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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Galax Commercial Historic District

other names/site number 113-5001

**2. Location**

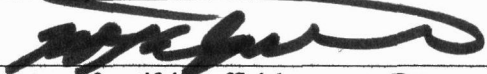
street & number The downtown sections of these streets: North Main, South Main, East Center, West Center, East Grayson, West Grayson, Carroll and Oldtown Streets not for publication N/A

city or town Galax vicinity N/A

state Virginia code VA county Grayson code 640 Zip 24333

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility 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  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

  
Signature of certifying official

2/12/02  
Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall      5/30/02  
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>63</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>63</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government      Sub: Post Office  
Government      Fire Station  
Commerce      Financial Institution

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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Department Store
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Med. Business/Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <input type="checkbox"/> Government	Sub: <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institution
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Store
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dwelling

Landscape  
Landscape

Natural Feature  
Street Furn./Object

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style  
 Classical Revival  
 Italian Renaissance Revival  
 Colonial Revival  
 Art Deco  
 Moderne

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation  Brick  
roof  Other---Bituminous Built-Up roof  
walls  Brick  
 Stone  
 Stucco

other  Metal  
 Concrete

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
Please see continuation sheets

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

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7. Summary Description:

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

The Galax Commercial Historic District was constructed upon undulating meadowlands above and west of the nearby Chestnut Creek in 1903. The town was laid out upon a gridiron plan consisting of twenty-six blocks, each block containing ten to sixteen lots and straddled the Grayson/Carroll County line. A public square was not included in the design since Galax would not function as a county seat. The historic commercial district includes five blocks along the north-to-south Main Street and adjacent blocks on the three east-to-west cross streets. There are sixty-five contributing buildings in the district and no non-contributing buildings. All buildings located within the district maintain a similar setback from the street. All of the buildings in the Galax Commercial Historic District are masonry buildings with shed roofs and commercial storefronts. A few of the buildings are one-story storefronts but a majority of the buildings are two-story commercial buildings with either apartments or offices located on the second floor. The majority of the buildings were built in the 1920's and exhibit a commercial style of simple plane facades with recessed panels in the parapets and simple corbel brick cornices. A few of the buildings were built at the turn of the century and several buildings were built in the 1930's and 1940's.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

The speculative nature of Galax called for the rigid gridiron plan upon which the town was constructed; this plan subsequently allowed for Galax's commercial success. The arrangement served the commercial functions of the town, however, by providing businesses equal street frontage and the opportunity for private competition. Open public spaces were not included in the original design, but fairgrounds were built in 1905 on the perimeter of the town. In addition to emphasizing the commercial nature of the town, the strict gridiron served to designate separate areas for manufacturing and for residential blocks.

The streets now known as Main Street and Center Street were originally considered the most

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The old **Fire Station** (VDHR 3113-5001-003), located at 105 East Center Street, was built around 1920 and is now utilized as a municipal building. Since its construction, the large openings for fire protection vehicles and the large windows on the second story have been enclosed; the building retains its historic appearance despite these alterations. The Fire Station is three stories high and five bays wide and is built in an abstract Italian Revival style. It is constructed of brick above a concrete foundation with a low water table. Door and window surrounds on all three stories feature stretcher and soldier brick arrangements that meet at stone corner blocks. A soldier course is seen at architrave level on the first story, along with a simple stone cornice or beltcourse. Abstract pilasters of rectangular brick panels project from the facade and extend across the second and third stories. Decorative panels of stretcher, soldier, and rowlock brickwork, accented by stone corner blocks and decorative diamonds, are seen between the large first and second story windows. Another stone beltcourse delineates the third story. The upper cornice features a soldier course and recessed and projecting panels.

Also significant is the **Colonial Theater** (VDHR 3113-5001-0007), constructed in 1930 at 117-A North Main Street. The theater, now used for business space, is two stories high and two bays wide. The storefront features glass display windows and a recessed entrance. A nonhistoric one has replaced the original awning, and a corbeled cornice can be seen above it between the first and second stories. The upper facade is covered in stucco and is embossed with a large "C" in Old English script all of which is done in the Moderne Style. Window openings in the second and third stories are small and unadorned. The cornice is embellished with small projecting rectangular blocks decorated by a slightly raised balustrade.

The old **Waugh Department Store** (VDHR 3113-5001-0013) at 101 East Grayson Street, located on the corner of Main Street and East Grayson Street, was built in 1904 and is the oldest brick building in Galax and is built in the commercial style which became common in the district. Although it still functions as a clothing store, the original corner entrance was removed and reoriented to face East Grayson Street. The building is two stories high, and the facade contains three bays. The first story includes a recessed entrance with transom and glass display windows. The upper facade features a large recessed panel with corbeled brickwork, and windows are paired in the central bay. A low parapet wall extends above the roofline. Brick stringcourses extend along the Main Street elevation.

Also significant is the **Rex Theater** (VDHR #113-5001-0018), located at 113 East Grayson Street and built in 1938. This building retains its historic Art Deco appearance with modern metal frame

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features an elaborate entrance surrounded by architrave molding and topped by a classical cornice with exaggerated dentils. Windows flank the entrance, and they are embellished with sills supported by consoles, architrave molding, and cornices. Recessed panels are seen between the first and second stories.

Two significant buildings within the district were extensively altered during the 1940s, and while they do not retain their original appearance, they do exhibit historic architectural styles common at the time of their remodeling. The **City of Galax Municipal Building** ( VDHR 113-5001-003) at 123 North Main Street was constructed in 1908 on the corner of North Main Street and East Center Street. The building was originally constructed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style; however, in 1945, the facade of the building was removed and replaced with a plain modern facade including metal frame windows and doors. The **Dr. John W. Bolen Office and Drugstore** (VDHR 3113-5001-0013), located on the corner of Main Street and East Grayson Street (101 North Main Street), was constructed in 1904 and extensively remodeled in 1950. This building's facade also exhibited elements of the Richardsonian Romanesque style, which were replaced in the mid-twentieth century. The presently unadorned facade of the Bolen Building shows some evidence of its earlier appearance, which included a corner entrance and storefront transoms.

### **CURRENT CONDITION**

The general appearance of the Galax Commercial Historic District retains its architectural integrity since relatively few changes have occurred. Several buildings were covered with inappropriate modern facades during the 1960s and 1970s; however, most retain their original facade. One building has been lost within the streetscape. Despite these alterations, the downtown area retains its commercial character and feeling. Positive changes include the recent additions of street trees and compatible street lighting along the sidewalks.

Because Galax was planned and developed as a commercial town with no public square, architecture became an important medium within which business owners could express themselves. Historic buildings that are seen within the Galax commercial district give visitors a sense of place and a sense that time has not eroded the downtown commercial atmosphere that Galax originally possessed.

### **SITE INVENTORY**

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The following inventory lists the buildings within the Galax Commercial Historic District. The list includes the historic name if known the address, exact or approximate date of construction, and a brief architectural description.

Carroll Street

106 Carroll Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Garage and Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0021)

This building which now house **Old Town Auto Clean-Up** and other commercial space was constructed in 1925. The buildings located near the corner of Carroll Street and East Oldtown Street include paired windows and entrance doors topped by transoms. 1925, C.B.

Center Street

105 East Center Street

**Old Fire Station** (VDHR #113-5001-003)

This building is now utilized as a municipal building. Since its construction, the large openings for fire protection vehicles and the large windows on the second story have been enclosed; the building retains its historic appearance despite these alterations. The Fire Station is three stories high and five bays wide. It is constructed of brick above a concrete foundation with a low water table. Door and window surrounds on all three stories feature stretcher and soldier brick arrangements that meet at stone corner blocks. A soldier course is seen at architrave level on the first story, along with a simple stone cornice or beltcourse.

Abstract pilasters of rectangular brick panels project from the facade and extend across the second and third stories. Decorative panels of stretcher, soldier, and rowlock brickwork, accented by stone corner blocks and decorative diamonds, are seen between the large first and second story windows. Another stone beltcourse delineates the third story. The upper cornice features a soldier course and recessed and projecting panels. 1920, C.B.

