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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery  
other names/site number n/a

**2. Location**

street & number Old Lumpkin-Eufaula Road  
city, town Lumpkin (X) vicinity of  
county Stewart code GA 259  
state Georgia code GA zip code 31815

(n/a) not for publication

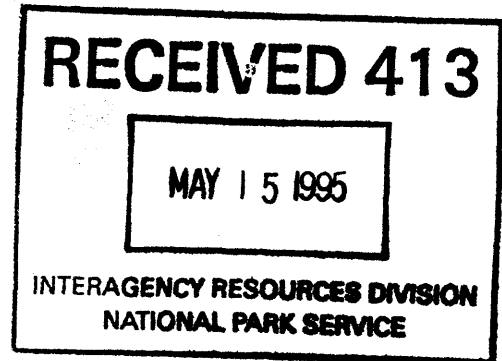
**3. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

**Category of Property**

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object



**Number of Resources within Property:**

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	2	0
sites	1	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	3	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: n/a

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

Mark R. Edwards  
Signature of certifying official

5/05/95  
Date

Mark R. Edwards  
State Historic Preservation Officer,  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency or bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

Edson H. Beall 6/20/95

Entered in the  
National Register

for Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

RELIGION/religious facility  
EDUCATION/school  
FUNERARY/cemetery

### Current Functions:

RELIGION/religious facility  
FUNERARY/cemetery

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

NO STYLE

### Materials:

foundation	brick; concrete
walls	wood
roof	metal; asphalt
other	n/a

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Located on the Georgia-Alabama line in Stewart County, six miles southwest of the county seat Lumpkin, the Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery make up the Green Grove Church Complex (photo #1).

The Green Grove Church is a one-story, rectangular-shaped frame building with drop siding (photo #2). The gabled front roof has asphalt shingles. The square belfry tower is located on the front north corner of the building. The tower has a pyramidal cap, small steeple, and raised-seam metal roof. The building's foundation is brick pier with concrete-block infill (photo #3).

The front porch has a hipped roof, brick pier and turned posts supports, and concrete block foundation (photo #4). The six-paneled, double-door entrance is located on the center of the front facade. There is a single-door entrance on each of the other three facades. The windows are mostly 2/2, double-hung and run along both sides.

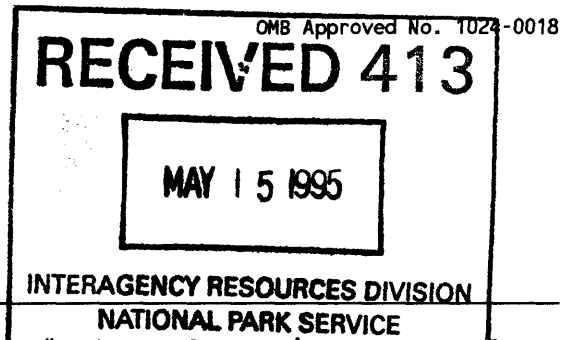
The interior plan of the church is extremely simple with a center aisle and pews on either side (photo #5). The pulpit and baptismal area are at the far end of the sanctuary away from the main entrance (photo #6). Original light fixtures remain. Behind the pulpit area is a dining room and rear entrance (photo #7). An outdoor baptismal is located to the northeast of the church (photo #8).

The school is a rectangular, frame, one-room building with weatherboard siding (photo #9). It has a front-gabled roof with asphalt shingles and small brick interior chimney. The foundation is brick pier. There are two single-door entrances on the front facade

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and one entrance on the rear facade (photo #10). ~~There is a row of~~ six 6/6, double-hung windows on the west side and one 6/6, double hung window and one small window on the east side.

The interior plan is one open room with a raised platform in the rear of the building (photo #11). There is no longer a wood stove in the center of the school, although the chimney is apparent from the outside. The original wood flooring remains, as do the wood walls, ceilings, and some furnishings (photo #12).

The cemetery was established in the 1920s (photo #13). It is immediately behind the school and to the side and rear of the church. While the church was built at this location in 1926-1927, the school was disassembled from another location and rebuilt here in 1936-1937.

The complex is located in a very rural, heavily-wooded setting with some open fields nearby. The landscaping of the complex is a swept yard with some mature trees and shrubs (photo #1).

