

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #12

I. IDENTIFICATION

HISTORIC NAME: McCurry-Kidd House
 PROPERTY NAME: Hailey Residence
 STREET ADDRESS: 602 West Howell Street
 CITY: Hartwell
 PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. W. L. Hailey
 MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. Box 194
 CITY: Hartwell
 STATE: Georgia
 ZIP CODE: 30643
 CURRENT USE: residence
 ACREAGE: city lot (approximately one acre)
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Hartwell, Georgia
 U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E321580 N3802990
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: H-14-2-2

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

This house is a two-story, brick, Georgian-revival structure. It features a quatrastyle entrance porch surmounted by a segmentally arched pediment. The simple, square porch posts are similar to the supports used on two one-story wings which project from the ends of the main block of the house; one serves as an open porch, the other as a porte cochere. The centered entrance door is glazed and is surrounded by transom and sidelights. The front windows flanking the entrance porch are local interpretations of a Palladian motif: the windows are grouped in trio and the central window is capped by a blind arch inset with tile. All other windows are 6/6 double hung sashes. A low hipped roof contains wide eaves and exposed rafter ends.

Interior features include simple pilasters framing the central stair hall, Craftsman-style mantels, and glazed French doors. Interior surfaces include plaster walls and ceilings and wood floors. The arrangement of rooms is intact and features a central hall flanked on either side by two major rooms. Only minor alterations have been made since construction.

The house is situated on a large city lot. A gravel drive leads through the porte cochere to a brick garage at the rear of the house. Landscaping features include large Pfitzer junipers in the front lawn and mature pecan trees at the western boundary of the property.

The property is in good condition.

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III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Edgar McCurry
 ORIGINAL USE: residence
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Willis Irwin/Mr. Bond
 HISTORIC ACREAGE: same as present
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1920
 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built circa 1920-1924. The architect was Willis Irwin of Augusta, Georgia, and the general contractor was a Mr. Bond of Decatur, Georgia. It served originally as the residence of Edgar McCurry (1877-1962). McCurry was a physician as was his father Isham McCurry who practiced medicine in Fair Play, South Carolina. Edgar McCurry attended Hartwell Academy and completed the University of Georgia after two years of attendance graduating in 1897. He attended medical school at both the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania. In the early 20th century he established his practice in Hartwell; he was one of ten medical doctors practicing in Hartwell at that time. He and his wife raised two daughters in this house and later moved to another house on Howell Street.

McCurry sold the property to Frank and Eleanor Kidd (Frank Kidd was the son of C. I. Kidd; see #9). Frank Kidd was a important figure in the Hartwell community who died in 1935 at the age of 45. According to his obituary he was "a leader in the business and civic life of Hartwell and Hart County, and has been signally honored in affairs of the state. He served on the staff of both Governor Hardwick and Governor Hardman; was a trustee of the State Agricultural College for many years, and a member of the Hartwell Baptist Church since boyhood."

Following Mr. Kidd's death, the house was sold to William Lamar Hailey. Hailey was one of eight sons of William Isham Hailey, a medical doctor in Hartwell. William Lamar practiced law in Hartwell and served as county attorney, city attorney, attorney for the local draft board, and a member of the Board of Alderman. His widow, Mrs. Katherine Hailey continues to reside in the structure.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

This structure is significant as a good local example of a Georgian Revival house in the multiple resource area. Its rectangular massing, broad hipped roof, red brick walls with contrasting white trim, and classically inspired details make it a good example of the style. It is the only major example of this early 20th century architectural style in Hartwell.

The structure is significant in terms of local social history due to its associations with Edgar McCurry, Frank Kidd, and William Lamar Hailey. Each individual was a member of a prominent Hartwell families and assumed professional positions in the community.

CONTRIBUTING/NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:

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

V. SOURCES

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Interview with Mrs. W. L. Bailey; The Hartwell Sun; Baker, John William, The History of Hart County.