103 West Center Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0050)

Currently known as **B & G Paint Store**. This brick building features a recessed entrance with Craftsman-style entrance door and display windows above a brick bulkhead. The upper facade contains a single multi-paned window 1925, C.B.

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**Old Galax Hospital** (VDHR #113-5001-0051)

Currently in use as apartments, the four-story building features three bays containing paired Craftsman-style windows on either side and Chicago-style windows within the central bay. The building raised above street level upon a plinth, features abstracted pilasters and stringcourses. 1925, C.B.

**Grayson Street**

101 East Grayson St., Galax, VA, 24333

**Waugh Department Store** (VDHR #113-5001-0014)

This brick building has original pressed tin ceilings and oak floors. It retains most of its historical features. The building is two stories high, and the facade contains three bays. The first story includes a recessed entrance with transom and glass display windows. The upper facade features a large recessed panel with corbeled brickwork, and windows are paired in the central bay. A low parapet wall extends above the roofline. Brick stringcourses extend along the Main Street elevation. 1904, C.B.

103 East Grayson St., Galax, VA, 24333

**The Fashion Shoppe** (VDHR #113-5001-0015)

This building retains all of its historical features except for the storefront, which was altered in the 1960's. 1920, C.B.

105 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**H & R Block; James Ward Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0016)

Commercial Building, which now houses **H & R Block** and **Hair Classics**, was constructed in 1920. Like the adjacent building that is now in use by The Fashion Shoppe, the facade features elaborate brickwork, including corbeled patterns and recessed panels. The storefront retains the forms of the transom, recessed entrance, and glass display windows. 1904, C.B.

106 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Joe W. Parsons Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0013)

This building, which is currently vacant, was originally constructed in 1910 and was covered with a new facade in 1949. The first story is built of limestone and includes windows and doors topped by transoms. The brick second story features three bays, with the central bay accented by abstracted limestone pilasters and a multi-paned casement window. The flanking bays contain Chicago-style casement windows. 1949, C.B.

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111 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Heilig-Myers Furniture Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0017)

This building, which is currently being adopted for use as the City of Galax Municipal Building, was constructed in 1945. The lower facade features a series of large glass display windows and a recessed entrance. The upper facade is decorated with brick in various courses to create beltcourses and decorative panels. A large, non-historic awning covers the storefront. 1946,C.B.

113 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Rex Theater** (VDHR #113-5001-0018)

This building retains its historic Art Deco appearance with modern metal frame windows and doors. The first story includes the original movie poster cases, display windows, and ticket booth. The original marquee with neon lighting hangs above the entrance. Black glass tiles with white Art Deco details are seen above the display windows between the first and second stories. The upper facade of the theater, which is finished in stucco, features smaller black tiles arranged in a geometric pattern and in short courses surrounding a small round window in the third story. 1948,C.B.

115 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0019)

This building which currently houses the office of **Lisa F. Adams, CPA, PC**, was constructed in. The storefront has been altered and covered in stucco and does not retain its historic form. The upper facade of this two-story, two-bay building contains paired windows, decorative brickwork, and a panel for signage. 1935,C.B.

117 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Lori Apartments** (VDHR #113-5001-0020)

This brick building retains all of its exterior historical features. It is a two-storey brick building with five bays, a metal storefront and recessed brick panels. 1904,C.B.

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**Vass-Kapp Hardware Company** (VDHR #113-5001-0044)

This brick storefront building is notable for its second-story-arched windows. It retains all of its historical features except for its modern storefront. 1904,C.B.

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105-107 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0053)

This building, houses the Kapp Law Offices and the offices of Kapp and Robbins Architects, was constructed in 1925. The building is typical of commercial design in Galax and has retained its architectural integrity. The storefront features a recessed entrance with large glass display windows above the brick bulkhead, and above the entrance is the storefront transom and a corbeled brick cornice. The upper facade features a large recessed panel with corbeled brickwork and four bays containing one-over-one sash windows. 1925, C.B.

109 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0054)

This brick building which currently houses **Wheat First Butcher Singer** and the **Law Offices of Vaught & Loftin**, was built in 1925. The lower facade has been covered by a Colonial Revival facade and does not retain its historic appearance. The upper facade, however, contains the typical four bays with one-over-one sash windows, set within a large recessed panel with corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

113 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0064)

Now known as **The Trophy Shop**, this brick building was constructed in 1925. The lower facade of this building has also been covered by a wood frame Colonial Revival facade and does not retain its historic recessed entrance. The upper facade contains the typical commercial features seen along the street: the facade contains a large recessed panel with corbeled brickwork, four bays, and one-over-one sash windows. 1925, C.B.

115 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0055)

Currently known as **Rainbow's End Health Food Store**. The lower facade has been altered by the addition of a non-historic awning and siding. The storefront with glass display windows and side entrance with transom is still extant. The upper facade contains a recessed panel with four bays and corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

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**Mountain Loan Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0056)

The two-story, four-bay brick building constructed of brick greatly retains its historic integrity. The storefront features large arched openings over the entrance and display

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windows. The entrance door is surrounded by a transom and sidelights, and both the entrance and display windows are topped by structural glass. A corbeled cornice is seen beneath the second-story windows. The upper facade is embellished by circular recessed panels, a rectangular recessed panel containing signage, and a second cornice with corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

119 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333  
**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0065)

Adjacent to the Mountain Loan Building and used by Office Plus as extra retail space, this brick building was constructed in 1925. The façade includes the recessed storefront with display windows, a four bay upper façade with recessed panels and corbeled brickwork, and one-over one sash windows. The storefront transom has been covered. 1925, C.B.

120 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333  
**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0060)

Now known as **Grayson Commons** and housing **Edward D. Jones Investments** and **Larowe, Cardwell & Company, LC**. This brick building was built in 1925. The lower facade features a recessed storefront with replacement display windows and doors. The upper facade includes three bays with large window openings and recessed panels with corbeled brickwork. A non-historic awning has covered the storefront transom. 1925, C.B.

121 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333  
**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0057)

This brick building which currently houses the **Galax Education Center**, was built in 1925. The facade, typical of commercial buildings in Galax, includes a recessed entrance with large display windows. The transom has been covered by signage. The upper facade features four bays containing one-over-one sash windows, recessed panels, and corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

122 West Grayson Street, Galax, VA, 24333  
**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0059)

Now known as **Galax Florist**, was completed in 1945. The storefront includes display windows built above a brick bulkhead and a recessed entrance topped by a large transom. The upper facade is unadorned and contains four bays with one-over-one windows. The building is constructed of brick. 1945, C.B.

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**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0058)

Now known as **Mid-State Medical Oxygen & Equipment, Inc.** This brick building was built in 1925. The lower facade includes a recessed entrance and large display windows; the storefront transom has been covered. The upper facade features a large recessed panel containing four bays and brick corbeling. 1925,C.B.

### Main Street

100 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**First National Bank** (VDHR #113-5001-0045)

This two-story high and three-bay wide brick, Neoclassical in style, it has a grand entrance and a metal classical entablature and colossal brick pilasters. 1922,C.B.

101 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Dr. John W. Bolen Office and Drugstore** (VDHR #113-5001-0012)

Noted for its corner entrance and storefront transoms, this building once featured Romanesque details, but many were removed in a mid-twentieth century alteration. Currently the first floor is unoccupied and the second floor has been converted into apartments. 1904,C.B.

102 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0061)

This brick building which was formerly Jones Furniture Company was built in 1922. It is a two-storey building with four bays of windows. Each window has been filled in with concrete block. The brick exterior has been painted to match the adjacent bank. In 1975, First National Bank purchased the building and closed the entrance and expanded its operations into the first floor of this building. The facade has recessed panels and a corbeled brick cornice. 1922,C.B.

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**Ward Brothers Store** (VDHR #113-5001-0011)

One of the oldest extant buildings in Galax, this three-story building includes three recessed storefront entrances. The upper facade features ten bays, which contain one-over-one windows shaded by metal awnings, and recessed panels. The commercial space is currently vacant and the upper floors are used for apartments. 1908,C.B.

