

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Chambers	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Chambers County Courthouse Square

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
LaFayette

STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Chambers CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Various Individuals

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN: LaFayette STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Chambers County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN: LaFayette STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic Sites: Survey-Evaluation-Re-inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: June, 1972     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
700 Quintard Avenue, P. O. Box 2186

CITY OR TOWN: Anniston STATE: Alabama CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The LaFayette Court House Square Historic District is an excellent example of turn-of-the Century commercial and governmental architecture. The commercial buildings along the square are typical industrial, brick, store front structures. The Chambers County Courthouse, located at the center of the square, is a good example of Victorian architecture. It was completed in 1899. The square presently appears much as it did during the late 19th and early 20th Century.

The Schuessler stores, located on the East side of the square, were built in 1895, following a fire that had destroyed the former wooden store buildings.

Collins Drug Store, built about 1890, is located on the South side of the square. On the North side of the square are the Allen buildings, built about 1901. On the West side of the square are the Hightower Building and the Tucker-Willingham Store. The East side of the square contains the Schuessler buildings, built in 1895, the Allen building, built in 1895, and a drug store building.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1890's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chambers County Court House Square Historic District is significant because of its architecture. The Chambers County Court House is an outstanding example of turn-of-the-Century Victorian architecture. The building retains certain classic revival features, but the predominate character of the structure is Victorian. Other buildings around the square are good representations of brick store front industrial architecture, typical of late 19th and early 20th Century commercial buildings.

The square was the main focal point for County government, business activity and social contact. LaFayette developed as a trading center for county farmers who came to town on Saturdays. These visits were for buying supplies needed on the farm. The Courthouse Square was the scene of this activity. Friends met and discussed current news, politics, and transacted their business around the square. The square retains much of the atmosphere of a rural trading community to this day.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Chronicles of LaFayette, Alabama," Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society, Publication #8, June, 1970; Hester's Printing Co., West Point, Georgia.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		32	53	54
NE	° ' "	° ' "		85	24	03
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approximately five (5) Acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES None

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Ellen Austin, Development Associate

ORGANIZATION: East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission DATE: 2-7-74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
700 Quintard Avenue, P. O. Box 2186

CITY OR TOWN: Anniston STATE: Alabama CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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