

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER/GEORGIA REGISTER NOMINATION

Name: Brooks Historic District

Location: Brooks, Fayette County

Description: The Brooks Historic District is located in southern Fayette County, Georgia, roughly thirteen miles south of Fayetteville, the County Seat. The district includes commercial and residential areas that are situated along the railroad corridor, which is perpendicular to the Highway 85 Connector and bisects the district from east to west. Although the railroad line became inactive in the mid-1980s, the railroad itself remains as a fixture of downtown Brooks. Commercial buildings are concentrated on one side of a one-block area along Main Street, stretching south from the intersection of the Highway 85 Connector and the railroad. The small commercial area is characterized by a mixture of buildings dating to the early and mid-20th century. Most storefronts are plain in design with little detailing. Residential areas extend outward from Main Street in several directions with informal landscaping on varied lot sizes. The historic houses represent common late-19th to early-20th century types and styles with some mid-20th century examples interspersed.

Acreage & Boundary Explanation: Approximately 66.21 acres

Period of Significance: 1871-1921

NR Criterion/a & Area(s) of Significance: Criterion A, Community Planning and Development and Criterion C, Architecture

Statement of Significance: The Brooks Historic District is significant at the local level under Criteria A in the area of Community Planning & Development as a good example of a crossroads town with a railroad, and the only intact example still in existence in Fayette County, as defined in *Georgia Community Development and Morphology of Community Types*. The district is also significant under Criteria C in the area of Architecture for its representative collection of commercial and institutional buildings commonly found in rural Georgia towns, and for its representative examples of residential types and styles popular in Georgia between the late 19th century and early 20th century as defined in the statewide context *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Settings*.

Suggested Level of Significance: Local

Sponsor: The nomination is sponsored by the City of Brooks and materials were prepared by Bishop William Watts.

