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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joseph Henry Lumpkin House

AND/OR COMMON

Athens Womans Club House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

248 Prince Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Athens

STATE

Georgia

VICINITY OF  
CODE

13

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th- Robert G. Stephens, Jr.

COUNTY

Clarke

CODE

059

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Private

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Organization

NAME

Athen's Womans Club

STREET & NUMBER

248 Prince Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Athens

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clarke County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Athens

STATE

Georgia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HABS

DATE

1936-7

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE c. 1906
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		(J. H. Lumpkin House)

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Henry Lumpkin House is a 19th century remnant in an increasingly commercial area of Athens.

The Joseph Henry Lumpkin Home is a white frame house with two over two room, central hall floor plan. This original structure has been entirely rearranged with the addition of another two over two room, central hall section which is styled in a Greek Revival fashion. This expansion seems to have replaced one of the original symmetrical sides and in the process changed the house from a Western direction to a Southern one. This Greek Revival section includes a two story portico with ten large Greek Doric columns on three sides of the porch, a small balcony over the entrance, two office-like extensions of the house where the porch concludes, and heavy crowning entablatures over the windows and doors, and louvered blinds.

The entire Greek front is topped with a large entablature which rounds only three of four sides, leaving the rear open. The window treatment is much more elaborate in the frontal area than in the original, rear portion.

On the interior, the door and window frames and the mantels vary but are not extremely stylized. The stairs are in the rear cross hall (the original center hall). With the additions, the floor plan is rather complex. In general, the house is well maintained and in very good condition.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prince Avenue during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was the residential address for many elite Athenians. Constant and rapid commercialism has destroyed or dis-injured many examples and only a few areas of original structures remain. One of these is the Joseph Henry Lumpkin home, whose owners and architecture is significant in local and state history.

The Joseph Henry Lumpkin House is thought to have been built by Charles H. McKinley; but the earliest transaction uncovered is one in which McKinley sells the property to Jesse Robinson in 1837. (One major source in researching Athens history is Hull's Annals. In this reference, Hull uses the "Jesse Robinson place" as the previous name for T.R.R. Cobb House. Through personal inspection of the deeds, the "Jesse Robinson place" could refer only to the Lumpkin home which is situated west of the Cobb House.) Robinson sells it in 1842 to John B. Lamar of Bibb County and in 1843 Andrew J. Lamar sells the property to Joseph Lumpkin.

It was Lumpkin who apparently made the major addition to the house; however, the date is in question. This remodeling was a novel approach in changing the floor plan, frontage, and appearance. Through this change the size of the house was nearly doubled and the front of the house then facing west was made to face south onto Prince Avenue. The new Greek front changes the house into an elaborate and massive structure.

After the turn of the century it was moved to its present location much closer to Prince Avenue. It stood originally four hundred feet from the street on a knoll level with the Cobb House. There were landscaped terraces in the original front yard, of which some remnants remain in the present rear of the house. Although the exact date of this move is unknown, a photograph dated 1900 shows the house still in the original position and traditionally 1906 is given as the year.

The J. H. Lumpkin House owner, Joseph Lumpkin, was another important personage in Georgia history. He served legislature in 1824 and 1825 and was one of the commissioners to frame the state penal code in 1833. Lumpkin also founded a law school with William Hull and Thomas Cobb. He was chosen as one of the three judges of the Supreme Court when it was established in 1845 and was elected as the first Chief Justice. He held this latter position until his death in 1867.

After Lumpkin's death his house is said to have been rented by the Sosnowski sisters who ran the "Home School" for girls until A. K. Childs bought it in 1876. The Child's descendants remained there until after the turn of the century when in 1919 the Woman's Club bought the home. They have since leased it out as a furniture store, a fraternity,

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

*ok/HM*

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen A. Day, Intern (Elizabeth Macgregor, consulting Architectural Historian)  
 ORGANIZATION DATE

Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources June 6, 1975  
 STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

270 Washington Street, S.W., Room 703-C 404-656-2840  
 CITY OR TOWN STATE

Atlanta Georgia 30334

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE JACKSON O'NEAL LAMB  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE 6-16-75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 6/27/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6-26-75

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offices, and apartments. It is presently used as an apartment, an office, and as the meeting place for the Woman's Club.

Architecturally, the Joseph Henry Lumpkin House is a good example of the monumental classical style common to Athens residential neighborhoods. This structure represents one of only a few such buildings along the once elite residential Prince Avenue.

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