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**Historic Preservation Commission Agenda**

Tuesday, October 8, 2024– 6:00 pm

Council Chambers, City Hall, 808 Carroll Street, Perry

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens with Input
4. Announcements
  - a. Please place cell phones in silent mode.
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2024 regular meeting
7. Old Business – None
8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Downtown Historic District
  - b. Discussion of Swift Street Historic District
9. Other Business
  - a. Commission questions or comments
10. Adjournment

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Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes - August 13, 2024

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call: Vice Chairman Sanders; Commissioners Beroza, Griffin, and Taylor were present.

Staff: Bryan Wood – Community Development Director, Emily Carson – Community Planner, and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk

Guests: Curtis & Teresa George, Terre Walker, Clayton Hubbard, Ellie Loudermilk

3. Citizens with Input – None
4. Announcements – Vice Chairman Sanders referred to the notice listed.
  - a. Please place cell phones in silent mode.
5. Approval of the Agenda – Commissioner Griffin motioned to approve as presented; Commissioner Beroza seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.
6. Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2024, regular meeting and July 18, 2024 special called meeting – Commissioner Beroza motioned to approve both meeting minutes; Commissioner Griffin seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.
7. Old Business – None
8. New Business
  - a. Preliminary Comments – 705 Washington Street

Mr. Curtis George was seeking the Commission's input on the future renovation of the property that he believes was built in the 1920's but has seen over the years many, many modifications which include front door, windows, roof. The historic designation notes the dwelling has craftsman style elements. Mr. George would like to know how much can be changed, an example would be the vinyl and windows, can wood windows be installed. Mr. Wood advised on non-contributing properties, if there is vinyl siding it can continue and the windows could be wood or vinyl, or closer to the original if possible. Mr. George would like to add windows to the side; Commissioner Beroza advised they should be able to do if not visible from the right of way. Mr. George would also like to change out the front door and the roof is a hip roof, and asked if a gable roof would be permissible. Mr. Wood advised classic craftsman had a variety of roof styles – gable, clip and hip clip. Vice Chairman Sanders asked if there any pictures of what it had looked like before the renovations; Mr. George advised he had none; Mrs. Terre Walker stated she knew the previous owners and would reach out to see if they had any. Mr. George would also like to replace the 8 x 8 posts on the front porch with tapered columns; Mr. Wood felt this would be appropriate. Mr. George asked if a metal roof would be acceptable; Mr. Wood advised roofs should matching existing or replicate original. Commissioner Taylor stated research on what the structure looked like before the many renovations will support the changes. Mr. George asked for confirmation on hardiplank; the Commission agreed this was permissible. Mr. George would also like to add a garage and remove the existing lean-to on the side. Commissioner Griffin advised detached is preferred and can be attached to the dwelling with a breezeway, which the guidelines recommended. Mr. George asked if the front steps which are currently deteriorating cement can be replaced and a walkway added; Commissioner Beroza felt

if similar to the design it should be acceptable. Mr. Wood advised Mr. George when he was ready to work with a designer, he would be glad to meet with them to ensure the guidelines are met and the process goes smoothly.

b. Report of Designation – Downtown Historic District

Mr. Wood advised the initial draft has been completed and updated with the parcel map per the Commission's previous discussions. There are 89 parcels included with 22 non-contributing and 67 contributing. Also included in the report is a timeline from the 1970's of the renovations that hopefully the state will recognize as part of the history. Mr. Wood had a few questions on some of the properties historic names as noted on page 18, 30, and 46. Mr. Wood advised if the Commission was ready to submit to the state for the 30-day review, he would do so. Commissioner Beroza questioned the city's intent to relocate the confederate statue; Mr. Wood advised that it was to be moved to Legacy Park on Carroll Street.

Commissioner Griffin motioned to approve the Downtown Historic District Report of Designation with the noted corrections for submittal to the state for review; Commissioner Taylor seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

9. Other Business

a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Sanders motioned to nominate Andrew Griffin as Chairman; Commissioner Beroza seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Griffin motioned to nominate Val Sanders as Vice Chair; Commissioners Beroza seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

b. Commission questions or comments

Commissioner Griffin commended Commissioner Sanders for all of her work on the research for the downtown properties. Commissioner Sanders inquired of Mr. Wood if the Swift Street area would be the next area for designation without the inclusion of the Smoak area; Mr. Wood advised it would be.

10. Adjournment: there being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.



Community Development Department  
Historic Preservation Commission

## LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTY DESIGNATION REPORT

### 1. Name of Property:

Swift Street Historic District

### 2. Boundary Description:

The Swift Street Historic District consists of approximately 31.5 acres located on the eastern edge of downtown Perry, Georgia. The district contains 55 properties which create the core of Perry's downtown. The district consists of properties fronting Swift Street, from the 1100 to the 1400 blocks; the 1000 block of First Street; the 1000 block of Second Street; the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Third Street, and the north side of the 1300 block of Houston Lake Drive. For precise boundaries, see attached historic district map on page five.

