

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HARTWELL, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY #16

I. IDENTIFICATION

HISTORIC NAME: Horton-Vickery House
 CURRENT NAME: Vickery-Johnson House
 STREET ADDRESS: 101 Vickery Street
 CITY: Hartwell
 PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Evelyn V. Johnson
 MAILING ADDRESS: Vickery Street
 CITY: Hartwell
 STATE: Georgia
 ZIP CODE: 30643
 CURRENT USE: residence
 ACREAGE: city lot (approximately one acre)
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Hartwell, Georgia
 U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z17 E322420 N3803320
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: H-4-5-1

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

This house is a one and one-half story, frame, Victorian-eclectic residence. It contains a steep pyramidal roof with multiple projecting gables covering one story bays. Prominent gabled dormer windows are contained on the north and east roofs. A distinctive shed-roofed porch extends around three sides of the structure and is decorated with turned posts, openwork brackets and turned ballusters beneath the rail; entrance to the porch is marked by two gables aligned obliquely at the corners of the principal facade.

The asymmetrical plan evolved from an earlier two room structure. The interior is marked by a triangular entrance hall providing a corner entrance into the two earliest rooms. Interior tongue-and-groove ceilings are intact although some ceilings are now lowered. A secondary, shed-roofed porch has been enclosed.

The structure is situated on a triangular lot facing two intersecting streets. A grove of pecan trees is situated west of the house and garage.

The property is in good condition.

PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER: 77

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: J. C. Horton
 ORIGINAL USE: rental
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: original: unknown; additions: Temple family

HISTORIC ACREAGE: same as present
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1884
 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: ca. 1909

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

This property was acquired in 1884 by J. C. Horton. He constructed a two-room dwelling on the site which according to local tradition served as a rental residence; Reverend B. C. Thornton was living in the dwelling at the time of his death in 1884. The structure was later acquired by D. C. Alford. In 1909, the property was purchased by William Madison Vickery (1859-1935) and his wife Laura Isom (1861-1934). Vickery was a farmer and a cattleman. He hired the Temple family to remodel the structure soon after his purchase; five rooms were added to the original two. Sanborn maps indicate that an additional room and an outbuilding (presumably the current garage) were added to the property before 1924. Vickery's son and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Vickery Johnson, obtained ownership from M. W. Vickery in 1936. Mrs. Johnson continues to reside in the structure today.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: B, C
 AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

This property gains architectural significance through its architectural evolution and with its associations with the Temple family of builders. The house was originally a two-room structure which was expanded to include eight rooms, a bath, and a one-story wrap-around porch in Victorian-era design. These changes were made by the Temple family which constructed and renovated other structures in the multiple resource area. The end result, by about 1910, was a good local example of Victorian-eclectic house design on the exterior, with high hipped roof, gables, and wrap-around porch with cut woodwork.

CONTRIBUTING/NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES:

Contributing building(s): 1
 Contributing structure(s): 1

V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Hart County, Georgia

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Draft by Mrs. Evelyn Johnson; Hart County Courthouse, records.

FORM PREPARED BY:

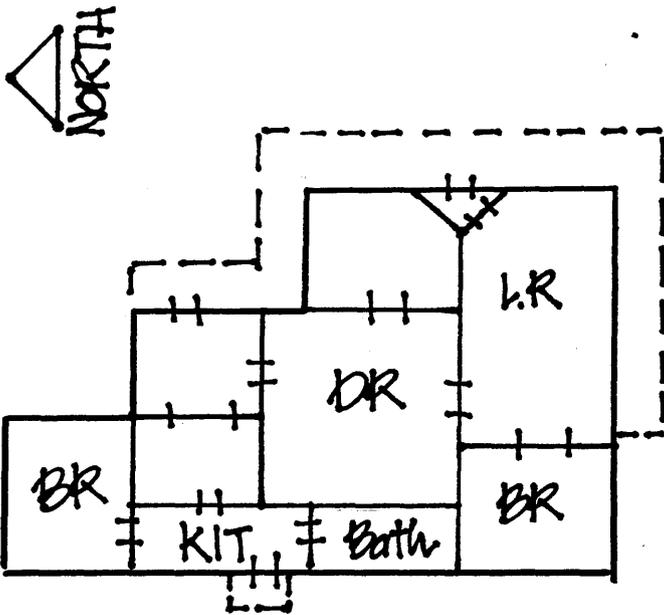
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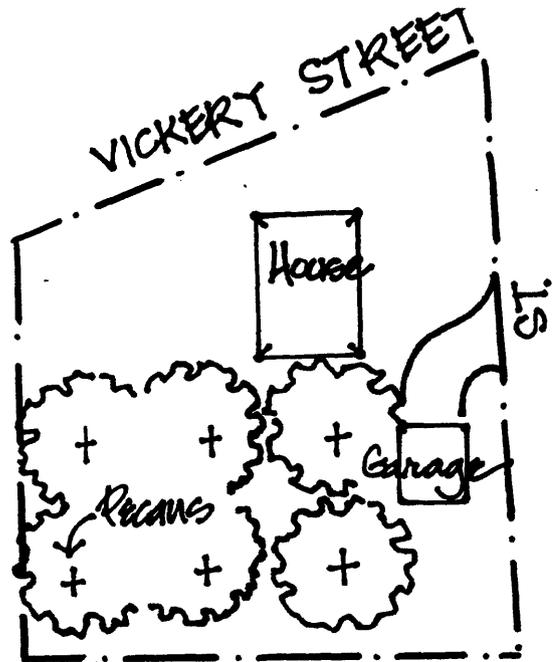
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VI. SITE PLAN/SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN

Attached sketches are intended only to help illustrate the nominated property. No scale is provided or implied, unless otherwise noted. Boundary markings are simply general indications of the extent of the nominated property; the actual boundary description, unless otherwise noted, is the current legal description of the property which coincides with the current tax map number cited in Section I of this form. Also, note that the orientation of the various sketches differs from sketch to sketch; each is provided with a north arrow for clarity.



FLOOR PLAN



CAROLINA STREET

SITE PLAN