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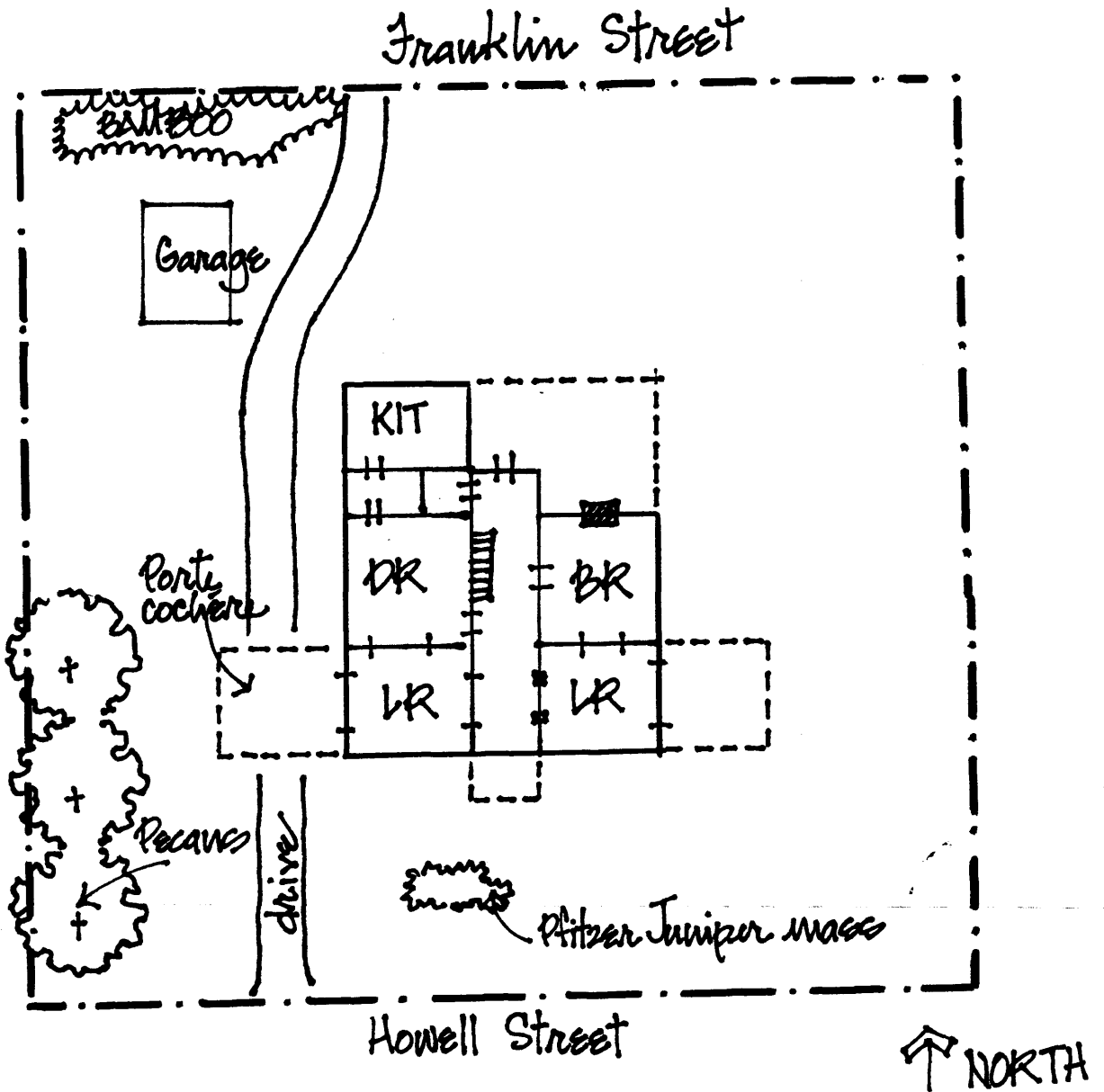
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VI. SITE PLAN/SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN

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 & SITE PLAN