

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Clarence R. Ware House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 293 North Perry Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Lawrenceville

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

state Georgia

code 013

county Gwinnett

code 135

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name J. Grady Gower

street & number 3445 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 300

city, town Atlanta

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 30326

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Gwinnett County Courthouse

city, town Lawrenceville

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Structures Field Survey:

Gwinnett County, Georgia

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978

federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Ga Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Clarence R. Ware House, built in 1910, is a two-story Neo-Classical residence located on North Perry Street in downtown Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia. An historic wood frame shed and the historic fieldstone and brick foundation of a garage are located to the rear of the house.

The Ware House has a four over four room with central stairhall plan, with a one-story wing to the rear. The house is symmetrically massed with a two-story Neo-Classical portico on the front facade. A one-story porch on the north side, supported by five square columns is the only asymmetrical element. The hipped roofed house has a balloon frame, is sheathed in weatherboards and sits on a brick foundation. Two of the three main chimneys remain, along with two smaller ones located in the rear kitchen wing. Windows throughout are wide one-over-one double hung sash with simple wood surrounds. The full-width front portico features four Ionic columns and a frieze with dentils that continues around the entire house. The main entrance, and an identical second story entrance that leads onto a small cantilevered balcony, have leaded sidelights and transoms.

Few alterations have been made to the exterior. A roof balustrade that topped the front portico has been removed, and a porch railing on the one-story porch is missing. In 1966, the original porch floor was replaced with concrete. A porch on the southwest corner of the kitchen wing has been enclosed in two stages, partially, in 1912, by the original owner to form a sleeping porch and more recently to create an additional hall.

The interior features a four-over-four room with central stairhall plan with a one-story rear wing where the kitchen, breakfast room and sleeping porch are located. Finishing details are very modest for a house of this size and period. Ceilings and walls are plastered; wall detailing is limited to a plain baseboard and picture rail. Six panel doors and windows have simple architrave trim. Sliding pocket doors separate the stairhall from the parlor and library to either side. The open, three-run stairway has paneled newels and simple square balusters. A door on the upper landing opens on to a back stairway which leads down to the breakfast room. Fireplaces are located in nearly every room, and mantels vary from plain wooden ones in bedrooms to elaborate Victorian mirrored overmantels with tilework in the dining room, parlor, and library. Small stained glass windows are located in the dining room and on the upper landing.

The Ware House is located on the corner of North Perry Street and Oak Street in downtown Lawrenceville. The property is landscaped with lawn and a number of large trees. Original concrete steps lead up a steep embankment from the North Perry Street sidewalk. Large shade trees, planted just after the house was built, are located to either side of the concrete walk which leads to the house. In the rear, to the southwest of the house, is an historic wood-frame shed with a metal shingle roof. A fieldstone and brick foundation along the north edge of the property, on which a garage was earlier located, may predate the Ware House. Clarence Ware demolished an earlier residence located on the site which may have dated to the 1820's in order to build his house.

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input 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 1910 **Builder/Architect** Steve Townley, contractor.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Clarence R. Ware House, built by Mr. Ware in 1910, is historically significant in the areas of architecture and local history. Architecturally, it is one of only two Neo-Classical style residences remaining in Lawrenceville, a town which has lost much of its historic architecture. It is a good example of a small town interpretation of the Neo-Classical style. In terms of local history, the house is significant as the home of Clarence R. Ware, an important local resident who served for twenty years as Superintendent of Schools, first for Lawrenceville and later for Gwinnett County. For much of his working career he was president of the First National Bank of Lawrenceville. The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria B and C.

Architecturally, the Ware House is a virtually intact small town interpretation of the Neo-Classical residence. By the turn-of-the-century, this style had become popular with men of means in Georgia and throughout the country. In Georgia, a Neo-Classical house was a symbol of power and prosperity, just as the Greek Revival house had been before it. The exterior of the Ware House with its monumental Ionic style portico and cantilevered balcony is an accurate, although modest, interpretation of the style. The house is solid and commodious, but the interior displays almost none of the fine finish work usually associated with Neo-Classical homes. The lack of decorative plaster work or paneling, the simple woodwork and the late-Victorian style mantels all illustrate a typical small town builder's or owner's concern with "putting up a good front" and lack of concern for high style interior detailing. Also of significance is the fact that owner/builder Clarence Ware, in an effort to obtain a suitably impressive site for his house, removed from the property he purchased an early-nineteenth century house which, by 1910, had become a community landmark.

Clarence R. Ware (1872-1955) was a leading citizen of Lawrenceville who made valuable contributions to the educational, commercial and religious life of the community. He moved to Lawrenceville in 1900 to become superintendent of the local schools, having taught for two years previously in neighboring Barrow County. From 1907 until 1920 he served as Gwinnett County School Superintendent, during a period when Gwinnett County, and many other Georgia counties, were struggling to improve their public school systems. In his 1908 annual report, Ware lamented that "the people of this county are, as a whole, very indifferent towards educational matters, and that there is a crying need for compulsory educational legislation." Attempts were made by Ware and the schoolboard to improve the quality of Gwinnett County teachers' credentials and to enact a compulsory attendance law, but in 1920 the county's public education system lagged behind many in Georgia. Ware also helped organize the First National Bank of Lawrenceville and was elected its first president and director. He was active in the Kiwanis Club and served as Director of the Methodist Church Sunday School. In 1929, he moved his family to Atlanta, but he commuted to the bank in Lawrenceville for many years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gower, J. Grady. "Clarence R. Ware House: National Register Nomination Information Form." October, 1980. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Lawrenceville, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	7	2	2	3	6	7	0	3	7	6	1	3	7	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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F

Zone				Easting				Northing						

G

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is all that remains of the property historically associated with the house. It is outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed Property Plat.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources

date April 15, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street SW

telephone 404/656-2840

city or town Atlanta

state 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 Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/10/82

For NPS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Delores Byers</u> Keeper of the National Register	Entered in the National Register date <u>6/17/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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date entered

Continuation sheet Description

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The property is located in an area of downtown Lawrenceville zoned for commercial and government use. The Gwinnett County Courthouse is one block away. The local library is located immediately to the south, an old house to the west and a county office building to the north across Oak Street. The Ware House is by far the grandest of the few residences remaining in the downtown area.


