windows have been shortened and replaced with plate glass; first floor storefront has been modernized with new crushed stone and glass.
- 10. Saad's Jewelers (126 N. Foster Street): before 1907*; small, one story, brick structure has been completely covered over with aluminum.
- 12. News Co. (136 N. Foster Street): before 1912*; small, one story, brick; facade covered with aluminum and glass in piecemeal fashion.

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- 18. Old Hotel Wadlington Building (137 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; along with #19 served as a downtown hotel until late 1960's; three story, brick; four windows on each second and third floors; upper two floors have been covered with smooth stucco; first floor storefront has been altered with glass and aluminum.
- 19. Old Hotel Wadlington Building (131-135 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; along with #18 was a downtown hotel; three story, brick; seven (7) windows on each second and third floors; upper two floors including brick drip mold cornice have been covered with smooth stucco; first floor storefronts have been modernized with new glass and aluminum.
- 21. Building (125 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; original stone facing probably remains intact under sheet aluminum covering; storefront has been altered with new plate glass.
- 22. R. F. Sheppard Jewelers (121 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; upper facade covered with aluminum; storefront altered with aluminum and plate glass.
- 23. Building (117-119 N. Foster Street): part before 1907*, facade before 1920*; originally two buildings, right side probably began as a one story structure with the second floor added before 1907*; the present facade was probably built when the left building was raised to two floors (before 1920*); red brick with brick cornice and three recessed panels in upper facade; seven (7) windows in second floor facade have been bricked in; first floor altered and modernized with a variety of materials.
- 24. Building (111-115 N. Foster Street): part before 1893*, facade before 1920*; two story, brick; was originally two one-story buildings which were raised to two stories, left side before 1912*, right side before 1920*; present facade was probably built when right side building was raised, before 1920*; brick cornice; six windows in second floor facade; two first floor storefronts altered with brick, aluminum and glass.
- 25. Eleanor Shop (109 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; brick cornice visible above aluminum covering upper portion of facade; storefront altered with new plate glass display windows.
- 28. Old Harris Furniture Building (121-123 W. Main Street): before 1931*; two story, brick; brick cornice and two long, rectangular recessed panels above six second floor windows; second floor covered with smooth stucco; original storefronts replaced with large, plate glass windows.
- 29. Old Rimson Furniture Building (119 W. Main Street): before 1931*; two story, brick; facade covered with smooth stucco; four 1 over 1 windows on second floor; first floor storefront altered with metal trim and plate glass.

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- 32. Wilson's Mens Shop (111-113 W. Main Street): before 1912*; two story, brick; decorative brick cornice and brickwork in upper facade; five 1 over 1 windows on second story; two storefront bays on first floor have been altered with brick, aluminum and glass.
- 33. Wilson's Mens Shop (109 W. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; upper facade covered with aluminum; storefront altered with brick, aluminum and glass.
- 40. Strickland Music (136 S. Foster Street): c. 1935; one story, brick; small brick cornice is visible above sheet aluminum which covers most of the facade; two storefront bays on left side have been altered with new plate glass and metal trim.
- 45. Building (117 S. Foster Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; small brick cornice and three recessed panels hidden under smooth stucco covering most of facade; storefront altered with new plate glass windows.
- 51. Building (114 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; upper facade covered with smooth stucco; storefront altered and covered with carrarra glass and new plate glass windows.
- 53. Main Street Grill (118 E. Main Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; small brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; storefront has been altered with new aluminum and glass.
- 56. Old Burdeshaw Bicycle Building (106-110 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1907*; one story, brick; brick cornice and decorative brickwork in upper facade; round arched doorway in center, flanked by two bays which were originally storefronts and which have been bricked up.
- 59. Building (122-124 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1920*; one story, brick; facade altered with smooth stucco, glass and new metal door.
- 60. Building (126 S. St. Andrews Street): before 1931*; one story, brick; small brick cornice and rectangular recessed panel covered with smooth stucco; new metal garage-type door has replaced original wood door.
- 75. Dothan Bank and Trust Building (201 E. Main Street): before 1907*; c. 1972; two story bank; original limestone facade has been completely covered with new brick, aluminum and glass; most of interior marble detailing has been retained.
- 76. Page Drug Building (125 E. Main Street): before 1893*; two story, brick; irregular corner structure with clipped corner; four arched windows set in recessed panels on second floor front facade and five along right side (facing N. St. Andrews St.) facade; facade has been completely covered with smooth stucco; first floor commercial storefront bay has been altered with aluminum, glass and brick.

