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The Calhoun Street Historic District is one of the oldest and most important residential neighborhoods in Tallahassee which has survived from the 1840's to the present day. The houses which line North Calhoun and East Virginia Streets are a spectrum of architectural styles used between 1840 and 1940 and though conservative and provincial, are nonetheless good examples of their times and clearly reflect the area's continuing evolution as an important residential neighborhood. The District also has an important spacial quality resulting from the canopy of large, live oak trees that line its streets and are clustered around several intersections.

The majority of buildings in the District are oriented along the two major axes: Calhoun Street (fig. 1) running north-south (three blocks between Georgia and Tennessee Streets) and East Virginia Street running east-west (two blocks between Meridian Road and North Calhoun Street). Although a portion of Gadsden Street, paralleling Calhoun Street to the east is included in the District, there are only three remaining buildings all of which date from the 20th century which actually face the street: 310 (1907), 314 (c.1940) and 410 (1934) Gadsden Street. The Chesley House (fig. 2) (401 Virginia Street) a large 1 1/2 story Queen Anne style cottage built in 1895, was designed with a corner entrance and never quite committed itself to either street.

When Tallahassee's North Addition, which includes the District, was platted in 1827, rectangular lots (85' X 130' and 85' X 170') were laid out along the north-south streets. This configuration fostered the linear development along Monroe Street, Calhoun Street and Gadsden Street that occurred throughout most of the nineteenth century. Subdivision of the lots along Virginia Street since the turn-of-the-century created the secondary east-west axis (fig. 3) which today provides a link between the Calhoun Street neighborhood and the Brokaw-McDougall House (fig. 25) (329 Meridian Road) (1856) (NR) located at the eastern terminus of Virginia Street.

The disposition of houses along the west side of Calhoun Street largely coincides with the original lot configuration, 85' X 130' parcels facing the street and sharing a common boundary with equal parcels facing Monroe Street. Both the William D. Bloxham House (fig. 4) (1844) (410 Calhoun Street) (NR), Tallahassee's only surviving 19th century town-house form and the unusual Randall-Lewis House (fig. 5) (1843) (424 Calhoun Street) (NR) attest to this pattern. Subsequent construction in the twentieth century, the Richard A. Shine House (fig. 6) (1907) (NR), a 2 1/2 story Colonial Revival style house at 318 North Calhoun Street, the R. H. Gibson House (1925) (NR), a 1-story bungalow at 512 North Calhoun Street and its companion house

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Calhoun Street Historic District is significant because it represents one hundred years, 1840-1940, of the evolution of a residential neighborhood where many of the political, economic and social leaders of Tallahassee and Florida resided. Construction in the District reflects two primary periods of development: 1841-1860 and 1879-1912, although several houses were added to the neighborhood in the 1920's and 1930's. Calhoun Street, the focal point of the District, began to develop as a neighborhood for prominent members of the Tallahassee community in the 1840's. It's residents included leading merchants, attorneys, planters, a banker, and a leading builder, many of whom were active in state and local politics. Construction between 1879 and 1912 reflects the economic revival of Tallahassee after the difficult years following the Civil War, although the town was never again to achieve the affluence or the state wide importance of antebellum days. During this period Calhoun Street was popularly known as the "Gold Dust" street, a term descriptive of the continued importance of the residents in the life of the city.1

Tallahassee has been the capital of Florida for more than 155 years. Officially designated as the site for the territorial capital in 1824, Tallahassee became the state capital when Florida was admitted to the Union in 1845. During the antebellum period Tallahassee was not only the center of political life of the state, it was the center of the economic and social life as well. The preeminence enjoyed by the town and surrounding Leon County before the Civil War can be attributed to a combination of factors. Early settlers were attracted to Tallahassee because of its role as the capital; and, more importantly, because of the rich agricultural land in the surrounding county. This latter circumstance saw substantial numbers of affluent planters migrate to the area from Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia bringing not only financial resources but an established culture, as well.

