

TOWNS COUNTY SUMMARY

The Historic Preservation Survey in Towns County was completed in July, 1977. Seventy-four sites were photographed and recorded.

Towns County was created in 1856 from the eastern portion of Union County and a small bit of Rabun County. Union County had been created and opened to settlement in 1832, by cessation of Indian lands, although settlers and traders had been in the area before this time. Many Indian legends persist, and Indian artifacts have been found, especially in the Fodder's Creek area.

Towns County has an area of 166 square miles, and a 1970 population of 4,565. It was a very isolated rural county until the building of better roads in the thirties. The building of Lake Chatuge, a TVA project, in 1939-41, inundated the communities of Wood Grove, Friendship, and Lower Bell. It provided electricity at once to the areas surrounding the lake, and to the rest of the county by 1950. Tate City, isolated in the northeast corner, has had electricity only the last five years.

Tourism was established with the building of Lake Chatuge, and is today the primary industry. Valleys and mountainsides are dotted with summer homes, campgrounds and recreation areas. Farming and forestry are also important.

The most impressive site found in Towns County is the Wily-Brown house on Highway 75, site 47, said to have been a way-station on the old Unicoi Turnpike. It is of hand made brick, said to have been made by slaves on the site, and bears some similarity to the older, brick portion of the Williams-Dyer house in the Nacoochee Valley. Legend from another branch of the Brown family says that the brick came from England. This site should be definitely considered for the National Register.

The John Corn house, site 59, said to have been built in 1852, was once an impressive structure, but may now be beyond restoration.

Two institutions have had major educational and cultural influence on Towns County and surrounding areas. The Hiawassee Academy, a Baptist school founded in the eighteen eighties, had as many as three to four hundred boarding students in Hiawasssee. It closed in the thirties, due to lack of financial support from the church, and the rise of free, public high schools. Its remaining structure today is the brick girls' dormitory, site 13. Two small boarding student "cabins" also survive, although much remodelled. (Site 6)

Young Harris College, founded in 1886, should possibly be considered as a historic district. The Susan Harris Memorial Chapel, site 32, survives from 1892, and there are several old houses in the vicinity. Young Harris College has produced an unusual number of religious and political leaders in Georgia.

Churches in Towns County are in excellent condition, and have been continually remodelled and updated, with Sunday School rooms added across the rear. Union Hill Methodist, site 18, is said to be the original building, erected in 1879. Friendship Baptist, site 16, is said to contain its original log, which was faced with rock in the thirties. Boyd Chapel, site 63, was built in the eighteen eighties, and has not been used for thirty years or so.

Churchyard cemeteries are likewise in excellent condition, and contain a wide variety of plain rocks, hand carved soapstone, and commercial markers. No unusual sculpture was found, nor were there any old iron or wood picket fences. The oldest marked grave found was that of James Wyly in 1847, in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church cemetery, site 45, next to the Wyly-Brown house. A number of tiny private family cemeteries are scattered about the county,

where "Uncle Ed and Aunt Minnie are buried out behind the corncrib."

Three old water-powered gristmills were found in the county, sites 23, 38, and 68, although none is operating at the present time. It is said that the Berrong mill, site 68, could easily be made operable again. Dams for the other two have been washed away.

Urban fashions in homes came very slowly to this isolated county and were greatly simplified. The ell plan was favored until the nineteen twenties, when the high, pointy hip roof, called a "bungalow roof", over a virtually square plan, was adopted. All end chimneys were exterior, and until around 1900 included a fireplace with chimney at the rear of the ell for cooking. After 1900 iron cookstoves came into use, and stove flues were built, rather than fireplaces, in the rear ell. Fine rock chimneys chinked with mud, and later cement, remain all over the county. Brick was made at the Wyly-Brown site, in Hiawasse, at Young Harris, and in the Lower Bell region, and some early, hand made brick remains in these areas.

