

I. IDENTIFICATION

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| PROPERTY NAME: | Lavonia Manufacturing Co. | HISTORIC NAME: | Lavonia Cotton Mill |
| STREET ADDRESS: | Main Street | CITY: | Lavonia, Georgia |
| PRESENT OWNER: | Pope Shuford, President Shuford Mills, Inc. | MAILING ADDRESS: | P. O. Drawer 2228 |
| CITY: | Hickory | STATE: | North Carolina |
| CURRENT USE: | Yarn Production | ZIP CODE: | 28641 |
| U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE: | Lavonia, Ga.-S.C. | ACREAGE: | 5 acres |
| V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: | 316-001-001 | U. T. M. REFERENCE: | |
| | | | Z17 E306820 N3811550 |

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

This five acre fenced-tract contains a variety of historic industrial buildings. The mill, the largest building in the complex, is a long-one story brick structure. Detailing on the mill includes segmental arched windows which have been filled in with brick, bracketed eaves, and large arched doorways. The mill is divided into several sections by brick walls which extend through the roof and appear to have been designed as firewalls. Other buildings in the complex include a metal structure, two brick structures, an office covered in white stucco, and a gate house covered in asbestos siding. There is a metal water tower located on the southeast side of the property. Mill and surrounding buildings appear to be in good condition.

III. HISTORY

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| ORIGINAL OWNER: | Mack Crawford, Tom McCallister | ORIGINAL USE: | Yarn Production |
| ARCHITECT/BUILDER: | Unknown | HISTORIC ACREAGE: | 100+ |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: | 1901 | DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: | |

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

The Lavonia Cotton Mill was established in 1901 by Mack Crawford and Tom McCallister with 4,992 spindles making twist yarns. The mill was constructed in the southern portion of Lavonia with the railroad line on the west side. To the east a mill village was constructed to house the labor force. In 1924 the Lavonia Cotton Mill was incorporated with J. M. Batson, B. F. Chappellear, W. F. Jackson, Wade Cothran, and W. S. Griffin as stockholders. In 1930 the plant was purchased by M. C. King of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

In 1944. the mill was purchased by Alex Shufford of Hickory, North Carolina and became known as the Lavonia Manufacturing Company. In 1952 the mill village was demolished and low income housing was constructed on the site. The mill continues full-time operation today and employees total 115 with 6,080 spindles producing more than 3,000,000 pounds of twisted yarn annually. These yarns are used in the manufacture of drapes, scatter rugs, bedspreads, carpets, and other products.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Industry LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, the Lavonia Cotton Mill is significant as a good local example of the kind of small-scale industrial complexes found in many of Georgia's towns and smaller cities. Simple load-bearing brick construction with segmentally arched openings, heavy "slow burning" post and plank interior construction, low massing, and exposed rafter ends are all characteristic features of turn-of-the-century industrial architecture in Georgia. Also typical is the utilitarian styling of buildings in the complex. In terms of industry, the Lavonia Cotton Mill is significant as Lavonia's third and largest historic industry. Established in the middle of Lavonia's greatest period of economic and physical growth, it reflects in part the "New South" philosophy which encouraged industrial development in small towns as well as large cities, and in part the interest of local businessmen to diversify Lavonia's economy and take advantage of the region's principal agricultural product.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Joe Vaughn
 "Gem of Piedmont"

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Lavonia Multiple Resource Area
State Georgia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Keese House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melons Byers 9/1/83

Attest

12. Kidd House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melons Byers 9/1/83

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13. Killingsworth Farm

Substantive Review

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14. Lavonia Carnegie Library

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15. Lavonia Cotton Mill

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16. Lavonia Roller Mill

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17. McMurray House

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18. Pure Oil Service Station

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19. Queen House

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20. Lavonia Commercial Histric
District

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Lavonia Cotton Mill (Lavonia MRA)
Franklin County
GEORGIA

Working No. JUL 19 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 8/18/83 9/2/83

Action: ACCEPT 9/1/83

Entered in the RETURN

National Register REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Public Acquisition | Accessible | |

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Condition | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Raymond Gordon Hill (Raymond M.R.A.)
Piedmont County
GEORGIA

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



PHOTOGRAPHER: James R. Lockhart

DATE: August 1982

NO. 1 of 1.

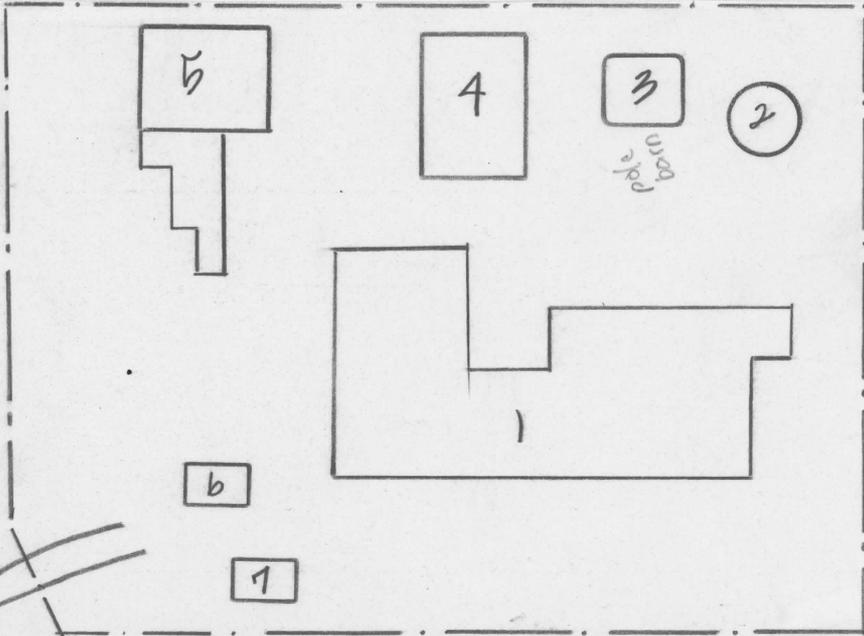
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Georgia Department of Natural Resources

DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: NW

USE SPACE BELOW FOR CONTINUATION FROM FRONT, SKETCH PLANS OR MAPS, ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ETC.

- 1. Mill
- 2. Water tower
- 3. Metal Bldg.
- 4. Brick Bldg.
- 5. Frame addition on Brick Bldg.
- 6. Office
- 7. Gatehouse



← North
No Scale

W. MAIN STREET

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000135