Despite initial hardships, the planters prospered from the cotton their land and slaves produced. Solon Robinson, America's foremost nineteenth century agricultural writer, described the planters of Leon as "real land destroyers," but conceded that they were "real money makers" and "a high bred(sic) of inhabitants." Robinson also

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The Calhoun Street Historic District nomination is a resubmission of Zone I of the original Tallahassee Historic District. Since the original submission in 1971, extensive historical information has been found. Because of this and the omission of several important structures, we feel a new nomination is more appropriate than extensive addenda.

We are also submitting the Tallahassee Historic District, Zones I and II as two separate districts. These nominations have therefore been resubmitted to the State Review Board and approved for renomination as individual districts.

The new Calhoun Street Historic District is bounded on the south and west by major four-lane commercial thorofares, U.S. 90 (East Tennessee Street) and U.S. 27 (North Monroe Street) which preclude any extension of the District in those directions. The north and east boundaries are defined by neighborhood changes, developmental periods and topographic features. We have also included an outline of the new Park Avenue Historic District (formerly Zone II) on the map to show its geographical relationship.

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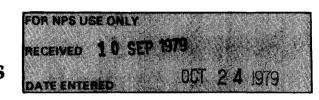
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(fig. 7) (1925) (518 Calhoun Street) (NR) perpetuated this consistent orientation and street scape. Several vacant lots among these were also occupied by individual houses dating from the street's first development in the 1840's and its later period. The houses along the eastern side of Calhoun Street, however, offer a far less consistent street-scape and reflect different property ownership patterns. Claire Bowen House (fig. 8) (325 Calhoun Street) (NR) the oldest house in the District, was built in 1841 as speculative housing. though it is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style with 2story incised galleries on three sides of the building, its awkward orientation across the narrow dimension of the lot and its proximity to the streets are probably indicative of its speculative construction. The lots in both blocks north of Virginia Street were in large holdings rather than owned individually. Both the Simon Towle House (fig. 9) (1847) (517 Calhoun Street) (NR) and the Henry L. Rutgers House (fig. 10) (1848) (507 Calhoun Street) (NR) were built on parcels comprised of four lots. The Rutgers House built by the same builder as the Randall-Lewis House, is a large 1 1/2-story frame residence with characteristics of the late Georgian period, e.g. tri-partite windows, and double-pile plan, although it has been altered, it remains on its original undeveloped parcel. Its neighbor, to the north, the Towle House, however, has had the northern half of its original property sub-divided and developed in the twentieth cen-The C. L. Mizell House (fig. 11) (1907) (525 Calhoun Street) (NR), a 2-story frame Colonial Revival residence and the adjacent D. Fred McMullen House (1948) (315 Georgia Street), a one-story brick house of the early post-war years, were built on two of the original four lots.

The block in the center of the District is dominated by the 12-story Georgia Bell Dickinson Apartments (fig. 12) (301 East Carolina Street). The building occupies the site of the house built in 1841 by Robert W. Williams who originally owned the entire block. This house was demolished in the 1950's and later replaced by the existing concrete and glass high-rise. Between 1879 and 1946 the southern half of this block was gradually subdivided by subsequent owners of the Williams property. It currently has six residences including the neighborhood's first apartment building, the Lee Apartments (fig. 13) (1946) (314 Virginia Street) (NR), a small 4-unit 2-story brick structure with mild Colonial Revival detailing. The Bradford-Cobb House (fig. 14) (1879) (403 Calhoun Street) (NR), a 1½-story frame Gothic Revival cottage with porches and decorative brackets, was the

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first addition to the block at its southwest corner. The second subdivision of this block resulted in the construction of the Ida B. Bradford House (fig. 15) (324 East Virginia Street) in 1900. a 2-story Colonial Revival residence indicative of a number of neighborhood houses built in the succeeding decade, e.g., Shine House (1907) (318 Calhoun Street) (see fig. 6), William H. Markham House (1909) (317 Calhoun Street) (fig. 16), Mizell House (1907) (525 Calhoun Street) (see fig. 11), William W. Perkins House (1907) (310 Gadsden Street) (fig. 17). The Phebe Brokaw Quarterman House (fig. 18) (411 Calhoun Street), a bungalow style house sheathed entirely with wood shingles, was added to the block in 1927 and a brick one-story Tudor Revival style house (fig. 19) (410 Gadsden Street) was built in 1933 but oriented toward Gadsden Street. Two additional buildings, the Emery Csikos House (fig. 20) (316 Virginia Street) and the Lee Apartments (see fig. 13) (314 Virginia Street) were built in 1935, and 1946 respectively.