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**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0046)

Used by **Twin County United Way**, the facade features a recessed entrance above brick bulkhead, second-story windows with wood molding heads. The building has deeply recessed panels in the upper facade. 1910, **C.B.**

106 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0047)

Now known as the **Modernette Salon**, this brick building includes a recessed double-leaf entrance with transom, large storefront windows, and recessed panels on the upper facade. 1925, **C.B.**

109 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0062)

Currently used for retail space, the building features a recessed storefront with a non-historic awning, and the original transom has been covered. The upper facade contains two bays with one-over-one sash windows. 1920, **C.B.**

110 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0048)

Now known as **Hampton Realty, Ltd.**, the one-story brick building features a parapet on the upper facade and recessed panels. 1920, **C.B.**

111 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0008)

Now used by **Vaughan's Shoe Store**, the facade features a recessed entrance with large storefront windows and a recessed panel in the upper portion. 1925, **C.B.**

113 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building**, (VDHR #113-5001-0009)

Known now as the **Blue Ridge Grill**, the lower facade includes a recessed entrance with storefront windows. The original transom has been covered, and the upper facade includes a recessed panel. In the interior, the original pressed tin ceilings remain. 1925, **C.B.**

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**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-010)

Now known as **Lemons' Jewelry**, the facade has been extensively altered; however, the form of the recessed entrance remains. The upper facade has been completely covered in non-historic metal siding. 1925, C.B.

117 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0007)

Now known as **Innovative Systems**, the facade includes a recessed entrance, storefront windows, and a non-historic awning. The upper facade is unadorned and includes a recessed panel. 1925, C.B.

117A North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Colonial Theater** (VDHR #113-5001-0006)

No longer used as a theater, this commercial space is two stories high and two bays wide and has recessed entrance and display windows. The typology of the theater can be recognized by the stucco facade and corbeled cornice. 1930, C.B.

119 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0005)

Now known as **Adams-Heath Engineering**, the building has a recessed entrance and storefront windows, recessed panels, and corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

121 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0004)

Now known as **The Frammer's Daughter**, the building features a recessed entrance and storefront windows, recessed panels, and corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

123 North Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**City of Galax Old Municipal Building** (VDHR #113-5001-002)

Soon to be the Social Services Office, this building was extensively remodeled in the 1940's and exhibits the character of building of that decade. 1942, C.B.

201 North Main Street, Galax, VA 24333

**United States Post Office** (VDHR #113-5001-0001)

This freestanding Colonial Revival Post Office is five bays wide, 1 ½ stories high and

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constructed of brick. The only exterior facade alterations are the removal of the original main door. 1937, C.B.

105 South Main Street

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0022)

Currently known as **Barr's Fiddle Shop**, this one-story building features a recessed entrance with transom and a brick bulkhead. The upper portion of the facade is adorned with a wood cornice. c. 1920, C.B.

106 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Old Post Office/Bus Station** (VDHR #113-5001-0043)

Now known as **Roy's Diamond Center**, the facade has been extensively altered; however, the entrance is still somewhat recessed. The lower facade has been covered in enameled panels and the upper facade in metal siding. Beneath the enameled panels, the building has a large brick Roman arch with a leaded glass transom. c. 1920, C.B.

107 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0023)

Now known as **Wilson Athletics, Ltd.**, this one-story building retains much of its historic integrity and features large storefront windows, entrance door with molding, and corbeled brick along the upper facade. c. 1910, C.B.

109 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0024)

Currently known as **Custom Craft Floor Tile**, the lower facade has been covered in noncompatible wood siding; however, the glass storefront remains. The upper facade features two bays with one-over-one windows, recessed panels, and corbeled brickwork. 1925, C.B.

110 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0042)

Currently in use as the **Oddfellows Hall**, Although the original storefront has been covered with non-historic glass panel material, the glass transom remains intact. The upper facade features segmental-arched windows, recessed panels, and corbeled brick. 1925, C.B.

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**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0038)

Now known as **Carol's Consignments**, the facade includes a recessed storefront with double-leaf door and transom, one-over-one sash windows, recessed panels, and corbeled brick. 1925,**C.B.**

112 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0041)

Currently known as **Long & Short Tales Bookstore**, the building features a recessed storefront with large glass display windows, segmental-arched windows on the second story, and recessed panels. The transom remains intact but is shaded by a large awning. The pressed tin ceiling in the first-floor commercial space remains intact. 1925,**C.B.**

113 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0025)

This brick building is a typical four-bay storefront building. It retains most of its historical features. 1925,**C.B.**

114-116 S. Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Buildings** (VDHR #113-5001-0040)

The facades of the current **Canton Restaurant** includes recessed entrances with display windows, one-over-one windows in the upper facade, recessed panels, and elaborate brickwork patterns. Incompatible siding, a Chinese Style awning, and a large sign have been placed over the transom areas of both buildings. 1925,**C.B.**

115 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0026)

Now known as **The Men's Shop**, was built in 1925. The building includes a recessed side entrance door with transom, large display windows, recessed panels in the upper facade, and corbeled brickwork. The building's transom has been covered with metal siding. 1925,**C.B.**

117-121 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Globman's Department Store** (VDHR #113-5001-0027)

This building, now known as **Antique Apple**, was constructed in 1920. Most recently used as a department store, the building has been covered by a noncompatible concrete panel facade. However, brick details can be seen along the side elevation, which include a soldier-

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course beltcourse and a corbeled brick cornice. This building actually includes three historic buildings: 117, 119, and 121 South Main Street. 1920, C.B.

118 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0039)

Currently known as **The Antique Apple**. Although the historic transom has been covered, the facade remains intact including the recessed entrance with double-leaf door and display windows, one-over-one windows, recessed panels, and elaborate brickwork patterns. 1925, C.B.

201 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**The Alderman Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0028)

This structure was built on the corner of South Main Street and East Oldtown Street. The large two-story building is constructed of square-cut ashlar masonry and features three bays along Main Street and thirteen bays along Oldtown Street. While the entrance has been surrounded by inappropriate siding and has been covered by a nonhistoric awning, it remains oriented towards the street corner and is flanked by display windows. Small windows in the first story contain ornamental glass and all windows within the first and second story feature stone lintels and sills. 1947, C.B.

203 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0029)

This building which now houses **Roberts Gift Gallery** was completed in 1930. The upper facade has been completely covered by metal siding; however, the lower storefront remains intact. The storefront features a recessed entrance, glass display windows above the brick bulkhead, and the original door with transom. 1930, C.B.

205 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0030)

Now known as **L & H Antiques**. The one-story building features recessed side entrance and glass display windows. The upper facade includes a decorative pressed metal cornice. 1910, C.B.

209 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0031)

Currently vacant. The recessed storefront retains its large glass display windows and

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transom. A large non-historic, non-compatible awning has covered the upper facade; however, evidence is still visible of a large recessed panel in the facade. 1940,C.B.

211 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0032)

Currently known as **J.C. Matthews & Co. Hardware**. The lower façade includes a recessed storefront with original double-leaf doors. The upper facade features a large recessed panel with corbeled brickwork, one-over-one windows, and soldier courses. The original storefront transom has been covered. 1925,C.B.

213-215 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Porter Furniture Company** (VDHR #113-5001-0033)

This building exhibits elements of the Art Moderne style. It is two stories high and six bays wide, and the storefront features a recessed entrance and large glass display windows. Above the first story is a cantilevered roof, constructed of metal, which is rounded on the corners and supports original signage. Enameled tiles are seen on the facade just above the roof. The upper facade is covered stucco and painted with five bays. 1945,C.B.

217-219 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0034)

Now known as **Charlene's Outlet**. The buildings include a central recessed entrance, one-over-one windows, and a recessed panel with brick corbeling. The transom area has been covered with metal siding. 1920,C.B.

221 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0035)

This building currently houses the **Galax Trading Company**. The façade includes two recessed storefronts with display windows built above brick bulkheads, recessed panels with corbeled brickwork, and segmental-arched windows. Storefront transoms above both entrances have been covered. 1925,C.B.