### 3. Classification:

All properties within the district are privately owned.

Number of Resources within the District:

	Non-Contributing	Contributing
Developed Parcels	3	52
Vacant Parcels	0	0
Total Parcels	3	52
Primary Structures	3	52
Secondary Structures	0	0

### 4. Local Certification:

As the designated authority under the City of Perry Historic Preservation Ordinance of 2022, I hereby certify that this designation report meets the documentation standards for designating properties under the Perry Historic Preservation Ordinance and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth for such designations. In my opinion, the property meets the criteria for local designation.

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Bryan Wood, AICP  
Community Development Director

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Date

In my opinion, the property meets the criteria for local designation.



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Andrew Griffin, Historic Preservation Commission Chair

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Date

In my opinion, the property meets the criteria for local designation.

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Randall Walker, Mayor

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Date

**5. Function or Use:**

**Historic Functions:**

Residential

**Current Functions:**

Residential and Religious Institution

**6. Description:**

**Architectural Classification:**

19<sup>th</sup> Century: American Queen Anne, Folk Victorian, Greek Revival, Neoclassical Revival

20th Century: Colonial Revival

**7. Statement of Significance of the Swift Street District:**

~~The period of significance of the Perry Downtown District begins in 1824 when the City was incorporated by the Georgia Legislature and extends to the mid- to late 1970s when downtown buildings and streetscape were remodeled with an Early American theme.~~

~~Perry, originally called Wattsville, was founded in 1821 in the geographic center of the newly created Houston County for the purpose of conducting the county's legal affairs. By 1824 Justices of the Inferior Court had sold most of the lots created in this new settlement, and residences and businesses were beginning to establish a proper town. On December 9, 1824, the Georgia legislature approved the incorporation of Perry as the first official town in Houston County and named it in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, a hero of the War of 1812.~~

~~The City was laid out in a grid pattern surrounding a Courthouse Public Square as shown on the map below. This layout continues to exist today as Downtown Perry. Properties surrounding the Courthouse were originally developed with commercial and residential structures. Perry's first industries were gristmills, sawmills, and cotton gins. As the county seat, however, Perry was also settled by lawyers, doctors, ministers, teachers, store owners, and shopkeepers. People came from throughout the county to conduct business. By the end of the 1840s, Perry was a thriving town with a population of 500 and contained three churches, two schools, a large hotel, three stores, four groceries, an apothecary shop, and a small bookstore attached to the only post office in Houston County. In 1846, the town was surveyed and formally laid out in blocks.~~

~~In 1849 the first stagecoach arrived in Perry on the stage line running from Macon to Tallahassee, and by 1873 Perry was connected by railroad to Fort Valley. By 1880 the population of Perry had reached 929. Following Reconstruction, however, Perry lost 28% of its population as freed African Americans began to migrate northward. Perry closed the 19th Century with a population of 650 persons.~~

As more space for business was needed, houses were replaced with commercial buildings. Fires and normal weathering caused wooden structures to be replaced with brick and masonry structures.

*Map of Perry in 1823-1825 with property owner names*

Some of the oldest and more prominent buildings remaining in Perry's Downtown include:

- Perry Methodist Church, ca. 1860-1861
- The Cox-Swanson House, ca. 1830
- Killen-Staples House, ca. 1875
- Houston Masonic Lodge No. 35, ca. 1893
- Houston Hardware Company, ca. 1860
- Toomer Funeral Home, ca. 1905
- Houston Banking Company, ca. 1905; and
- Several retail buildings from the 1870s to early 1900s

In the 1920s the city's population grew to 1,400 persons as a result of a new cement plant that opened outside of town. With the onset of World War II and the opening of what would become Robins Air Force Base nearby, Perry's population swelled to 3,849 between 1940 and 1950. Downtown businesses continued to grow and prosper as a result of this population growth. Several new buildings were constructed in the Downtown area in the 1940s through the 1960's, including a new County Courthouse in 1948.

Tourism has played an important role in Perry's economy since the city was founded. As early as 1849 Perry served as a stage coach stop between Macon and Tallahassee. In 1873 Perry was connected by railroad to Ft. Valley. In the 1920s a spur of the Dixie Highway (now U.S. HWY 41) was paved, and Perry became a stopover for tourists travelling between the Midwest and Florida. A number of hotels, motels, and motor courts were established downtown. Restaurants and gas stations served visitors and residents alike. When Interstate 75 opened on the west side of Perry in the 1960s, the tourism business shifted away from downtown.