With the construction of the Bradford House in 1900 (see above), the development of Virginia Street had started. Several houses along the eastern portion of the street (between Gadsden and Meridian) were added between 1900 and 1910: the much altered Martha D. Messer House (fig. 21) (1903) (417 Virginia Street), a substantial 2 1/2-story frame Queen Anne style house; the James T. Perkins House, a small 1-story frame cottage (fig. 22) (1901) (423 Virginia Street) and the altered Margaret W. Cotten House (fig. 23) (1910) (406 North Meridian Road). A four-building apartment complex along the north side of this block constructed in the ca. 1970 replaced some additional individual resi-The James L. Cresap House (fig. 24) (317 Virginia Street), a one-story bungalow with classical detailing, was built in 1927. parking lot at the southwest corner of the intersection of Gadsden and Virginia Streets was originally occupied by a house dating from the antebellum period. The two additional residences at 310 (see fig. 17) and 314 Gadsden Street, built in 1909 and ca. 1940 respectively, reinforced the residential character of the area.

The residential development along Virginia Street clearly linked the Calhoun Street neighborhood with the Brokaw-McDougall House (see fig. 25) (1856) (NR) at its eastern terminus. Although this house was situated in a formally landscaped garden on the western edge of the extensive land holdings of the Brokaw family, the large, frame 2-story suburban villa with stylistic characteristics of both the Greek Revival and the Italianate remained somewhat removed from the

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neighborhood. Today, however, as the headquarters of the Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board, it forms something of a focal point, both visually and figuratively for the Calhoun Street Historic District. Construction of two additional residences in 1912 at 500 and 516 (fig. 26) Miccosukee Road to the north of the Brokaw-McDougall House solidified this neighborhood relationship. Because the terrain to the east of this group drops off rather rapidly, another neighborhood of the 1930's developed.

The scale and set-back of the residences throughout the District is largely uniform and reinforced by the continued use of traditional building materials - wood and brick. Because the area has evolved over a century as a residential neighborhood, most later construction has been infill of a similar character for a similar use. demolition and massive reconstruction have not occurred except to areas immediately south, along Tennessee Street, and west along Monroe Street, where four lane roads have exerted extreme pressures for commercial strip development. Although the function of the neighborhood has begun to change from single to multiple-residential and office use, the density has not been seriously affected. These changes have largely resulted in alterations of varying degrees to individual structures, e.g., the Bloxham House (see fig. 4) converted to a residential hote 1 in 1947, the Messer House (see fig. 21) converted to apartments in the 1960's and the Bowen House (see fig. 8), the Randall-Lewis House (see fig. 5), the Bradford-Cobb House (see fig. 14), and the Cresap House (see fig. 24) all converted to office use in the last decade. With the exception of the Georgia Bell Dickinson Apartments and the Embassy House Apartment complex (outside the district) the scale of the neighborhood has remained intact since first developed in the 1840's. And, the canopy of live oak trees lining Calhoun Street and the area around the Brokaw-McDougall House add an irreplacible quality to the Calhoun Street Historic District.