225 South Main Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0036)

Now known as **Creations Hair Academy**, the building retains its original door and display windows within the recessed entrance; however, the storefront transom has been covered. The upper facade includes recessed panels and corbeled brickwork. c. 1920,C.B.

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**A & Z Apparel Building** (VDHR #113-5001-0037)

Now known as **Teddy Bear Day Care**, the building exhibits styles common in the mid-twentieth century including an unadorned facade, structural metal beltcourses, and a large metal awning. Metal siding has covered a portion of the upper facade. The lower facade includes recessed entrances and large display windows. 1945, C.B.

#### Oldtown Street

106-110 East Oldtown Street, Galax, VA, 24333

**Commercial Buildings** (VDHR #113-5001-0052)

Now in use as **The Cambridge Apartments**, these brick buildings were constructed in 1925. The storefronts of all three buildings have been altered by the addition of Colonial Revival facades. Upper facades remain intact, with jack arched double windows. The facades include large recessed panels and corbeled brickwork. 106 East Oldtown Street includes four bays with one-over-one windows and recessed panels underneath. The upper facade of 108 East Oldtown features three bays and six-over-six windows beneath segmental arches. 110 East Oldtown features four bays containing six-over-six windows and segmental arches. Storefront transoms have been covered on all three buildings. 1925, C.B.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development  
 Commerce  
 Architecture

**Period of Significance** 1903-1949

**Significant Dates** 1906

1949

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A

**Architect/Builder** Alderman, C. S.  
Brown, J. Henry  
Simon, Louis

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Please see continuation sheets.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file** (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Summary Statement of Significance and Justification of Criteria

The Downtown Commercial District of Galax is significant and unique in that it was designed for and built upon the American dream of free enterprise during the early decades of the twentieth century. It was developed by a group of self-made men who recognized the importance of translating the ideals of equality through private enterprise into the built environment. The Galax Commercial Historic District qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for its significance in the area of Commerce. This is due to its very specific nature as a planned commercial city. It is also eligible under Criterion C, for its significance in the area of Community Planning and Development, due to its development across a rigid, gridiron plan that would insure equal competition in private enterprise and that would allow businessmen to express themselves through the architecture of their buildings. The district's period of significance ranges from 1903, when the current street gridiron was developed, to 1949, the date of the most recent significant building within the downtown area.

### Historical Background

The historical significance of the Galax Commercial Historic District lies in its unique development within a planned manufacturing and commercial town during the early decades of the twentieth century. Through the efforts of several prominent citizens in the area, the town of Galax was designed and built by the merchant class for the merchant class. The town is characterized by its development on a rational, gridiron plan with rectangular blocks anchored by the town's most important institutions: religious and commercial.

During the late eighteenth century, a small trading village was settled in Grayson County, near the present site of Galax, which became known as Blair. The village prospered throughout the 1800s, and by the turn of the twentieth century, it had become serviced by the Norfolk and Western Railroad. In 1903, a shrewd businessman from Grayson County named James P. Carico envisioned the development of a mercantile town founded on the growing village of Blair. However, the terrain surrounding Blair inhibited expansion. Carico recruited several prominent citizens such as Captain John Waugh and Thomas L. Felts of the area to invest in a real estate company to develop a new

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town. Together they purchased three hundred seventy-five acres of land located south of the village and situated directly on the Grayson-Carroll County line.<sup>1</sup>

The Development Company hired a civil engineer, C.L. DeMott, from Lynchburg, Virginia, to design the new town. The design included a gridiron of twenty-six blocks, with each block consisting of ten to sixteen lots; a public square was not included in the plan because the town would not serve as a county seat (see Exhibit B). In the fall of 1903, the Norfolk and Western Railroad assured the real estate company that a depot would be constructed in the new town,<sup>2</sup> which was then called Cairo, and on December 17, 1903, a public sale was held for the town lots. Businesses from the earlier village moved immediately to the new town along with other merchants and farmers who wished to take advantage of the railroad access. In 1906, the General Assembly of Virginia accepted the charter of the new town, which was renamed "Galax" to honor the Galax leaves that in the nearby mountainous region.<sup>3</sup>

The first building erected was the Land Office, managed by J.P. Carico, in December of 1903. Many other buildings were constructed from the 1900s to the 1920s, including the drug store and doctor's office of Dr. John W. Bolen; the Galax Hardware Company; the Blair Grocery Company; Waugh's Department Store, which was the first brick structure in the town; and the Waugh Hotel. Several other hotels and two banks were erected, as well as several churches representing the dominant denominations. Throughout these development years of Galax, the building of the district was the result of the investment of the Blair and Old Town, Virginia merchants who viewed Galax as better location to increase their business.

The timber buildings located on East Main Street were destroyed by a fire in 1907, but by 1914, Galax was established as a well-defined town with a population of 775, two solid banking institutions, a prosperous train depot, and several churches to promote "solid Christian values" to the aspiring merchant class. At this time the developers had sold all of the available lots in the new town and closed down the Land Office.<sup>4</sup>

The current state of the Galax Commercial Historic District was built during the period of 1922 to 1937. The most notable building built in the 1920's was the First National Bank, located on the corner of West Grayson Street and South Main Street. This grand two-storey brick structure, built in the Neoclassical style of the American Renaissance was built primarily under the guidance of State Senator T.L. Felts.

Department stores built large buildings in the district during this period as well. Globman's

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Department Store, Inc. of Martinsville, Virginia constructed a large one-storey brick department store with a full size basement on the corner of Oldtown Street and South Main Street. Ward Brothers Department Store, a three-storey brick building was built between Center Street and Grayson Street on North Main Street. Several furniture stores were built during this period of extensive expansion of the Commercial District of Galax. R. E. Jones and Co., a furniture and casket retail dealer originally built a wood frame commercial structure on North main Street in 1904. He later built a brick structure in the same location in 1925. Pless Furniture Co. built an extensive two-storey, five-bay furniture store at 111 East Grayson Street. The most elaborate furniture and appliance store built in the district is the R. E. Porter Furniture Company at 213-215 South Main Street. Art Moderne in style, its façade is stucco finish, painted off white and has a Moderne aluminum awning with the company's name in distinctive moderne styling letters.<sup>5</sup>

Due to the commercial district's twentieth-century origins, movie theaters have played a significant role in the history of the district. In the early part of the twentieth century, the commercial district had the first nickelodeon house in the Twin County region. It was located in a wood frame structure built on North Main Street. This building was burned down in the fire of 1907. The Colonial Theater, located on North Main Street was built in 1927 and is the oldest surviving theater building in the district. It was converted to a commercial retail building in the 1960's. The Rex Theater is the only surviving movie theater in the district. Built in 1947, with its flamboyant Art Deco glass and stucco façade and elaborate marquee, it is the prototypical small town movie theater. The theater was used to show movies until 1982 and was purchased by the Galax Downtown Association in 1993. Currently, the local radio station, WBRF, uses it as a performance hall for the Bluegrass Backroads Radio Show. All of the original seating fixtures and equipment still exist at the Rex Theater including the 1947 Carbon-Arc movie projectors.<sup>6</sup>

Doctor John Caldwell built the first hospital in the Twin County region in 1925 on Center Street. Galax Hospital was a three-storey brick structure with a large entry porch and a sleeping porch on the top floor used by patients. In 1937, the United States Post Office relocated from its original commercial space in the Vass-Kapp hardware Store building, which it had occupied since 1906 to a new Colonial Revival building built through the depression era WPA program.

The last significant building built in the commercial district was the Alderman Building. Built in 1947, it is the only stone veneer building in the district. John Alderman, a local pharmacist, built the building as a drug store. It was used as a drug store until 1972. Currently, it is a hair salon.

In 1954, Galax revised its original Town Charter and became a city second class. This move

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coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Galax. The late fifties were a period of great optimism for both the city and the district.<sup>7</sup>

Many projections and predictions stated great expansion for both the city and the district in the future decades to come. However, the construction of nearby Interstate 77 and the four-lane expansion of US 58 led many businesses to relocate from the district to nearby shopping centers.

