

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Swain Residence STREET ADDRESS: ✓ 211 East Waters St. PRESENT OWNER: Dr. Bruce Swain CITY: Clarkesville CURRENT USE: Residence U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Clarkesville V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: CL-15-71	HISTORIC NAME: Henry Asbury House CITY: ✓ Clarkesville MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 287 STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30523 ACREAGE: Approximately 1.5 acres U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E268580 N3833270
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two-story weatherboarded plain style, I-house type residence; central hall plan with two over two arrangement, one story wing projects from the rear forming a modified T plan; pitched tin roof in dark shade of green with shutters the same color; single bay window; simple lines highlighted in rich detailing, including decorative attic vents, delicate cutwork in gables, boxed cornice and return, entrance door framed in transom and sidelights; one story shed porch wraps around front facade and portion of west facade, chamfered posts, geometric woodwork in balustrade and freize; landscape setting formal, large shade trees, rock pathways, (CONTD)	
III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Henry Asbury ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Rusk Church DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1900-01	ORIGINAL USE: Residence HISTORIC ACREAGE: 8 acres DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Porch enclosed at rear-1950; central heat- 1960. HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Residence built at the turn of the century by master craftsman, Rusk Church, as the residence of Henry Asbury. Asbury was one of three Asbury brothers, all leaders in the Clarkesville community in the early 1900's. Henry Asbury was the owner of a local hardware store. House was part of an eight acre tract located on the old Tallulah Falls Road, now Water Street; Asbury Street, which today is the eastern boundary of the property, was originally a dirt drive, later leading to the Furr-Lambert residence to the north. The Asbury residence (CONTD)
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, landscape architec- LEVEL: Local ture, engineering, local history STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, this house is significant as a late example of the plain-style or I-type house. This particular house form is more commonly associated with the late 18th and early to mid 19th centuries in Georgia, although later examples can be found throughout the state. Its presence in Clarkesville at the turn of the century illustrates the perseverance of this traditional house form. In this case, the house type is embellished with significant examples of late Victorian features (such as the end bay window) which are characteristic of the period. The house is also significant for its association with Rusk Church, a local master builder. In terms of landscape architecture, this property is significant (CONTD)	
V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: A) Dale Jaeger, Planner ORGANIZATION: A) Georgia Mtns APDC B) Richard Cloues, Architectural Historian B) Historic Preser. Sec, DNR ADDRESS: A) P.O. Box 1720, Gainesville, GATELEPHONE NUMBER: A) 404/536-3431 B) 270 Washington St. Atlanta B) 404/656-2840 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Habersham County, Georgia #72 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Carolyn Hodges, Dr. Bruce Swain, Jessie Asbury Brewer.	



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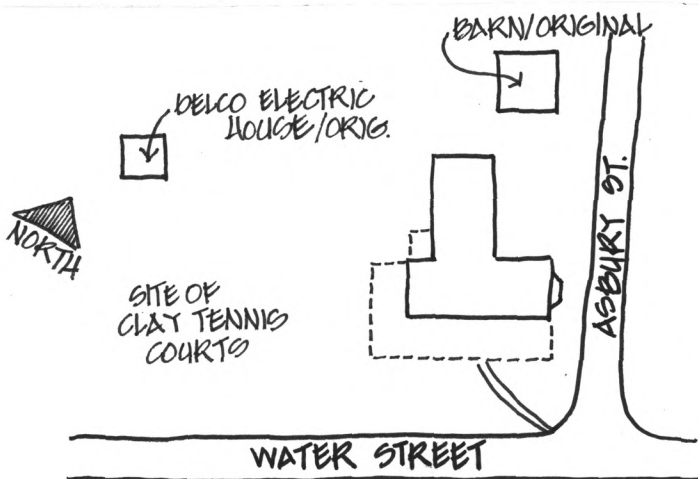
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CONTINUATION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

and bowling green area once served as clay tennis court; Delco power house and garage, original outbuildings. Asbury Street now cuts to the east of the structure, apparently the original dirt drive, leading from the old Tallulah Falls Road; good condition.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

was equipped with a Delco power source, apparently the first in Clarkesville. The Asbury family of nine daughters had a tennis court which provided social activity for the community's young people. The property was later sold to Royal, a retired engineer, and in 1961 bought by the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Swain.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

because much of its historic setting survives intact. The house is sited on the highest elevation of this tract, and its setting features such early 20th century landscaping as spacious lawn areas, the remains of several planting beds, formal shrubbery, large trees, and a rock path. The remains of an early clay tennis court are evident west of the house in an area that now resembles a bowling green. In terms of engineering, the property is significant for its Delco power house, now used as a storage shed. This structure enclosed the first direct-current generator in Clarkesville, which supplied electricity to the house some 15 years before electricity was generally available. In terms of local history, the property is significant for its association with Henry Asbury, the original owner, who owned and operated a local hardware store.