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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 The Ware-Lyndon House

AND/OR COMMON

The Lyndon House

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

293 Hoyt Street

\_\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Athens

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

10th - Robert G. Stephens, Jr.

STATE

Georgia

CODE

13

COUNTY

Clarke

CODE

059

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

### OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

\_\_\_PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

### STATUS

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

PARK

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Athens (Parks and Recreation)

STREET & NUMBER

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

None

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Ware-Lyndon House, a 2 story late Greek Revival style building is located at the north end of Jackson Street on a knoll overlooking the city. Constructed in brick in an American bond pattern, the delicate brackets under the eave suggest an Italianate influence. The three bay front facade has a simple one story porch which runs the width of the house, first story, floor length windows with heavy entablatures and framing pilasters, a similarly framed trabeated doorway with sidelights and a wide seven light transom. The three bay west facade has a small porch and another trabeated entrance to the house which leads into the rear cross hall that connects a one story rear section, that appears to be original to the house.

On the interior, the first floor main hall has two masonry, load-bearing walls that run the height and depth of the entire structure. The hall, which is lined with chair railings, houses the main stairway and gives access to other rooms through five doorways. Parlors on the east side have two large sliding doors connecting them and have the only ornate cornice work in the house. The southwestern room, which is extremely simple, only opens into the hall while the room behind it has a modern bathroom and a large storage area off from it. Through the doorway at the end of the hall is a small cross hall with a second stairway leading to the floor above, an outside doorway, and the kitchen and/or keepingroom. The second floor hall gives access to three rooms and both stairways. The second floor room on the east side, the largest room in the home, is the entire depth of the house; whereas, the opposing rooms correspond to the first floor rooms, which includes a modern bathroom and storage area. Overall, the walls throughout the house are plaster and all of the mantels are marble.

Since the removal of the front grill work, which took place when the existing porch and <sup>etc</sup>woodwork was added, the home has been extremely altered to keep it frugally maintained while at the same time keeping it open for the public use.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c.1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ware-Lyndon house, built c. 1850, is the only remaining home in its original location in what was once a fashionable residential area of Athens. The home is a well known building to generations of Athenians and has had several uses since it was constructed.

Edward R. Ware, the first owner, was a prominent physician in Athens and was held in high esteem in the community throughout his lifetime. His plantation extended to the Oconee River and also contained a large wooded tract on the west. After the death of Dr. Ware, his children sold the property to Edward S. Lyndon in 1880. Dr. Lyndon was a successful druggist as well as an owner of a millwork company which was the forerunner of today's prospering Athens Lumber Company.

In 1939, a motion to purchase the "Lyndon property", came before the city; it was unanimously passed with the Playground Bond Money funding the purchase. Since the initial plan, in which the property was to be used for recreational purposes, much expansion has taken place. Recently, a new building has been erected to the east of the Ware-Lyndon House; it is to be used for drama, dance, music, exercise, and recreational purposes. The grounds are being changed in order to house tennis courts, a swimming pool, basketball courts, and a baseball field. The Ware-Lyndon House, continuing to be incorporated into the plan, serves as a good example of utilization of already existing structures at the same time preserving a part of local history and architecture.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 9

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 7	2 8 0 4 2 0	3 7 6 0 5 0 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at the corner of State Street and Hoyt Street, go north following the street and property lines 610 feet; go west 233 feet to the alley then continue south 634 feet to Hoyt Street, then east 200 feet to the beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen A. Day, Intern (Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian, Consultant)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources

June 18, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

270 Washington Street, S. W., Room 703-C

656-2840

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Atlanta

Georgia

# 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*[Handwritten Signature]* 10-28-75

TITLE

DAVID M. SHERMAN

DATE

State Historic Preservation Officer

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Acting

DATE

3/8/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE

3-14-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

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WARE LYNDON HOUSE

Athens, Clarke County

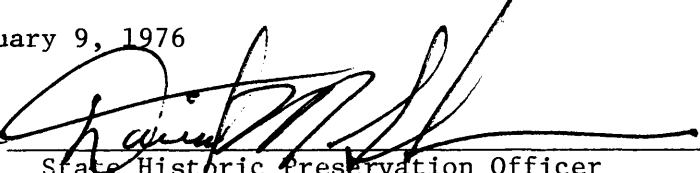
According to the 1858-9 Clarke County tax records, the property values of land owned by Edward R. Ware increased from \$3,000 to \$8,000 during this year. Oral tradition states that the kitchen and slave quarters had been built first, in order to provide a place for them to live while working on the main house.

The relatively unusual incidence of double windows is also found in the Ephram G. Ponder House, in Thomasville (on National Register), and the 1855-60 Chenault and Matthews House in Lincoln County (nominated to National Register).

Since the removal of the front grill work, which took place when the existing porch and woodwork was added, the home has not been extremely altered. It has, however, been frugally maintained during this period when it was open for public use.

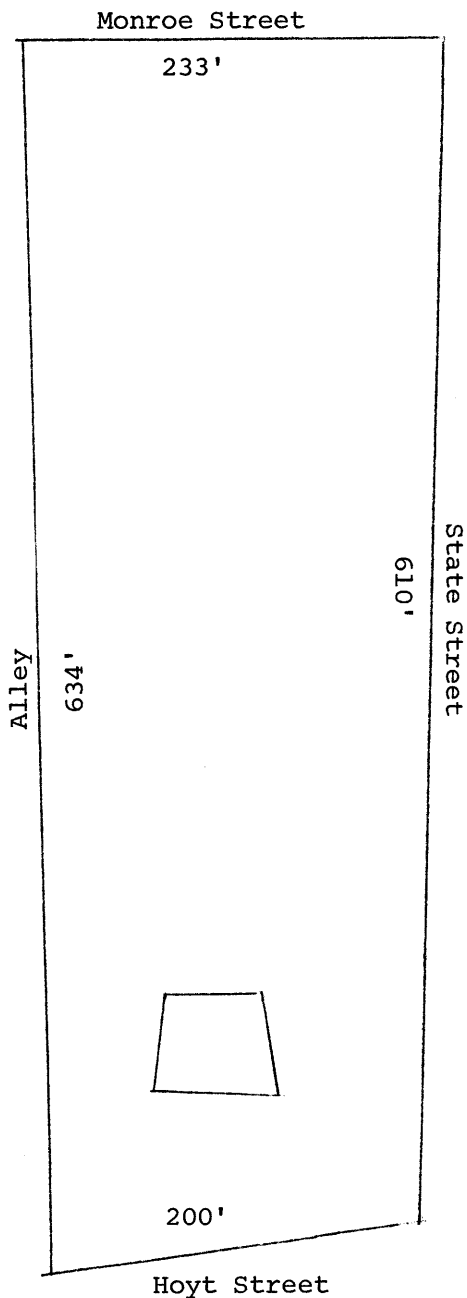
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January 9, 1976

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State Historic Preservation Officer  
David M. Sherman

Date 1-10-76

The Ware-Lyndon House, Athens, Clarke County



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FROM CLARKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE