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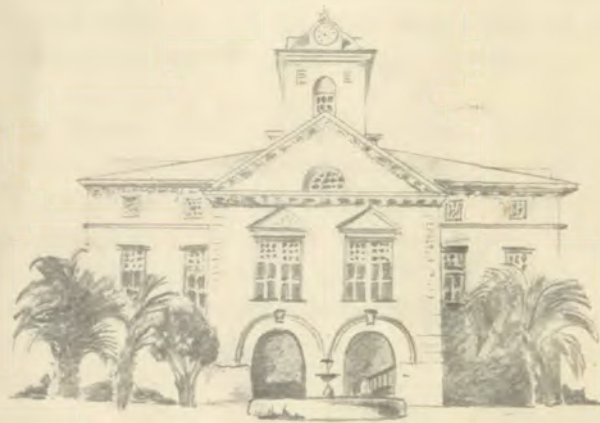
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Brooks County Tour of Historic Homes and Sites



SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1976

1:30 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.

Sponsored By

QUITMAN CHAPTER OF U.D.C. NO. 112

and

QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB

INTRODUCTION TO TOUR
AND
SOME FACTS ABOUT BROOKS COUNTY

Brooks County was created by an act of the General Assembly on Dec. 11, 1858. The first sale of town lots was made in March 1859 for sites in the present town of Quitman, the county seat of government. It was named for Hon. Preston Smith Brooks of South Carolina. Originally a part of Irwin County, it was formed from parts of Lowndes County and Thomas County. Before that it was Indian and Spanish land, not being a part of Georgia, until the treaty of 1818 with the Indians. The old Spanish trail from St. Augustine to Pensacola passed through the southern part of the county. The first settler in what is now Brooks County is believed to be Sion Hall, in whose home the first Superior Court of Lowndes County was held. Sion Hall lived about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northward of the present site of Morven, Georgia near old Camp Ground.

Due to a time limit, this tour will only be conducted through Quitman and the southern part of the county. However, the sponsors recommend to visitors coming in for our week of bicentennial celebration to also visit some of the historic spots in the northern part of the county. Notably, Camp Ground at Morven, Bethel Church, constituted in 1826, is the second oldest Primitive Baptist Church in South Georgia. Graves of men who fought in the American Revolution can be found in this church cemetery. Okapilco Baptist Church and the Gaulden grave lots and others.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased from members of the U.D.C. or Rotary Club before May 2nd and at the Court House on day of tour beginning at 1:00 o'clock.

(1)

BROOKS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

(OPEN)

This beautiful public building surrounded by azaleas, camellias, and large live oak trees was begun in May 1859. John Wind was the architect, and was paid \$100.00 for his services. Charles Remington of Thomasville was the builder. The original cost was \$14,985.00. Brick for the building of

the Court House was made of Brooks County clay. The Civil War interrupted the work for some time, but it was completed in 1864. It has been remodeled twice, in 1892 and 1968. Recently an addition has been added.

Its outstanding features are the front entrance with the carved woodwork and the upstairs courtroom with its paneled walls and original pine wood floors. Spacious county offices with lovely views are on each floor.

(2)

WEST END CEMETERY

(OPEN)

This is historic old West End Cemetery with its sturdy oak trees, which shade the hallowed spot, where the Confederate soldiers, seventeen of whom are unknown rest.

In April 1869, three ladies took flowers and placed on the soldiers graves. February 1873, the Ladies Memorial Association having been formed, sponsored the observance and soon built a rustic iron fence to protect the area.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy fell heir to this most treasured place in 1897 and with loving care maintains this heritage. Memorial day services have been held here continuously for one hundred and seven years.

(3)

DIXIE AND THE NIX'S HOME

(OPEN)

Dixie was originally known as Station No. 17 on the A & G Railroad in the years 1860-61. During the Civil War there was a line of stage coaches which ran between No. 17 and Monticello, Florida, connecting with trains at both points. Jacob Moody, Jr. in 1869 built a big saw mill at No. 17 and this began to draw families to the station and the little town of Dixie was born. Among the early settlers was the Rev. Thomas Boring, a retired Methodist minister, who built a nice home there, erected another sawmill and a grist mill. The Rev. Boring built the first school house there known as the Dixie Academy. The land surrounding Dixie became a great farming section of the county and it was from this station No. 17 that the first

load of watermelons were shipped north by Rev. W.R. Talley.

The little Nix home to be visited is part of the original Boring home. Five generations of Borings have lived in this home including Miss Bessie "Pet" Winter, who was believed to have been the first lady mail carrier in the United States, delivering the rural mail by horse and buggy. The Nix home is the old kitchen and is designed to look like the original Boring home. The main house is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Simpson, Mrs. Simpson being the great, great, great granddaughter of the Rev. Boring.

(4)

GROOVERVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

(OPEN)

The Grooverville Methodist Church was moved here from Lebanon which was begun prior to 1840 near the Thomas County line. It was decided to move the church to Grooverville, Ga., which had become a trading center and stage coach stop.

In 1856 Malachi Groover gave a "Deed of Gift" of one acre for the church building to Richard R. Ramsey, M.W. Linton and W.R. Joiner as trustees.

Mr. Linton sawed the timbers and his carpenters erected the church building. The wide boards were hand planed and pegs and nails of that period used. It was built on simple lines as designated in the old Methodist discipline.

You will note the division extending through the center of the church, the men sat on one side and the women and children on the other. It also has a belfry and a bell.

(5)

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

(OPEN)

The Liberty Baptist Church grew out of dissension over Missions, Sunday School, and Ministerial support. Mrs. Nancy Hagan asked to be dismissed from Mt. Moriah Church. Others followed and it was decided in conference to erect a new church at Grooverville, Ga. Specifications were 40 x 50 ft. which

were enlarged. The building committee was composed of James Groover, C. E. Groover, and A. G. Lawton.

This church is distinctive due to the steeple, the columns and high Gothic windows. It also has what was designated as a slave gallery.

(6)

GROOVERVILLE CEMETERY

The Grooverville cemetery was laid out probably around 1840 or earlier. Located one-half mile from Grooverville, southwest on the Quitman-Monticello road. It is believed to be part of the old Major Davis (B.F. Davis) place we think deeded by him for a cemetery.

The wooden markers of pioneer days have rotted and leave many unmarked graves. One of this type remains, no name, no date.

The oldest marked grave is "Marianna, daughter of Elisha P. and Mary Smith died Dec. 8, 1845 age 1 yr. 1 mon. Others are: Mary G. Smith died Apr. 20, 1848 age 34 yrs. Capt. Elisha P. Smith died Nov. 11, 1853 age 44 yrs. 8 mon. "A sinner saved by grace. He being dead yet speaketh. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

Others prominent in the life of Grooverville Community of long years past are buried here.

Rev. James M. Rushin, served Liberty Baptist Church 29 years and was known as "the sweet singer of the South". "Jons C. Daniel, 1834-1864, Confederate States of America, erected by his daughter, Frances and with this are markers to the memory of Moses Daniel, Grandfather and Charlotte Kingsby, Grandmother." No dates given.

Some family lots were enclosed with iron grill work. One is believed to be made from cannon casings used during the Civil War.

The Grooverville Community Club is continuing restoration of this cemetery project and listening for information and facts before placing new markers on unmarked graves.

(7)

RICHARD RAMSEY HOME-1860

(OPEN)

William Harvey Ramsey 1771-1854 was born in Bladen County, N. C. Settled in Georgia in 1828, first in Thomas County on crossroads known as Ramsey's Station. Later moved on to Grooverville.

Richard Ramsey built this house now standing on a hilltop over looking the valleys and prime farmland in 1860.

