

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Adams Residence	HISTORIC NAME:	Adams House		
STREET ADDRESS:	Hartwell Road	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	Mrs. Mildred A. Myers	MAILING ADDRESS:	Hartwell Road		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	Georgia	ZIP CODE:	39553
CURRENT USE:	Residence	ACREAGE:	5 acres		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	316-003-015		Z17 E307630 N3811760		

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

Victorian-inspired frame one-story residence built on a central hall plan. One-story porch supported by slender chamfered posts wraps around three sides of the structure. The house has multiple roofs with a high pitched hipped roof on center and six projecting gables. House includes a large entrance foyer which functions as a room and central hall. An arched opening of wood supported by square, fluted columns separates this foyer room from the remainder of the hallway. Alterations to the structure include the addition of a door in the hallway to conserve heat, the addition of a bath at the rear of the central hall, the removal of the porch bannister, and the filling in of the foundation. The ornate entrance door is original, with a storm door added on the exterior. Windows throughout are four over four.

Interior details include tongue and groove paneled ceilings, plastered walls, wooden floors, and four fireplaces with carpenter mantels. The house is in good condition.

The house is sited on the original five acre tract which is now wooded mostly in pines. A barn to the rear of the property has materials from the original barn, once located in the center of the property.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	William A. Adams	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	W. A. Adams/Jack Grubbs	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	5 acres
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1908	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	Underpinned - 1953

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

William A. Adams was a farmer who lived near Carnesville, Georgia. After contracting typhoid fever he gave up the large farming operation and moved to Lavonia. In 1908 with the help of Jack Grubbs, a local builder, he had this structure built as his residence on a five acre tract near the outskirts of the city. He became the Superintendent at the Southern Cotton Oil Seed Company, serving under James H. Burton, the manager. Adams remained in this position until sometime in the mid 1940's. Adams, who had a family of 11 kids, also carried out a small farming operation on his five acre tract. According to descendents he raised cotton, corn, a family garden, cows, chickens, and hogs. Three of his daughters continue to reside in the home today.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, this structure is a good example of vernacular late Victorian architecture from the early 1900's. The structure was built by a local craftsman, Jack Grubbs, who was responsible for the construction of a number of structures within the resource area. The most distinguishing feature of the Adams House is the arched opening which separates the entrance foyer from the remainder of the central hall.

In agriculture, this property is important as representative of the small family farm found in the outlying areas of the resource area.

In local history, the house is significant as the home of W. A. Adams who, like many people in Lavonia, combined an outside job (in this case, superintendent of a local mill) with a small family farm.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

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