

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #20

I. IDENTIFICATION

HISTORIC NAME: McMullan-Vickery Farm
CURRENT NAME: Vickery property
STREET ADDRESS: 602 Forest Avenue
CITY: Hartwell
PRESENT OWNER: Terry Vickery
MAILING ADDRESS: 602 North Forest Avenue
CITY: Hartwell
STATE: Georgia
ZIP CODE: 30643
CURRENT USE: residence
ACREAGE: 3.98 acres
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Hartwell, Georgia
U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E322590 N3803650
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: H-5-1-15A

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

The McMullan-Vickery Farm consists of a farmhouse and several outbuildings on approximately four acres of land at the north outskirts of Hartwell.

The one-story, frame house is essentially a Victorian-eclectic structure with Craftsman-inspired detailing on the interior and a Craftsman-style porch. The high hipped roof contains multiple projecting gables which cover first story bays. The roof retains original metal shingles. The principal or entrance facade is dominated by a projecting gabled bay and a slightly smaller gabled dormer. Each gable end contains a small glazed attic light. Truncated bungalow pilasters on brick piers support the projecting shed-roofed porch. The porch ballustrade is brick. Windows on the principal facade are 6/6 each flanked by a 4/4 openings. Entrance to the asymmetrically arranged rooms is gained from the porch through a fully glazed, Craftsman-inspired doorway capped with a transom. Interior features include wood floors, plaster walls, and a Craftsman-inspired mantel, and double doors leading into a hall core. Some Victorian-era elements including tongue-and-groove ceilings and wainscoting remain.

The house is situated in a grove of mature pecan trees near the front of a 3.98 acre tract. Outbuildings to the rear of the house include two frame barns, one with a gambrel-roof, a well house, and a garage. The rear of the property is open farmland. The front drive is bordered by cedar trees.

The property is in good condition.

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III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: McMullan family (19th century); Vickery family (20th century)

ORIGINAL USE: residence and farm

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

HISTORIC ACREAGE: approximately 40 acres

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1892

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1920s, 1931

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This property originally included 40 acres used for farming by the McMullan family in the late 19th century. The existing dwelling and well house were constructed circa 1892. Additional farm outbuildings are thought to have been on the site. In 1926 the property was acquired by Isham P. Vickery, a local merchant who owned and operated two businesses in the central business district of Hartwell. These included the Vickery Hardware Store, still in operation by Vickery's son, and the Vickery Farm Implement Company, which closed in 1952. In addition to his businesses, Vickery managed a small farm on this tract. According to his grandson, Terry Vickery, he raised cotton and wheat and pastured cows and sheep. Following Vickery's death in 1973, Terry Vickery moved into the residence. In 1982, he purchased the house and outbuildings and 3.98 acres of the original tract from the I. P. Vickery estate. The estate owns an adjacent parcel containing 20 acres of the original property.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A, B, C

AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Agriculture, Social/Commercial History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, this house is significant for its evolved character exhibiting two distinct styles and periods of construction, both of which are important to Hartwell's architectural history. The farmhouse was built originally in the traditional local Victorian-eclectic style and then altered in the late 1920s with the addition of a Bungalow style front porch and Craftsman features in the interior. This pattern of architectural evolution is characteristic of Hartwell where much local building took place in the boom period of the late 19th century and was followed by additions and alterations in the early 20th century, many of the latter made or inspired by the

Temple family. The outbuildings on the property are important as the most intact grouping of historic agricultural auxiliary buildings in the multiple resource area. The well house and small barn date from the early development of the property and the large barn and frame garage are additions made by Vickery in 1931. Taken together, they illustrate small-scale domestic agricultural building types found in small Georgia towns.

Agriculturally, the property is an example of a city farmstead, the only such example in Hartwell complete with its agricultural outbuildings. The property under Vickery's ownership produced corn and wheat and pastured cows and sheep, all typical agricultural activities for an early 20th-century small-scale farming operation. The approximate four acres associated with the structures today remain open and continue to convey the agricultural heritage of the property.

