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MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF ANNISTON
CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name:	Anniston Cotton Manufacturing Company, "The Old Mill"	Owner: The Industrial Development Board of the City of Anniston
Common name:	Chalk Line, Inc	W. Don Bolton, Chairman
Address:	215 West 11th Street	P. O. Box 670 Anniston, Alabama 36202
Acreeage:	Approximately 14 acres.	UTM: A. 16/608020/3725010 B. 16/608100/3724670 C. 16/607950/3724670 D. 16/607980/3724980

Verbal Boundary: See attached sheet.

Architectural Design: Italian Renaissance Revival

Date of Construction: 1880-1881

Statement of Significance:

Criterion A - Industry:

The Anniston Cotton Manufacturing Company building is significant as an example of the spirit of industrialization that grew in the New South following the War Between the States. Built for Anniston's two leading industrialists, Samuel Noble and Alfred Tyler, as a companion industry to the city's growing iron industry and as a source of employment for the wives and children of iron workers, the mill was the first textile mill built in town. The mill also had one of the longest periods of operation of any textile mill within the state, beginning in February 1881 and continuing until its closing in 1977.

Criterion C - Architecture:

The Anniston Cotton Manufacturing Company building is significant architecturally for the quality of the Italian Renaissance Revival design as used in an industrial building from the period and as one of the oldest extant examples of a cotton mill building in Alabama.

Description:

Situated on a parcel of land adjoining the west side of the old L & N Railroad tracks (now the Seaboard System), Chalk Line includes the cluster of buildings that comprised the old Anniston Cotton Manufacturing Company. The main building is basically a rectangular, 3-story brick structure, with a 6-bay, 2-story wing extending to the rear of the southern end. The east elevation originally had 18 bays on either side of a central Lombardy bell tower, but a 1965 addition housing air conditioning has covered 8 of the bays on the southern end. Three of the original 6 second-story bays and one third-floor window on the south elevation are enclosed in a modern stairwell addition. The first and second-story windows have segmental arches above

a stone lintel. Between the windows are three-story brick pilasters. Other ornamentation includes corbeling and pierced brickwork with cruciform designs punctuating the cap of the pilasters and at the frieze level. The hip roof breaks into gables at either end of the ridge line.

Foundation walls of the basement are irregular ashlar, several feet thick. On the interior, the original heart pine beams, about one foot by one foot, are intact, supported on cast-iron modified Tuscan columns. Upper floors have beams embellished with chamfering, cast-iron supporting columns and original wood flooring. In the attic above the third floor, the roof is supported by a series of massive queen-post supports arranged in a series of four parallel aisles.

The wood stairway in the tower has wrapped molded railing and chamfered newels with wood finials. The belfry was removed in the 1950s.

The two-story wing also has a hip roof breaking into a gable and original 12-over-12 sash. No original sash remains in the main building, and the first-floor windows have been bricked in.

The one-story boiler building incorporates the same brick pilaster, corbeling and hipped roof features of the main building, while the original cloth storage building is a simple rectangular warehouse.

The 1928 wing is two-story brick with a bracketed cornice and unadorned pilasters.

Located on the north side of the original mill building is a two-story brick non-contributing addition which was constructed between 1944 and 1947 and to the rear of the original building stands a series of small brick storage buildings that were built around 1940 and are also non-contributing.

The spacious grounds are still maintained to enhance the attractiveness of the plant, with specimen pine, spruce, magnolia, dogwood, mimosa, oak, crepe myrtle, and other trees, and beds of summer flowers.

Historical Summary:

The town's first textile mill was chartered in May 1880 by the Tylers and Nobles. They had exhibited an interest in cotton textile manufacture as early as 1875, considering it to be the perfect companion industry to the manufacture of iron as well as a source of employment for wives and children of iron operatives. Alfred L. Tyler served as president until his death in 1907 and was succeeded in turn by his son, Alfred L. Tyler, Jr., until his death in 1940, and then his cousin F. O. Tyler (son of Augustus, the youngest son of Daniel). After his death in 1948, another family member, W. H. Deyo, became chairman of the board. In the late 1950s Chicopee Mills, subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, acquired the mill and operated it until 1977.