In 1971, the William M. Cole family purchased the property, extensive repairs followed, but all original door and windows were retained, also the wainscoting throughout the house. Old fireplaces were restored and the old brick walkway from the front steps to the hitching post still remain.

A unique feature, as a tribute to childhood is the childish carving, "Tommy" that was discovered on the door facing the foyer, carved by Thomas Ramsey around 1878.

The old home stands as a memorial to the first Ramseys, who established the first Methodist Church in this section.

(8)

JAMES McMULLEN HOME

This home was built around 1840, and was the original home of James McMullen and wife Harriett R. McMullen. It was built of hand hewn heart pine and brick made on the place. He and his brother John McMullen were both involved in the early railroad industry in this area and he was an extensive planter. He also served as a State Representative and as one of the first Justices of the Inferior Court of Brooks County. This house was remodeled in 1909 by Clayton H. Ramsey and Henrietta D. Ramsey. Henrietta was a granddaughter of the original owner. This home is owned today by James R. and Ruth T. Ramsey. It has belonged continuously to members and decendants of the same family. The present owner is the fifth generation to have lived in this home and operated the farm.

(9)

JOHN McMULLEN HOME

(OPEN)

This home was built by John McMullen in the 1840's. The architectural lines of this Greek Revival style have been altered very little in the interim years, but small additions have been made. The original house contained eight spacious rooms heated by fireplaces on four chimneys. John McMullen was a member of the "Brooks Rifle Club" in the Civil War and planted acres of food for the Confederate troops. He was also an early promoter of the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, now the Seaboard Coast Line. He was the brother of James McMullen. This place was known for a long time as the Hickory Head Plantation. Today it is owned by Alico, Inc. and is the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Greene, who were responsible for its restoration in recent years.

(10)

CLAYTON RHEY DENMARK HOME

This house is over one hundred years old. It was the original home of Clayton Rhey Denmark, a Confederate soldier, and his wife Nannie McMullen Denmark. It was built along classic simple lines and resembled an English country house. The six rooms, front porch, and columns from the first structure are still part of the house.

Clayton Denmark played an important part in the early history of Brooks County. He was chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and a charter member of the Hickory Head Church. He and his wife are both buried in the Hickory Head cemetery. Today this place is called Blackwater Plantation and is owned by Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Schmoe.

(11)

HICKORY HEAD CHURCH

(OPEN)

Hickory Head Baptist Church was organized in 1872 with 17 members coming mostly from Liberty Baptist Church at Grooverville.

It is located east of the old Allen W. Groover home and farm, and he donated the land. The building is 40 x 50 ft., this pattern taken from the Mother church, Liberty at Grooverville.

Rev. Henry Whitman was the first pastor serving a short time. Rev. E. B. Carroll the beloved teacher served 8 years and Rev. J. M. Rushin, third, served 12 years. The present pastor is Rev. Vince Reynolds.

In 1951 the building was enlarged with an addition of four Sunday School classrooms. In 1956 the larger room was divided to make the fifth classroom. Also in 1956 the old hand made seats were replaced with new pews.

Four clerks have served the church through 104 years: R.I. Denmark, R.L. Groover, Leo Collins, and Mrs. William Dukes.

Present total membership is 178. The present Sunday School enrollment is 55. B.T.U. enrollment is 36.

One missionary has gone out from Hickory Head. Mrs. Eva Jakeman who served in Africa and is now retired.

(12)

HICKORY HEAD ACADEMY

(OPEN)

Early settlers in Hickory Head district built a school among a fine grove of Hickory trees, on land donated by A. W. Groover east of his farm and home. The school took the name from the beautiful trees and was called Hickory Head--thus the entire community became known as Hickory Head.

The first trustees were: W. H. Stanley, C. A. Davis and Allen W. Groover. The building was directed by popular subscription in 1869-70. It was called Hickory Head Academy and flourished under the young efficient educator, E. B. Carroll, who later served as Minister of the Gospel and pastor of the church. Other capable headmasters were: Z. I. Fitzpatrick and Dr. George D. Dorough, who also obtained a medical degree and practiced medicine.

For almost ten years Hickory Head Academy was discontinued. It reopened in 1904 and other outstanding teachers were dedicated to the school room until 1927. Since that time the

building has been used as a community meeting place for the reactivated Agricultural Club and sometimes for Sunday School classes.

In 1940 the school building was remodeled for community gatherings. So the building, 106 years old serves a useful purpose and stands as a tribute to the ambitious early settlers in Hickory Head district.

(13)

HICKORY HEAD CEMETERY

In the early days of the church, an attractive lot back of the church building was designated as a cemetery. This land was also given by Mr. A. W. Groover.

The first person to be buried here, was a young child whose parents were traveling through during covered wagon days and the child became ill and died. The grave may be found near the entrance of the cemetery.

Some prominent people who were buried here include the early pastor Rev. E. B. Carroll. The donor of the lands for school, church, and cemetery, A. W. Groover and wife were also buried here. Also some of the early church deacons: C. A. Davis, Isaac Jessup, T. I. Denmark, J. W. McMullen, Clayton Rhey Denmark, and R. I. Denmark, the first clerk of the church.

(14)

CHARLIE Y. AVERA HOME

(OPEN)

NOW

THE 7W RANCHES

OWNED BY

R. G. (BOBBY) WILSON

As you turn on Country Club Road, the first home on the right, set back off the road in a lovely setting of old moss hung live oaks, dogwood, camellias and azaleas is the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. G. "Bobby" Wilson and family. It is known now as 7W Ranches and they raise Italian Chianina cattle.

It was known as the "Old Charlie Avera" home, built in the middle 1800's and was a part of the original Randolph Avera property.

The home has been remodeled several times; once in the early 1900's by Mr. Frank Garrett and again in 1973. The Bobby Wilson's remodeled and redecorated it to suit the life style of a family with five children.

The downstairs ceilings were left at their original height of 11 ft. to accommodate the beautiful mantelpieces with beveled mirrors and fancy wood trim that Mr. Wilson has collected over the years. Several rooms and a porch were thrown open to form a large family room, kitchen and family dining area, featuring old beams from the original Underwood Railroad Foundry. The semi-circular brick forming the circular hearth for the fireplace are from the old forge. The beams have brands and numbers burnt in them representing special cattle they have raised.

The attic area was opened up to make three large bedrooms, baths, and a sewing room, which are reached by a beautiful carved wooden staircase, salvaged from the old Bartow Roundtree home. This home is not only a lovely blend of the modern conveniences with the best of the past but holds a collection of Brooks County History within its walls.

(15)

QUITMAN COUNTRY CLUB

The Quitman Country Club was organized by a group of prominent Quitman citizens in 1913. Its purpose was to have a place of fellowship, recreation and entertainment for its members. It is one of the oldest clubs in South Georgia and still retains its natural beauty. The terrain is rolling and rugged with a beautiful lake surrounded by tall yellow pines and flowering plants. The club house is unique in that its structure is simple and rustic. It has a long ballroom with an old fashion fireplace, surrounded by a large porch that overlooks the lake. Many wedding receptions and teas have been held here through the years. There is a fine golf course, a tennis court, and swimming pool which is available to the membership.

The first officers of this club were: President-Dr. J. R. McMichael, Vice-President-S. J. Faircloth, Secretary & Treasurer-C. D. Blalock. There were about fifty charter members.

(There will be refreshments for the tour group here.)

(16)

WALKING TOUR OF SCREVEN STREET

A walk down Screven Street to see relics and artifacts of pioneer times in Brooks County displayed in store front windows.