The property's social and commercial significance is derived from its associations with I. P. Vickery, a local merchant who owned and operated a hardware and farm implements business in downtown Hartwell and who also operated a small-scale farm on the outskirts of town. Vickery is important for representing the joint vocations of individuals during the period when farmers and merchants were often one in the same.

CONTRIBUTING/NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:

Contributing building(s): 1
Contributing structure(s): 4

V. SOURCES

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Hart County, Georgia

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Baker, John William, The History of Hart County; The Hartwell Sun; Interview: Terry Vickery (grandson of I. P. Vickery), Hartwell.

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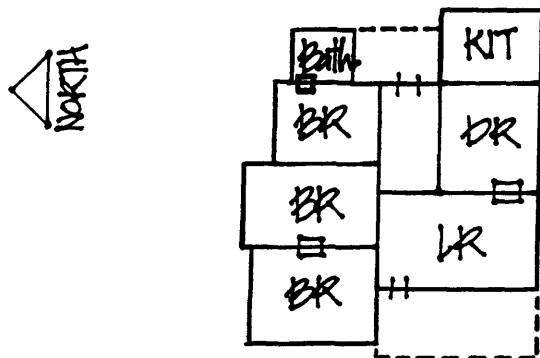
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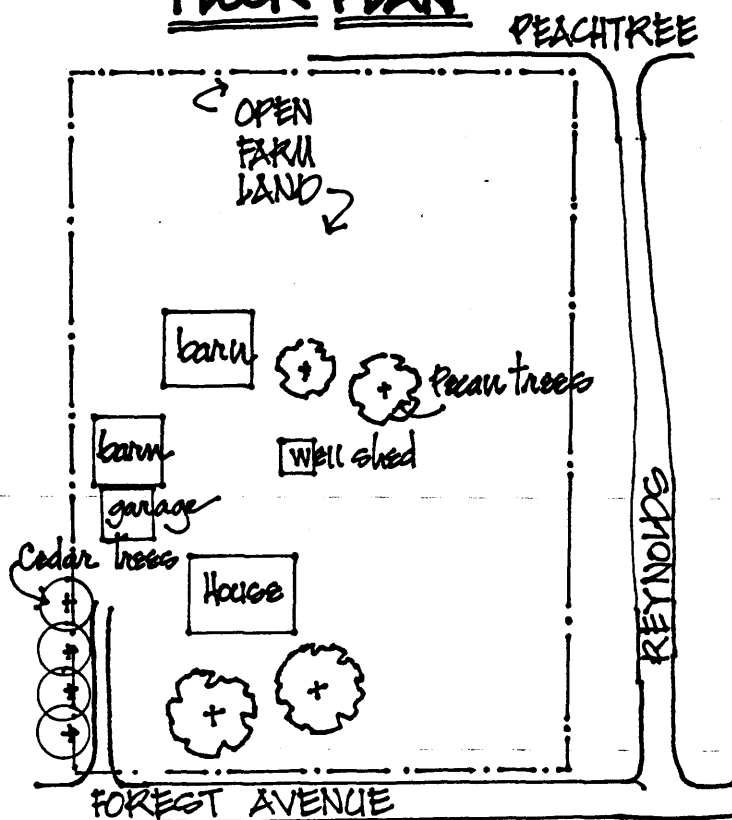
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VI. SITE PLAN/SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN

Attached sketches are intended only to help illustrate the nominated property. No scale is provided or implied, unless otherwise noted. Boundary markings are simply general indications of the extent of the nominated property; the actual boundary description, unless otherwise noted, is the current legal description of the property which coincides with the current tax map number cited in Section I of this form. Also, note that the orientation of the various sketches differs from sketch to sketch; each is provided with a north arrow for clarity.



FLOOR PLAN



SITE PLAN