Only the Swan Motel on Main Street continues to operate today. The New Mecca Motor Court was converted to retail space in the 1970s, and the New Perry Hotel and Motel was demolished in 2024 after several developers could not make restoration work financially.

By the early 1970s Perry businesses were suffering as tourists bypassed downtown. A group of businessmen decided something had to be done to attract business and tourists back to downtown. A commission was formed in 1973, and officially recognized by the City of Perry in 1974 as the Perry Redevelopment Commission. In 1975 the Commission was formally sanctioned as the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. In November 1981 Georgia Representative Larry Walker introduced legislation to create the Downtown Development Authority, tasked with carrying on the vision for downtown Perry.

The commission/authority conducted surveys, developed plans, and worked with property owners and government agencies to redevelop downtown Perry. As America's Bicentennial was nearing, the commission decided that buildings downtown should be renovated with an "Early American" theme. One by one, property owners signed on to this idea and began renovating their buildings based on a local architect's designs. The majority of the building renovations appear to have occurred between about 1975 and 1977. Later in the decade, Carroll Street was reconfigured as a one-way street with brick sidewalks, planting beds, and Colonial style pedestrian light fixtures. This redevelopment plan did accomplish its intention of attracting new businesses and customers. To accommodate parking, several buildings were torn down, including the 1924 County Jail at 748 Carroll Street.

A timeline of the commission/authority's work and a plan book for the 900 block of Carroll Street are included in the Appendix.

Today, most of the building renovations of the 1970s remain, although a few building facades have been restored similar to their pre-1970 appearance.








**The following information is provided for each resource in the Swift Street Historic District:**

<b>Property address</b>	<b>Contributing/Non-contributing Status</b>
<b>Tax Parcel Number</b>	<b>Georgia Historic Resource Number (if applicable)</b>

[Photograph of Building]

- 1. Historic Name (if known)
- 2. Date of construction
- 3. Style/building type (for contributing buildings only)
- 4. Key contributing design elements (for contributing buildings only)
- 5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements (for contributing buildings only)

All pictures were taken in the Spring 2024. Vacant parcels are not included.

Review by Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Historic Preservation Division, was completed 

**1100 Block Swift Street**  
**1100 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number 0P0020 086000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-191**



1. Houston County Courthouse
2. ca. 1878
3. Art Deco
4. The courthouse square was established with the layout of the town in 1823. The current building is the third courthouse built on the square. The first courthouse was a wood structure built by James Killen in 1824-25. The second courthouse was built in 1856 and had a dirt floor. It was a social center for the community. The current courthouse was constructed at the beginning of the Cold War. The structure is concrete and was designed with a bomb shelter in the basement. After a new courthouse was built on Perry Parkway in 2002, this building continued to house various county offices. It was acquired in 2021 to serve as the Perry City Hall.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: The building was remodeled in 2005 to add a hip roof, dormers and downspouts, replace windows, add a dumpster/sally port enclosure, and add handicap access. Renovation for use as City Hall in 2022-2023 included no exterior modifications but re-established the historic courtroom on the upper level.

**1100 Block Swift Street**  
**1102 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 037000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-192**



1. U.S. Post Office
2. ca. 1960
3. Colonial Revival
4. From 1849 to 1958, Perry Presbyterian Church was located on this site. The church relocated to Second Street in 1958 to build Perry's first dedicated Post Office. Prior to that the post office was housed in various other businesses. The Post Office relocated in 2004. The building is now part of the Perry Methodist Church.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: The cupola was added between 2007 and 2009.



## 1100 Block Swift Street

1103 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 038000

Contributing

HT-P-193



1. Perry Methodist Church
2. ca. 1903
3. Greek Revival
4. This is the oldest building in Perry. The Perry Methodist Church was formed in 1826 and its first building was located in the middle of Evergreen Cemetery. The current building may have originally faced Washington Street. Construction was interrupted by the Civil War. Peter, a slave from the William Davis Plantation completed the building. In 1906-07 a front porch and columns were added. In the 1920's the basement was deepened to allow more Sunday School rooms. In 1946 the steeple was replaced. Educational building constructed ca. 1951. In 1983 the stained-glass windows were replaced.
5. No significant alterations/non-contributing elements



**1100 Block Swift Street**  
**1104 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 61A000**

**Non-contributing**



1. First Baptist Church
2. 1977

## 1100 Block Swift Street

1105 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 039000

Contributing

HT-P-194



1. Cox-Swanson House
2. ca. 1830; addition/remodel ca. 1903
3. American Queen Anne
4. Key contributing design elements, important persons associated with resource: Records indicate this lot with residence was sold by George Patten to Peter V. Guerry in 1833. Nora E. Cox purchased the house in 1902 and added on and remodeled in the American Queen Anne style. The back part of the house is believed to be the original part of the home. Her daughter, Florine Cox Swanson and her husband, Mayor W. E. Swanson, occupied the home with Mrs. Cox. Their daughter, Norene Swanson Jones, started Perry's first kindergarten in the house in the 1930s. The house was converted to commercial use in the 1980s and is now used as a restaurant.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Rear additions with mechanical equipment.



