

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #5

I. IDENTIFICATION

HISTORIC NAME: Candler-Linder House
CURRENT NAME: Linder Property
STREET ADDRESS: Johnson Street
CITY: Hartwell
PRESENT OWNER: F. P. Linder Estate, c/o Frank Linder
MAILING ADDRESS: 105 Alford Road
CITY: Hartwell
STATE: Georgia
ZIP CODE: 30643
CURRENT USE: vacant
ACREAGE: 3.5 acres
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Hartwell, Georgia
U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E322000 N3803060
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: H-10-1-7

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

The Candler-Linder House is a two-story, wood-framed, Victorian Eclectic-style residence with Eastlake porch detailing. Its wood frame is sheathed with weatherboards; the roof is gabled. An unusual one-story angular porch extends across the three-bay front facade; a second-floor porch is centered on the middle bay, under a cross gable. The front porch features a variety of Eastlake-style cut woodwork. The ends of the house are highlighted with two-story projecting bays with paired 6/6 windows. Toward one back corner of the house is a one-story extension which mimics the design of the main body of the house.

On the interior, the house is arranged around a central stair hall. Interior materials and finishes include tongue-and-groove wainscoting, wood floors, plaster walls, period mantels, and original wood doors. Major alterations are limited to infill of the foundation piers and addition of bathrooms.

The house is situated on the highest point of ground in its 3.5-acre tract. The yard recently has been cleared; it is bordered by trees. To the rear, property is used for storing telephone company equipment.

The property is in good condition.

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III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Thomas B. Brown/Asa Candler, Sr.
ORIGINAL USE: residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown
HISTORIC ACREAGE: approximately 7 acres
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1900
DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: not known

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

According to deed records, this land was conveyed from T. B. Brown to Asa Candler, Sr., Atlanta Coca-Cola magnate, on August 21, 1902. It is not clear whether a house, or the current house, existed at that time. Asa Candler, Sr., had business interests in the Hartwell Mills at that time. In 1905 he transferred ownership of the property and this house to his son, Asa Candler, Jr. Asa Candler, Jr., had been sent to Hartwell to manage the mill on his father's behalf. He was not successful, and in 1908 the property was sold to Fred P. Linder.

Linder was the owner of the local telephone company at the time he bought and lived in this house. The telephone company operated out of a downtown building. He also ran a general merchandise store and a dray business, and he served as bookkeeper at the Hartwell Mill (possible where he met Asa Candler, Jr.) and agent of the Hartwell Railroad. Linder gradually disposed of his other business interests to concentrate on running the local telephone company, which provided service to residents of Hartwell and Hart County.

The house is currently vacant; the rear yard of the property is used for storing telephone equipment.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: B, C
AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Industry, Communications
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, this house is significant as an unusual late Victorian structure in the multiple resource area. Built about 1900, it features traditional Plantation Plain-style massing and arrangement. This traditional form is broken by prominent two-story bays on either end of the house, however, and these bays are typical if somewhat unusual Victorian features. The front porch, with its elaborate Eastlake-style woodwork and unusual angled corners, is among the finest front porches in the community.

In terms of industry, the house is significant for its associations with the Candler family of Atlanta. Asa Candler, Sr., the Coca-Cola magnate, became involved with the local Hartwell Mills shortly after it failed at the turn of the century. He assigned his son, Asa Candler, Jr., to operate the mill on his behalf. Although the operation was not successful, it demonstrates interesting patterns in capital investment and corporate leadership in small-town industry.

In terms of communications, the house is significant for its associations with Fred P. Linder. While he lived in this house, Linder purchased, managed, and operated the local telephone company. This company, with its offices in a downtown building, provided telephone services to residents of Hartwell and part of Hart County during the early 20th century.

CONTRIBUTING/NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:

Contributing building(s): 1

V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Interviews with Frank Linder, Hartwell, Georgia, and Harold Thornton, Hartwell, Georgia; the Hartwell Sun, 1897 issues and 1902 "Trade and Illustrated Edition;" Hart County Courthouse, records.

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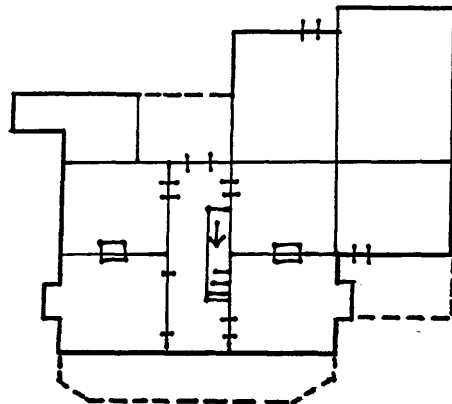
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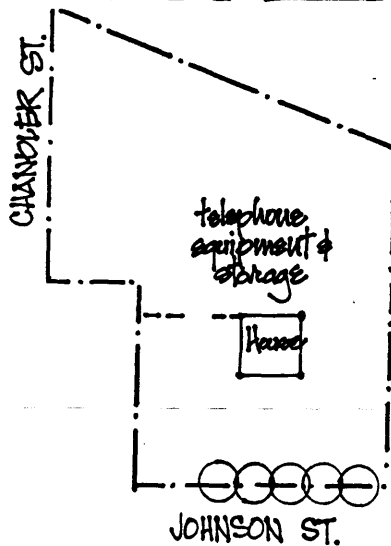
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VI. SITE PLAN/SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN

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