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- 81. SEACT (109-115 E. Main Street): before 1893*; three, brick structures (one two-story flanked by two one-story) were merged into one building; upper facade completely covered with stucco; first floor storefronts altered with blue carrarra glass and new plate glass with aluminum trim.
- 83. Building (105 E. Main Street): before 1903*; two story, brick; facade has been completely covered over with a new, plain yellow brick facade; first floor storefront has been replaced with three windows; original red brick facade contains numerous limestone bands.

BUILDINGS WHICH DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT

- 2. The Downtown Club (110 N. Foster Street): before 1898*; one story, brick; upper facade covered with smooth stucco; storefront altered with large plate glass windows and aluminum trim.
- 6. Todd's (120 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; two story, brick; decorative brick cornice and panels and second floor facade have been covered with smooth stucco; second floor windows have been replaced with metal casement windows; cast iron storefront and transom windows have been covered over and modernized with brick, wood and glass.
- 8. Building (124 N. Foster Street): before 1912*; small, one story, brick structure; upper facade has been completely covered over with aluminum; storefront altered with new plate glass.
- 16. Lurie Building (141-143 N. Foster Street): 1904; two story, brick; original limestone veneer facade has been either replaced or bricked over; long, modern display windows with aluminum trim on the first floor have replaced the original two storefront bays and round arched doorway.
- 17. The Dog House (139 N. Foster Street): before 1907*; small, narrow one story structure; original facade, which was probably concrete block, has been completely replaced with new aluminum and glass.
- 26. Eye Glass Fashions (107 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; two story, brick; second floor added after 1931* and completely covered with aluminum; first floor replaced with plate glass display windows.
- 27. Law Offices (105 N. Foster Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; facade completely covered with new siding.
- 31. Attorney Offices (115 W. Main Street): before 1893*; small, plain, one story, brick; new brick facade has replaced original brick; storefront replaced with plate glass and aluminum frame.

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- 38. Green Furniture Co. (124-126 S. Foster Street): before 1924; one story, brick; upper facade completely covered with aluminum; lower facade completely rebuilt with crushed stone siding and plate glass with metal trim.
- 39. Hudson-Crine Business Machine Co. (128-132 S. Foster Street): c. 1940; one story, brick; three (3) storefront bays; relatively plain with several recessed panels.
- 46. Dothan Fabric Center (115 S. Foster Street): before 1907*; almost entire facade covered with stucco; lower portion of facade altered with aluminum framing and plate glass.
- 47. Coleman's Cyclery (113 S. Foster Street): before 1912*; small, narrow, one story, brick; facade covered with new siding and altered with new glass.
- 49. Blumberg's (100 to 110 E. Main Street): part before 1893*; five, varied, two story, brick commercial structures were consolidated into the old Blumberg's Department Store; one, the Baker Building, was torn down c. 1954 during expansion; others reportedly remain somewhat intact under large sheet aluminum facade covering; first floor altered with aluminum and large glass display windows.
- 52. Byrd and Carter Attorneys (116 E. Main Street): before 1893*; one story, brick; facade completely covered with a new brick facade.
- 54. Charles D. Peters, Consulting Engineer (120 E. Main Street): before 1903*; one story, brick; facade completely covered with a new brick facade.