**1100 Block Swift Street**  
**1106 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 060000**

**Non-contributing**



1. First Baptist Church
2. 1967

## 1100 Block Swift Street

1107 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0030 001000

Contributing

HT-P-195



1. Cooper-Evans House
2. ca. 1900-1909
3. Neoclassical Revival
4. A small home and law office was built on this lot in 1840 by Eli Warren who lived here until 1849. The home was then sold several times before being purchased and enlarged by Dr. Minor W. Havis in 1857. Dr. Havis accidentally shot himself in the abdomen at Lawson's Hardware store while admiring a gun on a Friday afternoon. He was recovering, but then died the following Tuesday. It was again sold several times after Dr. Havis' death, but finally purchased by John Powers Cooper in 1902. Extensive remodeling occurred in 1905 by the Cooper family when a second story was added changing the style to Neoclassical Revival. Members of the Cooper family lived in this home for 100 years before it was purchased by JMA in 2003. The interior was extensively remodeled.
5. No Significant alterations/non-contributing elements



## 1200 Block Swift Street

1200 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 080000

Contributing



1. Beckham Building
2. ca. 1950; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single Retail
4. A fire in 1894 destroyed the wooden structures on this block. In 1939 another fire burned a portion of this block. This building was constructed in 1950 and was the office of W.E. Beckham Sr. in 1951. He was a prominent cattle farmer and the founder of a Gulf Oil distributorship. After his death the building was a furniture store in 1964. Later it was a lawyer's office and the office for the county commissioners. Since 2013 it has been Carey Baxter's Accounting office. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1200 Block Swift Street

1201 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 063000

Contributing

HT-P-196



1. Perry Federal Savings & Loan Association
2. ca. 1939; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. The building has been law office of Sam Nunn Jr., D.L. Rampey Jr., Nunn, Geiger and Pierce, and Walker and Hulbert. When the prior building burned in 1939, the Perry Federal Savings & Loan secretary perished in the fire while trying to retrieve files. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



**1200 Block Swift Street**  
**1203 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 064000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-197**



1. Wendell Whipple Insurance
2. ca. 1939
3. Single retail
4. This building has mainly been used for insurance agencies since being rebuilt after the fire destroyed it. Currently, it is Moore's Insurance. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Contemporary façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1200 Block Swift Street

1204 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 079000

Contributing

HT-P-202



1. Sam Nunn Sr. Building
2. ca. 1920
3. Single retail
4. This lot has had a building on it since at least 1861 when it was the law office of Clinton C. Duncan. In 1939 this building was spared from a fire that burned the buildings to its south. At the time this was a brick structure and the office of Sam Nunn Sr. It sustained some degree of fire damage. Stucco was later applied to the front of the building but was removed in 1996. The stucco removal left an unusual surface of the bricks. Currently it is Davida's hair salon. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Replacement windows, awning.



## 1200 Block Swift Street

1205 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 065000

Contributing

HT-P-198



1. Houston Masonic Lodge No. 35
2. ca. 1893
3. Retail & Office; Victorian Romanesque
4. Houston Lodge No. 35 was organized in 1854 and erected this building in 1893. It survived the fires of 1894 and 1939 on this block. This lodge was built on a foundation of 16 x 16 timbers of old heart pine in pegged wood construction. The upstairs lodge room was complete with kerosene lamps, a pot belly stove, and hardwood floors. In a closet in the anteroom there was a shaft for the 200-foot well with a bucket and rope. A marble cornerstone with the names of the building committee is placed on the Carroll Street wall of the building. The lower level was modified for use as a gas station in the early 1900's. Later it was Culpepper's grocery, Nippers Market and Risher's Restaurant. In the late 1980s and early 1990s it was Sinyard's Office Supply and Gifts. Today it is a hair salon. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Ground floor modified in the early 1900s for a gas station, a restaurant, and other retail uses. Portico added ca. 1975-1977. The original brick and stone details have been covered with stucco.



## 1200 Block Swift Street

1207 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number 0P0020 066000

Contributing

HT-P-199



1. Tucker Building
2. ca. 1920
3. Multiple retail
4. This building was owned by Malissa Tucker in 1940. Malissa Giles Tucker is one of the most revered teachers in the history of Perry schools. She taught for 38 years; 22 of those at Perry Junior High where she was an eighth math teacher and principal. Mrs. and Reverend Tucker owned a farm where Tucker Elementary now stands. Tucker Elementary was named after her in 1963 and the road was re-named Tucker Road. In the 1970s Mrs. Tucker sold the building to the Bowles family, and it operated as Bowles Glass Shop at 723. The Bowles sold the building in 1982. 725 was Wells florist in the 1970s. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/ non-contributing elements: Metal warehouse added to the rear in 1971.

