

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Florida |
| COUNTY: Gadsden |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE MAR 10 1975 |

1. NAME

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|---|
| COMMON: Quincy Woman's Club |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Washington Lodge No. 2 |

2. LOCATION

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|---|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| STREET AND NUMBER: 300 North Calhoun Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Quincy | | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second | |
| STATE Florida | CODE 12 | COUNTY: Gadsden | CODE 039 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | Civic Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | _____ |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| OWNER'S NAME: Quincy Woman's Club | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 300 North Calhoun Street | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Quincy | STATE: Florida | CODE 12 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

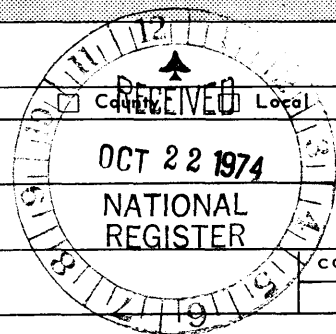
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| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Gadsden County Courthouse | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Quincy | STATE: Florida | CODE 12 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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| TITLE OF SURVEY: N/A | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE: |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Built in 1852-53, Washington Masonic Lodge No. 2 is typical of other buildings from the period in Quincy, basically Classic Revival in style with vestigial remnants of Georgian and Federal taste. The original portion of the building is rectangular in plan (26' x 50'), two stories in height and is constructed of native sandy brick laid in a random bond; a pattern of five courses of stretcher separated by one of header is repeated, but not consistently. The building is set up on brick foundation walls which rise approximately 2½ feet to the first floor level and project slightly from the main wall surface. Exterior articulation was simple and characterized by bilateral symmetry; both the north and south elevations had four regularly spaced windows at the first and second stories, the east facade had two windows at each story, and entrance was centrally placed at the first story on the west facade with two windows above. The corners of the building are clasped by plain pilasters of raised brick which terminate in modest brick caps. A low hipped roof with a molded cornice, boxed and bracketed eaves and a plain wooden architrave crown the whole. The ornamental brackets appear to be of considerable age and a bill dated May 2, 1853, confirms that the original cornice was bracketed; present roofing is asphalt shingle, but the original was wood shingle. The windows are 6 over 6, double-hung sash with narrow molded surrounds. The louvered shutters are modern, but are similar to those originally employed.

No pictorial evidence has been found to indicate the appearance of the entrance treatment. It is known to have been on the west facade and carpentry bills show that it had double panelled doors. A stairway rises to the second floor at the southwest corner of the interior. A chimney with a plain brick cap rises on the interior of the north wall at its northwest corner and has fireplaces at both floors. While the interior has been extensively remodeled, its spaces have been retained as one large room per floor; the upper floor was originally used as the lodge room, while the lower floor served various community purposes.

In the late 19th century several alterations and additions were made to the first story: a wooden, lean-to wing was added to the north side, a new door was cut in the south facade (second window from southwest corner), and the window directly above the new door was bricked in. In 1922 the exposed brick walls were covered in the white-painted stucco that remains today.

Between 1962 and 1964 the Quincy Woman's Club undertook extensive remodeling and partial restoration of the building. The added doorway was replaced by a window matching the original and the entrance was re-established on the west facade. At the
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same time, the bricked-in window on the second story was reopened. The lean-to addition was replaced by a flat-roofed, one-story addition which runs the length of the north facade and part way around the east and west sides. Although this late addition is quite extensive, the original portion of the building is clearly discernible. The building is in good condition, well maintained, and further restoration is being considered.



4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1852-53**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Washington Lodge No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons was created under a special dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia in January of 1828. The Washington Lodge continued under Georgia jurisdiction until the Grand Lodge of Florida was organized by three lodges of Ancient York Masons--Jackson Lodge No. 1, Tallahassee, chartered in 1825; Washington Lodge No. 2, Quincy; and Harmony Lodge No. 3, Marianna, chartered in 1829.

The first Masonic building at Quincy was completed in June of 1832, with the Lodge rooms on the second floor. A resolution passed by the Lodge directed the officer to prepare the lower story of the building for a schoolroom, to employ a teacher to be paid by Lodge funds, and to extend to indigent white citizens of Quincy an invitation to send their children to school without charge. The lower floor of both this earlier building and the present structure (1852-53) was constantly involved in the wider community life of Quincy. It was opened up at various times for civic meetings and events, and was open to ministers of all denominations on Sundays. In the late 19th century, several private and subsidized schools operated out of the facility.

On or about August 24, 1851, a storm of undetermined nature hit the Quincy area, destroying several buildings, including the old, wood frame Masonic Hall. During the following months the Masons held their sessions in the county courthouse and the newly constructed Quincy Academy building. In December, the Lodge appointed a committee to look into ways and means of erecting a new hall, and in June of 1852 the Lodge moved that "the size of the new lodge be 26 x 50 feet, and that Bro. Charles Waller be instructed to lay the foundation under the supervision of the Grand Master. . . ." Charles Waller appears to have been Quincy's leading builder in the 1840's and 50's, and the Masonic Hall bears a marked resemblance to other brick buildings designed and constructed by him in the area. Construction of the foundation began on June 22, 1852, and while most of the work was complete by the summer of 1853, some finish work was probably still underway in 1854.

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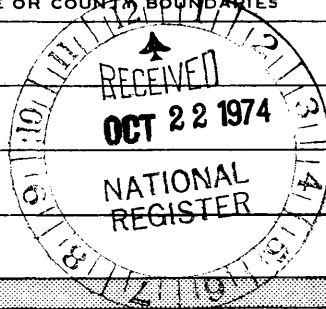
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| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
J. Rodney Little, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Archives, History and Records Mgt.** DATE: **11-5-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **12**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Robert Williams*
Robert Williams

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date October 14, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AR Weathers
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/10/75

ATTEST:
W. J. Mintz
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-5-75

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In 1922 Washington Lodge No. 2 moved into new quarters on the courthouse square and the old building became the home of the Quincy Woman's Club. Major renovation and partial restoration of the structure was undertaken by the Woman's Club between 1962 and 1964. Despite the various alterations that have been made during the long life of the building, the present structure retains much of its original elements and character. In style the building represents the moderate variant of Classic Revival common to 19th century Gadsden County and is typical of the work of Charles Waller, a builder-designer who may prove to be of considerable local importance. Moreover, the Masonic Hall has been in almost continual use since its construction, and has always been involved, in one form or another, in service to the cultural and community needs of the town.



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