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Dothan was incorporated in November, 1885 with a population somewhere between 100 and 200 persons. The growth and development of Dothan as a trade and service center for the Wiregrass area had already begun when the Alabama Midland Railroad was extended through Dothan to Montgomery in 1889. Following completion of the railroad, population grew rapidly from 247 persons in 1890 to 3,875 in 1900. The economy also expanded as farming replaced turpentine distilling and lumbering as the main industry. Cotton was the chief cash crop which brought prosperity to the area.

Commercial structures in downtown at this time consisted of predominately one and some two-story, red brick structures. Growth and prosperity fostered the development of larger more diverse commercial structures including three-story brick structures (e. g. Wadlington Hotel, c. 1900, #18 and 19), concrete block structures (e. g. three-story block building, c. 1905, #30), yellow brick structures (e. g. Porter-Farmer building, 1910, #13), stone-faced structures (Lurie building, c. 1904, #16), and a classic revival bank (First National Bank, 1907, #1).

A number of old Dothan families were active in the commercial development of the City during the early 1900s. Edwin Russell (Russ) Porter expanded his one-story hardware store into a two-story building with a new yellow brick facade in 1907 (E. R. Porter Hardware Store, #50). Mr. Porter was responsible for the construction of a number of other buildings in the district including a brick warehouse (c. 1906, #57) and two brick commercial structures (c. 1906, #56 and c. 1914, #48). He was also a major investor in the Porter-Farmer Building (1910, #13). Hymen Blumberg expanded his general merchandise store to include the whole first floor of the building on the corner of E. Main and S. Foster Streets which became known as the Blumberg Building (#49). His store grew into the Blumberg's Department Store which anchored downtown until it closed in the early 1970's. In 1910, Elias (E. T.) Saliba, moved his recently established wholesale grocery business into a two-story, brick warehouse which he had constructed alongside the Central of Georgia (Southern) Railroad tracks in 1906 (Saliba Building, #67). Another businessman, George H. Malone, one of the many Malone's active in the early commercial development of Dothan and a founder and major stockholder in the First National Bank of Dothan, was instrumental in the bank's decision to build their classic revival building (1907, #1) on the corner of E. Main and Foster Streets.

During the early 1900's two additional railroad lines, the Central of Georgia (1900) and the Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Line (1907) helped consolidate Dothan's control of transportation in the region and establish the City as the "Hub of the Wiregrass." In 1903, Dothan was named the county seat of the newly formed Houston County. By 1910 Dothan had a population of 7,016 and had become the 10th largest city in the state. Growth pressures and rising land prices led to the construction of Dothan's first "skyscraper," the five-story, white enameled brick Young Building (#68), built by J. R. Young in 1914.

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Dothan's economy faltered in 1916 and 1917 when the boll weevil inflicted heavy damage to the important cotton crop. The local economy didn't fail completely due to the importance of Dothan as a regional trade and transportation center. However, the prosperity and development of the previous years was over. Prosperity didn't return for a long period as the economy remained stagnated through the late 1930's.

One result of the economic stagnation was that building construction declined significantly. Few surviving commercial structures were built during the period 1917 to 1930. Some of the exceptions include the Malone Motor Company Building, 1923, (#62), and the Kress Building (#35, c. 1928, addition c. 1955). Despite a stagnant economy, population growth during this period continued as the City grew from 10,034 persons in 1920 to 16,046 in 1930.

The Main Street area began losing its importance as a commercial center in the early 1960's when many retail businesses began moving to outlying shopping centers and malls. Today, many of the buildings in the districts are vacant and/or in a state of deterioration. The Dothan Landmarks Foundation, Inc., a local historical group, is actively working to encourage the restorationa and reuse of many of the buildings in the district.