Swilley House and Family



Swilley House & Family

Bartow Street

Brooks County

Board of Tax Assessors

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PB-3989	HEAD CURTIS JR	702 E BARTOW ST	MHP: Lot:	Map Not Available
PB-6468	STREETER CAROLYN D WILLIAMS	902 E BARTOW ST	MHP: Lot:	Map Not Available
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Q21 0037	THOMPkins SHELLEY: IRENE HEIRS	E BARTOW ST	75-383	Map It
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Q20 0053	DAVIS EARNESTINE	207 W BARTOW ST	SW 1/4 #36 NW SECTION	Map It
Q20 0023	SLONE WILLIAM	303 W BARTOW ST	PB 16-164 PRT BLK 37 NW SECT	Map It
Q20 0024A	HARRELL JACK E JR	305 W BARTOW ST	PB 19-32	Map It
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Q19 0128	WIMS MOZELLAR J &	710 W BARTOW ST	233-306	Map It
Q19 0136	MACK SALLY	802 W BARTOW ST	257-301	Map It
Q19 0090	HASELL ROGER L & NORMA A	1001 W BARTOW ST	481-002	Map It
Q19 0089A	CHRISTIAN ROBBY & TAWANNA	1007 W BARTOW ST	PB 12-33 405-304	Map It
Q19 0083	WESTMORELAND MONTINE ETAL	1103 W BARTOW ST	385-250	Map It

Q19 0082

CROSBY JAMES R &

1105 W BARTOW ST

PT BL 51 NW SECT

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L. Johnson 1940905 E. Bartow St.



Hampton c1920.....925 E. Bartow St.

Quitman : Development of Residential Neighborhoods

The southeast section of what became present day Quitman-from Lee street southeast- was the area where the first houses were built in the new town.

After the town was laid out and the Courthouse Square was established and construction of the Courthouse began, houses began to be built around the Square.

Most houses on West Screven were built between 1880 and the early 1900s. During this time , the oaks were planted on North and South Court Streets. Houses were scattered along North Street from the 1890s through the 1920s. South Court was a residential street with no commercial buildings planned beyond the first block. In 1866, the Presbyterian Church was located on the west side of the second block until 1909. Very few houses remain today.

Residences were built on West Lafayette 1890s-early 1900s ; East Lafayette 1910-through the 1920s ; North Lee 1900-1920s. Quitman had a building boom in the early 1900s.

Sunset Park – this subdivision began in 1954 with two streets built around a lake formed by water drained from the West End Ice Plant. It is located off Hwy 84 West.

Old Madison Road – this development began in 1959 on land that was part of the Henry Grey Turner property [Morton] . All lots face the highway.

West Acres - this development, begun in 1963 by H. N. West, joins but is not connected to the Sunset Park subdivision. Originally, it had only two streets, Plantation and Magnolia. Later , it was extended west to Dunn Road.

Bennet Woods - this subdivision, built on a tract of land owned by Miss Louise Bennet in the northwest section of Quitman, was begun in 1965 and was developed along its only street, Pinewood Drive. Later, the western end of Rountree Street became a part of this development.



Back When

Historic Home - Remember this home that sat on the site of what is now Colony Bank. It is in the process of being torn down. The last occupants were Bernard and Edna Cooper.



S. P. Shearer 1930.....936 E. Bartow St.

Chapel



Mill House – Knight 1887.....20 chapel St.

Built at the time the Quitman Cotton Mill was built, it was a part of the **14 acre village** housing for mill workers. It was restored by the Roland Knights and Wilma Knight opened her real estate office here in 1976.



KNIGHT REALTY AND ASSOCIATES at 20 Chapel St. is a splendid example of an adaptive use of one of Quitman's period homes worth preserving for its historical value. It is one of the last remaining houses on what was once known as the "Cotton Mill Row". Built in 1871 when the original Quitman Cotton Mill was built, it was a part of the 14 acre village housing the mill workers. Although long neglected and sadly abused by previous tenants, its attractive architecture appealed to the Roland Knights who had recently purchased the Henry Gray Turner home-place only a stones-throw away. When they heard the Chapel Street house was for sale they purchased it by telephone, sight unseen on the inside. A replacement of the roof, clearing of the grounds of litter and debris, and a new coat of barn red and white trim paint and it began to take on a new character. It then appealed to their daughter who was attending VSC and she and another student after much scrubbing and painting resided there for a year. In 1976 Mrs. Knight opened her real estate office. Only a few alterations had to be made to this once duplex for it to be exactly what she needed for her business. Central heat and air were added, but the remainder of the renovation was only minor repairs and a giant cosmetic treatment of both the interior and exterior. The upstairs rooms are used only for overflow guestrooms for their family. Present plans are to add a bath upstairs in the attic area over the once dining room.

Clay Street



Holwell-Hill-Dotson 1900.....203 N. Clay St.



Tanner 1940.....206 N. Clay St.



Lilly – Mathews 1900-1905.....209 N. Clay St.

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Owner and Parcel Information

Owner Name	MCBAIN REALTY INVESTMENT CORP	Today's Date	June 24, 2014
Mailing Address	C/O MARIA MICHAELS	Parcel Number	Q20 0255
	4403 PINE TREE DR MIAMI BEACH, FL 333140	Tax District	Quitman (District 01)
Location Address	209 N CLAY ST	2013 Millage Rate	33.976
Legal Description	567-213	Acres	0.51
Property Class(NOTE: Not Zoning Info)	R3-Residential	Neighborhood	
Zoning		Homestead Exemption	No (S0)
Landlot/District	/12	Parcel Map	Show Parcel Map
Water		Sewer	
Electric		Gas	
Topography		Drainage	
Road Class		Parcel Road Access	

2014 Tax Year Value Information

Land Value	Improvement Value	Accessory Value	Total Value	Previous Value
\$ 9,500	\$ 24,900	\$ 0	\$ 34,400	\$ 34,400

Land Information

Type	Description	Calculation Method	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Photo
RES	\$70 FF	Front Feet	105	210	0.51	NA

Improvement Information

Style	Heated Sq Ft	Interior Walls	Exterior Walls	Attic Area Sq Ft	Basement Area Sq Ft	Year Built	Photo
One Family	2,666	Pine	Wood	No Attic	None	1900	Building Images
Roof Type	Flooring Type	Heating Type	Rooms Bedrooms/Bathrooms/Extra Plumbing	Value	Cond	Number Fire PI	Sketch
Asphalt Shingles	Pine	No Heat	0/0/2.0/3	\$ 24,900	Poor	5	Sketch Building 1

Accessory Information

Description	Year Built	Dimensions/Units	Value
No accessory information associated with this parcel.			

Sale Information

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
04/22/2008	567 213		34,000	\$ Fair Market Value	CHAPMAN, ELNORA	MCBAIN REALTY INVESTMENT CORP
07/10/1992	195 077		\$ 0	Old Sale	CHAPMAN, ELNORA & JOHN P	CHAPMAN, ELNORA
03/17/1987	133 087		30,000	Old Sale	MATHEWS, J N	CHAPMAN, ELNORA & JOHN P
00/00/0000	090 121		\$ 0	Old Sale		MATHEWS, J N

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Hewett - Wheeler 1940.....303 N. Clay St.



Lilly – Raysor 1940.....307 N. Clay St.

