



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name:
and/or Common Name:

2. LOCATION

Street & Number:

City:

State: Alabama

County:

Zip:

Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No

Township:

Range:

Section:

USGS Quad Map:

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object

Ownership: Public Private Both

Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress

Public Acquisition: In process Being considered

Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name:

Telephone:

Street & Number:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:		Source:	
Alteration date:		Source:	
Architect/Builder:		Contractor:	
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)		Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	
No. of stories:			
Historic use of property:			
Current use of property:			
Architectural style category:		Architectural style sub-category:	
Basic typology:		Basic shape:	
Basic floor plan:		Historic Construction material(s):	
Current exterior wall material(s)		Roof finish material(s):	
Main roof configuration:		Foundation material:	
Porch type:			
Window type and materials:			
Describe alterations:			
Number and type of all outbuildings: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)			
Exterior Architectural Description:			
Description of Setting:			

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory (archaeological component).

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary art | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

This information comes from a youngster growing up in Georgiana during the 1940s. He later became the President of our local bank and a City Councilman, Mr. Charles Shepherd.

It seems that all the local youths liked to hang out around the Dr. Pepper buildings because they mixed up their soft drinks in a big vat. The first 15-20 mixtures were always too sweet and they let the youngsters drink them until they got the mix just right. He said it was like drinking pure sugar. This mixing was done by hand and he said they ran the full bottles under a light to see if there was anything floating inside before they could sell them. Simple technology! A Barq's Root Beer bottle bottled here is stamped, "every bottle sterilized."

When you look at a drawing of downtown Georgiana, it seems Hank would have had to walk right by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Plant going to either the Shoe Shop or the Train Depot. Because if he would have walked behind his house, there was a Mule Sale Barn somewhere between Rose Street and Mill Street and surely he would not have wanted to get soiled shoes and approach the passengers with his peanuts.

Once we get the building repaired, clean, painted, we intend to fill it with country memorabilia, dating back to the early 1950s. Items will include books, records, magazines, pictures, VHS tapes, cassettes, and even some vintage clothing from country music stars. A small corner will be about Hank, but this collection will cover the stars of days gone by.

One other thing that will make it stand out from anywhere is the one of a kind collection of personal family memorabilia dating back to the 1885 Homestead Land Grant signed by President Grover Cleveland. This along with about 100 or more personal papers, checks, invoices, deeds, store receipts, insurance policies, and everything relating to the day to day operations of a small farmer's life (even his first car all bought from Georgiana) will be included. Other local people have talked about donating things they may well have concerning the town.

Georgiana is slowly tearing down all of the old buildings. I want to restore a few of what is left and make people proud of our history.

Howard L. Lofton
September 3, 2012

History of Dr. Pepper

<http://www.drpeppermuseum.com/about-us/history-of-dr--pepper.aspx>

A History of Dr Pepper, the World's Oldest Major Soft Drink Dr Pepper Company is the oldest major manufacturer of soft drink concentrates and syrups in the United States. It is America's unique flavor and was created, manufactured and sold beginning in 1885 in the Central Texas town of Waco.

Dr Pepper is a "native Texan," originating at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. It is the oldest of the major brand soft drinks in America. Like its flavor, the origin of Dr Pepper is out-of-the-ordinary. Charles Alderton, a young pharmacist working at Morrison's store, is believed to be the inventor of the now famous drink. Alderton spent most of his time mixing up medicine for the people of Waco, but in his spare time he liked to serve carbonated drinks at the soda fountain. He liked the way the drug store smelled, with all of the fruit syrup flavor smells mixing together in the air. He decided to create a drink that tasted like that smell. He kept a journal, and after numerous experiments he finally hit upon a mixture of fruit syrups that he liked.

To test his new drink, he first offered it to store owner Morrison, who also found it to his liking. After repeated sample testing by the two, Alderton was ready to offer his new drink to some of the fountain customers. They liked it as well. Other patrons at Morrison's soda fountain soon learned of Alderton's new drink and began ordering it by asking him to shoot them a "Waco."

Morrison is credited with naming the drink "Dr. Pepper" (the period was dropped in the 1950s). Unfortunately, the origin for the name is unclear. The Museum has collected over a dozen different stories on how the drink became known as Dr Pepper.

Dr Pepper gained such widespread consumer favor that other soda fountain operators in Waco began buying the syrup from Morrison and serving it. This soon presented a problem for Alderton and Morrison. They could no longer produce enough at their fountain to supply the demand.