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INVENIORY, CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:

- 1. First National Bank Building (now SouthTrust), 101 E. Main Street: 1907; c. 1960; two-story, yellow brick bank; classical revival influence; monumental, smooth columns of the Roman Doric order support a detailed entablature along the front and left sides; entablature consists of a smooth architrave, a frieze with metopes, triglyphs and guttae and cornice; facade was expanded to incorporate a small brick structure on the rear and a two-story brick structure on the right side; facade has been remodeled with new yellow-brown brick replacing the original and new one-over-one aluminum frame windows.
- 7. Building, 122 N. Foster Street: before 1912; two-story, rusticated concrete block; decorative cement cornice; second story retains much of its original fabric; three one-overone second floor windows have been replaced with metal casement windows; first floor has been altered with the addition of a new brick and glass storefront.
- 9. Bauman Building, 126 N. Foster Street: before 1903; two-story, brick; brick cornice and two rectangular, recessed panels in the upper facade; three original second floor windows have been shortened and replaced with plate glass; first floor storefront has been modernized with new crushed stone and glass.
- 11. Farmer-Porter Building, 132-134 N. Foster Street: before 1903; two-story, brick structure; pressed metal entablature with intricate, bracketed, protruding cornice, dentils and detailed frieze; second floor has seven window bays; first floor storefronts on either side of a central door have been altered and covered.
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- 13. Porter-Farmer Building, 138-142 N. Foster Street: 1910; two-story, yellow brick structure with decorative brickwork around the top of the facade; second floor has five double window bays on the front and 12 single one-over-one windows along the left side (facing E. Troy Street); three commercial storefront bays on first floor front have been altered and covered with aluminum and glass; nine boarded-up windows and three doorways along left side first floor facade.
- 14. Garner Insurance Agency, 108 E. Troy Street: before 1912; one-story, brick with decorative brick cornice and two recessed panels.
- 15. Old J. C. Penney Building, 145 N. Foster Street: c. 1937; three-story, yellow brick facade department store building with decorative brickwork in the upper facade; steel casement windows located in the second floor; the modern plate-glass display windows now replace the original storefront; numerous windows located along the side (north) facade.

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- 17. The Dog House, 139 N. Foster Street: before 1907; small, narrow, one-story structure; storefront replaced with aluminum and glass; above storefront, rusticated concrete block.
- 18. Old Hotel Wadlington Building, 137 N. Foster Street: before 1903; along with #19 served as a downtown hotel until late 1960s; three-story, brick; four windows on each second and third floors; upper two floors have been covered with smooth stucco; first floor storefront has been altered with glass and aluminum.
- 19. Old Hotel Wadlington Building, 131-135 N. Foster Street: before 1903; along with #18 was a downtown hotel; three-story, brick; seven windows on each second and third floors; upper two floors including brick drip mold cornice have been covered with smooth stucco; first floor storefronts have been modernized with new glass and aluminum.
- 22. Building, 115-119 N. Foster Street: part before 1907, facade before 1920; originally two buildings, right side probably began as a one-story structure with the second floor added before 1907; the present facade was probably built when the left building was raised to two floors (before 1920); red brick with brick cornice and three recessed panels in upper facade; seven windows in second floor facade have been bricked in; first floor altered and modernized with a variety of materials.
- 23. Building, 111-113 N. Foster Street: part before 1893, facade before 1920; two-story brick; was originally two one-story buildings which were raised to two stories, left side before 1912, right side before 1920; present facade was probably built when right side building was raised, before 1920; brick cornice; six jalousie windows in second floor facade; two first floor storefronts altered with brick, aluminum, and glass.
- 31. Wilson's Mens Shop, 111-113 W. Main Street: before 1912; two-story, brick; decorative brick cornice and brickwork in upper facade; five one-over-one windows on second story; two storefront bays on first floor have been altered with brick, aluminum and glass.
- 33. Kress Building, now Eye Care, 101-107 W. Main Street: before 1931, c. 1955; two-story, yellow brick structure; the right side was added to the original structure c. 1955; facade of addition was constructed to match existing, although lighter colored yellow bricks were used; first floor facade was remodeled with aluminum and glass at same time; 11 one-over-ore windows in second floor front facade; numerous various sized windows in left side facade (facing S. Foster Street); limestone cornice along front and left side facade.
- 34. Irby Paul, Counseling Services, 116 S. Foster Street: before 1931; one-story, brown brick; small brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; storefront altered with metal framing and glass windows.
- 35. Bodyworks Gym/Filter Queen, 118-120 S. Foster Street: before 1893, facade probably c. 1925; one-story, brick; small brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; two storefronts have been somewhat altered with paneling and glass.
- 36. Roberts Jewelry, 122 S. Foster Street: before 1931; small, narrow, one-story structure with plain brick facade; appears to retain largely original appearance.