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	NC	ORTH CALHOUN STRE	EET	
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16	317; 317½ William H. Markham	Civic	Colonial Revival 2-story frame 1-story gallery with square columns	C; NC
6	318 Richard A. Shine, Jr.	Residence	Colonial Revival 2½-story frame 1-story-verandah with unfluted Corinthian columns	С
8	325 Claire Bowen	Office	Greek Revival 2½-story frame 2-story incised gallery with Doric columns	С
4	403 Bradford-Cobb	Vacant	Gothic Revival 1½-story frame 2 1-story porches with bracketed posts	С
4	410 William D. Bloxham	Apartments	Federal 2½-story brick townhouse	A
			1-story verandah with paired colonnettes	•
	411a, 411b, 411½, 413 Phebe Brokaw Quarterman	Residence/。 Apartments	Bungalow with associated garage 1½-story frame 1-story porch with brick and shingled piers and porte cochere	С
5	424 Randall-Lewis	Office	Greek Revival 1½-story brick and raised basement scored stucco double-pile, center hall	C d
	504 (see 512)	Apartments		С

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	10	507 Henry L. Rutgers	Civic .	Greek Revival 1½-story frame double-pile center hall	С
		512 R. H. Gibson I	· •	Bungalow 1-story frame 1-story porch with brick piers porte cochere and associated garage (504	c .)
	9	517 Simon Towle	Office	Greek Revival 2-story frame 2-story portico with panelled columns	С
	7	518 R. H. Gibson II	Office	Bungalow 1-story verandah with brick piers porte cochere	С
	11	525 C. L. Mizell	Apartments	Colonial Revival 2½-story frame 1-story verandah with battered columns	С

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			NORTH GADSDEN STRE	ET	
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	17	310 William W. Perkins	Retail/ Apartments	Queen Anne 2½-story frame on raised basement 1-story verandah with Tuscan columns	С
		314	Office	Tudor Revival 1-story brick 1-story porch	С
	19	410	Residence	Tudor Revival 1½-story brick and stucco	С
			NORTH MERIDIAN ROA	<u>.</u>	
•	Photo No.	Address/ Name	<u>Use</u>	Style	Classi- fication
	25	329 Brokaw-McDougall	Government	Greek Revival/Italiann 2-story frame with cup 1-story gallery with Corinthian columns	
	23	406 Margaret Cotten	Apartments	Queen Anne 2½-story altered 1-story porch	A

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13	314 Lee Apartments	Apartments	Georgian Revival 2-story brick	С
20	316 Emery Csikos	Residence	Colonial Revival 1½-story brick arcaded loggia and porte cochere	С
24	317 James L. Cresap	Office -	Bungalow 1½-story frame 1-story porch with bri piers and battered col porte cochere	
15	324 Ida B. Bradford	Apartments	Colonial Revival 2-story frame 1-story verandah with square posts	C
2	401 Edwin Chesley	Residence/ Apartments	Queen Anne 1½-story frame 1-story verandah with turned posts and brack	C ets
21	417 Martha D. Messer	Apartments	Queen Anne 2½-story frame altered	A
22	423 James Perkins	Residence	Queen Anne Cottage 1-story frame 1-story porch with bat columns and brick piers	

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			EAST GEORGIA ST	REET	
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		315 D. Fred McMullen	Residence •	Colonial Revival 1-story brick entrance porch	A
		T	EAST CAROLINA STRE		
		-	LASI CAROLINA SIRI	<u>LET</u>	
	Photo No.	Address/ Name	<u>Use</u>	<u>Style</u>	Classi- fication
	12	301 Georgia Bell Dickins	on Apartments	New Brutalism 12-story reinforced concrete entrance marquee	NC NC
			MICCOSUKEE ROAD	<u>'</u>	
	Photo	Address/ Name	<u>Use</u>	Style	Classi- fication
	·	500 Mary E. Crowson	Residence	Colonial Revival 2-story frame porches with brick pi	A ers
	26	516 Herman Gunter	Residence	Colonial Revival 2½-story frame 1-story gallery with clustered colonnetes of stone piers	C on

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Building Classification:

Conforming:

Structures which have associations consistent with the

District's use, scale and periods of development.

(Age is not necessarily a factor.) (Red)

Altered:

(Blue)

Buildings eligible for the Conforming category except

that major exterior alterations have changed the

(Yellow)

character and details of the original design (restorable).

Non-Conforming:

Structures which do not respect the neighborhood uses and architectural traditions of the proposed District.

(Use, scale, set-back and building material are

characteristics assessed.)

