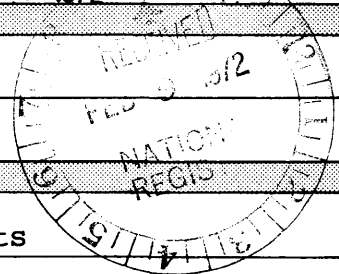


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1. NAME

COMMON:  
Wirick-Simmons House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Wirick-Simmons House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
S. E. corner of Jefferson and Pearl Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Monticello

STATE Florida	CODE 12	COUNTY: Jefferson	CODE 065
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Headquarters County Historical Assoc.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Jefferson County Historical Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 496

CITY OR TOWN:  
Monticello

STATE: Florida	CODE 12
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Monticello

STATE: Florida	CODE 12
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
HABS - Fla. 156

DATE OF SURVEY: 1962  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wirick-Simmons House with adjoining gardens is situated on the northwest corner of Lots 71 and 72 of the original plan of Monticello. The property, which measures approximately 90 x 200 feet is enclosed by a wooden picket fence.

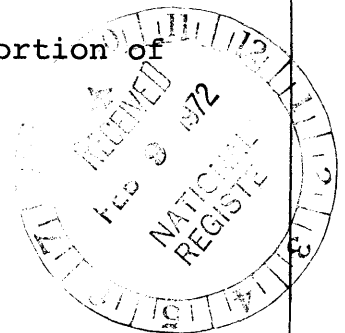
The house was built shortly after 1831 by Adam Wirick, a Methodist Circuit Rider. Records on file in the courthouse indicate that the land for the house was purchased by Reverend Wirick in 1831; however, the exact date of construction of the house has not been determined. Records do confirm, however, that by 1838 a house had been erected on the property.

The house passed through the ownership of three families before the Thomas Simmons family purchased it in 1871. From this date on it was occupied continuously by descendants of the Simmons family until 1964 when the house was purchased by the Jefferson County Historical Association.

Built in the Greek Revival style, the house is a two-story and attic frame structure. Two four-columned porticos with pediments, balconies, and elaborate wood cornices are notable architectural features of this house. Beams are hand hewn, with wide pine floor boards and heart pine being used throughout the entire house. Lapped siding was used on the exterior except under the west and south porches where it was flush. An 1885 lithograph shows a small north portico, evidence of which was found during restoration when the flooring was removed and two small supporting piers were discovered under the larger porch which was added sometime after 1885. The north portico is supported by four independent wooden columns of square construction, with separate columns of similar construction supporting the balcony. The west portico is also supported by four square wooden columns, and the balcony supported by decorative spiral iron brackets. Lattice work is a feature of the balcony railings, which are designed in a diamond pattern and independent of the columns.

There are two brick chimneys in the main portion of the house, with one in the wing.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1831**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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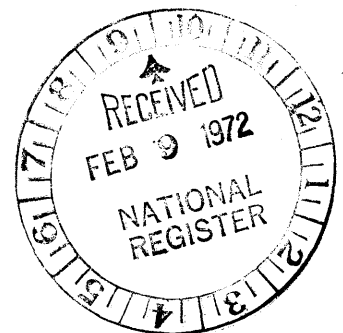
The Wirick-Simmons House is believed to be the oldest structure in Monticello, having been built sometime in the early 1830's. Legal records show that the lots upon which this house stands were purchased in 1831 by Adam Wirick, a Methodist Circuit Rider. Records also show that by 1838 the house had been built, although the precise date has not been established. The house was built by local labor, perhaps the owners' slaves.

Historically, the structure is of minimal significance; however, because of its architectural qualities which exemplify styles of the period, its expert workmanship, and its condition, the house is significantly exemplary of early Greek-Revival architecture.

The house reflects the work of superior craftsmen and the use of high-quality building materials.

The restoration work on the house resulted in very few structural changes on the exterior. Where replacement was required, material of similar quality and appearance to that of the original was utilized.

Purchased by the Jefferson County Historical Association in 1965, the house will serve as their headquarters, as a museum, and as a center for various community events. The house is included in the annual "Tour of Homes" conducted by the Historical Association.



9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See attached sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Less than one acre

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mary K. Evans, Historic Sites Specialist**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Archives, History & Records Mgt.** DATE: **8-18-71**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Department of State - The Capitol**

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **12**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *Robert William*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert M. Utley*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *6/30/72*

ATTEST:

*William H. Murray*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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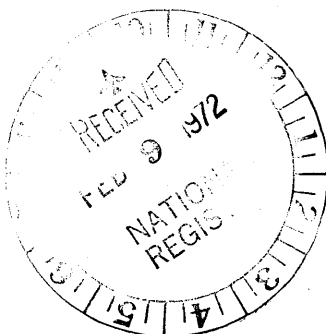
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CITY OR TOWN:  
Monticello

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3. MAP REFERENCE

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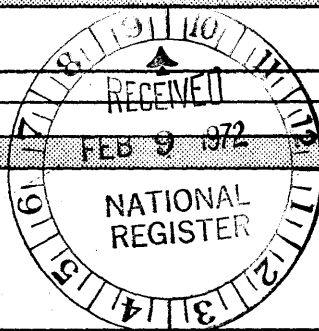
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