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:**

nationally     statewide     locally

**Applicable National Register Criteria:**

A     B     C     D

**Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):**     N/A

A     B     C     D     E     F     G

**Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):**

ARCHITECTURE  
EDUCATION  
ETHNIC HERITAGE: African American  
RELIGION

**Period of Significance:**

1927-1937

**Significant Dates:**

1927 - Construction of the Church  
1937 - Reconstruction of the school

**Significant Person(s):**

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation:**

n/a

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

n/a

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**Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:**

**Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)**

The Green Grove Baptist Church Complex, which is made up of the Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery, is significant for its architecture, and for its importance in the educational, African American, and religious history of the Green Grove Community, as well as in Stewart County, and in Georgia. It is an extremely intact resource which still plays an important role in the area.

The Green Grove Church Complex is being nominated at the state level of significance because it is an excellent example of a church and school complex in a rural black community which has had very few alterations and is still used as a church for its original congregation which was established in 1886.

The Green Grove Church and School are significant in architecture because they are good and intact examples of a country church and a one-room school house from the early 20th century. The church, built at this location between 1925-1927, retains much of its original fabric, including the corner bell tower, interior space, and baptismal area. The school retains its one room appearance with almost all of its original finishes, doors, walls, floors, and furnishings. The large bank of windows along one side of the school followed early 20th-century guidelines and the Normal School philosophy about the need for good lighting.

The complex is significant in education because of the presence of an intact one-room school house built 1936-1937. The school was assembled here by the black congregation of Green Grove Church in order to provide a place for education of their members' children as well as for others in this very rural area of the county. The community served by the school was approximately seven miles in three directions. It was built in an era when the prevailing attitude toward education for blacks did not provide much, hence the church took charge of the situation which was a common approach throughout the South. The church established the school and ran it first inside the church until the school building was secured. The school building reflects the bare-bones nature of rural educational facilities of the times, with no bathrooms or running water.

The church, school, and cemetery are significant in Ethnic Heritage-African American as an important church/school complex serving a rural black community in Stewart County. This complex has served as a centerpiece for the spiritual and communal activities of the Green Grove Community.

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It is significant in religion because it has served the religious, social and cultural needs of a remote, rural African-American community. The church complex is significant as the center of the religious life of Green Grove community since the 1927. The beginnings of the Green Grove Church date back to 1866 when the congregation was formed. The church complex has been the place where its members gather and worship. Since its construction 70 years ago, the church building has symbolized the stronghold of religious belief in the Green Grove community.

**National Register Criteria**

The Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C for its significance in African-American, educational, and religious history of the community and as an excellent and intact example of a rural church and one-room school built in a small black community in Georgia during the early 20th century.

**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

The Green Grove Church meets Criteria Consideration A as it derives its primary significance from its historical importance and its architectural characteristics.

**Period of significance (justification)**

The Green Grove Church was completed in 1927 and 1945 marks the end of the period of historical significance.

**Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

The Green Grove Church and School are the two contributing buildings, as they retain their architectural integrity and were built within the period of significance. The Cemetery is a contributing site, as it was started within the period of significance. There are no noncontributing resources.

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**Developmental history/historic context (if applicable)**

The Green Grove Community is located six miles southwest of Lumpkin, Georgia in Stewart County on Old Lumpkin-Eufaula Road, Lumpkin 796, Lot 197 in the 20th Land District, Scienceville 816 Militia District. The community was established in 1886.

The scope of the community was as far as seven to ten miles. It served school children from distances as far as seven to ten miles from the south, west, and northwest, and as far as three miles more or less from the east.

Green Grove Community grew in population in the late 1880s because of the opportunity for farming offered to them by white land owners with land in the Green Grove Community and far beyond it. From interviews, surveys, and past census information, the community numbered from 2,000 to 2,500 people in the late 1880s to the early 1900s. The community consisted of many houses scattered in all directions on white-owned farm lands.

There was one main store that served the community. This was the Watt Dunaway's Store. The Grandberry Store near Wesley Chapel Community also served the community and was located at the far west end of Green Grove Community on the Old Eufaula Road (County Road 149).

There was, and still is, one other church by the name of Shorter Chapel A.M.E. in the immediate vicinity of the Green Grove Community.

Although in the late 1800s and early 1900s there were several white land owners in the area, Green Grove has overwhelmingly always been made up of black tenant farmers.