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described the farm land as the "finest red land in America." In the golden decade of the 1850's, Leon County produced some 16,000 bales of cotton annually, compared with 10,000 bales for Jefferson County and 6,000 for Gadsden. Cotton production in Leon County in 1860 exceeded all but seven counties in Georgia and twenty-one in Alabama.

The cotton economy in turn supported a thriving merchant community in Tallahassee. The planter-merchant oligarchy was a closeknit society. It was not uncommon for men to have interests in both Furthermore, many kinsmen had come together to settle in the Territory, intermarrying with others of the same social status. Within a generation they had established the way of life similar to what they had known in the upper South. However, the loss of slave labor and the economic depression wrought by the defeat in 1865 destroyed the plantation system. Large holdings were divided into tenant farms and the majority of the once wealthy owners were forced to move into town or leave the area. 4 The culture and the conservative values which had set the tone and character of Tallahassee and Leon County before the Civil War continued to dominate the minds of Tallahasseans long after the affluence of pre-war days had disappeared. 5 In post Civil War Tallahassee, white society was popularly divided into three categories: the "gold dusters", the "hominey huskers" and the "depot greasers." Gold dusters were middle and upper middle class whites who had lived in the area before the Civil War, maintained reasonable wealth in the late nineteenth century, and adhered to "traditional genteel behavior and reverence for tradition", hence Calhoun Street's connotation as the "Gold Dust" Street. Hominey huskers were the rural poor. The lowest class, depot greasers, lived near or worked in the railroad repair shops. 7

With no significant industrialization, Tallahassee remained a small provincial town well into the twentieth century, modestly prosperous as a mercantile center and as the state capital, with a stable population and social fabric. This stability and sense of tradition over a one hundred year period is reflected in the houses in the District and in the lives of their owners. Homes built before the Civil War remained in the same family or were later owned by families of equal standing in the community. Only since 1940 has the neighborhood ceased to be exclusively residential.

There are six remaining buildings within the Calhoun Street Historic District dating from the pre-Civil War period - the Bowen,

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Bloxham, Rutgers, Randall-Lewis, Towle and Brokaw-McDougall Houses. Four of these, the Bowen, Randall-Lewis, Rutgers, and Brokaw Mc-Dougall Houses, have been adapted for civic or commercial use retaining their residential character. The Towle house at present is undergoing restoration as offices for the Florida Democratic Executive Committee. The Florida Heritage Foundation purchased the Bloxham house in 1977 and plans to restore it.

The Bowen House (fig. 8) (325 North Calhoun Street, National Register) is probably the oldest house in the District. Available evidence indicates that this house was erected by speculative builders, A. B. and B. O. Weeks, in 1841. The house is unusual for its period because the plan was designed by an architect, T. Bryant of Boston, Massachusetts. James Kirksey, the first resident, was both a large landowner and a prosperous merchant in Tallahassee for over thirty years. He also served on the City Council in the 1840's and as mayor in 1847. Kirksey left Tallahassee in the 1870's selling his home to C. E. Dyke, the Floridian editor, one of the most respected journalists of his era. In 1885 Dyke sold his home and newspaper to his partner, Newton Marion Bowen. His daughter, Claire Bowen, lived in the family home until 1973.10 In the 1940's Miss Claire led the successful fight to save the large live oaks on North Calhoun Street from the destruction that had befallen those south of Tennessee Street.11

Captain Richard A. Shine, Tallahassee's foremost builder and brick mason, built the house now known as the Bloxham House (fig. 4) (410 North Calhoun Street, National Register) in 1844. Soon after, Shine leased and later sold the house to David C. Wilson. Wilson founded the forerunner of Wilson's Department Store, a family business that finally closed its doors in 1971. Wilson also served four terms on the City Council between 1830 and 1850. 12 The Bloxham house takes its name from its most illustrious owner, William D. Bloxham, twice Governor of Florida, 1881-1885 and 1897-1901. Bloxham, a native Tallahasseean, is remembered as one of Florida's most able chief executives. Among his many accomplishments, Bloxham was instrumental in establishing teachers' institutes and normal schools for Floridians of both races. As a direct result of his efforts, Florida Normal and Agricultural College for Colored Students, now Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, was established in 1887 in Tallahassee. 13 Bloxham purchased the home on

