

I. IDENTIFICATION

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PROPERTY NAME:	Purcell Residence	HISTORIC NAME:	Stovall-Purcell House		
STREET ADDRESS:	110 West Avenue	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	Eldon Purcell	MAILING ADDRESS:	110 West Avenue		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	Georgia	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Residence	ACREAGE:	1.5 acres		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	319-005-2		Z 17 E 305660 N 3812040		

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II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One and one-half story residence sheathed in weatherboard with craftsman detailing. Gabled roof, covered in asphalt shingles, forms wide gable on front facade. This gable, which includes wooden shingles and a rectangular-shaped attic window, is located above a one-story screened porch which extends across the entire front facade. A less elaborate gable is located on east side of the structure. The front door is half glass with small square panes of glass topped by a rectangular transom. Glass design in front door is repeated in the windows on the front facade. Remainder of windows are one over one and are original. Structure has two internal chimneys with two carpenter-style mantels and one brick mantel on the interior. House is set on a brick foundation. Interior of house includes five original rooms with bath, and a large kitchen and eating area added in 1965 at the rear of the structure. The living room was expanded with the enclosure of a side porch in 1951. Craftsman touches throughout the structure include the front entrance door, rafter ends on the exterior, interior mantels, and a vaulted ceiling in the living room. Structure is in good condition.

Structure is sited on a one and one-half acre lot facing West Avenue/State Route 59. The house is surrounded by foundation plantings, with a walk of granite blocks leading to the entrance. Several large hardwood trees are scattered in informal arrangements in the grassed lawn.

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III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	Lee Stovall, Sr.	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown	HISTORIC ACREAGE:	1.5 acra
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1912	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	1951 & 1965

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built as the residence of Lee Stovall, Sr. shortly after his marriage in 1912. Stovall, a son of Thomas and Emily Stovall, built this residence on one and one-half acres of land which had formerly been a part of his father's 200 acre estate.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

Stovall, who was employed in the automobile business, lived in the structure a short time before his family moved to Dahlonega and later Atlanta, where he was employed by the Gulf Oil Company. The house served as a rental for several years before purchase by Eldon Purcell in 1933. Purcell, who had been a professional baseball player, was employed in the construction business in Lavonia and continues to reside in the structure today.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Local History, LEVEL: Local  
Community Planning & Development

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, this structure is important as an example of a transitional style in the Lavonia community in the early 1900's. This structure, which is a combination of Victorian-era design with craftsman detailing, illustrates the evolution of architecture from Victorian Eclecticism to later Bungalow-inspired styling. This structure is the only example within the multiple resource area which combines these two styles.

In local history, this structure is significant due to its association with the Stovall family. The original owner of this property, Lee Stovall, Sr., was a son of Thomas Stovall, a pioneer citizen of Lavonia. Lee Stovall acquired this property from his father's larger estate (See Number 2). This one and one-half acre tract was literally carved out of the original 200 acre homestead.

In community planning and development, this property is important as an example of the expansion of city development in the western portion of the multiple resource area. Prior to the construction of this residence on its city lot-sized tract, settlements in this section of Lavonia were rural in character. Subdivision of land continued to occur along West Avenue toward the center of town, eventually resulting in the development of a historic residential neighborhood (See West Avenue-Roberts Street Residential Historic District).

V. SOURCES

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