On March 3, 1919, a tornado swept across southern and central Stewart County doing extensive damage and killing at least one person, the daughter of Reverend Jerry Hayes of Lumpkin. The Green Grove Church, on the original site two miles east of the present church, was demolished. The Wesley Chapel School on the Old Eufaula-Lumpkin Road six miles to the west, was also destroyed.

The Green Grove Church was a frame structure built soon after the congregation was organized under a bush arbor on the site in 1886. After the 1919 tornado when the original building was destroyed, a second church was completed in 1920 which was destroyed by fire in 1924. Although the previous churches and cemetery were on the same site, it was decided to build the new church at the present location on land given to the congregation for this purpose by Miss Hettie York, a white woman who lived near the Green Grove Community. The present building was completed in 1927. A school for black children



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was organized in the new church and was operated there for ten years until a separate building could be obtained.

Meanwhile, the Wesley Chapel school house was rebuilt and occupied as an elementary school for white children of the area until 1936 when the school was closed and the pupils transported by bus to the elementary school in Lumpkin. Closing this school gave the Green Grove parents the opportunity to have a building for their school. The trustees of the school purchased the Wesley Chapel building, disassembled it, and moved it piece by piece, in two horse wagons, four miles to the yard of the church. There they carefully rebuilt it exactly as it was before it was moved and had it ready for occupancy at the beginning of the 1937-1938 school term.

The head contractors for moving the school were William (Bill) Hudson and his son, Thad Hudson. Helpers were John F. Hudson, Oscar Powell, Homer, Charlie, and Garfield Dalton, Sonny Beauford, Felton Rutherford, and several other men from the community.

Mrs. Sammie Glenn Hudson was the first teacher-principal in the new school with Miss Flossie Rutherford as assistant teacher. Other assistants to Mrs. Hudson, who served as principal during the entire period the school existed, were Miss Ruby Smith, Mrs. Vivian Dugan Waye, Miss Ethel Stubbs, Mrs. Ada Hubbard, Mrs. Willie Marie Porter, and Miss Marilyn Jenkins. The school was closed in 1958 when the students were transported by bus to a new school in Lumpkin.

The Green Grove Church still has an active congregation and the school building is used by the church for church functions.

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**9. Major Bibliographic References**

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Mahan, Joseph. "Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery," Historic Property Information Form, March 5, 1993. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia, with supplemental information.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

- ( ) preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ( ) previously listed in the National Register
- ( ) previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ( ) designated a National Historic Landmark
- ( ) recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ( ) recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- (X) State historic preservation office
- ( ) Other State Agency
- ( ) Federal agency
- ( ) Local government
- ( ) University
- ( ) Other, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

n/a

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** approximately one acre

**UTM References**

A) Zone 16 Easting 701930 Northing 3543060

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary includes the Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery as indicated on the enclosed tax map with a heavy black line, drawn to scale. The nominated property is Parcel 16 on Map 39, Stewart County, Scale 1" = 660' (the only available map showing the legal boundaries of the property).