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Owner and Parcel Information

Owner Name	MITCHELL MAGGIE	Today's Date	June 24, 2014
Mailing Address	307 N CLAY ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Parcel Number	Q20 0269
Location Address	307 N CLAY ST	Tax District	Quitman (District 01)
Legal Description	124-393 PRT LT 15 NE SECT	2013 Millage Rate	33.976
Property Class (NOTE: Not Zoning Info)	R3-Residential	Acres	0.34
Zoning		Neighborhood	
Landlot/District	/12	Homestead Exemption	Yes (S1)
Water		Parcel Map	Show Parcel Map
Electric		Sewer	
Topography		Gas	
Road Class		Drainage	
		Parcel Road Access	

2014 Tax Year Value Information

Land Value	Improvement Value	Accessory Value	Total Value	Previous Value
\$ 8,300	\$ 46,900	\$ 2,210	\$ 57,410	\$ 57,410

Land Information

Type	Description	Calculation Method	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Photo
RES	\$70 FF	Front Feet	105	140	0.34	NA

Improvement Information

Style	Heated Sq Ft	Interior Walls	Exterior Walls	Attic Area Sq Ft	Basement Area Sq Ft	Year Built	Photo
One Family	1,688	Panel	Wood	No Attic	None	1940	Building Images
Roof Type	Flooring Type	Heating Type	Rooms Bedrooms/Bathrooms/Extra Plumbing	Value	Cond	Number Fire Pl	Sketch
Metal - Galvanized	Hardwood	No Heat	0/0/1.5/2	\$ 46,900	Good	1	Sketch Building 1

Accessory Information

Description	Year Built	Dimensions/Units	Value
LT1 LEAN TO Show Photo	2009	10x20 0	\$ 400
RS1 FRAME UTIL Show Photo	2007	12x16 0	\$ 210
RS1 FRAME UTIL Show Photo	1993	25x30 0	\$ 1,600

Sale Information

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
08/13/1982	124 393		\$ 17,500	Old Sale	BRUCE, L V & IRENE BOWEN	MITCHELL, MAGGIE L
00/00/0000	064 622		\$ 0	Old Sale		BRUCE, L V & IRENE BOWEN

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Chapel – Clark – Marshall – Moffett – Walden106 S. Clay St.

This house, built in 1930, was damaged by fire and was rebuilt by Rev. Robert Marshall, minister of the Methodist Church. The Moffetts lived here for many years, taking in boarders during WWII. The Waldens followed the Moffetts and have done much restoration.



Hendry – Waters circa 1860.....204 S. Clay St.

This house was built by Norman Hendry who had large farming interests near Morven. When Quitman was constituted, he wanted to live in the new town. With lumber cut on his farm, he built this handsome two story home. Members of his family, Neill, his nephew and Victor his son, lived here after his death. The house was adapted into four apartments. In 1979, the George Harris Waters family returned the house into a residence.

Culpepper Street



Prance – Burton – Crowley circa 1905.....202 N. Culpepper St.

This home was built on the site of old Continental Hotel.



_____, **Arrington - Phillips 1902.....304 N. Culpepper**

This house on the corner of N. Culpepper and Stevens Sts. was built in 1902, but the first owner is unknown. It is known that Mrs. Arrington operated a boarding house for teachers in the 1920's and 1930's. It later became the Guys and Dolls beauty salon and is now a residence.



ADAPTIVE USE HOMES

GUYS AND DOLLS, 304 N. Culpepper Street, is presently owned by Ms. Brenda Phillips. She purchased this attractive two-story southern architectural style home in 1978. Built sometime around 1905 by a Mr. Sweat it has had many owners and occupants. During the late '20's and '30's a Mrs. Arrendale operated a boarding house there, mainly for school teachers, serving delicious homestyle meals to her guests and some local downtown working people. It acquired the name of "The Pike House" during Mrs. Lilla Pike's ownership from 1948 to 1977. A fire during that time did heavy damage, requiring complete remodelling of the downstairs. At this time the house was converted into two apartments, one up and one downstairs. In decorating Ms. Phillips has highlighted the original points of interest in the house, such as its detailed woodwork, mantels, staircase and pine floors. With the addition of central heat and air conditioning she has created pleasant and comfortable surroundings for her hairstyling salon. Presently the upstairs is being renovated and will become living quarters for herself and her teenage son. A stairway has been added to the attic to provide a "loft room" which her son anticipates using as a bedroom.

Forsyth



Dukes – Harrell – Pollack circa 1895.....509 E. Forsyth St.

This house was demolished by the Methodist Church in 2005.

Gordon Street



Chapman – Long – Powell 202W. Gordon St.

Mrs. Lula Chapman's home originally faced Madison Street. It was remodeled by the A. J. Powell's who faced it on Gordon Street.



Bill & Betty Booth – Jean Marsha Baker.....203 W. Gordon St.





Garrett - Guily circa 1890.....209 W. Gordon St.



Christian - Johnson..c1900.....402 W. Gordon St.

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Arthur Copeland circa 1850-1860.....410 Gordon St.

The central gable front of center of the house was a structure like the “law office” and moved to this site.

Highland



Williams 1930 210 N. Highland St.



Heeth 1911 300 N. Highland St.



_____, McDaniel 1900 308 N. Highland St.



_____, Shiver 1900 428 N. Highland St.



REL Wilson – Devane 1880’s 523 N. Highland St.

This house appears on the “Quitman Map of 1885”, providing the only clue as to its date of origin. It was located on the property of Dr. R. E. L. Wilson who, in the 1900’s, moved it to an adjacent lot in order to build his mansion, the “Colonnades”. Restoration in the 1990’s shows that boards were numbered so that the house could be reassembled accurately. The “Colonnades” was destroyed by fire in 1969.

Jefferson Street



Ranew – McCard – Deallaume 1920.....301 N. Jefferson St.





The Quartermans enjoying the yard on the corner of Jefferson and Johnson Street in early Brooks County.



McIntosh – Padgett – Waldron.....304 S. Jefferson St.

This Southern Victorian was built between the 1860's and 1870's. The original owner is unknown; R. C. McIntosh purchased the house in 1878. The McIntoshes' lived here until he built on E. Screven St. where Colony Bank is now, a more classical house. The Jefferson Street house was sold to J. C. Padgett and then to T. A. Waldron in the 1970's



Johnson



P. L. Kirby...circa 1900.....404 East Johnson St.



Dekle circa 1900.....412 East Johnson St.

This house, together with the one at 404 East Johnson and others were built as speculation houses by Mitchell Brice.



Badger – Strickland circa 1890.....514 West Johnson St.

This house was built by an early Quitman businessman, George Badger who operated a Wagon and Harness Shop on the corner of Screven and South Court Streets. Around 1937 it was sold to the Strickland family.



Built in 1890.....605 E. Johnson Street
This residential section of Quitman was the first to develop in the new town; this house was not built until 1890. The bay design on the porch adds to the basic design



Waters circa 1890.....605 East Johnson St.





Lee Peach - Gunter....1903.....613 E. Johnson St.

Lafayette Street



Price – Warmack 1895 210 E. Lafayette St.



Hayes 1910 – 1915 302 E. Lafayette St.



Eason 1940 501 E. Lafayette St.



Patten 1900 608 E. Lafayette St.



Exum 1915 - 1920 614 E. Lafayette St.



McCoy - Strickland 1915 716 E. Lafayette St.



Tucker – Jarvis 1910 719 E. Lafayette St.