Robert S. Lazenby, a young beverage chemist, had also tasted the new drink and he, too, was impressed. Alderton, the inventor, was primarily interested in pharmacy work and had no designs on the drink. He suggested that Morrison and Lazenby develop it further.

Morrison and Lazenby were impressed with the growth of Dr Pepper. In 1891, they formed a new firm, the Artesian Mfg. & Bottling Company, which later became Dr Pepper Company. Lazenby and his son-in-law, J.B. O'Hara moved the company from Waco to Dallas in 1923. In 1904, Lazenby and O'Hara introduced Dr Pepper to almost 20 million people attending the 1904 World's Fair Exposition in St. Louis. The exposition was the setting for more than one major product debut. Hamburgers and frankfurters were first served on buns at the exposition, and the ice cream cone was first served in large numbers.

From 1910 to 1914, Dr Pepper was identified with the slogan, "King of Beverages." "Old Doc," a typical country doctor character with monocle and top hat, became the Dr Pepper trademark character in the 1920s and 1930s. During that era, research was discovered proving that sugar provided energy and that the average person experiences a letdown during the normal day at 10:30a.m., 2:30p.m. and 4:30p.m. A contest was held for the creation of an ad using this new information. The winner of the ad campaign came up with the famous advertising slogan, "Drink a bite to eat at 10, 2, and 4." Dr Pepper's slogan in the 1950s was "the friendly Pepper-Upper," which led the brand into the 1960s when it became associated with rock and roll music and on Dick Clark's American Bandstand TV show.

With changing times came changing slogans. To broaden its appeal across the nation, Dr Pepper hailed itself as "the most misunderstood soft drink," and then in the 1970s became "the most original soft drink ever in the whole wide world." In 1977, Dr Pepper advertising was marked by the famous "Be a Pepper" campaign, followed by "Be You." The newest slogan out today is "There's just more to it," which coordinates with the emphasis on the 23 fruit flavors that give Dr Pepper its unique taste.

Attachment #1

STATE OF ALABAMA
BUTLER COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned Ella Lee Stallworth, as Executrix and sole devisee of the Last Will and Testament of F. N. Stallworth, deceased, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid by Albert M. Middleton, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Albert M. Middleton the following described real property situated, lying and being in the Town of Georgiana, Butler County, Alabama, viz:

To reach the point of beginning start at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section TWENTY SEVEN, Township EIGHT, Range THIRTEEN, Butler County, Alabama, run thence East a distance of 489.9 feet to a point, run thence South a distance of 1012.8 feet to an iron pin at the Southwest corner of the property herein described (which point is the Northwest corner of the property heretofore acquired by Sumpter M. McGowin in a foreclosure deed from Paul E. Hunt dated April 16, 1959, and recorded in the office of Judge of Probate of Butler County, Alabama, in Deed Book 124 at Page 65), from said point of beginning run thence South 89° 45' East along the North line of said McGowin lot and an extension thereof, a distance of 100 feet to a point, run thence North 50 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of the lot heretofore conveyed by Willis B. McGowin, et als, to McGill Chevrolet Company, Inc. by deed dated March 19, 1960, and recorded in the office of Judge of Probate of Butler County, Alabama, in Deed Book 127 at Page 337, run thence West along the South line of said McGill lot 100 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Miranda Street, run thence South along the East line of Miranda Street a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; being a part of Lot No. SIX of Block No. FOURTEEN according to the survey of G. K. Armes of the Town of Georgiana, Butler County, Alabama.

It is intended to herein describe and convey, whether herein correctly described or not, the same real property described in that certain deed from J. L. Hartley and wife, Siddie Hartley, to F. N. Stallworth dated January 16, 1935, and recorded in the office of Judge of Probate of Butler County, Alabama, in Deed Book 51 at Page 39.

