IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Turner House

HISTORIC NAME: Oliver P. Fannin House

MAILING ADDRESS: Cedartown Road

STREET ADDRESS: Cedartown Street

CITY: Cave Spring

PRESENT OWNER: Kenion E. Edwards, III, and Carol P. Edwards

STATE: Georgia

ZIP CODE: 30124

CITY: Cave Spring

CURRENT USE: Rental/residence

ACREAGE: 3.8

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U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z.16 E653410 N3774800

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Mid-19th-century residence; two-story octagonal-shaped center section with conical roof, flanked by one-story, gable-roofed wings; two exterior end chimneys, other interior chimneys; front pedimented-porticoed porch, trabeated doorway with side and transom lights, flush siding; rear ell; constructed of wood frame, sheathed in weatherboards, with wood detailing; situated on level lot; grounds have lawn, shrubbery, and trees; bordered by residences, a church (north), and Rolator Park (east) along Cedartown Road.

ORIGINAL OWNER: James Sanders

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1850

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT) (OPTIONAL): The Fannin House served as the home of Oliver P. Fannin, the first principal of the Georgia School for the Deaf. The house was later owned by Alfred King, a noted educator at the Hearn Academy.

HISTORY

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

LEVEL: State

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, this house is significant for its rather idiosyncratic design reflecting the influences of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the Octagon style, and tradition. With its two-story, octagonalshaped central section flanked by lower wings and introduced by a portico, the house seems to be a highly vernacularized interpretation of Jefferson's Monticello and is apparently unparalleled in the state. The central section of the house is also sympathetic to the Octagon style of the mid-19th century, but this attribution seems incidental. flanking wings, however, with their gable roofs and exterior end chimneys, are firmly rooted in traditional building practices. [cont.]

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Preliminary survey forms by Diane Dawson, Cave Spring; see bibliography (section 9) for general sources.

SOURCES

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IV. cont.: In terms of education, the house is significant as the home of Oliver P. Fannin, teacher at the Hearn Academy and first principal of the Georgia School for the Deaf, and later Alfred J. King, principal of the Hearn Academy.

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