Milteer Mansion Comes Down



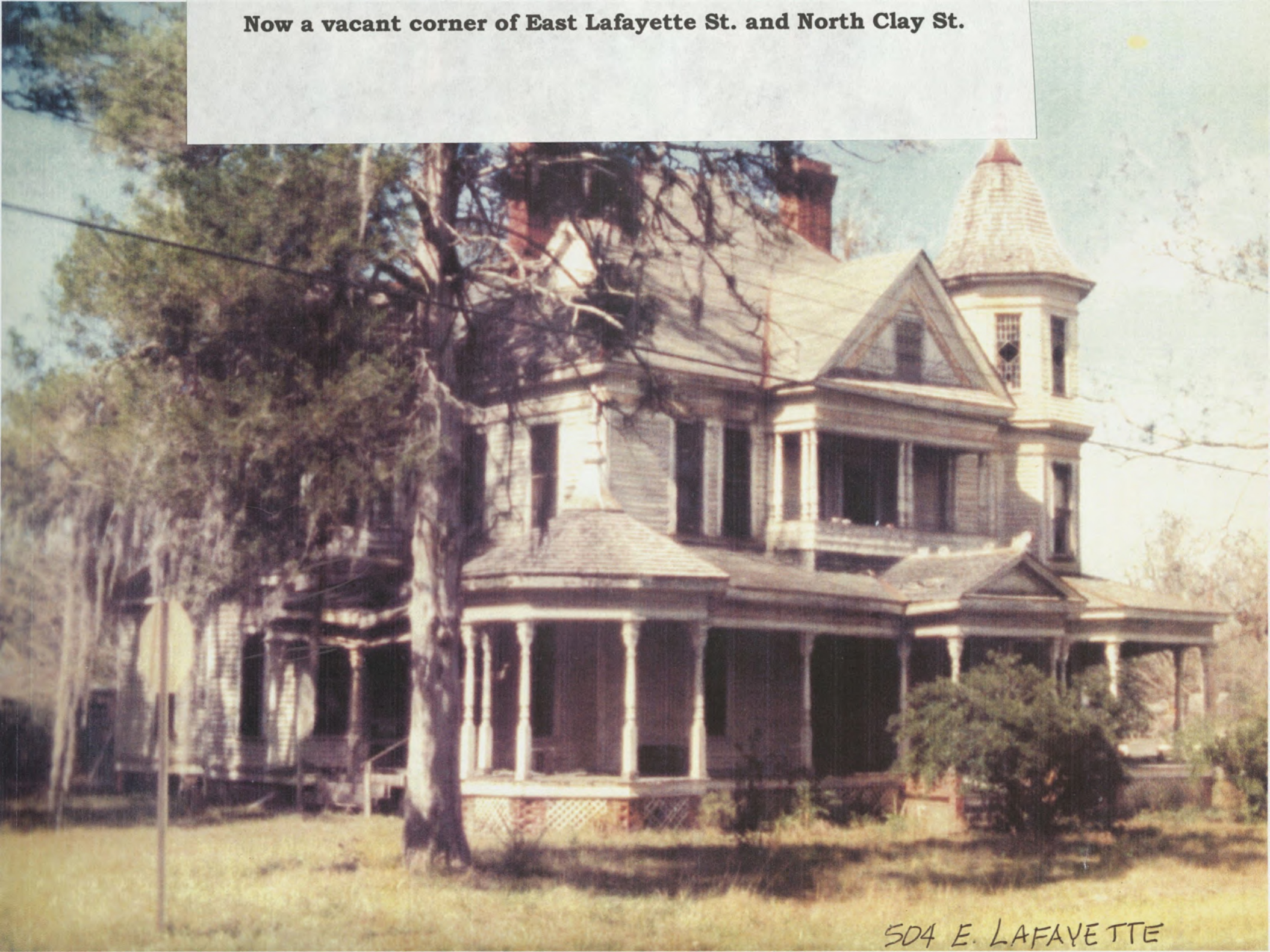
It stood, a mammoth outgrowth of Quitman's past. Too far gone for the restorationist, its rotting timbers waited slumped in numb abandonment for the wrecking crew.

The once majestic home harbored rats and was a playground for vandals. Its dilapidating exterior marred the neighborhood in which it

stood, and the very size of the wooden structure spelled a constant fire hazard to nearby residents.

But all that's changed. Early this week a wrecking crew moved in and began dismantling the old mansion.

Now a vacant corner of East Lafayette St. and North Clay St.



504 E. LAFAYETTE



Williams – Harrell 1910722 E. Lafayette St.



Pleny Sheffield c 1900 840 E. Lafayette St.





Williams – Maxwell 1900 – 1915 209 W. Lafayette St.



King – Peterson 1905 – 1910 313 W. Lafayette St.





Hardy - Thrasher 1910 401 W. Lafayette St.



Roberts 1920 501 W. Lafayette St.



Mathis, 1905.....509 W. Lafayette St.
This home was built by Jeff Davis.



**This home formerly at 602 W. Lafayette St. was built between 1925 & 1930.
The Pincus family lived there originally.**



**This home formely at 604 W. Lafayette St. was built between 1925 & 1930.
The Hagan family lived there originally.**

The Richard L. Baker Home, 605 W. Lafayette St., Jutman







Cater - Warmack - Baker1910.....605 W. Lafayette St.



Turner - Thomas - Radney - Miller ...c1901.....606 W. Lafayette
This house sold to the Louie Radney family who did extensive renovations.





**The Groover House...1867.....609 West Lafayette Street
The columns were added later by A. J. Conley**



The Groover House

This house built in 1867 by Clayton Groover, is one of the oldest in Quitman. The Doric columns were added by A. J. Conoly who bought the house in 1915. It is located At 609 W. Lafayette Street.

On March 22, 1876 this property was mortgaged by
C. D. Campbell and his wife to U. W. Rountree, an
executor for Samuel Stevens.

There is no record of this mortgage being paid
off or how W. B. Bennett and J. W. Bennett became
co-owners of the property with H. G. Turner, but
a warranty deed to Annie E. Thrasher on July 2,
1887 shows she purchased it from the Bennetts
and H. G. Turner.

A deed from Annie E. Thrasher to U. W. Walker,
recorded on Jan 29, 1889, describes the property
as all of town lots 19 and 26, containing two
acres of land, more or less. Lot 19, fronting seven
ft being the lot on which the said Annie E.
Thrasher and family reside.

The Bentley House had a separate dining room
and kitchen which is connected to the main house
by a porch. It was moved from the center of
the two lots when the Walker house was built.
W. W. Walker's daughter, Blanche, and her husband,
Sam Harnell, occupied the Bentley House from
1912 to 1925, when being widowed, she moved

into the Walker house⁻³⁻ with her mother.

