

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Reba Vaughn Residence	HISTORIC NAME:	<u>Fisher House</u>		
STREET ADDRESS:	221 Hartwell Road ✓	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	Mrs. Reba Vaughn	MAILING ADDRESS:	211 Hartwell Road		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	Georgia	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Residence	ACREAGE:	1 acre		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	312-002-16		Z17 E307120 N3811990		

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One-story frame residence built on central hall plan. Gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles with single pediment extending from roof on front facade. This pediment contains small rectangular windows. One-story porch with shed roof supported by square wooden columns extends across the front facade. Multi-paned windows and doors are original. On the interior some ceilings have been sheetrocked with stipled pattern and several walls have been papered. Floors are wooden with pine planking. Mantel in the dining room is original. In the central hall wainscoating and plastered walls are original. A portion of the central hall was removed in the living room to enlarge size of this room. The room on the rear of the structure now used as a den has original tongue and groove paneling on walls and ceilings. House is sited on city lot with landscaped grounds and small utility shed (new) in the rear yard.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	Levi E. Fisher	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	4 acres
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1905	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	After 1927

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built as the private residence for Levi Fisher in 1905. His father, Lumus Fisher, had lived in a structure, now demolished, across from the school property which was also located on Hartwell Road. Fisher worked for C. P. Ray in his general merchantile

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

business and later ginned cotton at the Farmers Oil Mill, now demolished. Fisher raised his family in this structure. At Fisher's death the house was sold to J. H. Mauldin who sold it to Kidd, who resided across the street. It appears that the structure was used as a rental during these two ownerships.

In 1948 Mrs. Reba Vaughn purchased the property which at that time contained four acres. Two acres were sold at the rear of the present tract and one lot was sold to the side. Mrs. Vaughn continues to reside in the structure today.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

In local history, this structure is significant due to its association with L. E. Fisher, a local merchant in the Lavonia community. Fisher worked in a general merchantile operation and later ginned cotton at the Farmers Oil Mill.

Architecturally, this house is significant as a relatively intact example of the modest housing built for members of Lavonia's lower middle class at the turn of the century. In terms of its simple massing and interior arrangement, straightforward use of materials, and modest detailing, it stands as a good example of modest late Victorian housing, and it contrasts effectively with other houses in the area to present the full range of historic housing in Lavonia. In terms of local history, the house was the home of Levi Fisher, who, as a worker in a downtown store and later a local cotton gin, represents Lavonia's lower middle class citizens during the early 20th century.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

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