**1200 Block Swift Street**  
**1208 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 078000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-203**



1. Houston County Government Offices
2. 1973



**1200 Block Swift Street**  
**1209 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 067000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-200**



1. Georgia State Patrol Office
2. ca. 1940
3. No Academic Style
4. The Georgia State Patrol was created in 1937 by the state of Georgia. Perry was one of ten areas of the state chosen to have a command post. The first troopers were housed in a building on Swift Street, but in 1940, this building was built as a command post. This was their headquarters until 1963. When a new building was built on Julianne Street. The property, including 731 Carroll Street was sold to the Houston County Board of Commissioners. This building became the University of Georgia Houston County Cooperative Extension Office. In 2005 this property was sold to a private investor. Today it is the home to GWES, LLC, a company that offers engineering services.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Addition on the right ca. 1970

## 1200 Block Swift Street

1211 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 068000

Contributing  
HT-P-201



1. Toomer Funeral Home
2. ca. 1905
3. Queen Anne
4. This ornate pressed metal building was built in 1905 by Amanda Toomer as a mercantile store for African Americans. The upstairs was living quarters for the Toomer Family. The business thrived and added a pharmacy by 1914. In 1915 it was converted to a funeral home. The deceased were displayed in the front windows. The building remains in the Toomer Family.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: none



**1200 Block Swift Street**  
**1212 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel 0P0020 077000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-204**



1. Bellflower Station
2. 1976

## 1300 Block Swift Street

1300 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 010000

Contributing

HT-P-205



1. Barfield Furniture Store
2. ca. 1930
3. Single retail
4. This was the Barfield Furniture Store adjacent to Barfield's Grocery until the 1970s. Since then, it has been an orthodontist's office, an optometry office and most recently a church. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Doors and windows modified or blocked in.



## 1300 Block Swift Street

1301 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 004000

Contributing  
HT-P-210



1. Barfield Grocery/ Williamson Grocery
2. ca. 1930
3. Single retail
4. In 1877 Thomas J. Cater opened a mercantile store on this parcel. The old building was replaced with this structure in 1930. The Barfield grocery operated here until 1943. Williamson Grocery opened here around that time and operated into the mid-1980s. Since then, it has been an old -fashioned soda fountain and is currently a restaurant. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. No significant alterations/non-contributing elements



**1300 Block Swift Street**  
**1303 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 005000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-211**



1. The New Mecca Motor Court
2. ca. 1942
3. No Academic Style
4. The First Baptist Church was in the center of this parcel until 1840. It was a log building and when they attempted to move it to Main Street, it fell apart. The New Mecca Motor Court was built by Mr. E. F Bellflower. Originally, 18 units with private tile baths, pillow rest mattresses, electric fans and steam heat. Brick construction. It was sold in 1975 for redevelopment as the Village Shops. It now houses multiple businesses including Barbeque Monsters and Sunset Slushies, 3 hair salons, a belly dancing studio, among others.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Additions to the front of the “U-shaped” building, additions on the rear, original motor court façades removed, and new retail facades extended toward the interior parking lot.

## 1300 Block Swift Street

1304 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 022000

Contributing

HT-P-206



1. Massee furniture/Houston Home Journal
2. ca. 1942
3. Retail & Office
4. In the 1950s this building was Massee Furniture Store. In 1997 it was purchased by Danny Evans and renovated for commercial purposes including offices for the *Houston Home Journal*. The first floor was Rusty's Restaurant for many years until the chef died. In 2019 the building sold and underwent a total renovation to become a 2-level restaurant and event center operating under the name of Orleans on Carroll. Two apartments were created upstairs. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Portico and balcony added in the 1970s. Addition on left and renovations in 2022.



## 1300 Block Swift Street

1305 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 006000

Contributing

HT-P-212



1. Houston Banking Company
2. ca. 1905
3. Single retail; Folk Victorian/Neoclassical Revival
4. The building was constructed for the Houston Banking company. This was the second oldest bank in Houston County. It was purchased by Perry Loan and Savings Bank in the 1920s. Later it was used as Hower's Insurance office and the U.S Post Office. In 1983 it was sold to Jones Surveying for their office. It was sold again in 2018 and had extensive interior renovations. It is now the Perry Branch of Morris Bank. The original mosaic tile "Houston Banking Company" on the portico floor is still intact. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: The fired brick finish was removed by sand blasting.