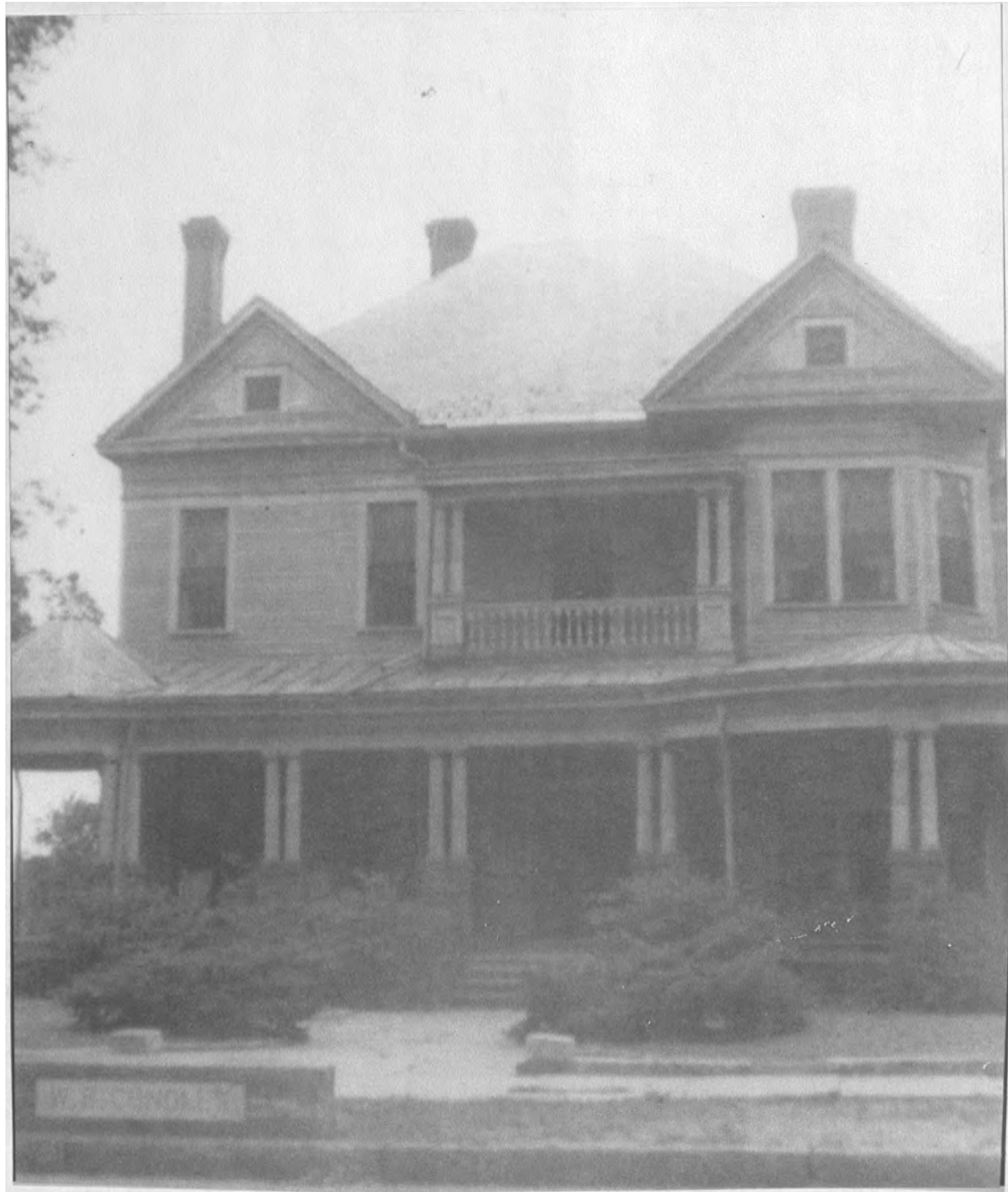
On Nov. 6, 1943, Mrs. W. W. Walker sold the cottage to Mrs. A. M. Adams for \$2200. It was described as being on a part of lot 19 in the Southwest section of the City of Quitman.

August 21, 1945, Mrs. Janie Mellon of Thomas County bought the property for \$5500 and it was sold by her in Feb. 1946 to J. W. Harrell for \$6000.

In 1956 J. W. Harrell sold the property to John F. Whipple and his wife Florrie F. Whipple.

In 1967, this property was sold to Leona H. Walker, who now resides there.

Walker to me Barn



The W. B. Conley home on West Lafayette Street. Mr. Conley was President of Citizens National Bank in the 1940's & 1950's. The Charles Roberts family lived there for years.



Lawson Hensel



THE LEWIS-MCALLISTER HOUSE located on the corner of Quincy and Lafayette Streets was built in 1900 for Mr. John O. Lewis, local merchant, and his wife and five children. This is a beautiful Victorian home of 16 rooms, featuring beautiful mouldings, mantels, stained glass, and lovely stairwell. Originally painted white the present owners chose to repaint it in a heritage color of warm colonial yellow. No other outside changes have been made by the McAllisters since they purchased it in 1976. However, major renovation was done to the kitchen and back porch area, removing a wall to provide a more functional kitchen and breakfast room. Another porch was enclosed for a laundry room. The old plaster walls were replaced by sheetrock, and insulation and central heat and air conditioning were added. The downstairs floors of heart pine were refinished, some carpeting was installed in the upstairs bedrooms and a new brick fireplace was added in the den. Decorative wallpapers were used to reflect the owners distinctive good taste and decorating skill.



McCall 1895 703 W. Lafayette St.



Call
703 Belmont Ave

Names of those in the "McCall" picture (as they relate to Captain John G. McCall):

Outside the fence – Captain John G. McCall on horse, holding his grandson, John McCall Cater; grandson, John O. Lewis, Jr., on other horse; standing by the tree, grandson, Frank McCall Lewis.

In the yard at the fence – daughter, Rosa Lena McCall Lewis.

On the steps and porch, from left to right – In the nurse's arms, grandson Virgil Bobo Lewis; granddaughters, Rosa Hunt Lewis McDonald and Minnie Claiborne Lewis Rice; wife, Rosa Elizabeth Bobo McCall (seated); daughter, Nonnie Bobo McCall; daughters, Eddie Floride McCall Tidwell and Rachel Black McCall Cater.

Prepared August 29, 2001, by Guyton Bobo McCall (grandson) from information furnished by Rosa Elizabeth Tidwell Thomas (granddaughter)



Tidwell - Currie 1915 711 W. Lafayette St.



Rentz 1937 806 W. Lafayette St.



Cunningham 1920 909 W. Lafayette St.



Norris - Reisenwitz 1890 1004 W. Lafayette St.



Photo from circa 1930. Left to right on the porch; Miss Netty Norris, Ruby Cannon Noris and husband James Jasper Noris. Children; James, Hugh, Tommy, Sherwood, Autrey. To the right of porch; Thomas Edidson Johnson, Ruby's brother-in-law.



Harris-Ramsey-Norris House

listed in National Register - October 8 2008 -

Circa 1870 central hallway cottage is one of the earliest houses in Quitman.

The Harris-Ramsey-Norris House, located on West Lafayette Street just outside the western boundary of the National Register-listed Quitman Historic District in the City of Quitman in Brooks County, was listed in the National Register on September 5, 2008. The property owner sponsored the nomination and prepared the nomination materials.

The house was built around 1870 for Richard Harris, a brick mason, who had purchased two city lots in 1866. In 1874 the house and accompanying lot were sold to Maria R. Ramsey and in 1881 the house was sold to Jasper and Mary Susan Norris, Jasper Norris died in 1886.

Mary Norris continued to live in the house and raise their four children until her death in 1921. The Norris' daughter Francis (Nattie) Norris, lived in the house her entire life, never marrying. After Nattie's death in 1969, her nephew, James William Norris, inherited the house. The house was largely unoccupied from 1965 to 1980 while James Norris lived in Atlanta. He retired to Quitman in 1980 and lived in the house until his death in 2004.

The Harris-Ramsey-Norris House is significant in the area of architecture as an excellent and intact example of a circa 1870 central hallway cottage with rear ell. The house is one of the earliest in Quitman and among the oldest central hallway cottages in Brooks County.

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porch was enclosed circa 1940 for a sunroom and bathroom. The interior of the house retains its original wood floors, walls, ceilings, window and door surrounds, four-paneled doors, moldings and baseboards. There is a historic wood dog pen under the house, and a historic garage/shed on the property.

The National Register is the federal government's official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. According to Richard Cloues, deputy state historic preservation officer, listing in the National Register recognizes a property's significance and ensures that the property will be taken into account in the planning of federally funded or

licensed projects; in addition, owners of National Register properties may be eligible for rehabilitation tax incentives.

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources serves as Georgia's state historic preservation office. Their mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. HPD's programs include archaeology protection and education, environmental review, grants, historic resource surveys, tax incentives, the National Register of Historic Places, community planning and technical assistance. For more information, call 404-656-2840 or visit their Web site at www.dcnr.state.ga.us/od/ashpo.

Circa 1870 Quitman cottage listed in National Register ^{9/28/08}

ATLANTA — The Harris-Ramsey-Norris House, located on West Lafayette Street just outside the western boundary of the National Register-listed Quitman Historic District in Quitman, was listed in the National Register on Sept. 5.

The property owner sponsored the nomination and prepared the nomination materials.