The mill produced at first shirting and sheeting, shipped directly to China. Semi-automatic looms replaced the original ones in 1908. The mill expanded in the 1920s with fully automatic looms in 1922 and major additions to the building in 1928. By now, drills and twills were the chief products, used in the industrial trades for such items as shoe linings. During World War II the mill expanded to over 600 looms and supplied 60 miles of cloth per day for life jackets, army shoes, tents and life

boat kits. After the Chicopee acquisition in 1958, surgical gauze became the main product. The first yard of cloth rolled off the 320 looms on February 19, 1881, and except for a few months in the worst of the depression in the early 1890s, it ran continuously until 1977. Chalk Line acquired the property in the spring of 1978 and has continuously operated it since. Now, Chalk Line produces sports jackets and maintains a screening operation.

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14TH 60'

PINE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH 10

487 13
29 8
427 127

1544
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171
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13608
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125

1221
329
625

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1137
1276
1356
1419

ALLEY 20'

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675 612
648 677

WEST 13TH STREET 55'

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1836 1209
1936 1109
2036 1009

WEST 12 1/2 STREET 35'

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WEST 12TH STREET 35'

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ANNISTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S MILL VILLAGE
P.B. "L" PG. 2

13TH 180'

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15 46

219 68

12TH 15'

45 51.5

40-A

82 56

88

87 40A

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169'

39 45.5

690

60' AVENUE WALNUT

RAILROAD 150'

11TH

Calhoun County Tax Map #11-21-03-06-4

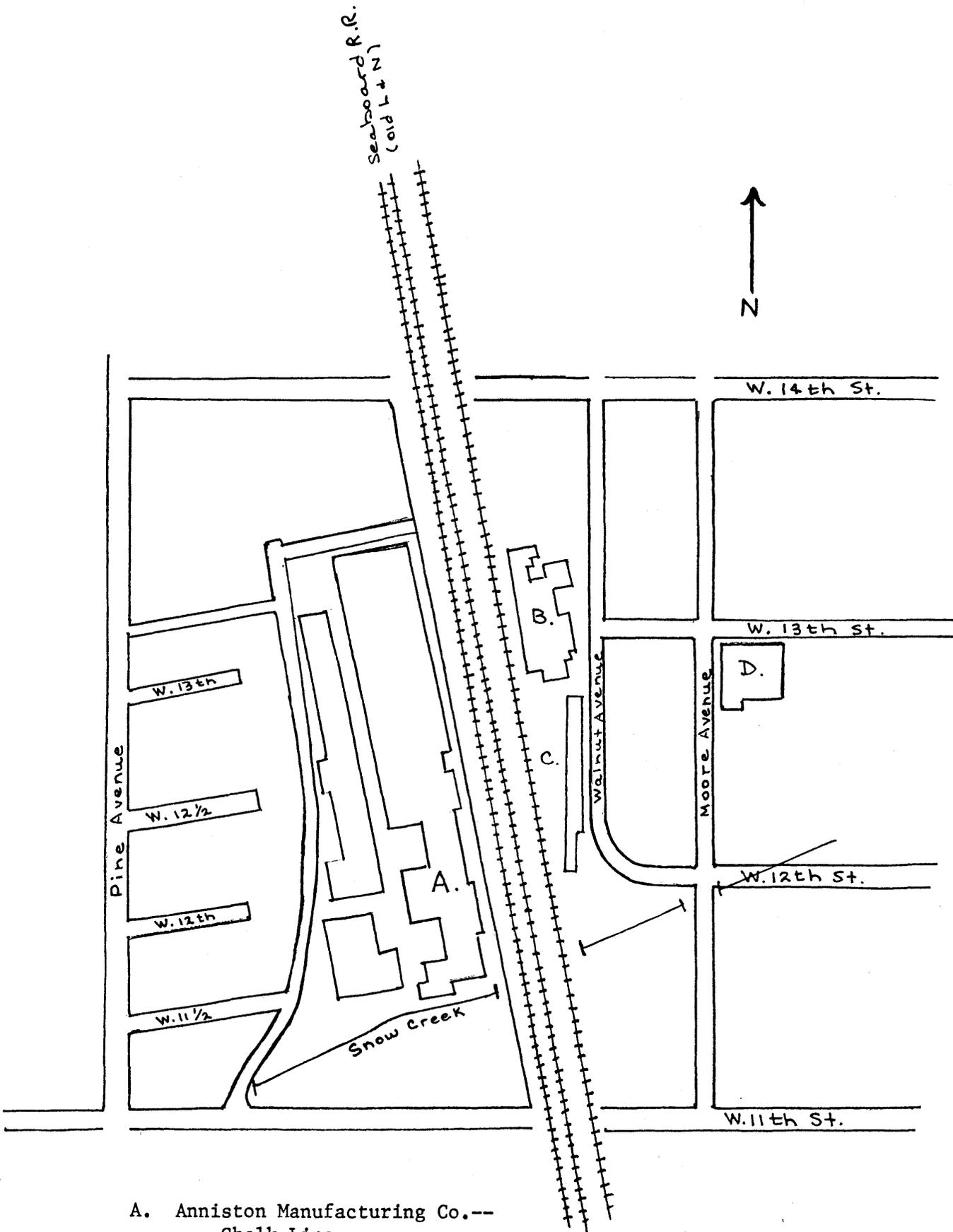
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EXHIBIT A