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- 38. Hudson-Crine Business Machine Co., 128 S. Foster Street: c. 1940; one-story brick; off-center, single-leaf entrance and a large tripartite window under a metal awning; above awning are two panels and a parapet.
- 39. Commercial Building, 130-132 S. Foster Street: c. 1940; plain one-story brick building, 2 storefront bays, altered storefronts; recessed panels above storefront.
- 41. Carmichael Building, 140 S. Foster Street: before 1924; three-story, brick; six boarded-up window bays on second and third floor front facade and five each along the side facade (facing W. Crawford Street); two rectangular, recessed panels in upper facade, below a decorative brick cornice; two storefront bays in first floor, front facade, right bay has been paneled over, left has been altered with new aluminum frame and glass storefront.
- 42. T. R. Frith Seed and Hardware, 125-127 S. Foster Street: before 1912; two-story, brick; Spanish style influence evidenced by large, tile roofed, bracketed cornice on upper facade; limestone, medallion-type ornamentation on brick extending above both front corners; five window bays on second floor front facade; seven segmental arched windows along second floor right side facade (facing E. Crawford Street); two wood, brick and glass storefronts on first floor front (c. 1940) replaced original large, wood garage-type doors.
- 43. Building, 123 S. Foster Street: before 1912; one-story, brick; small brick cornice, two wood, brick, and glass storefronts, c. 1945, replaced original large wood doors.
- 44. Buie`s Cafeteria, 121 S. Foster Street: before 1907; one-story brick, two large, rectangular recessed panels below small brick cornice; lower facade partially altered and covered with permastone, wood paneling, aluminum, and glass; existing brick facade probably replaced original brick facade c. 1930.
- 49. E. R. Porter Hardware Co., 109 S. Foster Street: before 1920; one-story, brick; decorative brick cornice and brickwork in upper facade; retains most of original fabric; two commercial storefronts on left side, doorway, two windows and covered-over display window on right side.
- 51. E. R. Porter Hardware Building, 112 E. Main Street: c. 1890, c. 1907; two-story, yellow brick; one-story, brick structure built c. 1890 was reportedly raised into present two-story structure with present facade in 1907; pressed metal, bracketed cornice; three windows with limestone lintels and sills on second floor; metal cornice over first floor storefront; structure retains most original interior and exterior fabric; oldest continuously operating business in same building in Dothan.
- 54. Main Street Grill, 118 E. Main Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; small brick cornice and two recessed panels in upper facade; cast-iron column (still intact); storefront has been altered with new aluminum and glass.

