

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Shirley House	HISTORIC NAME:	<u>Vickery House</u>		
STREET ADDRESS:	Grogan Street	CITY:	Lavonia		
PRESENT OWNER:	Joseph N. Shirley Estate	MAILING ADDRESS:	Grogan Street		
CITY:	Lavonia	STATE:	GA	ZIP CODE:	30553
CURRENT USE:	Rental	ACREAGE:	Less than one		
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE:	Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.	U. T. M. REFERENCE:			
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:	311-004-011		Z17 E306660 N3812340		

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

Two-story frame residence built on a central hall plan. A one-story porch with a flat roof supported by square wooden piers wraps around three sides of the structure. The structure has a pitched roof with two gables on the front facade. These gables are low and wide and are bracketed under the eaves. The entrance door has a rectangular transom and side-lights. Windows throughout the structure are six-over-six.

The house has been divided into three apartments with two on the first floor and one on the second floor. Changes to the interior include the removal of a wall in the living room which was part of the central hall; the addition of two rooms in the porch area on the east side of the house, and the addition of outside stairway on the exterior of the house at the rear. The house is in fair condition.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER:	C. W. Vickery	ORIGINAL USE:	Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown	HISTORIC AREAGE:	1 acre
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	1900-1905	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:	Before 1945 - Converted to apartments

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This structure was built by an early citizen in the Lavonia community, C. W. Vickery, on a lot which was included in the original city survey. Vickery was a local merchant and the founder of the Vickery Bank. Vickery's son and his wife later moved into the structure. The structure remained in the ownership of the Vickery family until it was acquired by Joseph N. Shirley shortly after World War II. The house had been divided into apartments prior to the sale. Today the house is used as rental and is in the ownership of Shirley descendants.

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I.V. SIGNIFICANCE:

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

LEVEL: Local

The Vickery House is significant in terms of commerce because it was built and lived in by C. W. Vickery, a local businessman and founder of the Vickery Bank downtown. Lavonia had several banks at the turn of the century, and these banks contributed significantly to the commercial activity of the central business district. Vickery, like other local businessmen, maintained incidental business interests in addition to his principal occupation. Vickery's house shows the kind of unpretentious residences that were often built by local businessmen early in their careers. Vickery's later house, a more pretentious home built after he had achieved success as a local businessman, has since been destroyed.

V. SOURCES

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Mountains APDC

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

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