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GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

PROPERTY NAME: Chick-Gower-Braswell

HISTORIC NAME: Tom Chick House

House

STREET ADDRESS: 1102 East Church St.

CITY: Monroe

PRESENT OWNER: W.H. Braswell Estate

MAILING ADDRESS: 953 Nottingham Drive

CITY: Avondale Estates

STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30502

CURRENT USE: Vacant

IDENTIFICATION

ACREAGE: 22 Acres

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE monroe, Ga.

U.T.M. REFERENCE:

A 217 E250450 N3742360 B 217 E250730 N3741760 C 217 E250360 N3741640

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: Tax Map WA-83-15

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two-story frame house with one-story porch that curves around the west side of the house. Building is very plain, with simple door surrounds, a bay window, and a transom over the front door as the only real detailing. Square columns are simple in design. One-over-one windows. Brick chimneys. House is in fair-to-poor condition, with some deterioration evident. The house is sited on a large lot, with a wooden shed located behind the house.

ORIGINAL OWNER: H. Tom Chick

ORIGINAL USE: Residence (on farm)

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: W.D. Weldon

HISTORIC ACREAGE: Approximately 65

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1907-1908

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Unknown

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): In 1907, Tom Chick, an area farmer, purchased this land on East Church Street so that his growing family could take advantage of Monroe's school system. Chick purchased approximately 65 acres and hired W.D. Weldon to construct this house. Lumber for the house came from a previous farm owned by Chick. The Chicks moved into the house on November 8, 1908 and lived there until November 1919. At that time the property was sold to Mr. O.S. Gower. The 1920s were tough times for farmers, and Gower tried to (Cont'd)

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

LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): The Chick-Gower-Braswell House is a good example of early twentieth century architecture built for a middle class family that was moving into the city. Although the location is considered "in the country", it was close enough to Monroe for the children to take advantage of the city schools. The house was built by local contractors, probably using basic patterns and plans. In its massing, details, and style, it is typical of the architecture of the early 1900s. It is also significant as (Cont'd)

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Decatur, Georgia 30032 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See Overview Statement

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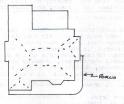
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FRONT OF HOUSE

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (Continued): sell the farm several times. In the late 1920s it was finally purchased by W.H. Braswell, a successful merchant and local politician from Logansville. Braswell owned land throughout the county, but bought this property for his residence. Although vacant, it remains in the Braswell estate.

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued): one of only a few examples in Monroe of a "farmhouse" in the city. Most of the city's development came out from the center of town, and few examples remain of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century farm development. 1102 East Church Street is one such house still in the city, and it is important as a rare example of this house type.

