

## itzgerald Granitoid Structure Map



- 1 508 N. Merrimac
- 502 W. Altamaha
- 404 N. Main
- 302 E. Suwannee
- 313 E. Altamaha
- 328 N. Main
- 328 N. Lee
- 323 N. Lee
- 308 N. Lee
- 10 304 N. Lee
- 11 228 N. Lee
- 601 W. Central
- 412 W. Central
- 408 W. Pine
- 416 W. Pine
- 16 212 W. Pine
- 212R W. Pine
- 225 S. Lee
- 326 S. Lee
- 701 S. Lee
- 21 714 S. Main
- 613 S. Main
- 512R S. Main
- 201 S. Main
- 109 S. Main
- 110 E. Pine
- 110 E. Central
- 209 S Grant
- 29 217 E. Pine
- 30 222 E. Pine
- 31 224 E. Pine
- 115 S. Sherman
- 716 E. Central
- 34 816 E. Palm

Granitoid, a type of cement stone, is a building material, which was produced in Fitzgerald from around the turn of the century to 1915.

The Fitzgerald Granitoid Company, which produced this material, was composed of 50 men with a payroll of \$5,000 a month (see Gelders' History of Ben Hill County, installment 18). The officers of this company were C. W. Hayes, president, J. D.

Smalls, vice-president, L. P Hayes, secretary and treasurer, and Drew Paulk, legal advisor.

There are nearly 50 granitoid structures such as

churches, businesses, fences, residences, and storage buildings in Ben Hill County today. These buildings range in appearance from the

gothic style of St.

Matthew's Episcopal Church to the semi-Victorian look of the Glover House on West Central Avenue to the traditional farmhouse look of the Carroll home on Dewey McGlamry Road. These structures are a major contributor to Fitzgerald's varied and unique architectural heritage.

The Fitzgerald Granitoid Company was not limited to the construction of buildings. The Granitoid Company also constructed our sewer pipes, 10 miles of the original sidewalks, and the ornamental trimmings, which adorn many of the historic granitoid residences and businesses.

The men of the Granitoid Company are as much a part of Fitzgerald's heritage as the buildings they created. C. W. Hayes was an alderman for the city's first ward and Drew Paulk went on the become secretary-treasurer

of the Empire Mercantile Company and Fitzgerald's mayor for several terms. Drew Paulk was also a founding member of several of Fitzgerald's civic organizations, such as the Elk's Lodge. J. D. Smalls was owner of the J. D. Small Novelty Plant (known as Small's Mill), which opened in 1896 and did a large amount of business in Fitzgerald and the neighboring towns.

Today's tourist or resident in the Fitzgerald area has the opportunity to take a driving tour of the granitoid residences and other structures in the



town, eat lunch at Nabila's Restaurant with its granitoid ornamentation, and take in a service at one of Fitzgerald/ Ben Hill County's five granitoid houses of worship. Granitoid buildings are yet another unique feature which makes Georgia's Colony City worth visiting.





## The Granitoid Buildings of Fitzgerald