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Calhoun Street at the beginning of his first term (an official governor's residence was not constructed until 1906). Governor Edward A. Perry, Bloxham's successor, rented the house during his term of office. In 1913 Bloxham's widow sold the home and it passed through several owners. In the 1940's it was divided into apartments and is now known as the Bloxham House Hotel. 14

The Randall-Lewis House (fig. 5) (424 North Calhoun Street, National Register) has an equally distinguished list of owners. The house was built in 1843-1844 for Henry L. Rutgers. Originally a New Yorker, Rutgers settled in Tallahassee during territorial days becoming a prominent banker and entrepreneur. He also served on the City Council and as Territorial Treasurer; both a sailing packet and a steam locomotive were named in his honor. 15 The Randall-Lewis House bears the names of Judge Thomas Randall who lived there from 1850 until 1870 and that of the George Lewis family.

Randall purchased the house from Rutgers in 1850. He had come to the Florida Territory from Maryland in the late 1820's to serve as one of three territorial judges and settled on a plantation in nearby Jefferson County. Randall moved to town in 1850 and soon established a successful law practice. The George Lewis family made the residence their home from 1870 until 1887. Lewis, a banker and civic leader, was the son of B. C. Lewis, the founder of the Lewis State Bank. During the Lewis residency indoor plumbing powered by a windmill was installed in the house, which legend says was the first in Tallahassee. Later owners of the Randall-Lewis House included C. B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida and George Saxon, founder of the Capital City Bank. 17

George Proctor, a free Black and master builder in the 1830's and 1840's, constructed the Randall-Lewis House. Proctor was one of the most interesting figures of early Tallahassee history, and a commanding personality in his own right. Heavy debts and impending bankruptcy forced Proctor to leave his family in 1849 to seek his fortune in California. He never returned to his native state. In early 1849 Proctor completed a house diagonally across the intersection from the Randall-Lewis House for Rutgers who moved his family there. This home (fig. 10) (507 North Calhoun Street, National Register) passed from the Rutgers family to Erastus Clark in 1893.

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Clark was the town's best known clock and watchmaker. His descendants lived in the home until the 1950's. The Rutgers House has been the headquarters of the Tallahassee Garden Club since 1954.19

The Towle House (fig. 9) (517 North Calhoun Street, National Register), the last of the five remaining homes constructed in the 1840's on Calhoun Street, was completed in 1847 for Simon Towle and his wife, Rebecca Parkhill Towle. Rebecca was a daughter of John Parkhill, one of the county's most prominent planters. In addition to a successful law practice, Towle was elected mayor of Tallahassee in 1846 and was appointed Comptroller of Florida in 1847, a position he held until 1850. 20

Towle sold his home in 1854 to Richard Whitaker. Whitaker, who had previously lived on his plantation north of Tallahassee, was a member of the inner circle of the county's planter aristocracy. John Branch, Whitaker's uncle, was a former Governor and U. S. Senator from North Carolina as well as the last Territorial Governor of Florida. Family members continued to live in the house until the turn of the century. The Whitaker heirs sold the house to Miss Sallie Blake, a descendant of Miles Blake, another of Leon County's pioneer settlers. Miss Blake, active in civic and social circles in Tallahassee, was a charter member of the Woman's Club of Tallahassee. Her book filled with vignettes and recollections, Tallahassee of Yesterday, was published in 1924. At present the Towle House is being restored by the Democratic Executive Committee of Florida for their headquarters.

The Brokaw-McDougall House (fig. 25) (329 North Meridian Road, National Register), was constructed between 1856 and 1860. Peres Bonney Brokaw arrived in Tallahassee in 1840 soon establishing himself in business and politics. He served on the City Council and in the House and Senate of the Florida Legislature. Brokaw's daughter, Phebe, married Alexander McDougall in 1878 thus giving the house its second name. The Brokaw-McDougall house remained in the family until its 1973 purchase by the State of Florida. It has served as the offices of the Historic Preservation Board since that time. The house is the only example of a "suburban villa" still extant within the city. Although the Brokaw House was originally part of a substantial acreage, Brokaw selected a home site on the edge of his property, within close proximity to town, facing the

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structure toward the established neighborhood.

