

MARSHALLVILLE AND MACON COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION  
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

No. 10

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IDENTIFICATION

Property Name I. F. Murph Farms Historic Name Wilkes Knob Plantation  
Street Address Route 1 City Marshallville Ma County Macon  
Present Owner I. F. Murph, II Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City Marshallville State Georgia ZIP Code 31057  
Original Owner Ignatious Few Murph Acreage 870  
Marshallville, Ga.  
U.S.G.S. Quadrant Per y West, Ga. U.T.M. Reference A) Z.17 E.229000 N.3598850  
I:24000 B) Z.17 E.228850 N.3594320  
C) Z.17 E.230360 N.3594760  
Tax Map Reference 14th District; Map 103; Parcel 9 D) Z.17 E.230690 N.3596820

Architectural Description and Present Condition: Wilkes Knob is a two story frame structure with a one story side addition and a one story rear addition. The house is rather plain in regards to details. Windows are tall, thin, and shuttered, while the offset door has a transom and sidelights. Excellent condition. The house is hidden by foliage and there is a garden in the rear yard. Frame tenant houses sit across the road. The remainder of the land is farmed. Good condition.

HISTORY

Current Use Residence and farm Historic Use Residence and farm  
Construction Date 1876 Architect/Builder Unknown Date of Alterations 1900;  
1937

Historical Narrative: I.F. Murph was born in 1845, to some of Marshallville's earliest settlers from Orangeburg County, S.C. In the 1870's, when he built Wilkes Knob Plantation, Murph began developing extensive peach orchards near S.H. Rumph's Willow Lake. He became president of the Elberta Crate Factory of Marshallville, then Bainbridge, in 1904 and it reportedly grew into the largest crate and box factory in the U.S. Murph was also Vice President of both the Citizen's Bank of Marshallville and the First National Bank of Fort Valley, and later became president of the Georgia Fruit Exchange.

SIGNIFICANCE

Agriculture

Areas of Significance Architecture; Commerce Statement of Significance: Although architecturally simple, Wilkes Knob is indicative of the type of vernacular architecture from the late 1800's being built in Marshallville. Its major significance comes from I.F. Murph's involvement in the commercial peach industry, both as a planter and as a supplier to that industry (of crates). Murph's financial and commercial dealings were also important as Marshallville began developing a commercial and financial district in the 1880's and 1890's.

SOURCES

Prepared by Elia Grice Street Address Route 1  
City Marshallville State Georgia Date 8/14/79  
Representation in Other Surveys None

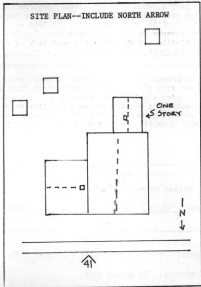
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