The house was built around 1870 for Richard Harris, a brick mason who had purchased two city lots in 1866. In 1874 the house and accompanying lot were sold to Maria R. Ramsey, and in 1881 the house was sold to Jasper and Mary Susan Norris. Jasper Norris died in 1886. Mary Norris continued to live in the house and raise their four children until her death in 1921. The Norrises' daughter, Francis (Nattie) Norris, lived in the house her entire life, never marrying. After Nattie's death in 1969, her nephew, James William Norris, inherited the house. The house was largely unoccupied from 1965 to 1980 while James Norris lived in Atlanta. He retired to Quitman in 1980 and lived in the house until his death in 2004.

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October 13, 2006

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Dear Gretchen:

Enclosed are the additional materials that you requested for the National Register nomination for the Harris-Ramsey-Norris House, 1004 West Lafayette Street, Quitman, Brooks County, GA. The individual items are addressed based on the listing on page two of your latest cover letter dated October 5, 2006:

1. The Norris family owned the property from 1881 to 2005. Provide a biographical sketch of each of the property owners through the historic period (through 1956). A biographical sketch needs to include full names, birth/death dates, occupations, and any other important information found (see attachment).
2. The property was used for raising chickens during much of the 20th century. Did the family members have other occupations besides raising chickens?

Actually, raising chickens was not a business. According to James "Jimmy" Lowell Norris (1951-), son of Thomas Baker Norris (1927-), the chickens were for household use only.

Jimmy Norris provided the information on the Norris family history of the house that is summarized in the enclosed attachment. His wealth of information included personal recollections, the Norris family Bible, an issue of *The Manchester Mercury*, letters, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy H. Reisenwitz

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF THE HARRIS-RAMSEY-NORRIS
HOUSE, 1004 WEST LAFAYETTE STREET, QUITMAN, BROOKS COUNTY, GEORGIA:
ADDENDUM DETAILING THE NORRIS FAMILY

The first member of the Norris family to own the house was Jasper Autrey Norris (1841-1886). He was originally from Warren County, Georgia. He purchased the house in 1881. He was married to Mary Susan (Studstill) Norris (1845-1921). The couple had four children, only one of whom (Frances Antanett "Nattie" Norris) lived in the house through adulthood.

Jasper and M. S. Norris had three sons and one daughter. William Pitt Norris (1872-1907) moved from Quitman, Georgia to Tuscaloosa, Alabama and married Alice Maxwell. They moved to work near Columbus, Georgia. He worked at a railroad depot and she worked in its ticket office. He died of consumption in 1907.

Hugh Norris (1875-1937) left Quitman shortly after reaching adulthood and became the owner of *The Manchester Mercury* with Isaac Newton Johnson. *The Manchester Mercury* was a newspaper in Manchester, Georgia, near Warm Springs. About 1927, he moved to Thomaston, Georgia, where he owned the newspaper, *The McDuffy Progress*. He also engaged in farming there. He died in 1937, leaving a widow and two children.

Frances Antanett ("Nattie") Norris (1876-1969) was the only sibling that lived in the house throughout most of her life. Upon reaching adulthood, the other siblings passed ownership to her and left the area. Therefore, Nattie is considered to be the second member of the Norris family to own the house. Nattie was always single and was a school teacher from 1921-1939. She ended her teaching career in 1939 to raise the family that her youngest brother, James Jasper Norris, left behind after he died in 1939. Nattie went to an area nursing home in 1965, where she died in 1969.

James Jasper ("J.J.") Norris (1879-1939) was the youngest sibling. He married Ruby Lillian Cannon (1905-1992) on September 17, 1921. Prior to their divorce in 1934, J.J. worked at various jobs in the south Georgia and north Florida area. After their divorce in 1934, J.J. was a part-time postal carrier in Quitman until his death in 1939. J.J. had six sons and one daughter, two of whom lived less than one day: James William Norris (1923-2004), Jasper Hugh Norris (1925-2004), Thomas Baker Norris (1927-), Sherwood Stephen Norris (1930-1986), Susan Antanett Norris (September 12, 1932), Autrey Norris (1933-), and John Dudley Norris (February 10, 1939).

The eldest of J.J.'s children, James William Norris (July 1, 1923-January 8, 2004) served in World War II and then went to Atlanta. In Atlanta, James worked for a landscaping business and went to art school. He graduated from art school in 1954, coming home to Quitman occasionally and continuing to work for the landscaping business in Atlanta, until he retired around 1980. The house was largely unoccupied during the period, 1965-1980. A bachelor, James Norris is considered to be the third member of the Norris family to own the house, from 1969 until his death in 2004.

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July 23, 2006

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Dear Gretchen:

Enclosed are the additional materials that you requested for the National Register nomination for the Harris-Ramsey-Norris House, 1004 West Lafayette Street, Quitman, Brooks County, GA. The individual items are addressed based on the listing on page two of your cover letter dated June 21, 2006:

1. A written history of the property in narrative form (enclosed).
2. A restoration architect from Selma, AL (Richard Hudgens) examined the fragment under the house recently and determined that the writing is on concrete, not marble as I had thought. Although old, he concluded that it is not a gravestone, yet he could not conclude what it is.
3. Additional information provided in hard copy form (enclosed) as well as a computer disk (enclosed).
4. A summary of the recent restoration work done to the house is also enclosed. I initially contacted Martha Marcille, who informed me that the house is not registered and not in a historic district.

There is no bibliography since no published sources were utilized. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF THE HARRIS-RAMSEY-NORRIS
HOUSE, 1004 WEST LAFAYETTE STREET, QUITMAN, BROOKS COUNTY,
GEORGIA

The first known deed for the property, Lots 46 and 47 in the northwest section of Quitman (photocopy enclosed), is to Richard D. Harris. According to this deed, on February 26, 1866 (copy from record dated January 14, 1874), Richard D. Harris paid the sum of three hundred dollars for the property of approximately two acres (one acre per lot) to D. R. Creech, James R. Edmundson, Elijah Wade, and R. A. Hardee.

The second deed for the property, Lot 46 in the northwest section of Quitman (photocopy enclosed), is to Maria R. Ramsey. According to this deed, on February 14, 1874 (recorded January 24, 1876), M. R. Ramsey paid the sum of one thousand dollars for the property of approximately one acre to Richard D. Harris.

An interim document, dated 1876 (recorded December 22, 1879), describes a petition of Maria R. Ramsey to sell the homestead on Lot 46 in the northwest section of Quitman (photocopy enclosed) and to reinvest the proceeds thereof in the purchase of a house and lot in the town of Valdosta, Lowndes County.

The third deed for the property, Lot 46 in the northwest section of Quitman (photocopy enclosed), is to Mrs. M. S. Norris. According to this deed, on November 28, 1881 (recorded July 26, 1892), Mrs. M. S. Norris paid the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the property of approximately one acre to M. R. Ramsey. The property has remained in the Norris family until I purchased the property on March 31, 2005. The last member of the Norris family to occupy the house was James W. Norris, who passed away on January 9, 2004.

A visit from Autry B. Norris (brother of James W. Norris) on May 3, 2006, revealed much more of the home's history. Although the back portion of the house (dining room, kitchen, porch) was added shortly after the home's construction, the original home consisted of just the front two rooms and the foyer. To Autry's recollection, the interior was always plank construction (ceilings, walls, floors), despite contention by the restoration architect (Richard Hudgens of Selma, AL) that the walls were originally plaster. A fire in the 1930's burned the original wood shake shingle roof off the house. The present tin roof was added at that time. During much of the 20th century, the property was used for raising chickens. There was an 8'x 8' chicken house in the backyard and nearly a quarter of the property was fenced in. Contrary to speculation that the wooden cage under the house was used for chickens, Autry explained that the enclosure was used to pen the hunting dogs.

