

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Cassels' Store

and/or common

2. Location

*off U.S. 82*

street & number 500 feet south of intersection of Seaboard Coastline Railroad and U. S. Highway 82 N/A not for publication

city, town McIntosh N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Georgia code 013 county Liberty code 179

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name John Tuten

street & number 1316 1/2 Newcastle Street

city, town Brunswick N/A vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Georgia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Liberty County Courthouse

city, town Hinesville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Cassels' store is a late-Victorian, two and one-half story, brick commercial building. It is located in the old community of McIntosh, in the vicinity of Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia.

The rectangular structure is constructed of loadbearing brick laid in common bond. It has a gable roof with a low monitor that is hidden in the front by a third floor false facade. The building has large segmentally arched windows with metal shutters and metal grilles on all sides. The five-bay front facade is divided horizontally by corbelled string courses and a corbelled cornice and vertically by pier-like chimneys with corbelled caps that rise up the front. Star-shaped tie rods run from front to back. Both the front and rear have centrally placed segmentally arched entrances. The first floor front originally had a full-width shed-roofed porch.

The interior of the store consists of an attic and two open floors supported by two rows of wooden posts and beams which divide the space into three long bays. On the first floor, an open, single-run stairway is located along the northeast wall, and a framed office is located in the southwest corner. A second single-run stairway leads from the second floor to the attic. Fireplace openings with no mantel details are located at the front on the first and second floors, and a freight elevator system is located near the rear. The interior is considerably deteriorated with plaster crumbling off the walls and badly rotted floors and ceiling boards.

Cassels' Store is located on a ten-acre tract of land (only 1 acre nominated) facing the Seaboard Coastline Railroad tracks in what was the tiny community of McIntosh. The setting is completely rural with only two other structures in the vicinity, a modern storage building across the tracks and a small store on nearby Highway 82. The property, now heavily overgrown, was once open, and farmers, who traveled from far afield to the store, camped out around the building.

### Boundary

As no historic or environmental boundaries exist for this structure, a boundary of convenience, circumscribing an area of approximately one acre with the structure centrally located, has been selected. This boundary is outlined by a heavy black line on the attached topographic map. The nominated property forms a square, 200 feet on a side, with its southwest and northeast sides equidistant (100') from the center of the structure and parallel to its sides, its southeast side running along the nearer edge of a dirt road in front of and parallel to the front of the structure, and its northwest side 200 feet northwest and parallel to its southeast side.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1887 Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Cassels' Store, built in 1887, is historically significant in the areas of architecture and commerce. In terms of architecture, Cassels' Store is significant as an unusually large and fine example of a late nineteenth century rural commercial structure in Georgia. In terms of commerce, the building is significant as a good example of the type of rural general store which was found throughout Georgia for many years of the nineteenth and into the twentieth centuries. Those areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

Architecturally, the late-Victorian detailing of the building with its segmentally arched windows, corbelled string courses and cornice, chimney/piers, and star-headed tie rods is particularly interesting and elaborate for a structure in such a remote area of the countryside. Its brick construction is unusual for the area, where most comparable buildings are frame structures. It is one of the few remaining historic structures in the tiny community of McIntosh.

In terms of commerce, Cassels' Store is significant as a good example of the type of nineteenth century rural general store that served farmers and planters from a wide region. Area farmers traveled to the store several times a year with goods to sell and supplies to purchase, and often they camped out on the grounds around the store before making the trip home. Other customers arrived by train, for the store, typically, was situated near a railroad to facilitate the delivery of goods. McIntosh grew up in the mid-nineteenth century as a station stop on the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad. Before the Civil War, it served as a shipping center for the wealthy rice planters in the vicinity, and in the late-nineteenth century, after the store was opened, it once again became a rural supply center. Cassels' Store is an unusually large example of a rural store. It stocked groceries, farming equipment and supplies, furniture, stoves, clothing and dry goods as well as providing cotton ginning services. The community post office was located on its first floor. The store was built and owned by Robert Q. Cassels, a local businessman whose winter home was once located across the tracks from the store. It remained in operation into the mid-twentieth century.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approximately 1 acre.

Quadrangle name Hinesville, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is described and justified in Section 7.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources

date March 14, 1982

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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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Elizabeth A. Lyon*

title Elizabeth A. Lyon  
State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/22/83

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

**Entered in the  
National Register**

date 8/5/83

*Delores Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
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