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- 56. Ellison Drug Building, 126 E. Main Street: before 1893, c. 1907; two-story, light colored brick; original facade believed to have been placed over original red brick facade c. 1907. Four one-over-one windows in second floor front facade and six along left side facade (facing S. St. Andrews Street); first floor storefront has been altered with wood, brick, and glass; two limestone belts and heavy, bracketed limestone cornice extend around entire facade.
- 57. Old Burdeshaw Bicycle Building, 106-110 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1907; one-story brick; brick cornice and decorative brickwork in upper facade; round arched doorway in center, flanked by two bays which were originally storefronts and which have been bricked up.
- 58. Building (faces Southern Railroad): before 1907; one-story, brick warehouse; two freight doorways, two doorways and two windows, all segmental arched, face railroad.
- 59. Tri-State Publishing Co./Southern Color, 120 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1920; one-story, brick; small brick cornice and three recessed brick panels in upper facade; storefront has been somewhat altered with stone and new plate glass.
- 60. Building, 122-124 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1920; one-story, brick; facade altered with smooth stucco, glass and new metal door.
- 61. Building, 126 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1931; one-story, brick; small brick cornice and rectangular recessed panel covered with smooth stucco; new metal garage-type door has replaced original wood door.
- 62. Trailways Bus Terminal, 130 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1931; small brick gas station with hip roof; hip roofed overhang with cast-iron support.
- 63. Malone Ford Building, 131 S. St. Andrews Street: 1924; large, one-story brick; central doorway flanked by four large display windows; altered with new display glass and metal trim; brick posts on top of facade have been "hidden" by infill brick; large garage doorways along both sides; interior showroom retains original pressed tin ceiling and tile floor.
- 64. Cotton Warehouse (Holman Alley): south one-half before 1924, north one-half before 1931; one-story plain brick warehouse; there are a number of loading doors around the structure including several with segmental arches.
- 65. Building, 119 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1907; two-story, brick; brick cornice and decorative brickwork in upper facade; three windows in second floor facade set in recessed panels; modern wood and glass storefront.
- 66. Moody Building, 113-117 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1912; two-story, brick; nearly identical to #64; brick cornice and decorative brickwork in upper facade; six windows in second floor facade set in recessed panels; two plate glass and brick storefronts on first floor level have replaced original large, wooden doors.

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- 67. Building, 111 S. St. Andrews Street: before 1907; one-story, brick; brick cornice and three recessed panels in upper facade; cast-iron and glass storefront.
- 68. Saliba Building, 103-109 S. St. Andrews Street: c. 1900; two-story brick warehouse; brick cornice and six recessed, rectangular panels in the upper facade; embossed, limestone identification stone in center of upper facade; four segmental arched windows and large, bricked up, round arched window in front, second floor facade; three round arched, double doorways in first floor facade; twin brick belts along front facade between first and second floors. J. W. Baughman, builder.
- 69. Young Building, 200-202 E. Main Street: 1914; five-story, white enamelled brick office building; built by J. R. Young, Mayor of Dothan for four separate two-year terms; detailed limestone cornice on front and right side (facing S. St. Andrews Street) facades; decorative blue tiles in upper front facade; original windows on upper four floors have been replaced with single sheets of plate glass with aluminum trim; storefront on first floor front has been replaced with new aluminum and plate glass; marble apron around bottom of facade.
- 70. Building, 204 E. Main Street: before 1920; two-story, brown brick; brick cornice; three stone bands across facade; three one-over-one windows in second floor facade; retains original wood and glass storefront; tile in entranceway.
- 71. Building, 206 E. Main Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; brick cornice and recessed, rectangular brick panel in upper facade; storefront has been altered with aluminum and plate glass.
- 72. Segrest-Canady Building, 223-229 E. Main Street: 1910; large, two-story, brick; brick cornice and decorative patterned brickwork in upper facade; 17 equally spaced window openings in second floor facade have been boarded up; five, various sized commercial storefront bays on first floor level; aluminum has been used to cover central portion of facade, between first and second floors.
- 73. Ellison Building, 221 E. Main Street: 1907; two-story, brick cornice; three boarded-up windows in second story facade set in recessed panels; first floor storefront altered with aluminum and new plate glass.
- 74. Page Drug Building, 125 E. Main Street: before 1893; two-story, brick; irregular corner structure with clipped corner; four arched windows set in recessed panels on second floor front facade and five along right side (facing N. St. Andrews Street) facade; facade has been completely covered with smooth stucco; first floor commercial storefront bay has been altered with aluminum, glass, and brick.
- 76. Building, 119 E. Main Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; brick cornice and two recessed brick panels in upper facade; storefront has been altered with aluminum, wood, and glass.
- 77. Gem Jewelry & Loan, 117 E. Main Street: before 1893; one-story, brick cornice and single, rectangular recessed panel in upper facade; storefront has been altered with wood, aluminum and glass.

