

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #17

I. IDENTIFICATION

HISTORIC NAME: Kendrick-Matheson House
CURRENT NAME: Feltman Residence
STREET ADDRESS: 212 Athens Street
CITY: Hartwell
PRESENT OWNER: John A. Feltman
MAILING ADDRESS: 212 Athens Street
CITY: Hartwell
STATE: Georgia
ZIP CODE: 30643
CURRENT USE: residence
ACREAGE: approximately one acre
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Hartwell, Georgia
U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E321350 N3802340
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: H-24-3-27

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

This house is a one-story, frame, Craftsman-inspired bungalow. It features a low gable roof dominating the principal facade. A smaller gable over the front porch projects from the main gable. This entrance porch gable is supported on squat square posts which rest on stone plinths. The porch gable contains a diamond-paned attic window flanked by vents. Both gable ends are sheathed in wooden shakes and contain bracketed eaves. The entrance doorway contains transom and sidelights set with diamond-shaped panes. The upper sashes of all windows contain this motif; the lower sashes contain single panes. The house is sheathed in horizontal weatherboard terminated at the upper wall plate by a cornice board with exposed "rafter" ends.

Inside the house, a central hall leads from the entrance foyer to a screened porch which extends the width of the rear facade. Interior features include built-in bookcases and cupboards, glazed French doors, and Craftsman-inspired mantels. Interior surfaces include wood floors and plaster walls and ceilings.

The house is situated on a one acre lot which is landscaped with mature trees and foundation plantings. A barbeque grill and non-historic garage are located to the rear of the house.

The property is in good condition.

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III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Sid Kendrick
 ORIGINAL USE: residence
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Leila Ross Wilburn (design from pattern book)/Temple family (contractors)
 HISTORIC ACREAGE: approximately 1.5 acres
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1912
 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: no major alterations

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

The Kendrick-Metheson House was built in 1912 by the Temple family from designs taken from a pattern book of Atlanta architect Leila Ross Wilburn. The original owner of the property, Sid Kendrick, operated Kendrick and Cobb, a general mercantile store in Hartwell. In the 1920s, the property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Matheson. Mr. Matheson was the Tax Commissioner for Hart County. The original tract of land extended to Smith Street and included approximately 1.5 acres. Matheson sold 0.5 acres from the west side of the parcel. In 1961, Mr. and Mrs. John Feltman purchased the house and the remaining one acre from Matheson's daughter. The Feltmans now reside in the structure.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: B, C
 AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Social History
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

This structure is architecturally significant as an intact example of a Bungalow with Craftsman design features. It is one of the most intact Craftsman-style Bungalows in the multiple resource area. It has characteristic architectural features including low massing under a broad gabled roof, a wide porch, use of natural materials, varied glazing patterns, and arts-and-crafts detailing. The structure also is important for its associations with Leila Ross Wilburn, an architect from Atlanta. Wilburn was the first woman architect in Georgia, and her career is reflected in the many domestic pattern book designs executed throughout Georgia during the early 20th century. The house was built by the Temple family of Hartwell, the most prolific building contractors in the community. Many of the Temple family works are characterized by the Craftsman style.

This structure is significant in local social history for its associations with Sid Kendrick and T. L. Matheson. Kendrick owned a mercantile store in Hartwell. T. L. Matheson served as Tax Commissioner for Hart County. Both careers represent

mainstream middle-class occupations in small Georgia towns like Hartwell.

CONTRIBUTING/NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:

Contributing building(s): 1

Non-contributing structure(s): 1

V. SOURCES

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Hart County, Georgia

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Interviews with Madora Walker, Hartwell; and John Feltman, owner, Hartwell.

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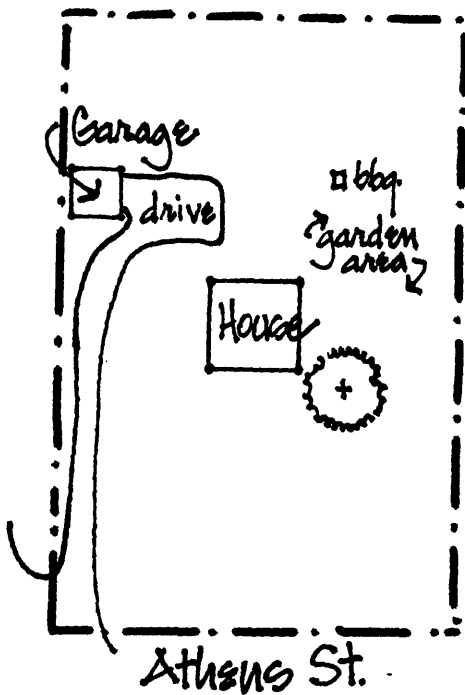
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VI. SITE PLAN/SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN

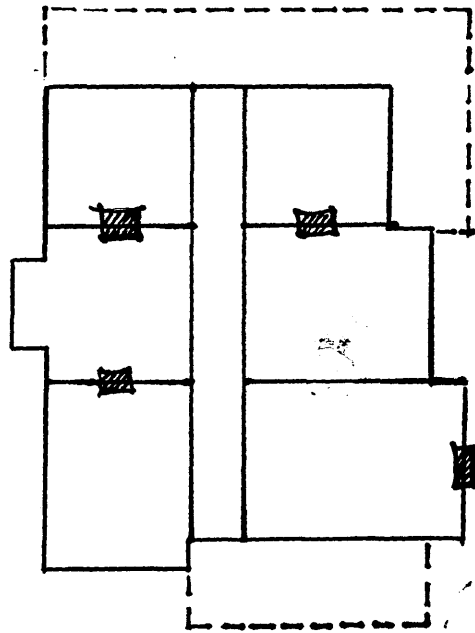
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SITE PLAN

NORTH →

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FLOOR PLAN