In 1969, the establishment of Twin County Regional Hospital led to the closing of the Galax Hospital as well as the nearby Waddell Hospital. In 1987, local merchants from the district and civic leaders formed the Galax Downtown Association and Galax was named a Virginia Main Street Town. Improvements to the streetscape as well as several businesses occurred during this period. Today, the Galax Commercial Historic District shows the same commercial vitality it has shown since its beginning. Although the large commercial retail businesses have long since moved or closed down, the district enjoys its role as a specialty retail district and professional center. The district has clothing stores, antique stores and specialty food stores as local merchants have responded to the changing times in retail shopping.

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**Primary Location of Additional Data**

State Historic Preservation Office  
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 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Name of repository: Galax -Carroll County Regional Library  
J. C. Mathews Memorial Museum, Galax, VA \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 20 acres \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing		
1	17	506600	4057220	2	17	506780	4057300
3	17	506850	4056990	4	17	506690	4056910

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

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## **GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the Galax Commercial Historic District is shown as the red and/or bold line on the accompanying map entitled "Proposed Galax Commercial Historic District (see Exhibit A)."

### **Boundary Justification**

The boundaries of the Galax Commercial Historic District encompass contiguous areas of the historic commercial and governmental center of Galax which reflect the historic character that was established during the period of significance and that have retained sufficient integrity of form and materials. The district includes the most of the commercial area from the 1903 city gridiron, except in areas where modern alterations and intrusions have disturbed the character of the streetscape.

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

Please see continuation sheet with roster of property names.

name See attachment

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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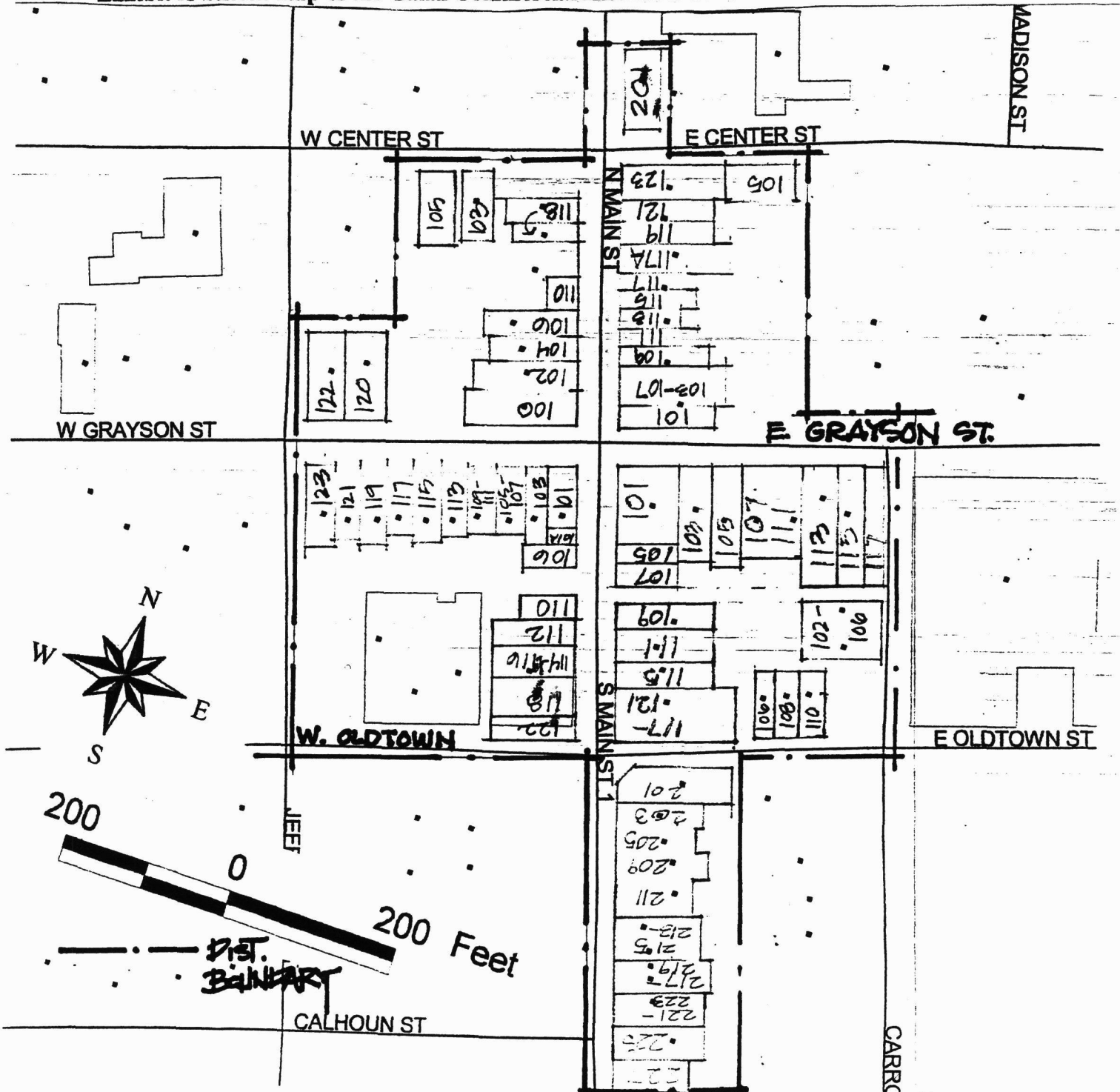
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VIEW OF: **West Grayson Street** (113-5001-0044, 113-5001-0053 to 113-5001-0057)  
1925, 103-119 West Grayson Street  
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VIEW OF: **Commercial Buildings** (113-5001-0060 & 113-5001-0059)  
1925, 1945. 120-122 West Grayson Street  
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VIEW OF: **Commercial Building** (113-5001-0046)  
1910. 104 North Main Street  
DHR Negative No. 16626

United States Department of the Interior  
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National Register of Historic Places

Galax Commercial Historic District  
Galax, Virginia

Exhibit A-Sketch map of the Galax Commercial Historic District



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Galax Commerical Historic District  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: VIRGINIA, Galax

DATE RECEIVED: 4/17/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/01/02  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 02000593

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

   ACCEPT    RETURN    REJECT   5/30/02   DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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April 15, 2002

Ms. Carol Shull  
U. S. Department of the Interior/National Park Service  
National Register, History and Education  
National Register of Historic Places  
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

**RE: Galax Commercial Historic District, Grayson County; Multiple Nomination for Battery Court Historic District, Town of Barton Heights Historic District, and Brookland Park Historic District, all in Richmond City**

Dear Ms. Shull:

The enclosed nominations, referenced above, are submitted for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations have been considered, and approved, by the State Review Board. There were no owner objections received for any of these nominations. You will find copies of U.S. Post Office letters that were used for official notification. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is 804-367-2323/Ext. 115.

Sincerely,

Marc Christian Wagner  
Architectural Historian/National Register Manager

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
CITY OF WYOMING

CENTRAL ST

Salix Commercial Historic District

Salix, VA,

VDHR # 113-5001-0002

Neg # 16625

Municipal Bldg., North view

Susan C. Salysent, Photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

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**Vaughan's  
Shoes**

DOWNTOWN  
GALAX

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DOWNTOWN



GALAX

JEWELERS CAR AND  
INSURANCE

Old Commercial Historic District

Old, VA

VDHR #13-5001-0011

View of Old Ward Bros. Store

Susan C. Galyean, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo # 6~~

Photo 2/14



Old Commercial Historic District

Golox, VA.

VHR #113-5001-0014

View of Old Wagon Dept. Store

Susan C. Galyant, Photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo #9~~

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Salax Commercial Historic District

Salax, VA,

VHR #113-5001-007 Neg. #16625

VIEW OF Press Front. Bldg.

Susan C. Balyas, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo #11~~

Photo 4/14



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Salix Commercial Historic District

Salix, VA

VHP 113-5001-0024

113-5001-0027

Neg # 16625

VIEW of South Main St.