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79. Rose Jewelers, 107 E. Main Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; two decorative brick panels in upper facade; storefront altered with wood, aluminum, and glass.

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- 2. The Downtown Club, 110 N. Foster Street: before 1898; one-story, brick; upper facade covered with smooth stucco; storefront altered with large plate glass windows and aluminum trim; pressed tin ceiling.
- 3. Season's Past Antiques, 114 N. Foster Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; upper part of facade covered over with sheet aluminum; storefront altered with aluminum and glass.
- 4. Baxter's Shoes, 116 N. Foster Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; upper part of facade covered over with paneling; storefront altered with Carrara Glass, aluminum and glass.
- 5. Lorch's, 118 N. Foster Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; decorative brick cornice is visible above aluminum covering upper portion of facade; storefront altered with aluminum and glass.
- 6. Todd's, 120 N. Foster Street: before 1903; two-story, brick; decorative brick cornice and panels and second floor facade have been covered with smooth stucco; second floor windows have been replaced with metal casement windows; cast-iron storefront and transom windows have been covered over and modernized with brick, wood, and glass.
- 8. Building, 124 N. Foster Street: before 1912; small, one-story, brick structure; upper facade has been completely covered over with aluminum; storefront altered with new plate glass.
- 10. Saad's Jewelers, 130 N. Foster Street: before 1907; small, one-story, brick structure has been completely covered over with aluminum.
- 16. Lurie Building, 141-143 N. Foster Street: 1904; two-story, brick veneer with cornice; modern storefront has replaced the original two storefront bays and round arched doorway; second level has rectangular windows with one-over-one sash.
- 20. Building, 125 N. Foster Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; original stone facing probably remains intact under sheet aluminum covering; storefront has been altered with new plate glass.
- 21. R. F. Sheppard Jewelers, 121 N. Foster Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; upper facade covered with aluminum; storefront altered with aluminum and plate glass; "Tippett Building" in mosaic tile at entrance.
- 24. GQ Fashions, 109 N. Foster Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; brick cornice visible above aluminum covering upper portion of facade; storefront altered with new plate glass display windows.

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- 25. Sasser Appliance Service, 107 N. Foster Street: before 1903; two-story, brick; second floor added after 1931 and completely covered with aluminum; first floor replaced with plate glass display windows.
- 26. Eye Glass Fashions, 105 N. Foster Street: before 1903; one-story, brick, facade completely covered with new siding.
- 27. Old Harris Furniture Building, 121-123 W. Main Street: before 1931; two-story, brick; brick cornice and two long, rectangular recessed panels above six second floor windows; second floor covered with smooth stucco; original storefronts replaced with large, plate glass windows.
- 28. Old Rimson Furniture Building, 119 W. Main Street: before 1931; two-story, brick; facade covered with smooth stucco; four one-over-one windows on second floor; first floor storefront altered with metal trim and plate glass.
- 29. Eyeglass Laboratories, 117 W. Main Street: before 1907; three-story, rusticated concrete block; concrete cornice with dentils; two-block belt courses on front; four windows on each second and third floor front facade have been boarded up; first floor stuccoed and altered with new plate glass windows.
- 30. Attorney Offices, 115 W. Main Street: before 1893; small, plain, one-story, brick; new brick facade has replaced original brick; storefront replaced with plate glass and aluminum frame.
- 32. Wilson's Mens Shop, 109 W. Main Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; upper facade covered with aluminum; storefront altered with brick, aluminum, and glass.
- 37. Green Furniture Co., 124-126 S. Foster Street: before 1924; one-story, brick; upper facade completely covered with aluminum; lower facade completely rebuilt with crushed stone siding and plate glass with metal trim.
- 40. Strickland Music, 136 S. Foster Street: c. 1935; one-story, brick; small brick cornice is visible above sheet aluminum which covers most of the facade; two storefront bays on left side have been altered with new plate glass and metal trim.
- 45. Dothan Rescue Mission, 119 S. Foster Street: before 1907; one-story stuccoed over brick.
- 46. Building, 117 S. Foster Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; small brick cornice and three recessed panels hidden under smooth stucco covering most of facade; storefront altered with new plate glass windows.
- 47. Dothan Fabric Center, 115 S. Foster Street: before 1907; almost entire facade covered with stucco; lower portion of facade altered with aluminum framing and plate glass.

