

## HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

## INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #18

I. IDENTIFICATION

HISTORIC NAME: Roscoe Conklin Linder House  
 PROPERTY NAME: Griggs Residence  
 STREET ADDRESS: 118 Athens Street  
 CITY: Hartwell  
 PRESENT OWNER: G. W. Griggs  
 MAILING ADDRESS: 118 Athens Street  
 CITY: Hartwell  
 STATE: Georgia  
 ZIP CODE: 30643  
 CURRENT USE: residence  
 ACREAGE: 0.89  
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Hartwell, Georgia  
 U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E321460 N3802630  
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: H-14-1-10

II. DESCRIPTION

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

This house is a one and one-half story, brick-veneer, Craftsman-inspired bungalow. It features a broad gable roof with bracketed eaves. A unit of four 10/1 windows are contained in a shed-roofed attic dormer on the principal facade. A flat roofed front and side porch featuring wide modillioned eaves is supported by truncated, bungalow posts of brick which rest on brick piers and a high brick foundation. Brick steps and brick ballusters complete the detailing of the porch. The period entranceway is one-half glazed and is flanked by sidelights. Windows set in trio flank the entrance and contain multiple panes in the upper sashes. A recessed back porch is contained within the gable roofed rear ell which projects from the main block of the house.

The interior of the house is arranged around what is essentially a central hall plan, with the front living room merged into the hall. Interior features include tongue-and-groove, vaulted ceilings, wood floors, and plaster walls. The original attic was finished in 1981 and contains two bedrooms, a playroom, and bath.

The landscaping features mature hardwoods, a specimen Deodar cedar, and foundation plantings. A privet hedge extends along the rear of the house. A non-historic metal garage is situated to the rear of the house.

The property is in good condition.

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### III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Roscoe and Octavia Linder  
 ORIGINAL USE: residence  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Leila Ross Wilburn (design from pattern book)/Temple family (contractors)  
 HISTORIC ACREAGE: 0.6 acre  
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1917-1918  
 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1972 new furnace, 1981 attic finished.

#### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

Roscoe Conklin Linder purchased 0.6 acres from Lafayette N. Adams on November 7, 1914. On September 21, 1915, Linder deeded the property to his wife, Octavia Pou Linder. Mr. Linder served as the mayor of Hartwell during 1936-1948 and 1950-1952. The house was built in 1917 and completed in 1918 according to Temple Lumber Company records. The property was deeded back to Mr. Linder by his wife after the completion of the house. John William Temple built the house from a design in a Leila Ross Wilburn pattern book. Wilburn was a female architect of Atlanta.

Mr. Linder willed this house and \$10,000 to the minister of the Hartwell Methodist Church; the Reverend Louie Huckaby received the house after he retired. Louie and Frances Huckaby later added 0.29 acres to the property through a purchase from the adjoining Monroe property. On May 8, 1978, George and Cheri Griggs purchased the house and lot from Reverend Huckaby. The Griggs now reside in the structure.

### IV. SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: C  
 AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

The Linder House is architecturally significant as a good intact example of a Bungalow with Craftsman design features. Its low massing, broad gable roof, wide front and side porch with squat columns, fenestration patterns, and exposed rafter and roof brackers are all characteristics of the Craftsman style as it was interpreted locally in Hartwell. Its architectural significance is enhanced from associations with the builder, John William Temple, and the architect, Leila Ross Wilburn, who provided a pattern book design. John William Temple belonged to the Temple family of builders, designers, and contractors who built or remodeled many homes and buildings in Hartwell during the early 20th century. Leila Ross Wilburn was Georgia's first woman architect who specialized in pattern book designs for homes.

**CONTRIBUTING/NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:**

Contributing building(s): 1  
Non-contributing structure(s): 1

**V. SOURCES**

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Hart County, Georgia

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Draft survey draft form by Cheri Griggs; Hart County Courthouse, records; Temple Lumber Company, records; Hartwell City Hall, records.

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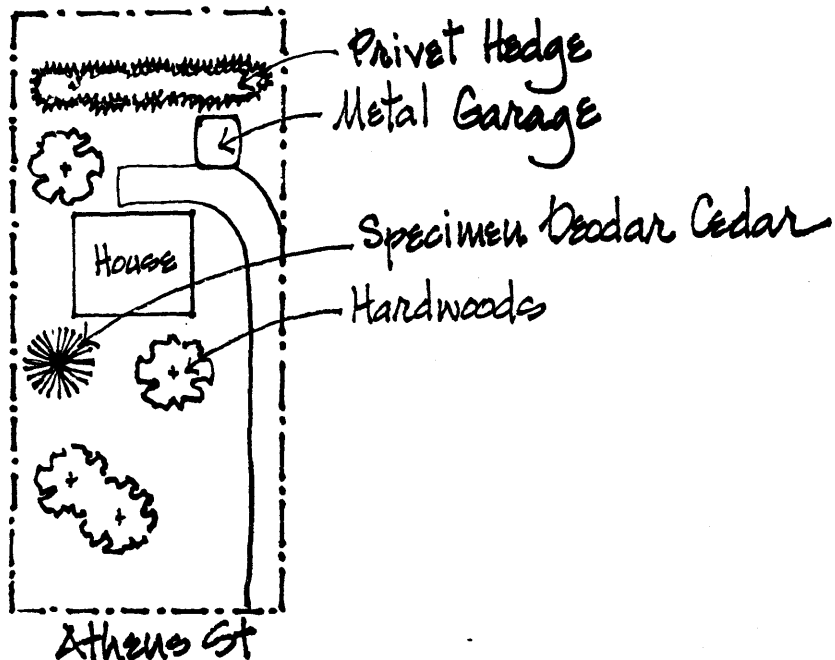
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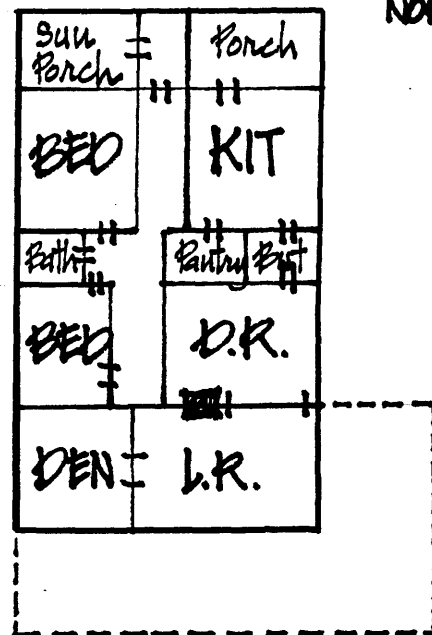
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VI. SITE PLAN/SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN

Attached sketches are intended only to help illustrate the nominated property. No scale is provided or implied, unless otherwise noted. Boundary markings are simply general indications of the extent of the nominated property; the actual boundary description, unless otherwise noted, is the current legal description of the property which coincides with the current tax map number cited in Section I of this form. Also, note that the orientation of the various sketches differs from sketch to sketch; each is provided with a north arrow for clarity.



SITE PLAN



FLOOR PLAN

