

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bradford House HISTORIC NAME: Cason House
STREET ADDRESS: 60 Grogan Street CITY: Lavonia
PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. P. R. Bradford MAILING ADDRESS: 60 Grogan Street
CITY: Lavonia STATE: GA ZIP CODE: 30553
CURRENT USE: Residence ACREAGE: Less than one acre
(2 city lots)
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE: Lavonia, Ga.-S.C. U. T. M. REFERENCE:
Z17 E306720 N3812360
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:
311-004-009

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One-story brick bungalow-styled residence built on a central hall plan. One story porch supported by square craftsman-inspired posts which are set on brick foundations wraps around two sides of the structure. Front steps leading to this porch are brick in a semi-circular design. Porch flooring is quarry tile.

On the interior, walls and ceilings in living room and dining room are plaster with a brushed design. Walls in remainder of structure are smooth plaster. Floors are wooden. An architrave with radiating voussoirs outlined in plaster separates the living from dining areas. A carport and utility shed have been added to the rear of the structure. The house is in good condition.

The house is sited on a tract which includes two city lots. Foundation planting surround the structure and large hardwoods are found in informal arrangements in the grassed landscape.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. R. R. Cason ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Jack Grubbs HISTORIC AREAGE: Less than
(2 city lots)
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1932 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: None

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built by Jack Grubbs, a local builder, as the residence of Dr. R. R. Cason. Cason, a dentist, was the fourth dentist to practice in the Lavonia community. He and his wife, Maggie Adams, a Lavonia native, resided in this structure until it was sold to the Bradfords in 1952. Mrs. P. R. Bradford continues to live in the house today.

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IV. SIGNIFICANCE:

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, the Cason House is significant as a good intact local example of the brick Craftsman-style house. Its low massing and low roofline, asymmetric arrangement, non-historic detailing, and straight forward use of materials are characteristic of the style. It was built by Jack Grubbs, an important early 20th century Lavonia builder who built several other structures in the multiple resource area. In terms of local history, the house is significant as the home of Dr. R. R. Cason, Lavonia's fourth dentist, who practiced in a downtown office.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

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