

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

and/or common Clermont Residential Historic District

2. Location

street & number Vicinity of Main, Harris, Martin, and Railroad Streets. N/A not for publication

city, town Clermont N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Hall code 139

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" 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 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 Hall County Courthouse

city, town Gainesville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Georgia Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 Clermont Residential Historic District is located north of the town center of Clermont, in the area around Main, Harris, Martin, and Railroad Streets. The district is comprised of early 20th-century dwellings sited in a curvilinear and linear arrangement primarily along Main and Railroad Streets. It contains a variety of popular early 20th-century architectural styles which include Victorian Eclectic, Georgian Revival, Neoclassical, and Bungalow/Craftsman, as well as simple vernacular cottages. Houses within the district are primarily one- and two-story, wood-framed structures with front porches, roof dormers, and doors with sidelights and transom lights. Some of the larger residences in the district are the Haynes Residence, a two-story, wood-framed, Victorian Eclectic structure on the east side of Main Street, and the Roark House, a two-story, wood-framed Neoclassical-style structure with central monumental portico and one-story porch across the front facade. Another large Neoclassical-style home is the Frank Rogers House, located on the west side of Railroad Street at the northwest corner of the intersection with Martin Street. This structure is two stories high and has a central monumental portico and one-story porch across the front facade, and is covered in asbestos siding. Most residences are sited in the center of their rectangular lots at similar setbacks from the street. The terrain within the district is fairly level in the Main Street section and sloping in the Railroad Street area. The district is informally landscaped with grass lots, shrubbery at the base of the structures, and yards filled with hardwood trees.

Clermont's central business district is located adjacent to the south of the Clermont Residential Historic District. To the east and west of the district is vacant land, and to the north, there is a mixture of historic and non-historic properties.

The National Register boundary is based on a concentrated area of historic residential structures which illustrate the development of the town of Clermont along major roads and near the railroad tracks in the early 1900s.

# 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 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/
<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history
<b>Specific dates</b> 1892–1935	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	<b>Multiple</b>		

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Clermont Residential Historic District is significant in the areas of architecture, community planning and development, and local history.

In terms of architecture, the district is important for its collection of early 20th-century residential structures in the Victorian Eclectic, Georgian Revival, Neoclassical, Bungalow/Craftsman and plain vernacular styles, all of which were common in small towns in Georgia and the southeast after the turn of the century. Houses within the district are primarily one- and two- story, wood-framed structures with front porches, roof dormers, and doors with sidelights and transom lights. The district represents the only intact grouping of historic houses in the small town of Clermont.

The district is important in the area of community planning and development for its development following the construction of the Gainesville and Northwestern Railroad in the early 1900s. A portion of the rail line was located in the district on the current Railroad Street. Main Street is laid out in a curvilinear pattern, and Railroad Street is laid out in a linear configuration. The town of Clermont was officially chartered in 1913 with limits established one mile in every direction from the intersection of King and Main Streets. The Chestatee-Pyrite Chemical Corporation built a railroad from Lumpkin County mines to intersect with previously laid tracks at Clermont, making Clermont a railroad junction. Railroad Street through its historical associations with the railroad illustrates the evolution of siting patterns of dwellings along primary streets and railroad tracks, a development that was common in small communities in Northeast Georgia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In the area of local history, the district is significant for its association with individuals who contributed to the development of the town of Clermont in the early 1900s. Many of the homeowners in the district were farmers and local merchants, some of whom included John Milton Haynes, V.C. Roark, Guy Bowman, J.W. Brown, Tom Cobb, O.E. Floyd, and Alfred Staton. These farmers and merchants reflect the function of the town as a service center for the small community of Clermont and surrounding farms.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Jaeger, Dale. "Clermont Residential Historic District - Historic District Information Form". September, 1984. (On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources).

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 19 acres, approximately

Quadrangle name Clermont, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The district boundary is described by a heavy black line on the enclosed "property/sketch map" and is justified in Section 7.

