

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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PROPERTY NAME:	Harris Property	HISTORIC NAME:	<u>Queen House</u>		
STREET ADDRESS:	Hartwell Road ✓	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	M/M George W. Harris	MAILING ADDRESS:	Route 2, Box 244		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	Georgia	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Rental	ACREAGE:	Less than one		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	315-002-010	Z17 E 307930	N3811820		

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**II. DESCRIPTION**

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:**

One and one-half story frame residence built on a central hall plan. One-story porch supported by square wooden columns which rest on brick foundations extends across the entire front facade. The one-story porch on the rear of the structure originally extended across this facade but a portion was enclosed for a bedroom. A shed porch to the rear of this addition once served as a well shelter. The metal roof is hipped and gabled with one gable on the front facade. This gable contains a diamond-shaped window which has been covered with a board on the interior. Windows are one over one and original. The structure has one internal chimney. Mantels have been altered. On the interior walls and ceilings are of plaster and the floors are wood. The house was set on brick piers which have been filled in with additional brick. The house is sited on a small lot and is in fair condition.

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**III. HISTORY**

ORIGINAL OWNER:	R. H. Queen	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	R. H. Queen	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	Less than one
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1908	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	1940 - bath added

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

This structure was built by R. H. Queen as his residence in 1908. Queen was a brick mason, a vocation he shared with several family members including a brother and his three sons. Queen, who had originally lived in North Carolina, moved to Lavonia in the early history of the community. The Queen family built numerous structures within the multiple resource area. They were also involved in construction projects in Atlanta and assisted

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

on the Sears and Roebuck Building. The Queen residence was built on a city-sized lot and remained in the Queen family until the 1930's. At that time the house was purchased by Queen's son, J. R. Queen who sold it to Tom Carson, a postal clerk. The house was purchased by R. L. Myers in 1955 for use as a rental. Today the house is owned by a daughter of Myers who continues to use it as a rental.

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IV. SIGNIFICANCE

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

In terms of architecture and local history, this house is significant as a representative example of Victorian-era house design owned by a local brick mason who built other brick buildings in the multiple resource area. The house is a typical Victorian-era design for Lavonia, featuring a nearly square plan, high hipped roof with multiple gables, a central hall, and front and rear porches. Like many of its kind in Lavonia, it has very little detailing, in this case limited to a single vent window in the front gable. Houses such as this, individually and collectively, give Lavonia its distinctive character and appearance as a turn-of-the-century boom town.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

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