

**MARSHALLVILLE AND MACON COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM**

No. 6

P.L.# 60004450

IDENTIFICATION

Property Name Massee Plantation Historic Name Massee Lane
 Street Address Route 1 City Marshallville Macon County Macon
 Present Owner John and Felton Walker Street Address _____
 City Marshallville State Georgia ZIP Code 31057
 Original Owner Needham Massee Acreage 455
 U.S.G.S. Quadrant 1:24000 Marshallville, Ga. U.T.M. Reference A) Z.17 E.223585 N.3599210
B) Z.17 E.224780 N.3599160
C) Z.17 E.224640 N.3597360
 Tax Map Reference 8th District; Map 87, Parcel 2 D) Z.17 E.223490 N.3597400

Architectural Description and Present Condition: One story frame vernacular style building. Originally five rooms with central hall. Ceilings are 11'3". Sills and joists are pegged. Front porch altered during Victorian era and now screened in. Other alterations include: 1 additional room in 1910; back porch remodelled in 1910; the kitchen remodelled in 1964. Brick chimneys. House in excellent condition. Frame and brick outbuildings are to the north of the house, several dating back to the mid-nineteenth century. Massee Lane remains as a

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HISTORY

Current Use Residence and Farm Historic Use Residence and Farm
 Construction Date 1827 Architect/Builder Needham Massee Date of Alterations 1910; 1964

Historical Narrative: Needham Massee moved to the Marshallville area in 1827, building Massee plantation at that time. Originally his land, which was planted with cotton, extended from Marshallville to Fort Valley. In 1851, Massee donated part of his land as right-of-way for the railroad, with the condition that Massee Lane be a stop. Six generations of the Massee family have lived at the plantation.

SIGNIFICANCE

Settlement; Transportation

Areas of Significance Agriculture; Architecture **Statement of Significance:** Like the Billy Place and Thronateeska, Massee Plantation is important in the early settlement of Macon County and as a very early example of vernacular architecture. Massee's success with cotton encouraged other settlers and planters to move into the area. Because of the large number of remaining outbuildings connected with the farm, Massee Plantation exists as the best intact example of an operating farm in Marshallville. Finally, the location of the railroad also brought settlers into the region and insured the community's prominence in the area.

SOURCES

Prepared by Gladys A. Walker Street Address P.O. Box 99
 City Marshallville State Georgia Date 9/25/79
 Representation in Other Surveys None

Sources of Information:

Walker, John and Felton Walker. Marshallville, Georgia. Interview. 19 September 1979.
 Hays, Louise Frederick. History of Macon County, Georgia. Originally published 1933.
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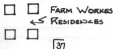
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SITE PLAN--INCLUDE NORTH ARROW



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FRAME SHEDS



ADDITION



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FRONT PORCH

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CONTINUATION

DESCRIPTION

working farm.

SOURCES

Massee, Mary. Massee Family History. 1972. Marshallville, Georgia. Published privately.