

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Walden-Turner House

and/or common Turner House

2. Location

street & number corner of ^{GA} Hwy. 42 and Ward Street not for publication

city, town Stockbridge vicinity of congressional district 6th - Gingrich

state Georgia code 013 county Henry code 151

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. S. L. Turner

contact: Mrs. R. G. Moseley
103 Club Drive
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281

street & number Westbury Nursing Home - 198 Hampton Street

city, town McDonough vicinity of state Georgia 30253

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Henry County Courthouse

city, town McDonough vicinity of state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records 4

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Walden-Turner House is located at the intersection of Highway 42 and Ward Street in Stockbridge. Occupying a prominent corner location, the Walden-Turner House is situated on less than one acre of land.

The Walden-Turner House is a two-story Victorian house that was built ca. 1895. It has an irregular arrangement featuring various bays, gables, ells, and porches. The western, or front, facade faces the Southern Railroad. The white clapboard structure has a gabled roof with tin shingles. A one-story wrap-around porch is located on the west and south facades. The foundation of the Walden-Turner House is of rock. The gables on the west facade are covered with diamond-shaped shingles. A diamond-shaped window with one light is located in each gable. A second-floor, recessed porch is located on the west facade. The exterior doors have transoms of clear glass, while a stained-glass transom is located over a window on the west facade. A small, one-light oval window is located on the southern facade. A one-story addition is located on the eastern facade. Also located on the eastern facade is a second-floor porch. The Walden-Turner House has two exterior chimneys, one with recessed brick detailing.

The house has an asymmetrical floor plan featuring large open spaces such as a two-story entrance hall with stairway. The plaster walls have wainscoting, while some of the walls have been covered with fiberboard. The fireplaces have been sealed. Original light fixtures and other decorative ornamentation still exist in the Walden-Turner House. The kitchen of the house is located in the rear addition. Although having been vacant for several years and suffering from vandalism, the Walden-Turner House is structurally sound.

Also located on the property are two outbuildings. Northeast of the Walden-Turner House is a two-story garage. The white clapboard structure with tin roof has been vacant for several years. The upstairs was once used as an apartment. Also northeast of the house and adjacent to the garage is a wooden shed. The unpainted clapboard structure with tin roof presently serves as a storage house.

The Walden-Turner House is located on a slight elevation. Large trees and shrubbery surround the house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Walden-Turner House is significant to the architectural and local history of Stockbridge. It possesses qualities of period design and craftsmanship and remains essentially unaltered. It is the only substantial two-story Victorian house that remains in Stockbridge. The Walden-Turner House was used as a rooming house and was a temporary residence for many of the town's citizens.

Architecturally, the Walden-Turner House is significant in that it is the only two-story Victorian House that has survived commercial development in Stockbridge. The house remains essentially unaltered with the exception of a rear addition and some minor interior remodeling. The asymmetrical floor plan, irregular massing, gable with diamond shingles, and the open, two-story entrance hall are all aspects of Victorian architecture. The Walden-Turner House supports aspects of period design and craftsmanship in the detailed brickwork in the porch chimney and the stained-glass transom over the window. Due to commercial development in Stockbridge, many late-nineteenth-century houses were destroyed. Smaller Victorian cottages have escaped urban development, but the Walden-Turner House is the only impressive Victorian house to remain in the Stockbridge community.

The Walden-Turner House is important to the local history of Stockbridge. Established as a railroad town in 1882, Stockbridge was one of five small towns located in Henry County. McDonough was the county seat of Henry County and, thus, received more county-wide commercial business than Stockbridge or any of the other small towns. Since the railroad was the main factor in the establishment of Stockbridge, the Walden-Turner House has occupied a prominent location adjacent to the railroad and near the Stockbridge depot (now demolished). As the commercial district evolved around the railroad, businessmen traveled to the town to conduct business. According to local tradition, the Walden-Turner House served as a hotel or boarding house around the turn of the century. While positive documentation to support this claim has not been found, its location near the railroad certainly does not rule out the possibility. Under the ownership of Mrs. S.L. Turner, the Walden-Turner House functioned for many years as a boarding house and a temporary residence for many citizens of Stockbridge. Many of the town's residents relate to living in the house at some time. Serving as a "hotel" or boarding house for Stockbridge, the Walden-Turner House is important to Stockbridge's early commercial development.

According to local tradition and deed research, the Walden-Turner House was built ca. 1895 for John C. Walden. Walden (1859-1923) owned land in Henry

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Georgia State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1883-84, 1896, 1898-99.
 Jack Adair Papers, Atlanta Historical Society, Collection 5.
 Personal inspection by Richard Cloues, Kacy Ginn, Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Aug. 1, 1979.
 Rainer, Vessie Thrasher. Henry County, Georgia: The Mother of Counties, 1971.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre
 Quadrangle name Stockbridge, Ga. Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>9</u> <u>5</u> <u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>1</u> <u>4</u> <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries are indicated by heavy black line on Henry County Tax Map, Sheet No. 6.
 The nominated property includes all that is currently owned by the property owner.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kacy Ginn, National Register Researcher
Historic Preservation Section/
 organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date February 11, 1980
 street & number 270 Washington Street SW telephone (404) 656-2840
 city or town Atlanta state Georgia

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature: Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon
 title Acting State Historic Preservation Officer date 2/19/80 7

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>W. Ray Luce</u>	date <u>4/9/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Carol A. Dinkie</u>	date <u>4/8/80</u>
Chief of Registration	

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County and operated a farm. The Walden-Turner House was built shortly after his marriage to Mrs. Fannie T. Lee in 1895. Mrs. Fannie Lee Walden owned the land surrounding the Walden-Turner House and was apparently wealthy. After Fannie Lee Walden's death in 1903, John Walden married Mrs. Mary Sue Carter in 1920. In 1921, Walden sold his house and lot to the Bank of Stockbridge for \$3,000. In 1928, the bank sold the "one house and lot in Stockbridge together with outhouses and known as the J.C. Walden homeplace, being the two-story building ..." to J.H. Chafin. Will McFarland continued to occupy the house until J.W. Clark purchased the house and lot from Chafin in 1929. The Clark family occupied the Walden-Turner House until 1945, when J.W. Clark sold the house and lot to Mrs. S.L. Turner, the current owner. The Turner family occupied the house until several years ago and the house remains unoccupied today. Currently up for sale, the owners are interested in selling the property to someone who will restore the house and maintain it as a residence.

No formal archaeology has been reported for the nominated property. Knowledge of previous structures is available through deed records and oral tradition. Knowledge of these structures is important to the understanding of the history of the Walden-Turner House.

The Walden-Turner House was determined eligible on March 16, 1979, following the preparation of a determination of eligibility requested by the Federal Highway Administration. The determination of eligibility recognizes the architectural merit of the Walden House on a local level and its contribution to the local history of Stockbridge.