HISTORIC RESOURCES OF LAVONIA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, GEORGIA GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: **PROPERTY NAME:** Westmoreland Residence Stevenson House and Brickyard STREET ADDRESS: Hartwell Road, CITY: Lavonia MAILING ADDRESS: Hartwell Road PRESENT OWNER: Roy Westmoreland CITY: STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: Lavonia 30553 CURRENT USE: ACREAGE: Residence Less than one Lavonia, Ga.-S.C. U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE: U. T. M. REFERENCE: V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 313-003-002 Z17 E306830 N3812070

II. DESCRIPTION

III. HISTORY

I.

IDENTIFICATION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One and one-half story brick residence built on a central hall plan. Gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles with gables projecting in each direction. Decorative attic window in front gable and large swing door located in rear gable. One-story porch with original metal roof wraps around two sides of the structure. Porch floor of concrete has drainage tile visible through the brick foundation. Porch posts have been replaced with wrought iron posts. Small shed porch which covers the original well is located on the rear facade. It appears that a portion of this porch has been enclosed. Brick pattern on exterior is six rows stretchers to one row headers, which is same pattern used on the nearby Cheek House (No. 17). Windows and doors have segmental arches and windows are two over two. The structure has two internal chimneys. House is in good condition.

House is sited on an approximate one acre city lot with four outbuildings in the rear yard. These include a frame garage, a frame outbuilding, and two brick outbuildings. A row of large oak trees have been planted in a symmetrical arrangement to the side and rear of the property.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Will Edgar Stevenson	ORIGINAL USE: Residence, brickyard
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Will Edgar Stevenson	HISTORIC ACREAGE: Unknown
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Late 1890's	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built by Will Stevenson in the late 1890's. Stevenson was a local builder known for his skill in brick construction. He was also a brick maker, manufacturing bricks in an area to the rear of this structure. Stevenson lived in this structure most of his life. The house was later acquired to Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland who later gave it to her son, Roy, who continues to live there today.

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IV. SIGNIFICANCE

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, the Stevenson House and Brickyard is significant in three ways: as the first brick residence built within the multiple resource area; as the home of W. E. Stevenson, a local brick maker and builder who was responsible for several brick buildings in the multiple resource area; and as an example of a small-scale brickyard, with clay pits and outbuildings used for the manufacture of bricks still extant. In terms of <u>industry</u>, the property is significant as an extant historic brickyard, an important local industry, and the only example of such a brickyard to survive in Lavonia. Such brickyards, once common, are very rare today.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

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