COUNTY: HISTORIC RESOURCES OF LUMPKIN, STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA
GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 9

PROPERTY NAME: Irwin-Partain House  HISTORIC NAME: Jared Irwin House
STREET ADDRESS: East Main Street between Oak and Elm Streets-
PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Doug Partain
CITY: Lumpkin  COUNTY: Stewart
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Bungalow in appearance, but originally log dog trot cabin; ell plan, one story tall, saltbox type roof, brick foundation; log construction covered with a mixture of weatherboard and shiplap, two exterior brick and stucco chimneys, tin roof; front facade details include five bays with central entrance, two windows to either side of entrance are 4/4 in configuration; early 20th century front porch with battered pier columns was screened in c. 1930, wide eaves have exposed purlins; interior has central hall, two room dog trot plan with series of rooms added to rear of house; landscaped with ornamental shrubbery around the foundation, and shade trees (contd)

ORIGINAL OWNER: Jared Irwin  ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown  HISTORIC ACREAGE: Unknown
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1829-30  DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Early 20th century; house has had numerous additions, and the entire building has been expanded...

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The Irwin-Partain House is probably the oldest extant house in Lumpkin, Georgia. The original owner was Jared Irwin, one of the earliest settlers of Stewart County. He was born in Washington County, Georgia, on February 14, 1799. "He was a nephew of Jared Irwin (1751-1818), Governor of Georgia from 1796 to 1798 and 1806-1809. Irwin came to the area, then part of Randolph County, and by 1830 was one of the largest land holders in the area. His home almost became the first official meeting place of the County Court of Randolph County, he was one of the original county commissioners, and was Trustee of the Poor (CONTD)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecture: Considered the oldest house in Lumpkin, this house is architecturally significant because it is the only known log structure remaining in town. It also shows the evolution of style in that it today represents a bungalow house of a much later date than the original building construction. Exploration/Settlement: This house is significant as the earliest extent home in Lumpkin, representing Lumpkin's first recorded history. Its owner was one of the leaders in the settlement of Lumpkin and helped establish the county government and educational systems.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Stewart County History Vols. 1 and 11, Letters of Hawthorn, ed. George Chamberlin, Jr.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (II): around lawn; situated in residential neighborhood with Horton House (#7) to the north, and c. 1970 housing to east and west, with open field to rear.

DATES OF ALTERATIONS (III): building was stylistically updated to resemble the popular bungalow style.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (III): School Fund. He was killed in June 1836 at the Battle of Shepard's Plantation, while the Lower Creek Indians were trying to reclaim the newly formed Stewart County. His widow lived in the house until her death in 1887. It then became the property of her daughter and son-in-law. Late in the century they sold it to Robert Humber, who shortly thereafter sold it to the present owners, the Partains. They remodeled the house to its present appearance in the early 20th century. Jared Irwin's great, great granddaughter, Mrs. Bill Westbrook is still a resident of Lumpkin.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION (V): Stewart County Deed Book A
Interview with Dovie Partain
Historic Resources of Lumpkin, Stewart County, Georgia.

- Lumpkin Commercial Historic District
- Uptown Residential Historic District
- East Main Street Historic District
- Pigtail Alley Historic District
- Individually Numbered Properties