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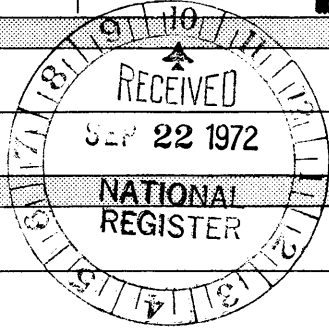
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Spalding	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 20 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Pittman-Rawls Funeral Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bailey-Tebault House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
633 Meriwether Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Griffin

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Spalding	CODE 255
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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"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Funeral Home	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
James W. Rawls

STREET AND NUMBER:
443 Meriwether Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Griffin

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Spalding County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Solomon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Griffin

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1937 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

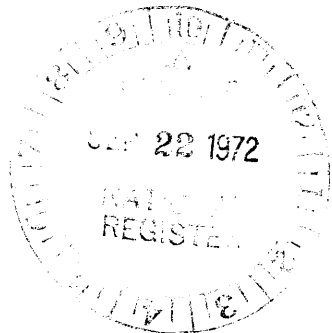
The Bailey-Tebault House is a large, square, two-story hipped roof house with projecting one-story wings. These wings are also covered by hipped roofs, as is the one-story structure connected by an enclosed passageway to the rear of the house. This was the original kitchen. A two-story, four-columned portico with a pediment extends across three bays of the five-bay facade of the main block. Above this portico and around the entire central portion of the house is a strongly projecting cornice and a simple, precisely delineated entablature. Similarly fine detail characterizes the fluted Doric columns of the porches that extend across the three bays of the wings and the entablature motif around these wings. The use of ornamented, panelled pilasters to outline the corners of both central block and wings contributes to the precise geometry of the entire composition.

A balcony on carved wooden brackets separates the entrance doorway from a smaller, but similarly proportioned and detailed opening above. Rectangular fan and side lights of these openings are enclosed in panelled pilasters. Clearly defined cornice and entablature units cap this feature as well as the six-over-six light windows of the first story. Moldings of similar projection frame all of the other windows. In addition a band of egg-and-dart motif is carried across the top of these windows.

Interior detailing is equally refined. A curving stairway, unusual for the late date of the house, is elaborated by scroll brackets along the stair ends. In a variation from the usual four-room central hall plan, a smaller curving stairway is located in back of and in part to one side of the main stairway. The curve of the stairways is echoed by a curved wall between the upstairs hall and the northwest bedroom. Original generously proportioned and strongly projecting plaster moldings make the transition from ceiling to wall in the hall. The original parlor mantel, now gone, was a plain entablature on smooth pilaster units. Existing mantels in the wings are low, dark Victorian units with gently curving shelves.

Although the interior has been altered to provide a funeral chapel by the removal of a partition on the western side of the main block, most of the interior detailing and plan remains intact. In addition, original outbuildings, slave quarters and carriage barn, remain behind the house.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

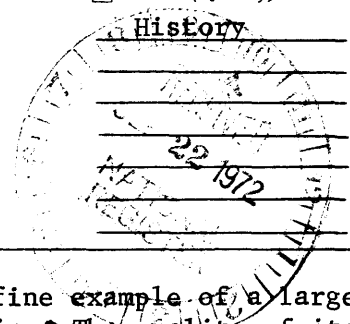
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c1859-1862**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bailey-Tebault House is an exceptionally fine example of a large Greek Revival home in the piedmont region of Georgia. The quality of its detailing and the proportions of its composition, as well as its commanding location, contribute to its distinction. The house was built between 1859 and 1862 by the forerunner of an important Griffin family, David Jackson Bailey. A lawyer, Bailey served many years first as a representative and then senator from Butts County, then as a representative from Spalding County. One of his sons, David J. Bailey, Jr., also served in the legislature and was a mayor of Griffin. Another son, Seaton Grantland, who at his maternal grandfather's request, dropped the Bailey from his name at age 21 years, was the founder in 1883 of Griffin's first textile mill, Griffin Manufacturing Company.

The house was begun in 1859, but not completed until 1862. Part of the delay, it is reported, was caused by the confiscation of the mill work enroute from Philadelphia during the Union blockade. David Jackson Bailey in April, 1859, purchased from C. C. Collier fourteen acres of land located outside the then developed area of Griffin north of the old plank road to Flat Shoals. Bailey chose as his building site the high point of land that even today when the house is situated on reduced acreage and surrounded by smaller homes and apartments, gives the structure an impressive position. Bailey's wife, Susan Grantland, who was originally from Milledgeville, lived in the house until her death in 1898. The Baileys had eleven children, six of whom lived to adulthood. One of these, Sallie Bailey Tebault, who had married in 1866 and moved to New Orleans, inherited the homeplace. At her death her son Grantland Lee Tebault came into possession of the house, leaving it at his death in 1937 to his wife. Her niece, Virginia Francis of Roanoke, Virginia, next inherited the property and ownership remained with her until 1971 when it was sold to James W. Rawls, the present owner. Rawls became associated with the structure in 1941 when he moved in and began rehabilitating it. Between the death of Susan Grantland Bailey in 1898 and 1941, the house was at intervals rented and left unoccupied. Sometime in the early 1940's, it became the Frank S. Pittman funeral home.

The present condition of the building in view of the long period of neglect, is remarkable. The exterior remains essentially as it was originally built. Inside minor structural changes have been made in order to adapt the space to the needs of a funeral home. Frederick D. Nichols has suggested that this beautifully proportioned house was possibly inspired by a frontispiece called "Design of a Country Villa," by Minard LaFever. The fine detailing of the curved stairway inside, as well as the exterior ornamentation, suggest the hand of a competent designer. Once again one

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Melton, Quimby Jr., History of Griffin, 1840-1900 (Griffin, 1959).
 Nichols, Frederick D., The Early Architecture of Georgia (Chapel Hill, 1957).
 Deed Books, Spalding County.
 Biographical Files, Dept. of Archives and History, State of Georgia.
 Typescript based on interview with Mrs. H. W. Barnes, granddaughter of the original builder, by J. H. Cheatham, 1972.
 Personal Inspection and Report, Helen Powell and Jem Roberts, Emory University.
 Personal Inspection, May, 1972, Elizabeth A. Lyon.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

NO 017M
CX

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4½ acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Consultant to Griffin Historical & Preservation Society

ORGANIZATION: **Emory University, Institute of Liberal Arts** DATE: **June 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1380 South Oxford Rd., N.E.

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 G. Jewett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date September 15, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/20/73

ATTEST:

W. S. Mumby
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.14.73

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8. Significance

is confronted by work of excellent quality for which no documents identifying the builder or designer have been found. The result of their work, however, continues to provide an impressive and rich heritage in a town which was founded late in the ante-bellum era as a railroad center.