PHOTOGRAPHS

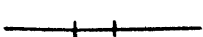
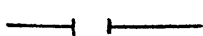
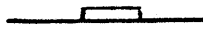



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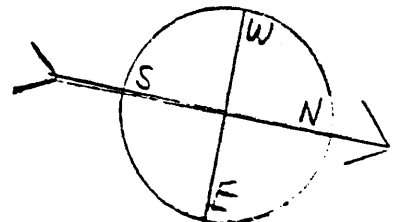
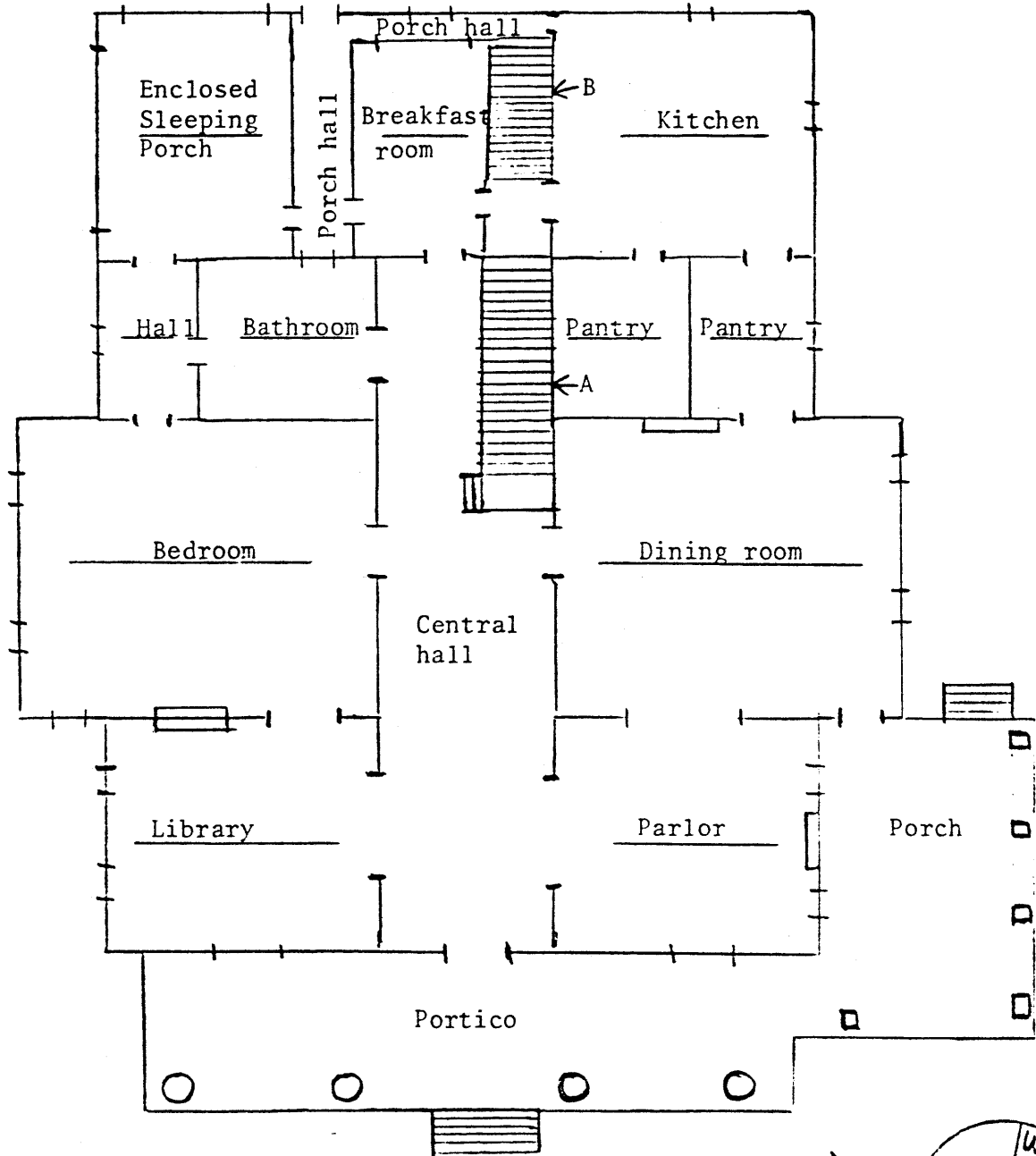
Clarence R. Ware House
Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

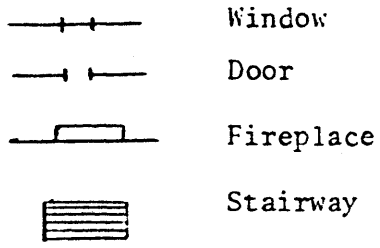
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Scale: Not to scale

North: 

-  Window
-  Door
-  Fireplace
-  Ionic column
-  Post
-  Stairways or steps
- A Main stairway to second floor
- B Back stairway to second floor





CLARENCE R. WARE HOUSE
Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Scale: Not to scale
North: ↘