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Steve Norman, Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA

WARRANTY DEED

COUNTY OF BUTLER

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to us by **Stephen Thomas Loftin**, the receipt in full and sufficiency whereof is acknowledged, we, the undersigned, **Travis M. Burkett** and **Jimmie Lou Burkett**, do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said **Stephen Thomas Loftin**, the following described real property, situated in Butler County, Alabama, viz:

To reach the point of beginning start at the Northwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 8, Range 13, Butler County, Alabama, run thence East a distance of 489.9 feet to a point, run thence South a distance of 1012.8 feet to an iron pin at the Southwest corner of the property herein described (which point is the Northwest corner of the property heretofore acquired by Sumpter M. McGowin in a foreclosure deed from Paul E. Hunt dated April 16, 1959, and recorded in the Office of Judge of Probate of Butler County, Alabama, in Deed Book 124 at Page 65), from said point of beginning run thence South 89° 45' East along the North line of said McGowin lot and an extension thereof, a distance of 100 feet to a point, run thence North 50 feet, more or less, to a point on the South line of the lot heretofore conveyed by Willis B. McGowin, et al, to McGill Chevrolet Company, Inc., by deed dated March 19, 1960, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Butler County, Alabama, in Deed Book 127 at Page 337, run thence West along the south line of said McGill lot 100 feet to a point on the East right-of-way line of Miranda Street, run thence South along the East line of Miranda Street a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; being a part of Lot No. 6 of Block No. 14 according to the survey of G. K. Armes of the Town of Georgiana, Butler County, Alabama.