**1300 Block Swift Street**  
**1306 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 021000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-207**



1. Crockett 5 & Dime
2. ca. 1900; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. This was Crockett five and dime and also Ellison Grocery. In recent years it has housed various boutiques and a florist. Currently it is a boutique for women and men's clothing. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



**1300 Block Swift Street**  
**1307 SWIFT STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 007000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-213**



1. J&L Market
2. ca. 1930; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. J&L Market and was then lawyer Herbert Wells office. Later it was Southern Lighting and now a State Farm Office. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977

## 1300 Block Swift Street

1308 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 020000

Contributing

HT-P-208



1. Perry Drug Store
2. ca. 1900; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. Prior to 1950 Cater Drug Store, Pritchett's Drug Store and Akin Drug Store were located here. Dr. Cater had his office in the rear of this building so the pharmacy was adjacent. In the 1950s it was Perry Drug Store with Dr. Dave Coley as the pharmacist. The rear office portion of the building was separated and given its own storefront. The building has been an attorney's office since the 1980s. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1300 Block Swift Street

1310 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 019000

Contributing

HT-P-209



1. Kicklighter Akin Drug/The Coffee Cup
2. ca. 1912
3. Retail & office; No Academic Style
4. This is one of 3 buildings on Carroll which has a basement. Additionally, there is a tunnel that goes under Carroll Street to the former bank located at 901 Carroll. H. M. Holtzclaw operated a drug store during his ownership. In the 1950s the building became the Rexall Drug store of Kicklighter-Akin. It was used as a drug store for many years but was W. Little and Sons Furniture store in the 1940s. Marshall's Cafe was also located here in the 1930s or 1940s before moving up Carroll Street. The Coffee Cup restaurant was located here from the late 1950s to the 1970s and again in the 2010s. It now houses the Chamber of Commerce. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: replacement windows

## 1300 Block Swift Street

1311 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 008000

Contributing

HT-P-214



1. Killen Store, Moore's Dry Goods
2. ca. 1922; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1400 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 030000

Contributing

HT-P-215



1. Perry Loan and Savings Bank, Houston Drug Co (Walgreen Agency), Jones Jeweler's
2. ca. 1933; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. This is one of 3 buildings on Carroll Street with a basement. From 1957 until 1972 The Houston Drug Company operated here. Jones Jeweler's moved here from around the corner on Ball Street and operated here until 2008. Since then, it has been various boutiques. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977

## 1400 Block Swift Street

1401 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0200 001000

Contributing

HT-P-216



1. Cabero's
2. ca. 1930; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. Cabero's bar in the 1960s was located here. Later it was Scottie discount store. It has housed various businesses through the years. It is currently an antique store named ViviAnns. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1407 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0200 002000

Contributing

HT-P-217



1. Marshall's Cafe/Horace and Mildred's
2. ca. 1930; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. Horace and Mildred's was a clothing shop in this location for years after they relocated from Ball Street. The door to the left was the entrance to Mr. Cooper Jone's Pecan Shop. At some point the wall was taken down between the two stores. It has been Peach State Cable and Jones & Co. Currently it is Sweet Evelyn's as seen on the HGTV Cookie Bake off in 2023. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1979

## 1400 Block Swift Street

1411 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number 0P0200 003000

Contributing



1. Bell's Store
2. ca. 1964
3. Single retail
4. In 1945 this was Marshall's Cafe. Van Johnson owned this store from 1959 to 1972. His brother Cleve Johnson operated Bell's store here (named after his wife, India Bell). The clothing was upscale catering to those with higher incomes. Impressions was located here and now it is MeMe's Boutique. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1413 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0200 004000

Contributing



1. The Barber Shop
2. ca. 1920; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Retail & Office
4. Mr. Bozeman and Jack West were both barbers here for years. MeMe's Boutique incorporated the barber shop space into their store for men's wear around 2020 when Mr. West retired. The upstairs was used as a boarding house for years, but currently is rented out as storage space for the Perry Player's. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977

## 1400 Block Swift Street

1414 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 029000

Contributing



1. Tots and Teens
2. ca. 1950
3. Single retail
4. Currently Initial Reaction. It has been various retail stores over the years including the Gentry General Store. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. No significant alterations/non-contributing elements



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1416 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 028000

Contributing



1. The Swank Shop
2. ca. 1920
3. Retail & office
4. One of the few two-story buildings on Carroll Street. The second floor was used as a boarding house. The main level was the Perry Super Foods in 1954. It was also Nick's cafe, and the Swank Shop, a men's clothier. It has also been the Front Porch Tea Room and is currently the Perfect Pear Restaurant. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Storefront alterations ca. 1950s



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1419 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0200 099000