Susan C. Calvesan, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

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Salix Commercial Historic District

Salix, VA,

VDHR 113-5001-0052

Neg # 10625

VIEW of Cambridge Apts.

Old Town Street

Susan C. Elyant, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

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Old Commercial Historic District

Old, VA,

VDHR 113-5001-0031, 113-5001-0032  
113-5001-0033 Neg. # 10025

VIEW of Commercial Bldgs, South Main St,

Susan C. Solyses, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo # 22~~

Photo 7/14



Colts Commercial Historic District

Colts, VA

VDP# 113-5001-0036

113-5001-0037

Neg # 100625

VIEW of Commercial Buildings, South Main St.

Susan C. Blythe, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

Photo # 24

Photo 8/14



Essex Commercial Historic District

Essex, Virginia

~~VDR~~ 113-5001-0038 to 113-5001-0043

VIEW of South Main St.

Neg # 10625

Susan C. Eslyard, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo # 25~~

Photo 9/14



Antiques

118

Gifts

HISTORIC  
GALAXY

Solix Commercial Historic District

Solix, Virginia

VAHR #113-5001-0041 to #113-5001-0043

VIEW of South Main Street

looking Northwest

Neg. # 10652

Susan C. Olyest, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo # 26~~

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MAIN ST

WIDE OPEN  
WALL

Salix Commercial Historic District

Salix, Virginia

VDHR 113-5001-0044 to 113-5001-0057

~~Neg~~ Neg # 10025

VIEW OF West Grayson Street

Susan C. Salix, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo #29~~

Photo 11/14



MOUNTAIN LOAN BUILDING

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Solix Commercial Historic District

Solix, Virginia

~~Photo~~ VDAF 113-5001-0055 to 113-5001-0057

Neg # 10025

VIEW of West Grayson Street

Sessu C. Solysow, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

FRESH LUNCH

GRAYSON ST

NO RIGHT TURN

TWIN COUNTY UNITED WAY

GALAX

Old Commercial Historic District

Old, VA.

VH# #113-5001-0056

Neg # 16625

VIEW OF North Main St.

SUSAN C. O'NEAL, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

~~Photo # 332~~

Photo 13/14



TWIN COUNTY  
UNITED WAY

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GALAX

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Essex Commercial Historic District

Essex, Virginia

VIHR #113-5001-0062 Neg # 14626

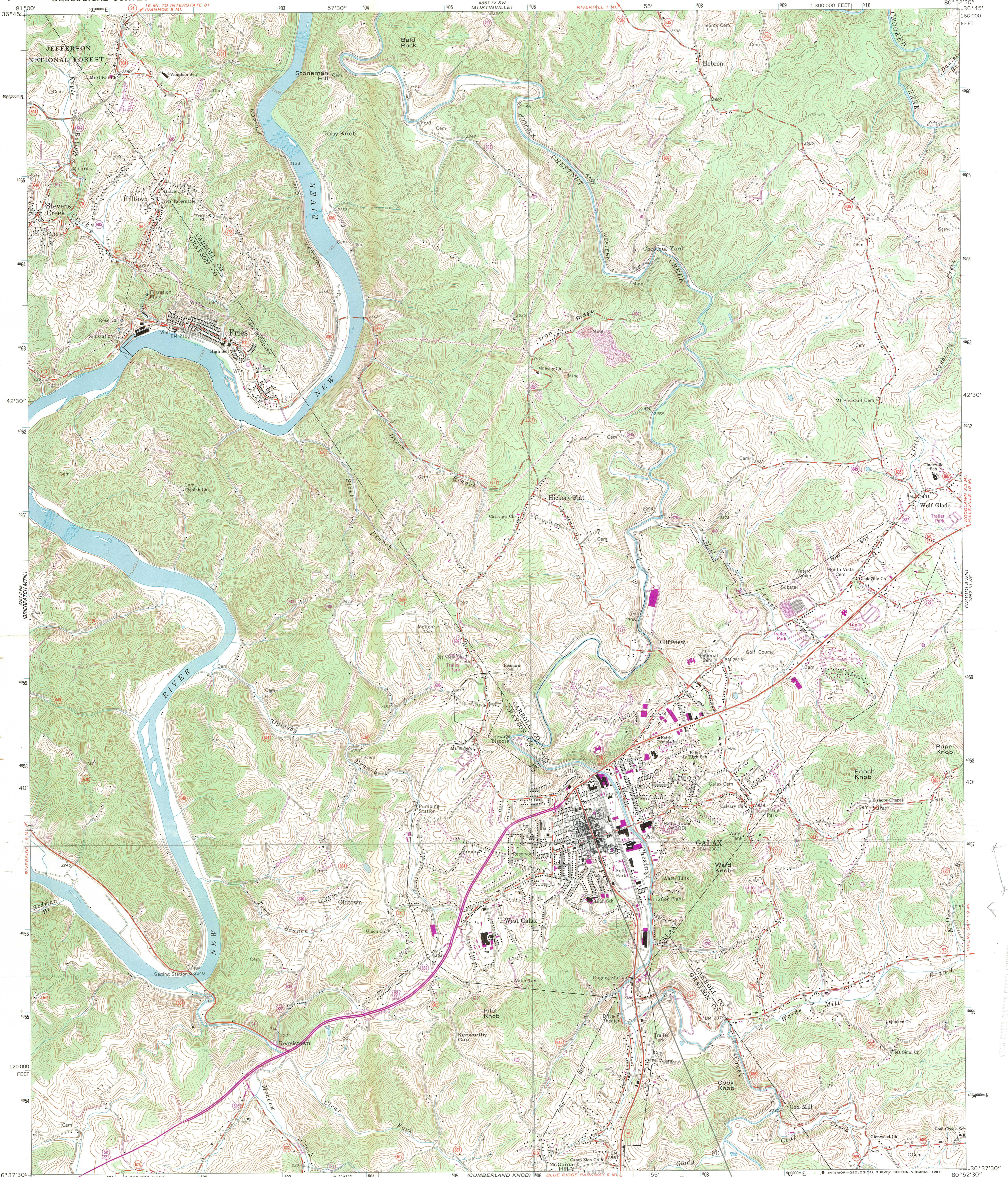
Commercial Building 102 North Main St.

Susan C. Golyer, photographer

Aug. 24, 1997

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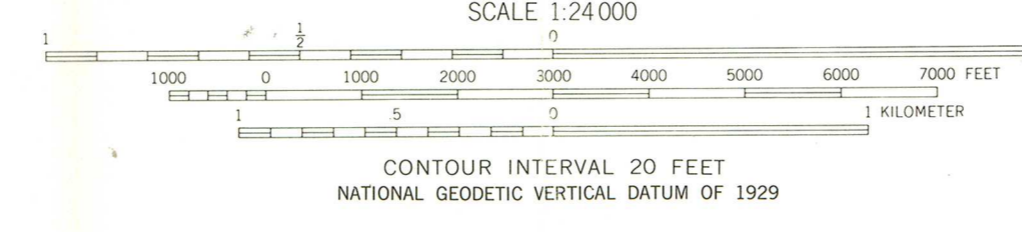
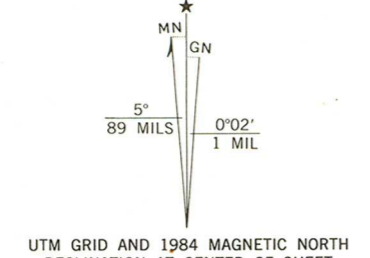
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1927 North American Datum

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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
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**RE: Barton Heights Historic District, City of Richmond; Battery Court Historic District, City of Richmond; Brookland Park Historic District, City of Richmond; Carver Residential Historic District, City of Richmond; Colonial Place Historic District, City of Norfolk; Galax Commercial Historic District, City of Galax; Lower Basin Historic District (Boundary Increase), City of Lynchburg; Stuart Uptown Historic District, Patrick County; Waynesboro Downtown Historic District, City of Waynesboro**

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

We are pleased to inform you that the following historic districts will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on June 13, 2001:

- **Barton Heights Historic District, City of Richmond**
- **Battery Court Historic District, City of Richmond**
- **Brookland Park Historic District**
- **Carver Residential Historic District, City of Richmond**
- **Colonial Place Historic District, City of Norfolk**
- **Galax Commercial Historic District, City of Galax**
- **Lower Basin Historic District (Boundary Increase), City of Lynchburg**
- **Stuart Uptown Historic District, Patrick County**
- **Waynesboro Downtown Historic District, City of Waynesboro**

We are aware of postal facilities (or former ones) in the Brookland Park Historic District: 3004 North Avenue, City of Richmond; Galax Commercial Historic District: 201 North Main Street, City of Galax; and the Stuart Uptown Historic District, Town of Stuart, Patrick County: 101 North Main Street. It is also possible that you may have subcontractors who own properties in these areas. We thought we would let you know about the nominations for your future planning purposes. We have notified all property owners by letter, and by a newspaper legal notice. The processing of all districts has followed the state regulations, which invites all owners and adjacent owners to a public information session. We provide comments from these meetings to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage.