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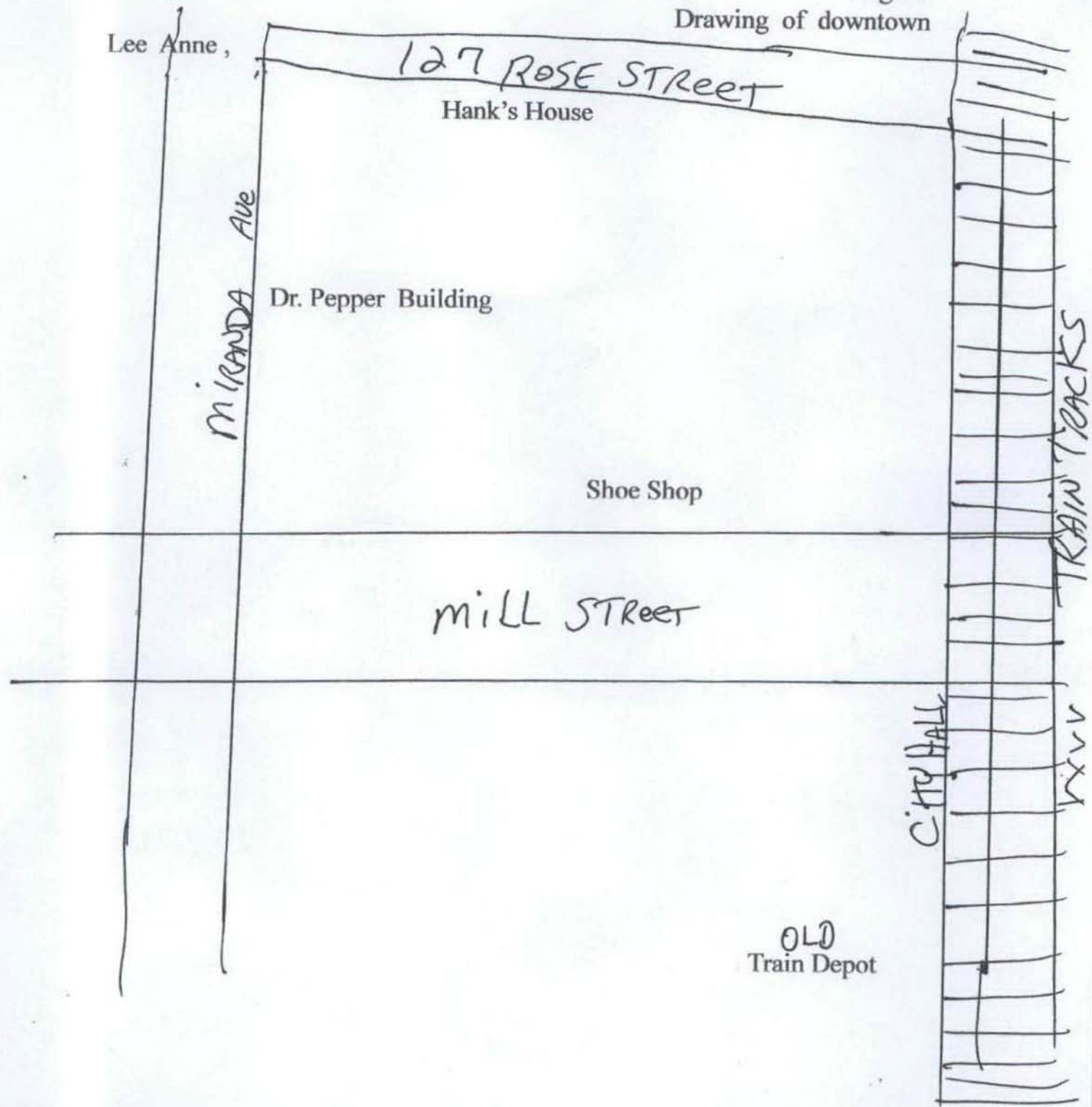
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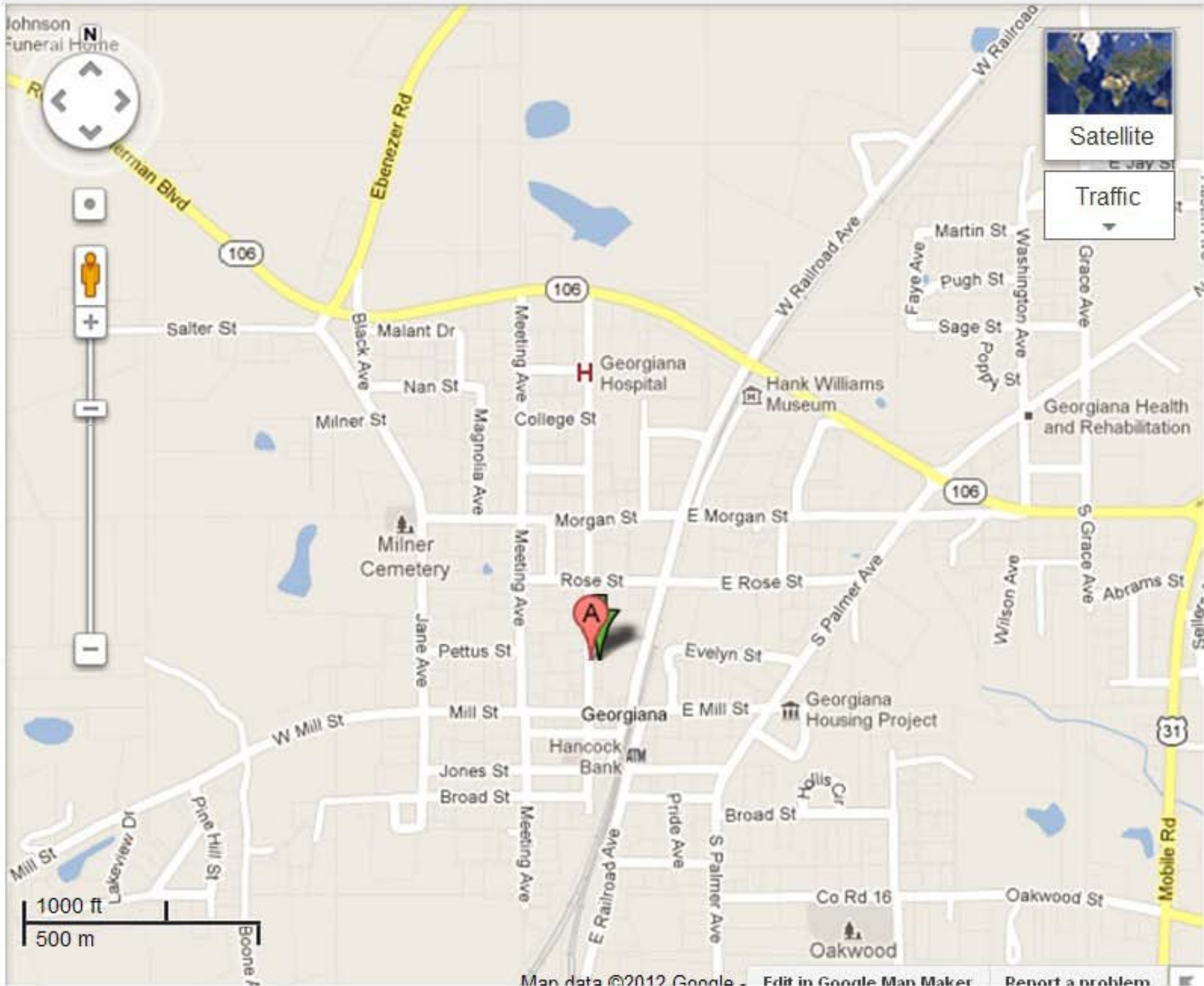
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Alabama Historical Commission
ATTN. Lee Anne Wofford
469 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

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Drawing of downtown





8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property:

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Lee Anne
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900