

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Kidd Residence	HISTORIC NAME:	<u>Kidd House</u>		
STREET ADDRESS:	222 Hartwell Road	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	David & Jane Kidd	MAILING ADDRESS:	222 Hartwell Road		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	Georgia	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Residence	ACREAGE:	4 acres		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	314-002-006		Z17 E307040 N3811875		

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One and one-half story frame, Bungalow-styled residence with gabled roof covered in fishscale-shaped asphalt shingles. Large shed dormer with multi-paned rectangular windows projects from roof on front facade. One-story porch with original metal roof supported by square wooden columns set on stone foundations extends across front facade and forms a car shelter on south side of the structure. Craftsman touches on the exterior are evident in the detailing of the porch, bracketed eaves, and rafter ends. Windows are original and one over one throughout the structure.

On the interior, rooms detailed with Craftsman-inspired designs are arranged around a central room. Materials on the interior include wooden floors, plastered walls, and plastered ceilings, with tongue and groove ceilings and walls in several rooms. A multi-paned glass sliding door separates the living room from the dining room. A rectangular-shaped stained glass window is located high on the wall in the dining room. The living room features a vaulted ceiling and a mantel with a brick geometric design. On the second floor, bedrooms are arranged around a central room with a sleeping porch to the rear of the structure. The house is in good condition.

The house is located on a four acre tract in the middle of a block. The lot, which is long and narrow, almost extends the depth of the block. A large side yard is situated to the north of the residence and contains a pecan grove which covers most of the four acres. Plantings of flowering shrubs and trees and large hardwoods are located near the residence.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	C. A. Kidd, Sr.	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Leila Ross Wilburn	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	5 acres
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1919	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

The original five-acre tract was purchased in 1915 for C. A. Kidd, Sr., as a wedding gift from his father, who was in the livery business in Hartwell, Georgia, a community located approximately 10 miles southeast of Lavonia. C. A. Kidd and his wife had this structure built in 1919 after an existing house on the property in which they were living burned. The architect for the residence, Leila Ross Wilburn, was from Atlanta and had designed several residences in Hartwell. According to David Kidd, the present owner and a grandson of C. A. Kidd, the lumber companies in Hartwell encouraged individuals to use plans designed by Wilburn. C. A. Kidd opened a livery business in Lavonia, apparently influenced by his father. This business was located at the corner of Grogan and Vickery Streets in the present day location of a welding shop. Kidd, who also planted the pecan grove on the property, later went into the oil business and became the local Gulf Oil distributor. Approximately one acre located on the south side of the tract along Hartwell Road was sold from the original five acres. Kidd's wife, who survived him, lived in this structure until three years ago. The property was willed to descendants and David Kidd, a grandson of C. A. Kidd, and his wife, Jane Vandiver Kidd, purchased the property for their residence.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Agriculture, Local History, Landscape Architecture LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, this structure is significant as one of the most elaborate examples of Craftsman/Bungalow design within the multiple resource area. It is also unusual that a professional architect was used in the design since the planning for most of the structures within the multiple resource area was performed by local builders and brick masons. Leila Ross Wilburn, designer of the house, was an important Atlanta architect in the early 20th century who specialized in middle class house design.

In agriculture, this property is significant as an example of a small city farmstead. It is significant that Kidd chose to produce pecans on his small tract as opposed to the mere popular crop of cotton. Kidd was one of the first to plant pecan trees in the area.

In local history, the property is important for its association with C. A. Kidd, Sr., a prominent citizen who operated a livery business in the downtown area.

In landscape architecture, the property is significant for its early 20th century pecan grove, a characteristic landscape feature in Lavonia.

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

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