Contributing



1. Andrew Hardware Store, Clowers Photography
2. ca. 1926
3. Retail & office
4. Dating from 1954 this was Andrew's Hardware. The sign can still be seen at the back of the building in the alley. It is now Cossart Design. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. No significant alterations/non-contributing elements



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1420 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 027000

Contributing



1. L. S. Tounsley Shop
2. ca. 1893
3. Single retail
4. From 1893 to 1901 this was the Tounsley shop. In 1943 it was Rogers Store. Later it was Western Auto. Scottie Stores located here in 1970. Since then, it has been used for various boutiques and is currently Caty's on Carroll. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. No significant alterations/non-contributing elements



## 1400 Block Swift Street

1415 SWIFT STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0200 005000

Contributing



1. Courtyard on Carroll
2. 2022
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



## 1000 Block First Street

1106 FIRST STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 054000

Contributing



1. Houston Home Journal Building
2. ca. 1939
3. Single retail
4. Other than replacement doors, transoms and window on right, the building remains intact from the original. The *Houston Home Journal* was started in 1870 as a weekly newspaper by John Thomas Waterman to serve Perry and Houston County. His first issue was planned to be published in November, but the printing press he ordered from New York was destroyed by fire at the Fort Valley depot and a new one had to be ordered. The first paper was published on December 17, 1870. Perry native John Hicks Hodges purchased the paper in 1880. The Hodges family owned the newspaper until 1946 and this building until 1974. *Houston Home Journal* is the oldest continually operated business in Houston County. In the 1970s the building was used as Jane's Today. It is now an interior design studio for James Farmer. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. No significant alterations/non-contributing elements



## 1000 Block Second Street

1006 SECOND STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 082000

Contributing



1. Dr. Johnny L. Gallemore Childbirth Clinic
2. ca. 1945
3. Medical office
4. In 1938 Dr. Johnny L. Gallemore came to Perry to practice medicine, and in 1945 built Perry's first baby clinic on this corner. Since WWII was ending, building supplies were limited so it was built with what was available. The clinic was open 24 hours a day. The building contained two reception rooms, four hospital rooms, an examination room, an X-ray room, an operating or delivery room, a laboratory, a doctor's office, business office, kitchen, and two bathrooms. Hundreds of babies were born in this building between 1945 and 1986 when Dr. Gallemore sold his practice to Dr. Gregory Harold. Dr. Harold practiced here from 1988 until 2015. This building contains a half basement which was used for storage. Today Dr. Paul Smith offers family eyecare in this building. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Replacement windows



**1000 Block Second Street**  
**1007 SECOND STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 059000**

**Contributing**



1. Hazard's on the Green
2. 2019
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## 1000 Block Second Street

1008 SECOND STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 081000

Contributing



1. Bernstein's Mercantile,
2. ca. 1920; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. The building was used as Bernstein's Mercantile, Wynn's 5 and Dime, and later David's Billiards. Today it is a consignment clothing shop. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1000 Block Third Street

1000 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 012000

Contributing

HT-P-183



1. Tounsley Store/ Overton's Jewelry
2. ca. 1872
3. Multiple retail
4. This is one of the oldest buildings in Perry although it has been renovated extensively. It started as the Tounsley Store in 1872 and went through 1896, when the store moved to 926 Carroll Street. In the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was W. F. Overton jewelry store. In 2017 renovations began to convert to a restaurant. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade replaced with new façade 2017.



## 1000 Block Third Street

1001 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 085000

Contributing



1. The Bloodworth Property
2. ca. 1872
3. Multiple retail; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
4. This building is one of the oldest buildings in Perry. Edward Welch built a residence here in 1824. By 1872, A. B. Schilling's tailor shop was operating here. By the 1930's J. W. Bloodworth operated a general merchandise store. The Perry Bookstore located here in 2006. Peach Palate, a ceramic studio was here. The property was renovated by Clover Wine Merchants and a kitchen was added in 2021. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



**1000 Block Third Street**  
**1004 THIRD STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 011000**

**Non-contributing**



1. Bates House
2. 2017



**1000 Block Third Street**  
**1005 THIRD STREET**  
**Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 075000**

**Contributing**  
**HT-P-189**



1. The Johnson Store
2. ca. 1892
3. Multiple retail; Folk Victorian/ Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
4. Originally, this building encompassed what is now 911, 913 and 915 Carroll Street. Van Johnson purchased the buildings in 1945 and removed the wall between 911 and 913 to create his mercantile. The store catered to the working- class people in town selling children's and adult clothing and accessories. The Johnson Stores operated continuously at this site until 1983 when Mr. Johnson retired. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1000 Block Third Street

1007 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 076000

Contributing  
HT-P-190



1. McLendon Electric
2. ca. 1910
3. Multiple retail; Folk Victorian
4. Originally, this building encompassed what is now 911, 913 and 915 Carroll Street. Calvin McLendon purchased this building in 1945. The first TV sold in Perry was from this store. Harrison electric later occupied the space. Cossart Design was also in this space in 2013. Today this is the storefront for Mossy Creek Naturals. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements. Aluminum doors and window frames.