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Andrea Niles, Survey and Research Specialist

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date 7-22-85

street & number 270 Washington Street SW 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 Elizabeth A. Lyon  
 Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date 7/25/85

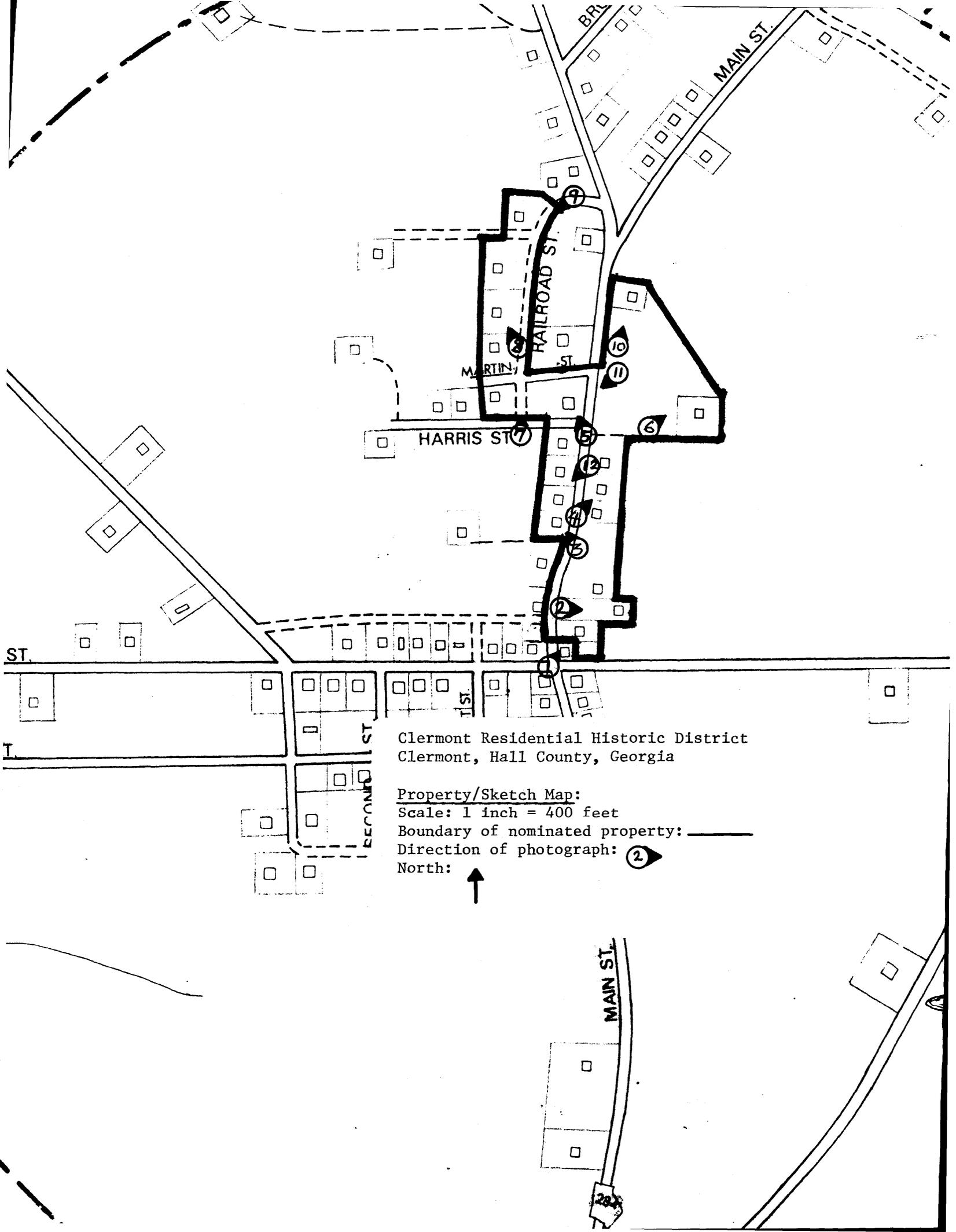
### For NPS use only

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

for Melissa Byers  
 Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 9-5-85

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief of Registration



Clermont Residential Historic District  
 Clermont, Hall County, Georgia

Property/Sketch Map:  
 Scale: 1 inch = 400 feet  
 Boundary of nominated property: ———  
 Direction of photograph: ②  
 North: ↑