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The exact origins of the Stockton-Curry House are unclear: local verbal tradition and county property records suggest that construction began sometime before 1845, most probably in 1842 or 1843. The original house was of clapboarded frame construction, two-and-a-half stories in height, and covered by a moderately pitched roof. It had a rectangular plan with a broad central hall, two rooms deep, and the stair was partitioned within one of the rear bedrooms.

Verbal tradition holds that when Philip A. Stockton, the second owner, acquired the house in 1843, it was only partially completed; most of the Classic Revival elements are additions to an existing structure and probably date from the period of Stockton's ownership. The two-story, pedimented portico is centrally placed on the west facade of the house, and its wooden floor is set up upon low brick piers. The front wall of the house within the area of the portico is sheathed with flush-set planks clasped between corner boards rather than The main entrance has double doors glazed in their upper panels; the door surrounds have sidelights and a glazed transom with molded wood trim. A similar but diminished doorway opens directly above the main entrance and onto a small The balcony is supported by triangular brackets and balcony. is balustraded: the turned spindles and supportive brackets are milled and probably date from a late 19th century The pediment is supported by fluted Doric columns remodelling. with a balustrade between and an architrave and cornice above. Both the cornice and the rakings overhang approximately 10 inches and carry a crude ogee molding, with the cornice molding continuing completely around the house. The recessed tympanum is faced with flush planking and carries a crudely cut decora-A portion of the main pitched roof survives tive roundel. under the roof of the portico and still carries split shingles; the framing members within the pediment are roughly hewn, some as half or quarter-round log sections with the bark intact. While the portico addition is undoubtedly early, only one oblique document remains to suggest its date: a ledger entry by Charles Waller, a local brick mason, records payment for "pillering" for the Stockton House in April of 1848.

In 1883 the house passed on to one of the Stockton children who made several alterations to the house in the 1890's. The original kitchen which had been a semi-detached structure was enclosed and brought into the plan of the main house. A small porch was added to the kitchen and keyed into a two-story veranda added to the rear of the house. A small staircase which had ascended from the second floor to the attic was removed from the interior of the house and reconstructed on the second floor veranda. Single windows were cut into the gable ends of the house and a central dormer was added at the

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rear. The original main stair within the house was removed from its side room and a new and broader stair was constructed in the entrance hall. A two-story, semi-hexagonal bay was added to the south facade to open up the dining room and an upstairs bedroom. The original double-hung sash windows were also changed at this time from a 6 over 6 pane arrangement to 2 over 2.

Today the house presents an appearance very much like that of the 1840's-50's. The alterations made in the 1890's did not substantially change its character, and photographs from the 1890's reveal that it has been but minimally changed since that time. In recent years, the kitchen wing has been extended to provide a garage at the rear, and portions of the back porch have been enclosed and converted to bathrooms. The house is painted white with gray porch trim and green shutters at the windows. As well, asphalt shingles have replaced the original wood shingles on the roof.

In the late 1840's or 50's a subsidiary structure was built in the southwest corner of the lot and served as a law office for P. A. Stockton. It is a small clapboarded frame building set up upon a brick stylobate and covered by a low pitched roof. One story in height, its rectangular plan encompasses just one room fronted by a pedimented portico. The front wall of the building within the area of the portico is flush-set planking; a panelled door is centrally placed in the entrance facade and has plain wooden surrounds with side and head lights divided into lozenge panes. The sides of the office building are each pierced by a centrally placed double-hung sash, floor-length The office may well have been constructed at the same time as the portico on the main house. Many of its decorative details are identical to those of the larger portico, and in several instances its articulation is the same: the cornice overhang and tympanum recess are 10 inches, the same, but appear more massive when translated into the minature form of the The portico has square columns and pilasters which taper toward the architrave and have capitals built up from pieces of the ogee molding found on both structures. architrave and cornice are similar to those of the large building, but they continue completely around the structure. The office is painted white with green trim on the shutters.

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7. Description

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A large brick structure occupies the northeast corner of the lot; it was built in the early 1900's, and served as a warehouse, offices and packing plant for the Curry and Love Tobacco Company. The building is typical of warehouse design in the Gadsden County vicinity at the turn of the century. Its main mass is rectangular in plan, 2½ stories in height, and covered by a moderately pitched roof. One story additions, covered by pent roofs, extend along the north and south elevations. All windows on the central mass are double-hung sash set under raised brick voussoirs; fenestration is regular. The one story addition on the north served as a packing room and is opened up by a small-paned, steel and glass curtain.

The main entrance has modest brick surrounds and is centrally placed at the east facade. The main loading dock is at the west. There are better examples of this type of design in the Quincy area, however this structure does exist in close proximity to the Stockton - Curry House and shares in its later history.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stockton-Curry House is a surviving example of antebellum, Classic Revival architecture; while many of its neighbors in the Quincy vicinity have impressive porticoes and a similar treatment, most are the result of turn-of-the-century remodelling. In addition, this house has been the residence of several men of unusual local significance.

Construction of the house was probably begun by Isaac R. Harris (see description), but the major elements which give character to the house were the work of its second owner, Philip A.Stockton (1812-1879). Stockton was the son of a prominent family with roots in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In 1836, Philip A. Stockton and his brother William came to Florida to set up and supervise the operation of a line of mail coaches running between St. Augustine and Mobile, Alabama. They originally located in Marianna, but by the early 1840's had moved to Quincy where Philip established a law practice in addition to his other business interests. Philip Stockton bought this house in 1843 and lived in it until his death in 1879.

In 1878, Philip Stockton's daughter, Martha, had married James Emilius Broome, and in 1883 the couple bought the house from Stockton's widow. Broome, born in Tallahassee in 1846, was the son of James E. Broome, Governor of Florida from 1853 After spending some years in Fernandina, the younger to 1857. Broome attended Yorkville College in Yorkville, South Carolina, until his studies were interrupted in the spring of 1862 when he enlisted to serve with Capt. Hopkin's Company of the Second Florida Infantry. After the Civil War, James Broome travelled for several years in the southeast as a representative of a New York commercial house, and finally settled in Quincy in the mid-1870's. He became active in Democratic politics and served as a delegate to every State Democratic Convention from 1880 to 1902. In 1890, Broome was elected State Senator from Gadsden County and served in that post until 1902.

In 1902, the house was sold to the C. H. Curry family. C. H. Curry and his brother-in-law, Alexander Shaw, were

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pioneers in the development of the artificial shade process for growing wrapper leaf tobacco. In 1902, Curry and Shaw had established the Florida Tobacco Company, one of several in the area that enjoyed boom profits in the early 20th century. Their major warehouse, offices and packing plant were housed in a brick structure which still occupies the eastern end of the lot where the Stockton-Curry House is located.



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