The J. Miles and Maggie Berrong home, site 5, was the only "Victorian" home of ample proportion and complicated roofline found. The elaborate gingerbread gables on the roof of the Dee Berrong "House of Seven Gables", site 70, at the eastern end of the county, cover a plain-style three room ell house that remains without plumbing. Several houses in Hiawasse built 1900-1915, show traces of gentle gingerbread on their bargeboards.

Much log construction remains in Towns County, and the very early hand hewn log of large dimension and closely fitted corners is in heavy demand for vacation cottages and commercial structures. The front part of the Country Music Building, site 40, was formerly the Ray Eller home. Site 48, now a vacation house, was a log home in Union County, and site 3 contains log

structures recently moved to Hiawassee from elsewhere. Log continued to be used through the nineteen thirties for houses, barns, corncribs and smokehouses, but this log is of smaller diameter, seldom hewn, and not as closely spaced or fitted as the nineteenth century log. The Berry Woodring home place, site 44, from 1872, is covered with weatherboard. Several other structures are partially of log.

Rooflines in the early buildings were very steep, for rapid rain runoff from the shake, or "board" roofs. Few of the spacious attics thus created were finished, but were used for storage. Many old "board" roofs remain on barns and outbuildings, but most are in poor condition. Most old homes and outbuildings have tin roofs. The gambrel roof began to be used on barns in the twenties, when it was promoted as being more efficient.

Unfortunately the old courthouse in Hiawassee was demolished, and its brick used to build two ranch houses. The old rock jail of the thirties still stands, but is presently not in use. The art deco high school of the thirties has been replaced with a new education complex, and its future is uncertain. Yet there seems to be a growing awareness of historic preservation in the county, and an appreciation of the old buildings, formerly considered eyesores.

Bibliography for Towns County is rather sparse. Towns was still a part of Union County when George White brought forth his Statistics of the State of Georgia of 1849, and his Historical Collections of Georgia in 1855. The Corn family and Hiawassee Academy are mentioned in A. J. Ritchie's Sketches of Rabun County History. Hiawassee Academy and Young Harris College are mentioned in E. L. Shuler's Blood Mountain, the Convention Press, Jacksonville, Florida, 1953. The Mountains Within Me by Zell Miller, a native

of Young Harris, was published in 1976 by the Commercial Printing Company of Toccoa. Also published by the Commercial Printing Company of Toccoa, in 1973, is Happiness is from the Blind Side, by John Ferry Moore, an account of life in Rabun and Towns counties in the early twentieth century.

The various editions of the Estill and Sholes Georgia State Gazetteer: Business and Planters Directory, published in the 1880's, list farmers and blacksmiths and storekeepers and preachers, as sent in by the postmasters in the various communities of that time. The 1886 edition was especially interesting to many old people in the county, who found their parents' and grandparents' names, and remembered many of the Baptist preachers.

Dr. E. L. Adams of Young Harris is now 98, has a bright and lively mind, and is a very rich source of historical information.

Perhaps the most useful present research in Towns County is being done by Mr. Jerry Taylor (B.A., University of Georgia, 1974,) a teacher in Towns County High School. His articles have appeared irregularly in the Towns County Herald since 1973. His students are researching local history, and eventually a Towns County history should be available.

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 1County TexasName of structure Old Hiawasseo BankLocation Hiawasseo - east side of square - new part of drug store

Present owner _____

Original owner _____

Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____

Date 1909Facade Material Side & rear of stone-finished cement block

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations New part of drug store - front rebuilt

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure ✓Grounds _____Neighborhood _____

Notes: Old vault remains in rear corner of store -
Stamped metal ceiling in this part of store
Bank founded 1909

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: Front & side seen on Sparks Ford Place - McKinney's
Store slide - site 2

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77Surveyor Mary F. Gubler

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Old Sparks Ford PlaceLocation Hiawassee - on east side of squarePresent owner McKinney's StoreOriginal owner W O Sparks Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date 1922Facade Material Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Building c. 30' x 90' built 1922 as early Ford dealership - showroom at front ~~to~~ left - drive to service area in rear thru right hand door - all old planks - stepped gable in front