Enclosed is a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated, and maps that delineate the boundaries of the districts. Listing in the National Register provides the following benefits to federally owned historic properties:

-Consideration in the planning for federally assisted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 provides that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be given an opportunity to comment on projects affecting such properties.

-Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located, in accordance with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977.

If you wish to comment on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register, please send your comments to Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Director, State Historic Preservation Office. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions. I can be reached at 804-367-2323/x-115.

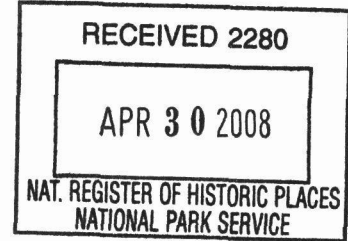
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. C. Wagner', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Marc Christian Wagner  
Architectural Historian/National Register Manager  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Enclosure

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**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Galax Commercial Historic District (amendment to three resources)  
other names/site number VDHR# 113-5001-0049, 113-5001-0063, 113-5001-0066

**2. Location**

street & number 118 and 120 North Main Street, 107 West Center Street not for publication N/A  
city or town Galax vicinity N/A  
state Virginia code VA county Grayson Ind. City code 640 zip code 24333

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination      request for determination of eligibility 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 X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Signature of certifying official 4/25/08 Date  
**Virginia Department of Historic Resources**  
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting official/Title Date

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

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
     See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
     See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): Additional Documentation Accepted

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall

Date of Action 6.4.08

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings (original count says 63 contributing 0 NC- should be 65 and 1)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: financial institution  
Commerce/Trade store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: vacant Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

None identified  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation other  
 roof other  
 walls brick  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
CONTINUATION SHEET**

**Galax Commercial Historic District (amendment to three resources)  
Galax, Virginia**

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**7. Summary Description:**

(These three resources, though clearly within the boundaries on the map, were not listed or described in the inventory.)

**118 North Main Street, Carter Bank and Trust, 1908**

**113-5001-0049**

**Contributing**

Two-story painted brick commercial building constructed in 1908 that adjoins 120 North Main Street. Exterior front of building faces east on North Main Street. The windows on the first floor are the result of remodeling by a prior owner. The second floor windows are original and now covered with shutters. The north and south sides of the building are blank with exposed soft brick on the south side. The north side is painted stucco with no windows or doors. The rear view is painted brick with doors on the first floor and windows on the second floor that are covered with shutters. Carter Bank and Trust occupies the first floor and three vacant apartments are on the second floor. There is one door at 118 North Main Street for the entrance to the apartments. The storefront was altered in the 1970s, but the building as a whole still retains enough integrity to be contributing to the district.

**120 North Main Street, Carter Bank and Trust, 1908**

**113-5001-0063**

**Contributing**

Two-story painted brick building constructed in 1908 that adjoins 118 North Main Street. The windows on the first floor are the result of remodeling by a prior owner. The second floor windows are original and now covered with shutters. The north and south sides of the building are blank with exposed soft brick on the south side. The north side is painted stucco with no windows or doors. Carter Bank and Trust occupies the first floor and three vacant apartments are on the second floor. There is one door at 120 North Main Street leading to the bank. The building as a whole still retains enough integrity to be contributing to the district.

**107 West Center Street, post 1928**

**113-5001-0066**

**Non-contributing**

107 West Center Street is a 1-story addition attached to the back of adjoining buildings, 118 and 120 North Main Street. Exterior is covered with siding and it currently has one door and one window with shutters. The exterior wall on the west side has collapsed and is not structurally sound. The roof has leaked for some time in numerous locations. It is in general disrepair with cracked walls and holes to the outside. All stairs throughout the interior are in disrepair and dangerous. The building has been condemned by the city of Galax and having little integrity left, is therefore being considered non-contributing.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Commerce/Trade

Period of Significance 1903-1949 (as original)

Significant Dates 1908

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
X 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 #

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
CONTINUATION SHEET**

**Galax Commercial Historic District (amendment to three resources)  
Galax, Virginia**

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**8. Statement of Significance**

The Galax Commercial Historic District was originally listed on June 31, 2001 in the Virginia Landmarks Register and on May 30, 2002 in the National Register of Historic Places. The district is listed under Criterion A for its significance in the area of commerce, as well as under Criterion C for its significance in the area of Architecture. When the district was listed, the buildings at 118 and 120 North Main Street, and 107 West Center Street, were not included in the nomination inventory though they are clearly within the mapped boundaries. After being evaluated by the staff of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 118 and 120 North Main Street have been recommended contributing, and 107 West Center Street recommended non-contributing.

**Additional Statement of Significance**

The Downtown Commercial District of Galax is significant and unique in that it was designed for and built upon the American dream of free enterprise during the early decades of the twentieth century. It was developed by a group of self-made men who recognized the importance of translating the ideals of equality through private enterprise into the built environment. The Galax Commercial Historic District qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for its significance in the area of Commerce. This is due to its very specific nature as a planned commercial city. It is also eligible under Criterion C, for its significance in the area of Architecture, due to its development across a rigid, gridiron plan that would insure equal competition in private enterprise and that would allow businessmen to express themselves through the architecture of their buildings. The district's period of significance ranges from 1903, when the current street gridiron was developed, and 1949, which was the construction date of the most recent significant building in the downtown area.

Primary Location of Additional Data

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Table with 4 columns: Zone Easting Northing. Values include 1 17 506696 4057180, 2, 3, 4.

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Arthur Striker, Assistant Historian
organization Virginia Department of Historic Resources date February 2008
street & number 2801 Kensington Ave telephone 804-367-2323
city or town Richmond state VA zip code 23221

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)
name Ms. Phyllis Karavatakis, Carter Bank and Trust
street & number 1300 Kings Mountain Road telephone 276-656-1776
city or town Martinsville state VA zip code 24112

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 36 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

**Galax Commercial Historic District (amendment to three resources)  
Galax, Virginia**

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**10. Geographic Data:**

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The buildings addressed as 118 and 120 North Main Street, and 107 West Center Street in Galax, Virginia as shown on the attached map (Attachment Two) which was used with the previous historic district nomination.

**Boundary Justification:**

The boundary is as it applies only to the newly documented buildings that were already included within the district. These buildings are listed as 118 and 120 North Main Street, and 107 West Center Street, in the city of Galax, Virginia.