During the second period of development (1879-1912) Calhoun Street continued as one of Tallahassee's prominent residential neighborhoods. As previously mentioned, the residents of the older homes included Governor William D. Bloxham and later Governor Edward A. Perry, as well as a newspaper editor, a banker, an attorney and other leading bussinessment. The first new house on Calhoun Street was built for the John R. Bradford family in 1879 (fig, 14) (403 North Calhoun Street, National Register). Bradford, a member of the second generation of one of Leon County's pioneer families, was one of the leaders in the largely unsuccessful efforts to revive agriculture in the county through diversified farming in the late nineteenth century. Selizabeth DeBerry Cobb purchased the Bradford home in 1921 and lived there until 1974. Mrs. Cobb, was one of Tallahassee's most respected educators; Elizabeth Cobb Middle School is named in her honor. The Bradford-Cobb home is presently being restored for office use.

The remaining houses on Calhoun Street dating from the first decades of the twentieth century include: the Mizell House (fig. 11) (525 North Calhoun Street, National Register) named for banker C. L. Mizell; the Shine House (fig. 6) (318 North Calhoun Street, National Register) named for R. A. Shine, Jr., a prominent dentist and son of the early builder Richard Shine; and the Markham House, (fig. 16) (317 North Calhoun Street, National Register), built for William H. Markham, a merchant. 25 These latter remain residential in use except for the Markham structure which is now the headquarters of the Salvation Army.

The addition of houses along East Virginia Street, Meridian Road and Miccosukee Road, creating a link between Calhoun Street and the Brokaw-McDougall House, completed the second phase of the development of the Calhoun Street neighborhood. The remaining houses include: the Chesley House (fig. 2) (401 East Virginia Street) built for Edwin G. Chesley, a civil engineer; the Bradford House (fig. 15) (324 East Virginia Street) built on the lot adjacent to the Bradford-Cobb House for members of the Bradford family; the Cotten House (fig. 23) (406 North Meridian Road, but originally facing Virginia Street) built for a daughter of Frederick R. Cotten, whose wealth in antebellum days was exceeded by only one other planter in the county; and the Gunter House (fig. 26) (516 Miccosukee Road)

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and state geologist built for businessman Herman Gunter. 26 All of these houses serve as single or multiple residences.

Residences of a later construction date in the neighborhood include the Phebe Brokaw Quarterman House (fig. 18) (411 North Calhoun Street) and the James L. Cresap House (fig. 24) (317 East Virginia Street). Both homes were built in 1927 by Foster Gilmore, the leading contractor of his day. 27 The Cresap House has been adapted for office use. The Quarterman House is particularly significant because its original owners were Mary Quarterman West and her husband, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court Thomas F. West. This structure remains in the Quarterman family.

After World War II Tallahassee entered a new period of growth and development, accelerated by the economic prosperity of the 1960's. As additional subdivisions and suburbs developed, the Calhoun Street area gradually lost its identity as an exclusive residential neighborhood. Older homes were divided into multiple residences, apartment buildings were constructed, and the neighborhood's proximity to the downtown area made it attractive for the present combination of office-residential use. Despite its change in function, the physical character of the neighborhood has not been seriously altered. On the contrary, the Calhoun Street neighborhood, through adaptive use, has become an excellent example of the effectiveness of preservation in a historical as well as a practical sense.

FOOTNOTES

1Clifton Paisley, personal interview with Miss Claire Bowen, April 22, 1972, p. 2.

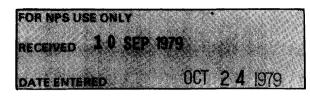
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³Paisley, <u>Cotton to Quail</u>, pp. 6-7.