to the Lease Agreement
between The Industrial Development Board
of the City of Anniston
and
Bill F. Cook
dated as of
September 1, 1978

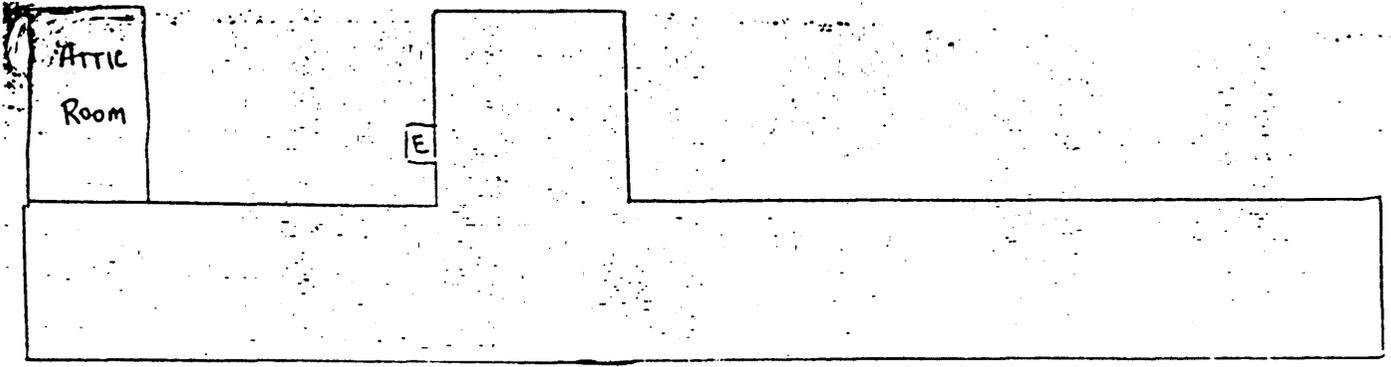
Beginning at a point 25 feet West of the Northwest corner of the intersection of Railroad Street and Eleventh (11th) Street in the City of Anniston, Calhoun County, Alabama; thence North and parallel with Railroad Street 1408.4 feet to a point on the South line of Fourteenth (14th) Street; thence at an angle to the right, $101^{\circ} 04'$, 228.3 feet to a point; thence South along the East line of Lot 1, as shown on the map of the Anniston Manufacturing Company's Mill Village, recorded in Plat Book "L", Page 2 Probate Office, Calhoun County, Alabama, 100 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 1; thence West along the South line of said Lot 1, 48.5 feet to a point; thence South 50 feet along the East line of the Church lot as shown on the map of said Mill Village 50 feet to a point which is the Southeast corner of the Church Lot; thence West along the South line of the Church Lot 108.0 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 3, as shown on said Mill Village Map; thence South along the East line of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and an abandoned alley 285.7 feet to a point on the North line of Lot 8 as shown on said Mill Village Map; thence Easterly along the North line of said Lots 8 & 9, as shown on said Mill Village map 96.3 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 9; thence Southerly along the east line of Lots 9, an abandoned portion of 13th Street, Lots 12 & 13, an abandoned portion of 12 1/2th Street and the East line of Lot 20, 472.2 feet along a chain link fence to a point, which is the Southeast corner of Lot 20 as shown on said Mill Village Map; thence Westerly along the South line of Lot 20, 69.5 feet to a point, which is the Northeast corner of Lot 21, as shown on said Mill Village Map; thence Southerly along the East line of Lot 21, 89.8 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 21; thence following said chain link fence Easterly along the North line of 12th Street 13.3 feet to a point, marked by a chain link fence; thence Southerly, along the line of said chain link fence across the abandoned portion of 12th Street and the East lines of Lots 29 & 30 as shown on said Mill Village Map, 188.9 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 30; thence at an angle to the right of $26^{\circ} 22'$, 47.5 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 36, as shown on said Mill Village Map; thence Southwesterly at an angle to the right $10^{\circ} 06'$ along the East line of Lot 36 as shown on said Mill Village Map 102.3 feet to a point; thence Southerly at an angle to the left of $5^{\circ} 11'$ along the East line of Lot 37, 81.0 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 37, thence Easterly along the North line of 11th Street 579.5 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 13.04 acres, more or less, and being known as the property of Anniston Manufacturing Company, Anniston, Alabama, situated, lying and being in the City of Anniston, Calhoun County, Alabama.