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- 48. Coleman's Cyclery, 113 S. Foster Street: before 1912; small, narrow, one-story, brick; facade covered with new siding and altered with new glass.
- 50. Blumberg's, 100 to 110 E. Main Street: part before 1893; five, varied, two-story, brick commercial structures were consolidated into the old Blumberg's Department Store; one, the Baker Baker, was torn down c. 1954 during expansion; others reportedly remain somewhat intact under large sheet aluminum facade covering; first floor altered with aluminum and large glass display windows.
- 52. Building, 114 E. Main Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; upper facade covered with smooth stucco; storefront altered and covered with Carrara Glass and new plate glass windows.
- 53. Byrd and Carter Attorneys, 116 E. Main Street: before 1893; one-story, brick; facade completely covered with a new brick facade.
- 55. Charles D. Peters, Consulting Engineer, 120 E. Main Street: before 1903; one-story, brick; facade completely covered with a new brick facade.
- 75. Building, 121-123 E. Main Street: before 1893: one-story brick with an altered storefront; brick cornice partially stuccoed.
- 78. SEACT, 109-115 E. Main Street: before 1893, remodeled after survey c. 1985; three brick structures (one two-story flanked by two one-story) were merged into one building; upper facade completely covered with stucco; first floor storefronts altered with blue Carrara Glass and new plate glass with aluminum trim.
- 80. Building, 105 E. Main Street: before 1903; two-story, brick; facade has been completely covered over with a new plain yellow brick facade; first floor storefront has been replaced with three windows; original red brick facade contains numerous limestone bands.

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#8 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXPANDING THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE DOTHAN HISTORIC DISTRICT:

The period of significance for the Main Street Commercial Historic District, Dothan, was originally determined by the date of incorporation of the city, 1885, to c. 1933, an arbitrary date reflecting the National Register 50-year guideline (the nomination was originally prepared in 1983). Since the significance of the district as a commercial center continued beyond 1933 (until the early 1960s when many retail businesses began moving to outlying shopping centers and malls), the period of significance for the historic district will be expanded to include additional resources constructed over 50 years ago. Hence, the new period of significance will be expanded from 1885 until c. 1944, the arbitrary date reflecting the National Register 50-year quideline.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

Unlike many communities in the state, the city of Dothan continued to flourish during the 1930s and 40s. The Wiregrass region maintained a strong agricultural economy including peanuts and other cash crops. Cattle, timber, chickens, and turpentine production also strengthened the economy. During this time, several buildings located in or around the commercial district of Dothan were constructed including the old J.C. Penney Building, 145 N. Foster (c. 1937); 128 S. Foster St. (c. 1940); 130-32 S. Foster St. (c. 1940); the old Houston County Jail, 102 N. Oates St. (c. 1938); Dothan High School, S. Oates (c. 1939); and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 308 N. Andrews (1942). The old jail, high school, and Coca-Cola building are located outside the boundaries of the historic district and will be nominated to the National Register at a later date.

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#10 BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

BOUNDARIES OF HISTORIC DISTRICT:

The boundaries of the original Main Street Commercial Historic District will not be expanded at this time. Therefore, the legal description and historic district map will remain the same.