**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries are the current and historic legal boundaries encompassing the church, school, and cemetery.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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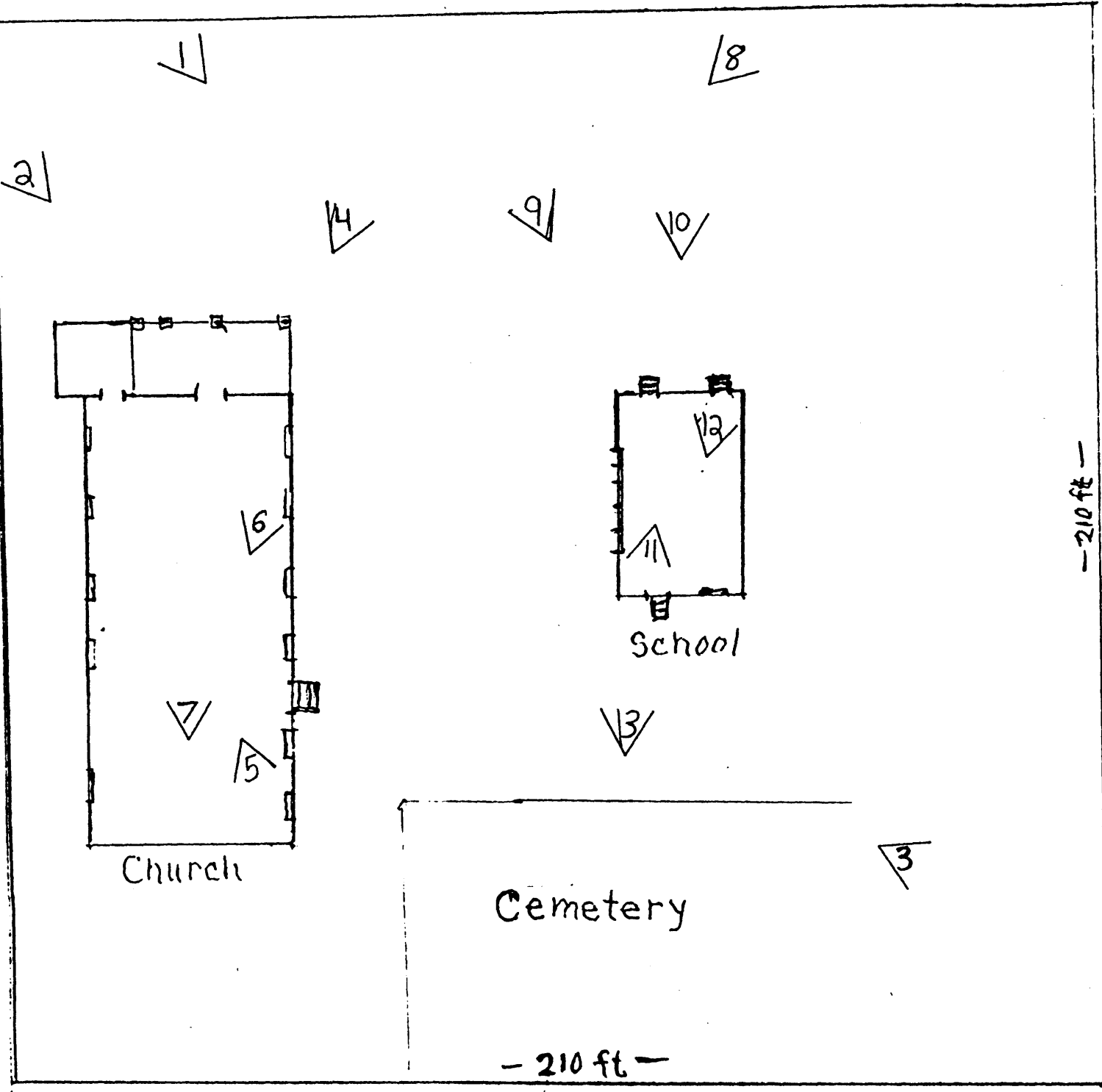
Photographs

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**Name of Property:** Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery  
**City or Vicinity:** Vicinity of Lumpkin  
**County:** Stewart  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** March 1994


**Description of Photograph(s):**

- 1 of 13: Green Grove Church, School, and Cemetery complex; photographer facing south.
- 2 of 13: Green Grove Church Complex; photographer facing south.
- 3 of 13: Rear facades of Green Grove Church and School; photographer facing north-northwest.
- 4 of 13: Front facade of Green Grove Church; photographer facing southwest.
- 5 of 13: Interior of church; photographer facing north.
- 6 of 13: Interior of church; photographer facing southwest.
- 7 of 13: Interior of church, baptismal area; photographer facing south.
- 8 of 13: Outdoor baptismal; photographer facing southwest.
- 9 of 13: Front facade of Green Grove School; photographer facing south.
- 10 of 13: Front facade of Green Grove School; photographer facing south-southwest.
- 11 of 13: Interior of school; photographer facing north-northeast.
- 12 of 13: Interior of school; photographer facing south-southwest.
- 13 of 13: Green Grove Cemetery; photographer facing south-southwest.



GREEN GROVE CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CEMETERY  
 STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA  
 SITE PLAN  
 NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY: **\_\_\_\_\_**  
 PHOTOGRAPHS/DIRECTION OF VIEW: **>**  
 SCALE: NONE  
 NORTH: **↖**

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STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA  
TAX MAP  
NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY:   
SCALE: 1" = 660'  
NORTH: ↑

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