

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: The Roving House	HISTORIC NAME: The Roving House
	STREET ADDRESS: Rome Street	CITY: Cave Spring
	PRESENT OWNER: Sarah F. Ware	MAILING ADDRESS: Rome Street
	CITY: Cave Spring	STATE: Georgia      ZIP CODE: 30124
	CURRENT USE: Residential	ACREAGE: <sup>47</sup> <del>81</del> (est.); <del>acreage shared with No. 3</del>
	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Cedartown West, Ga.	U.T.M. REFERENCE: 4A Z.16 E654260 N3776100
	V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 818-25	4B Z.16 E654260 N3775910

653740      5690  
 4C Z.16 E653770 N3775300  
 4D Z.16 E653740 N3775300

II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One-story cottage with central section flanked by more-or-less-symmetric projecting wings; gable roofs at right angles; constructed of wood frame, on brick piers and stonemasonry foundations; with board-and-batten siding; scalloped bargeboards on front gable ends of wings; situated on a gentle slope between hills to east and floodplain to west; grounds feature lawn and several large trees; non-historic agricultural outbuilding to northeast; surrounded by cleared hillside fields; good condition.
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III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown	ORIGINAL USE: Residence
	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	HISTORIC ACREAGE:
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1850	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT) (OPTIONAL): The Roving House was originally located in Cave Spring and was moved to Livingston in the mid 19th century. It was then moved back to Cave Spring in the late 19th century. The ells were added to the original structure at a later date, presumably after the last move.		

IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, local history	LEVEL: Local
	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Architecturally</u> , this house is significant for its Gothic Revival detailing, including board-and-batten siding and scalloped bargeboards, The Gothic Revival was not a particularly popular style in mid-19th-century Georgia, being overshadowed by the Greek Revival, yet it is very strongly represented in the Cave Spring multiple-resource area by this and other houses. The house is an example of the evolved residence, having grown from a small central section to its present form during the 19th century. It is also significant for representing the common 19th-century practice of moving houses; at least part of this house has been moved twice, away from Cave Spring and back again, being floated up and down [cont.]	

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	REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Floyd Co. Ga.	
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Preliminary survey forms by Diane Dawson, Cave Spring; see bibliography (section 9) for general sources.		



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IV. cont.: the nearby creek on a small barge.

In terms of local history, this house is significant for representing how strong political persuasions and personal idiosyncracies can precipitate drastic actions with regard to architecture and the environment. At least part of this house was moved twice, away from Cave Spring and back again, in response to the changing locations of county lines and county seats.

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