40ut of 319 farms in Leon County in 1860, 30 had 1,000 acres or more under cultivation. 53 had 500-1,000 and 132 had between 100-500. By end of the century there were 2,428 farms with the ma-

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6<u>Ibid</u>., p. 16.

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p. 173, 245; Book AA, p. 63; Official Record 620, p. 235.

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13Leedell W. Neyland and John W. Riley, <u>The History of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University</u>, (Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1963), p. 2-3.

14Leon County, Florida, Deed Records, Book E, p. 64, Book G,
p. 158, Book W, p. 377; Book 55, p. 454; Leon County Probate Files,
File 1393.

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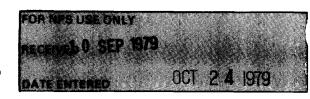
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Verbal Boundar	y Description
Beginning	at a point (A) on the north side of East Georgia Street opposite the northwest corner of Lot 81 North Addition (NA), Section 36 T1N R1W; thence
Eastward	along the north side of East Georgia Street to a point (B) which is the northeast corner of the intersection of North Gadsden Street and East Georgia Street; thence
Southward	along the east side of North Gadsden Street to a point (C) which is the northeast corner of the intersection of North Gadsden Street and East Virginia Street; thence
Eastward	along the north side of East Virginia Street to a point (D) which is the southwest corner of Tax Parcel 3105 NA; thence
North	to a point (E) which is the northwest corner of Tax Parcel 3105 NA; thence
East	along the northern property line of Tax Parcel 3105 NA to a point (F) which is the northeast corner of Tax Parcel 3105 NA; thence
Northward	along the west side of North Meridian Road to a point (G) which is opposite the northwest corner of Lot 1, Eastview Addition, Section 31 T1N R1E; thence
Eastward	across North Meridian Road to a point (H) which is the northwest corner of Lot 1, Eastview Addition; thence
Northeasterly	along the northern property lines of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Eastview Addition to a point (I) which is the northern-most point of Lot 3; thence
Southeasterly	along the property line between Lots 3 and 4, Eastview Addition, and across Miccosukee Road to a point (J) on the south side of Miccosukee Road opposite the southeast corner of Lot 3, Eastview Addition; thence

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Southwesterly	along the south side of Miccosukee Road to a point (K) which is 151 feet west of the northeast corner of Tax Parcel 901, Section 31 T1N R1E; thence
Eastward	151 feet to a point (L) which is the northeast corner of Tax Parcel 901, Section 31 T1N R1E; thence
Southward	327 feet to a point (M) which is the southeast corner of Tax Parcel 901, Section 31 T1N R1E; thence
Westward	along the southern property line of Tax Parcel 901, Section 31 T1N R1E and across North Meridian Road to a point (N) on the west side of North Meridian Road opposite the southwest corner of Tax Parcel 901, Section 31 T1N R1E; thence
Northward	along the west side of North Meridian Road to a point (0) which is the southeast corner of Tax Parcel 3115 NA; thence
West	to a point (P) which is the southwest corner of Tax Parcel 3115 NA; thence
South	to a point (Q) which is the southeast corner of Tax Parcel 3125 NA; thence
West	along the southern property lines of Tax Parcel 3125 NA and 3130 NA to a point (R) which is the southwest corner of Tax Parcel 3130 NA; thence
Southward	along the east side of North Gadsden Street to a point (S) opposite the southeast corner of Lot 51 NA; thence
Westward	to a point (T) which is the southwest corner of Lot 51 NA; thence
North	along the west property line of Lot 51 NA to a point (U) which is the northwest corner of Lot 51 NA; thence
West	along the southern property lines of Lots 53 NA and 100 NA to a point (V) which is the southwest corner of Lot 100 NA; thence

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North	along the western property lines of Lots 100 NA, 97 NA, 96 NA, 93 NA, and 92 NA to a point (W) which is the northwest corner of Lot 92 NA; thence
East	34 feet to a point (X); thence
North	85 feet to a point (Y); thence
West	34 feet to a point (Z) on the south side of East Carolina Street; thence
North	across East Carolina Street and following the western property lines of Lots 88NA, 85 NA, 84 NA, and 81 NA to the point of beginning.