HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CAVE SPRING, FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA **FEB** 2 9 1980 NO. <u>5</u> GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Cave Spring Female Academy PROPERTY NAME: Garner House IDENTIFICATION CITY: Cave Spring STREET ADDRESS: Rome Street MAILING ADDRESS: Rome Street PRESENT OWNER: Mary A. Garner STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30124 CITY: Cave Spring CURRENT USE: Residential ACREAGE: 2 i U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Cedartown West, Ga. U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z.16 E653740 N3775620 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 820-1-1 DESCRIPTION ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two-story building with rectangular plan, gable roof with flared eaves, two interior side-wall chimneys, and rear ell; built of brick, with stone lintels and wood detailing, on brick foundations; front (side) facade is four bays wide and slightly asymmetrical; interior has been remodeled into several small rooms on each floor; situated on level ground next to creek; grounds feature

trees, shrubbery, lawn, and a wide paved driveway; surrounded by woods and fields to the north, east and west, and by residential and commercial development to the south; good condition.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Cave Spring Female AcademyORIGINAL USE: SchoolARCHITECT/BUILDER:HISTORIC ACREAGE:DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1850DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT) (OPTIONAL): This structure was built to serve as an educational facility for young women. It was sold in 1890 to the Floyd County Board of Education and was then utilized as a public school. It has since been converted to a private residence.

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, education

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LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, this building is significant as one of the oldest surviving schoolhouses in Floyd County. It is a good example of the plain, utilitarian structures that were erected for educational purposes in mid-19th-century Georgia towns. Its exterior still retains this original character and appearance, although the interior has been remodeled as a private residence. It is also another building constructed of brick, a material not often used in mid-19thcentury Georgia structures, although frequently found in such academic buildings and well represented in the Cave Spring multiple-resource area. [cont.]

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 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Floyd Co. Ga.

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<u>IV. cont.</u>: In terms of <u>education</u>, this building is one of the oldest surviving schoolhouses in Floyd County. It is locally significant as the home of the Cave Spring Female Academy, one of several small private schools operating in Cave Spring during the 19th century, and one that is typical of educational institutions of that century. Some of the Female Academy students were boarded at nearby country houses [see the Cowdry Plantation, No. 1, for example].