**Photographic Data:**

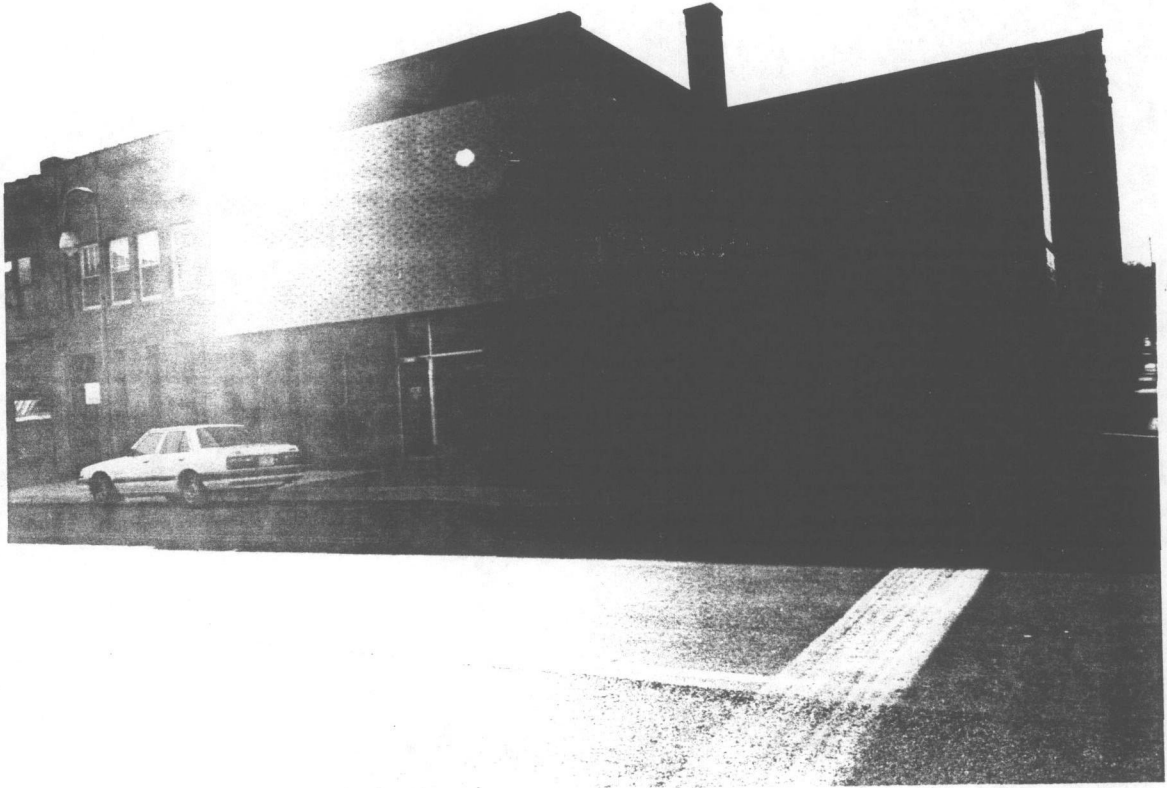
Originals not provided as this amendment is solely for the inclusion of three additional resources in the inventory and documentation of the original nomination in 2001.

Attachment One: Copy of photograph submitted with original nomination; shows 118-120 North Main Street at intersection with West Center Street.

Attachment Two: Copy of detailed district map originally submitted with 2001 nomination, showing location of 118-120 North Main Street, and 107 West Center Street buildings.

Attachment Three: Copy of section of Galax Quadrangle showing district map originally submitted with 2001 nomination, showing location of 118-120 North Main Street and 107 West Center Street Buildings within previously listed boundaries.

ATTACHMENT ONE



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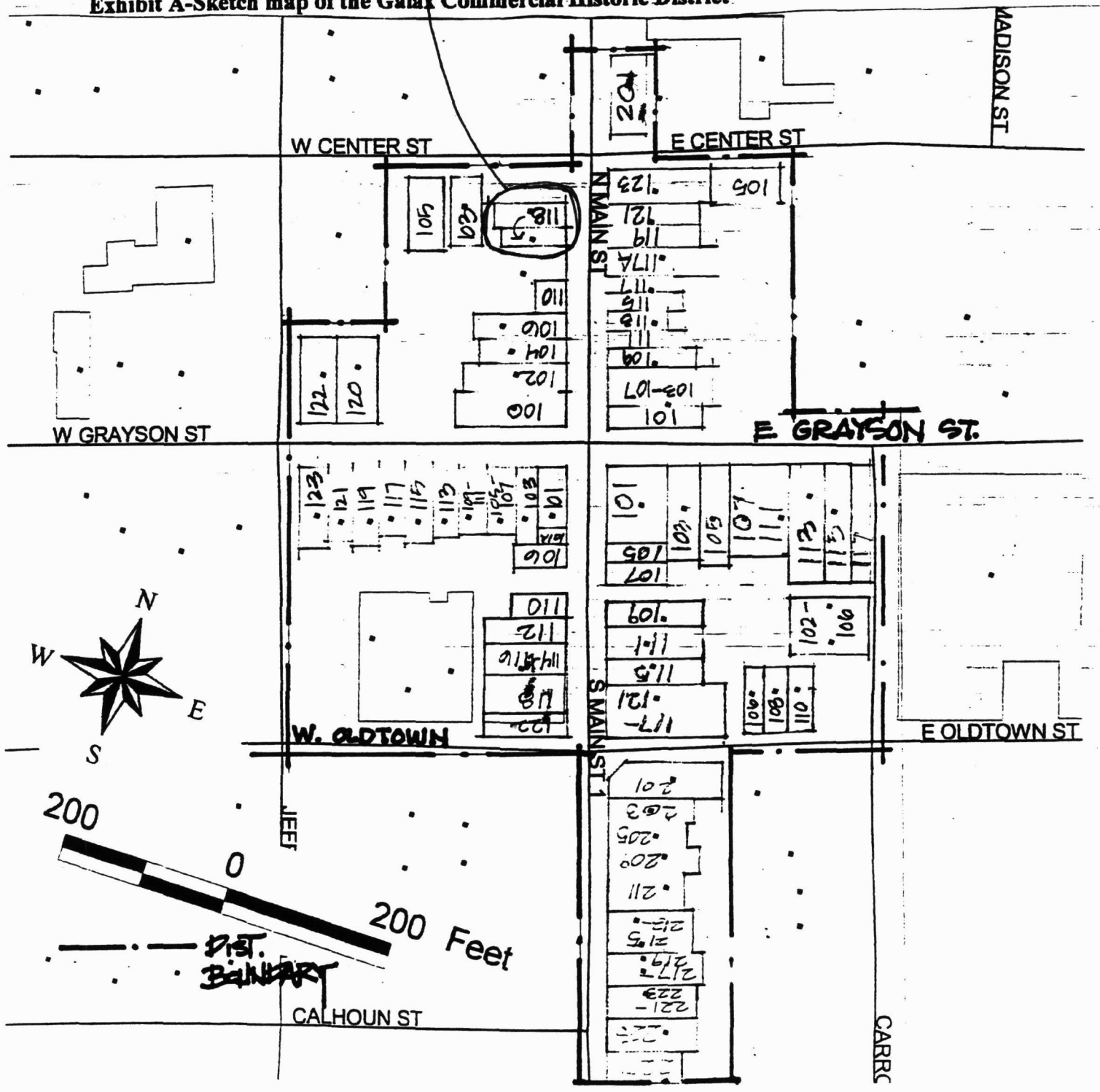
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Galax Commercial Historic District  
Galax, Virginia

118-120 N Main St.  
107 W Center St.

Exhibit A-Sketch map of the Galax Commercial Historic District





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Galax Commercial Historic District  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: VIRGINIA, Galax

DATE RECEIVED: 4/30/08 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/13/08  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 02000593

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 6.4.08 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

~~Additional Documentation Accepted~~

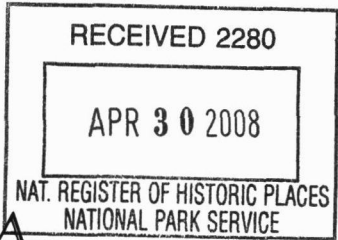
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REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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April 29, 2008

Mr. Paul Loether Chief, National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Programs National Park Service 2280 National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20005

RE: Galax Commercial Historic District (amendment to three resources), Galax City; Mount Pleasant, Surry County; and Knotts Creek/Belleville Archaeological Site, Suffolk City

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed nominations, referenced above, are being submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations have been considered, and approved, by the State Review Board and the SHPO has recommended them for listing. Any letters of comment or objection have been copied at the end of the nomination material, along with any FPO notification letters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is 804-367-2323 at extension 102.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

Jean McRae, Historic Preservationist National and State Register Program Coordinator

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