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The Randolf Whittle House was built in 1837 with its entrance facing on College Street and at a later date was rotated on its site to face Jefferson Terrace. Although the house is not in its original setting, it is sited well and contributes tremendously to the Architectural Heritage of the College Street Area.

The House is a very well proportioned and well maintained <u>Greek</u> <u>Revival style</u>. The front is accented with four well proportioned Doric columns flanking each side. The columns support an architrave, frieze and cornice which together form one of the best proportioned Greek Revival orders in the city. The house is frame construction with clapboard siding. The roof has built-in gutters. The exterior of the house is practically unchanged except for the entrance steps which were changed when the house was relocated and the rear additions which were made to accommodate modern convenience.

The interior of the house, with its formal plan, is as gracious as the exterior. The elegant stair foyer is flanked on each side by two large rooms, each with its own fireplace. The floors are original wide pine boards. The doors and wainscot paneling are mortise and tenon. The windows and door trim have elegant profiles and are accented with handcarved corner blocks. The upstairs trim is much lighter in character. However, it blends well with the rest of the house.

1b Description by Robert C. Beeland, A.I.A.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This is one of the great historic homes of Macon, located atop . Jefferson Terrace on historic College Hill.

It was built in 1837 by Dr. Richard H. Randolph who sold it in 1853 to Lewis N. Whittle.

Whittle was an outstanding railroad man, having been assistant engineer of the first train from Macon to Forsyth, and a few years later was elected president of The Monroe Railroad and Banking Company. Whittle was also active in politics, serving as a City Councilman and as a state legislator.

During the War Between the States, Whittle, although overage for service, was perhaps the most outstanding citizen of Macon, helping to equip companies, raise money, donating generously his personal monies; was head of the Battlefield Relief Association which cared for wounded and disabled soldiers. Colonel Whittle was commander-i n-chief of Bibb County Militia, A. D. C., 22nd Militia District, and in 1862 the Whittle Guards were organized and named for him.

After the War Whittle directed his efforts toward progress in public education: he served as a trustee of the Alexander Free School; was appointed a charter member of the Board of Public Education and Orphanage of Bibb County; and, in 1883, he was elected president of the Board. After his death in 1886 a school was named for him.

Colonel Whittle still found time to devote to charitable institutions such as The Appleton Episcopal Church Home for orphans and the Georgia Academy for the Blind.

The house for many years was the home of the Jesse Davis family, and it is now occupied by the family of Thomas K. Smith who maintain it in such a way as to be one of Macon's greatest attractions.

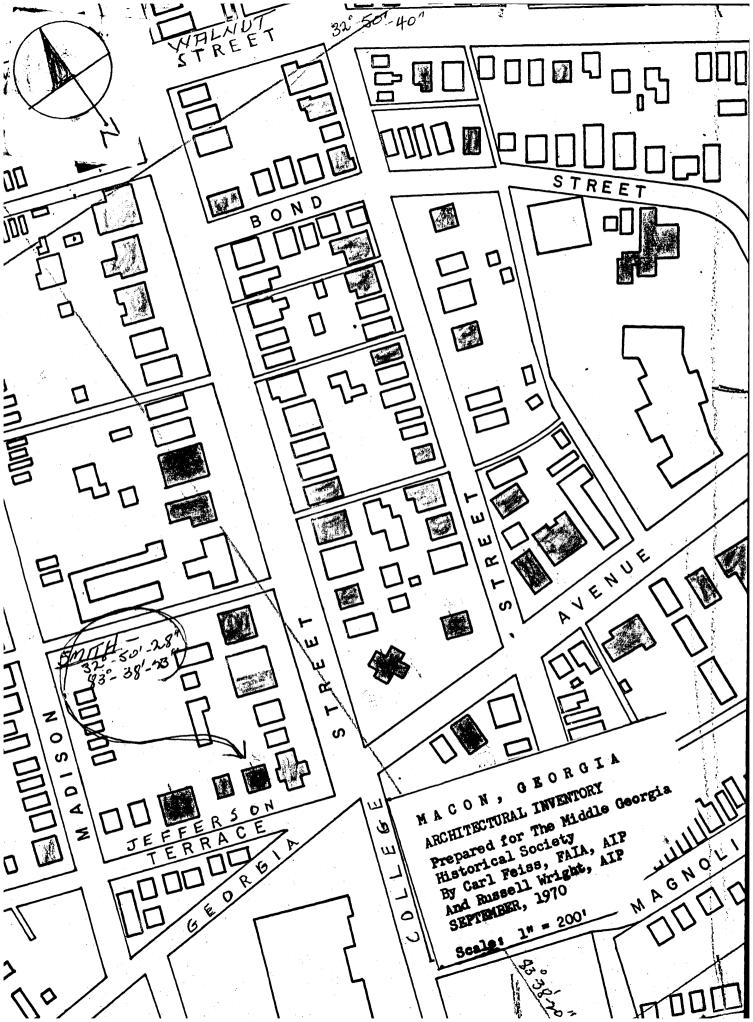
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