An outhouse behind the [existing] carriage house was used until 1940, when the back porch of the house was enclosed, creating a sunroom and bathroom. Plumbing was

installed in 1940 and the house was wired for electricity in 1946. At that time, the wood stove in the kitchen was replaced by a Sears Kenmore electric range.

It is unknown when the exterior was last painted. Before restoration, there was evidence of exterior white paint for about one foot under the roof line, but the rest of the exterior (except for the 1940 enclosure, which still had plenty of white paint) was weathered pine. The last time the interior of the house was painted was in 1953.

The carriage house was originally three rooms (one with a floor). The main room was used for the carriage and the additional rooms were used for coal and wood storage. Most of the walls were removed during the early part of the 20th century to accommodate the family's Model T. The horse stall and hay lofts are still intact.

SUMMARY OF RESTORATION EFFORTS SINCE MARCH 31, 2005

In April, 2005, Dorminey Construction of Enigma, Georgia (Gary Dorminey, Contractor), began work on the house. The piers were stabilized, which included construction of new piers to support existing piers. Bad clapboards were replaced on the house's exterior and the porch floor was rebuilt. Select interior floorboards, wall and ceiling boards, and window sills were replaced. Broken window panes were replaced. Allgood Pest Control treated the house for powder post beetles and put the house on contract. In May, 2005, Dorminey Construction secured the carriage house, which was badly damaged by termites, shoring up the structure, then replacing many damaged clapboards. In June, 2005, the hunting dog cage under the house was strengthened and supported from below by blocks, mainly to satisfy the requirement of Allgood Pest Control that all wood elements of the house be at least six inches from the ground. In July, 2005, the roof was strengthened with wood screws throughout.

By September, 2005, all floors in the house were sanded and refinished. This process consisted of initial drum sanding, edger sanding, and hand sanding where necessary. Orbital sanding finished the sanding process. The floors were sealed with three coats of oil-based satin polyurethane. Sometime during the summer of 2005 the attic was thoroughly cleaned.

In November, 2005, the exteriors of the house and carriage house were finished. This consisted of a base conditioning coat of an equal mixture of linseed oil and turpentine, two primer coats (approximately 40 gallons), and two topcoats of Benjamin Moore classical white (the color mixed based on the classical white featured on the Sherwin-Williams historical color chart).

In March, 2006, the roof was painted with silver Kool Seal. In July, 2006, masonry work was completed, which consisted of repair and mortaring over of all exterior (and some interior) piers, and at least pointing of all four chimneys (one was completely rebuilt from the roof line). A heavy metal plate was placed over the well for

liability considerations. The original wooden cover was replaced over this plate for aesthetic reasons. The plumbing and wiring were completely redone in July, 2006. The original bathroom fixtures, the clawfoot bathtub and wall-mounted sink (both dated 1940) were reglazed before reinstallation. The flashing for all four chimneys was done on July 21, 2006.

At the time of this submission, the last room to be restored (the sunroom, part of the enclosed porch) had received its primer coats. All other completed rooms have been painted white (Blanched Pine, Valspar American Tradition color) with a light gray (Pelican, Valspar American Tradition color) for door frames, windows and window frames. The baseboards and fireplace mantels were painted black. Painting consisted of two primer coats in most cases followed by one topcoat of the stated color. All paint was removed from fireplace brick, including the large brick hearth in the kitchen.

Remaining restoration is as follows. The doors will be faux grained in mahogany. Central heat and air conditioning will be installed. Insulation will be installed in the attic and under the floorboards. A privacy fence may be installed on the south side of the property (West Stephens Street). A finishing carpenter will repair the exterior corner pilasters (molding has been milled to match the original), replace pillar necks on the front porch, finish the front porch railing, and other interior incidentals as well. Please note that all restoration as described was accomplished under the continual guidance of Mr. Richard Hudgens, restoration architect, Selma, AL.

ABOUT THE RESTORATION ARCHITECT

Mr. Richard Hudgens of Selma, Alabama, is an architect specializing in historical restoration and an historical interiors consultant. Past clients include the Jemison Mansion Foundation, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and the City of Selma, Alabama. He was interior furniture consultant for the St. James Hotel Project, an 1837 antebellum riverfront hotel restoration in downtown Selma. Richard was featured on Bob Vila's "Restore America" in June, 2000, and discussed his restoration of the St. James Hotel.

Mr. Hudgens is a part-time instructor and teaches the class, "AR 270 Introduction to the History and Theory of Architecture," for Auburn University's School of Architecture. As part of the class, he conducts tours of antebellum homes in the Blackbelt area of Alabama, explaining the architecture as well as the period furnishings.



Rountree – Oman – Bishop

Built in 1912 for the residence of the S. S. Rountrees, this house is identified as a Craftsman style by low-pitched roof with wide overhang and exposed rafter ends, and the square wooden porch supports on brick piers which extend all the way to the ground. However, it also has some Victorian features and a notable Italian influence. It is located at 102 N. Madison St.

Lee Street



_____, Purvis c 1900.....202 N. Lee St.

Mrs. Purvis operated a boarding house here for many years.



Warmack 1940.....206 N. Lee St.



Underwood – Sapp c1900.....210 N. Lee St.



Hayden 1900.....412 N. Lee St.



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Faucette 1900.....502 S. Lee St.



Denson 1920.....603 S. Lee St.



Elliot 1900.....604 S. Lee St.

Madison Street



The Rountree – Oman - Bishop – 102 North Madison Street

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Rountree

Located at 102 North Madison Street, this house was built by S.S.Rountree in 1902. It was one of the finest in Quitman with beautiful woodwork, marble floored entrance and stained glass windows.



Espey - 1920.....303 N. Madison St.

Quincy Street



W. Harrell built in 1914.....100 N. Quincy St.

Clay that was dug from this lot was used to make the bricks for the court house in 1892. Three generations of the Harrell family have lived here.



Lewis - McAllister - Glawson - Parrott - 208 North Quincy Street

Mr. J. O. Lewis built this large home around 1900 at the end of the Victorian era and it is a mixture of the influence of that earlier era as well as that of the Queen Anne era. The house has a steeply pitched hipped roof, decorative chimneys, dormer and a large round bay. A most interesting detail on this house is frieze above the porch supports.

Stevens Street

The house at 209 W. Stevens Street shown on the following page has been the Wagnon family since 1917.



Wade – Wagnon – Horton – c1860.....209 W. Stevens St.
One of the oldest houses in Quitman, built in the 1860's. The detached kitchen still stands.





Walker Street



Price – Mercer 1900 205 N. Walker St.



Avera – Patrick – Horton..1912.....212 N. Walker St.
This home was two stories when built; however in 1938 with the help of Lloyd Greer, it was remodeled by W. W. Patrick into a one story dwelling. Current owner, James Horton has done extensive restoration.

The Jack McCord House, 212 W. Walker St., Guilman



212 W. WALKER
GUILMAN N.C. USE BETTER PICTURE



Groover – New.....c1900.....214 N. Walker St.

This home was purchased in 1918 by Walter r. Hunter. After his wife's death in 1926, the house was converted into three apartments. In 1965, the house was restored by Mr. Hunter's daughter Mary H. New. Today it is owned by the grandson Hunter New.



Benson – Mitchell 1940 308 N. Walker St.

Washington Street



_____, May - Priest.....209 N. Washington St.



McGowen – 1895.....301 N. Washington St.



Bush - 1925.....309 N. Washington St.

Webster Street



Bennet – 1858.....1145 N. Webster St.

The Original structure was made of logs cut from the trees on the property and was built by Judge W. b. Bennet. Three generations of the Bennet family have lived here. In its early days, the house served as stage coach stop.