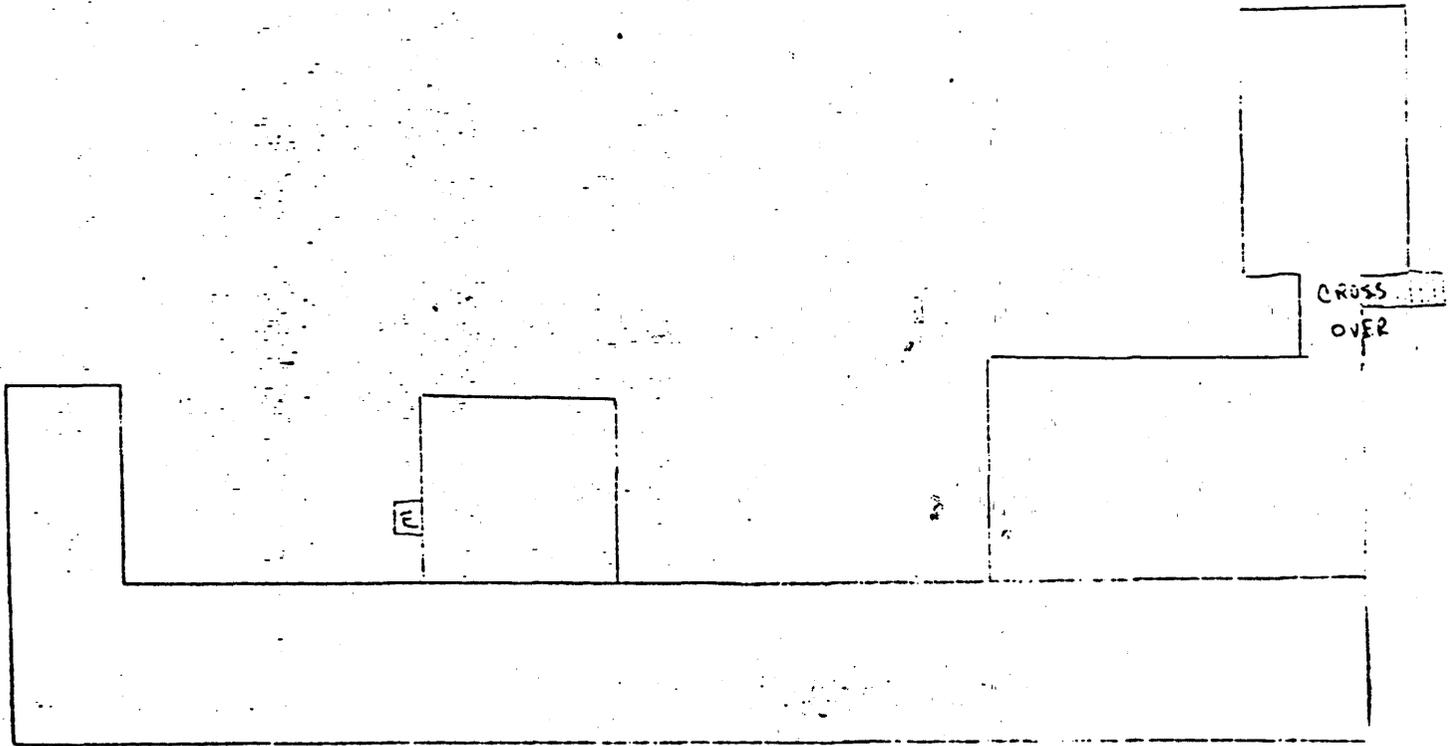
- A. Anniston Manufacturing Co.--
Chalk Line
- B. L & N Union Depot - Kelly Supply
- C. Old L & N Freight Depot - Kelly Supply Warehouse
- D. Anniston City Land Company Building

Anniston Manufacturing Co.
Floor Plan

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THIRD FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR