

STATE:
Georgia

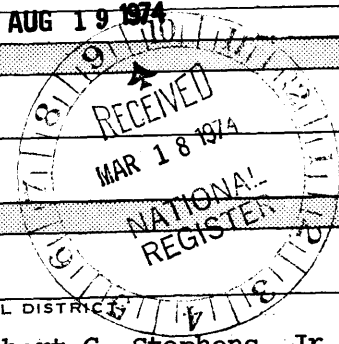
COUNTY:
Clarke

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ENTRY DATE
AUG 19 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
(Old Presbyterian Manse)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Chase, Albon, House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
185 North Hull Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Athens

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
10th - Robert G. Stephens, Jr.

COUNTY: **Clarke** CODE: **059**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Apartments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
W. Harris Simpson

STREET AND NUMBER:
10 Pine Valley Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Athens

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Superior Court, Clarke County Courthouse, Deed Book 117, p.457

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Athens

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey (listed as the Reed House)

DATE OF SURVEY: **1938** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington,

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington,

STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **08**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

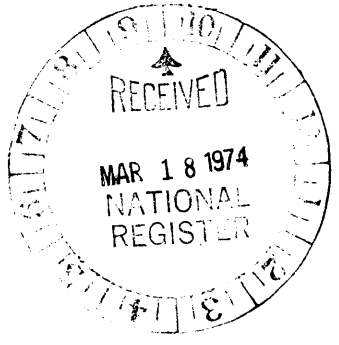
The Albon Chase House, now a 6-unit apartment building, is one of the few extant 19th century residences in the present-day downtown commercial area of Athens.

This Greek Revival structure, built in 1840-41, is a two story brick, scored-stucco building, with a slightly raised central, one-story temple form portico. The plan is that of an almost square, four room central hallway design. A low hipped roof surmounts a simple wooden cornice and there are four stuccoed, interior side chimneys. The lot to the rear completely exposes a full daylight basement on three sides. The exterior has been little changed from its original appearance: asphalt shingles on the roof are invisible from street level, the shutters have been removed (hinges show their former presence) and narrow porches on the back of the house have been enclosed. The square, one-story porch, with its four Doric columns and two pilasters, is crowned by an unusually faithful Doric entablature, complete with triglyphs and metopes. Only on the First Presbyterian Church (1855) is there elsewhere in Athens such fidelity to the classical model. Muntins divide the sidelights and transom lights into an unusual rectangular latticework. The basement windows are almost square, eight over eight, small panes; first floor windows are tall with six over six larger panes; second floor are six over six with small panes as in the basement. Interior woodwork is simple and a Greek Revival motif such as the circle within a square is used at the upper corners of doorways and windows.

Also on the property, to the rear of the house, is what probably once was a summer kitchen or servants quarters. This structure, now adjoined to another building, has also been converted into apartments.

The Albon Chase House is located on the western edges of downtown Athens; the area surrounding the house is wholly commercial, zoned B-3 (business). Adjacent to the south side of the house is a bus station; and the house is only one block from U.S. 78, two blocks from a large motel and within four blocks of five antebellum houses and two old churches.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1840-41

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1840-41, the Albon Chase House is significant not only for its simplicity with classical design, but also as the home of one of 19th century Athens' most prominent citizens.

Albon Chase (1808-67), builder of the house, was born in New Hampshire and came to Athens in the 1830's. He bought and edited an Athens newspaper, renamed the Southern Banner, ancestor of the present Athens Banner-Herald. Reflecting the views of the editor and of Howell Cobb of Athens, leading lawyer and politician, the paper supported the Union Democrat faction led by Andrew Jackson, as opposed to the Southern Rights Democrat faction led by John Calhoun. However, after 1850, Cobb and the paper were secessionist. With Dr. John Linton, Chase established one of the South's early paper mills, the Pioneer Paper Mill on the Middle Oconee River near Athens, for which he was agent or manager. Chase was also general agent and secretary for the Southern Mutual Insurance Company, a leading Athens business.

Albon Chase bought the unimproved lot, site of the Chase House, in July 1840 (Clarke County Deed Book R, p. 63) and sold the property in 1860 (Deed Book W, p. 83). Examination of the tax record for the two decades leads to the conclusion that the house was built in 1840-41. From 1888 to 1906 the house was owned by the (First) Presbyterian Church of Athens, founded 1821, serving as its manse. The present church building, three blocks away of Greek Revival style, is itself one of the outstanding buildings in Athens (built 1855).

The significance of the house's architectural worth is found in its four square simplicity, reminiscent of some Federal buildings, yet soundly within the Greek Revival style with its fine temple form Doric portico and classical cornice and door treatments. Its comfortable, moderate size offers a refreshing contrast to the ostentatious dimensions of most of its surviving contemporaries.

Presently, the house is threatened by the ever present and encroaching commercial area surrounding it. A bus station is on the south side of the house. Yet, if well-maintained and carefully landscaped, the house could become a pivot of a pleasant walk or drive for visitors viewing the several other notable 19th century structures in the immediate four block area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Hull, A.L., Annals of Athens, Georgia, 1801-1901, (Athens, 1906), pp. 110-11.
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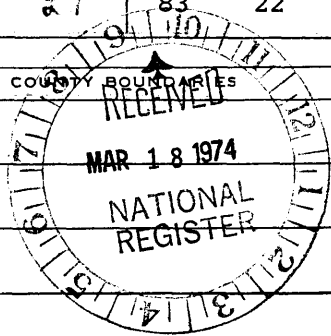
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4

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 AND TITLE: Patricia I. Cooper, Researcher
Elizabeth Macgregor, Architectural Historian, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources DATE: 3/11/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 270 Washington St., S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Jewett
 Title State Hist. Pres. Officer
 Date March 12, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/19/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-12-74