## 1100 Block Third Street

1103 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 069000

Contributing



1. General Store/ Houston Hardware Company
2. ca. 1860
3. Single retail; Queen Anne
4. William Brunson had a store here in 1872. In 1893 Hugh Lawson had a store here. During the 1930s the Kunz family operated it as a dry goods store, including a millinery. Later in the 1930s it became Houston Hardware, owned and operated by the Andrew family. It was here where Dr. Minor Havis accidentally shot himself while admiring a gun. It was a Friday afternoon and he walked home. By Tuesday afternoon he had perished. Impressions gift shop was located here. In the middle 1980s the Sugar Plum children's store began operations here and continues today. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Replacement windows and doors.



## 1100 Block Third Street

1104 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number 0P0090 003000

Contributing



1. McClendon Auto Co. (garage, service station and auto parts); later Dodge dealer
2. ca. 1910; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1979
3. Automobile garage; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
4. In 1917 Calvin McClendon began business with a garage, service station and auto parts store. Later it became the Plymouth and Dodge dealer of Perry. During the 1970s renovation period, the building was separated into 3 buildings with 3 addresses. This portion was incorporated into the Sugar Plum at 917 Carroll Street around 2019. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements. Building separated into 3 tenant spaces, Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1100 Block Third Street

1105 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 070000

Contributing



1. McLendon Auto Co.
2. ca. 1910; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Automobile garage
4. One of 3 buildings created from the original McLendon's Auto Building in the 1970s. Today it is the office of Attorney, Trey Moody. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Building separated into 3 tenant spaces, Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1100 Block Third Street

1107 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0020 071000

Contributing



1. Cox Swanson Jones
2. ca. 1910
3. Multiple retail
4. Two addresses merged into one building. Wells florist was here in the late 1960's. Merle Norman was located in this building and William Amos CPA, a family run business, has been located here for years. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Storefronts replaced



## 1100 Block Third Street

1110 THIRD STREET

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 002000

Contributing



1. Perry Loan and Savings Bank
2. 1959
3. Colonial Revival
4. This building served as the Bank of Perry until 1974 when it was purchased by the Methodist Church for use as administrative offices.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: faux double chimney, cupola



## 1300 Block Houston Lake Drive

1303 HOUSTON LAKE DRIVE

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 014000

Contributing

HT-P-184



1. Jones Jewelers
2. ca. 1920; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. Jones Jewelry was here until around 1962 when it became Elliot Finance Company. In 1964 it was Dixie Finance. In 1969 Whipple Insurance and Realty was here. Jack's Barber was here in 1972 and Jones Surveying in 1978. Today Simply Southern Sweets Bakery operates here. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Separated into two tenant spaces, Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1300 Block Houston Lake Drive

1307 HOUSTON LAKE DRIVE

Tax Parcel Number 0P0090 015000

Contributing

HT-P-185



1. Nell's Cafe
2. ca. 1920; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. This building was separated into 2 addresses. Nell's Cafe was here in 1951. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Separated into two tenant spaces, Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977



## 1300 Block Houston Lake Drive

1309 HOUSTON LAKE DRIVE

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 016000

Contributing

HT-P-186



1. Dr. Horace Evan's Office
2. ca. 1911
3. Single retail; Folk Victorian
4. Dr. Evans moved into this office in 1922 after he relocated to Perry from Bonaire. A graduate of the Atlanta School of Medicine he served as the Medical Examiner for the Houston Draft Board and was the medical advisor for the Penn Dixie Cement Company. On December 15, 1940, at the age of 56 Evans was tragically killed in an accident while returning from a house call. Dr Evan's children, Horace and Mildred later operated a dress shop here. It has been used for various offices since 1964. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Stucco over brick, door and window trim.



## 1300 Block Houston Lake Drive

1311 HOUSTON LAKE DRIVE

Tax Parcel Number: 0P0090 017000

Contributing

HT-P-187



1. Strand Theater/Roxy
2. ca. 1935; Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977
3. Single retail
4. This was the first theater in Perry. It was originally called the Strand Theater, but later became the Roxy. The theater had no restroom for its patrons. It closed in 1951. Since then, it has been used as a beauty shop, a woman's clothing store, and offices. It is currently used as office space for been Mossy Oaks Property. The building helps establish the pedestrian-oriented retail streetscape of Downtown Perry.
5. Significant alterations/non-contributing elements: Colonial Revival façade ca. 1975-1977