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: Early auto building

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations:

Additional Comments: Has been McKinney's Store for about 20 years - a spot for old gentlemen to gather and visit. Side & rear boardwalk, bathroom - ^{rear} side nicely landscaped for drive-in bank window next door -

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Margot G. Gerkman

Name of structure

Log Houses

Location

Hiwassee, 1st block east of square

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Date

Facade Material

Log & board & batten

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

These two log structures moved to present site this year - one from Dalton & one from Tennessee - over-restored and touristy - a third structure is planned - intended for gift shop and residence - part of 1 bldg was smoke house.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

(Bldg. from Tennessee said to have been old print shop right next to Courthouse. Could it have been their original Courthouse?)

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Herken

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 4

County Town

Name of structure Old Towns County Jail

Location Hialeah - next to Courthouse

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain w/hip roof Date c. 1937

Facade Material Rock Veneer over oak - very thick walls

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Built as WPA project in late thirties -
Not in use at present since new jail was built
Bars on upstairs windows

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 6/28/77
 Surveyor Max G. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Berrong House
 Location Hiawasseo, east of square behind Hiawasseo Motel
 Present owner Thomas Oakley
 Original owner J. Miles Berrong & Maggie Berrong Architect/builder Bert Lockaby
 Carpenter

DESCRIPTION

Style

Victorian

Date

c. 1910

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Barn, garage, stables, sheds

Plan

2 story, wide center hall & stair - 4/4 - rear kitchen

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

✓✓✓✓

Notes: J. Miles & Maggie Berrong were long-time, well-regarded citizens of Towns County - spacious house with bay windows, window seats, nooks and crannies. Porch around front & side. Nice interior woodwork - curved stairwell - plaster walls.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: Slides clockwise around house. Largest & most elaborate house found in Towns County. Area in front of house at right along highway being levelled for new flea market.

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margaret L. Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Two Boarding Student CabinsLocation River street, just south of courthouse, Hiawassee

Present owner _____

Original owner J.M. & Maggie Berrong Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1900

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

None

Plan

2 room

Alterations

Right hand bldg has carpet & rear room

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

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Grounds

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Neighborhood

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Notes: Built c. 1900 by J.M. & Maggie Berrong as "cabins" for boarding students attending Hiawasse Academy — each small bldg. ^{was} is a duplex — with a center chimney serving both halves for heating & cooking.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Fred Gibson House
 Location Hiawassee - end of River Street, 1 block S. of Courthouse
 Present owner Fred Gibson
 Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

before 1900

Facade Material

White weatherboard

Outbuildings

None

Plan

Ell - 2 over 2 w/ center hall - 3 room rear ell

Alterations

Rear ell moved from side near courthouse and added sometime before 1910

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes: 4 turned posts on shed front porch - interior all originally grooved wood, now covered by sheetrock - Boxed in staircase

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Herken

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Woods-Nicholson Home
 Location Hiawassa, closed street 2 blocks west of Coerthaus
 Present owner Homer Nicholson
 Original owner J. Woods Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate C. 1900 or before

Facade Material

Brick

Outbuildings _____

Plan

1 1/2 story - 2 over 2 w/center hall - rear ell

Alterations

Ell porches enclosed - Cement block & wood addition at right rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

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✓

Notes: Vacant. Weather board bricked over about 20-30 years ago by Pope Woods. Not far to left of this house is early 1900s appearing house - vacant - completely enclosed by dense hedge - no entry thru hedge - roof shows from distance.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77

Surveyor

Mary G. Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Burrell - Sims HomeLocation Hiawasse, c. 1/2 mile west of squarePresent owner Mr & Mrs. Hamp SimsOriginal owner Rome Burrell Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate 1900-1910

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan

See below

Alterations

Part of rear porch enclosed

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

✓

Notes: Unoccupied at present, traces of gentle gingerbread on bargeboards - 2-story center part - lightening rods -

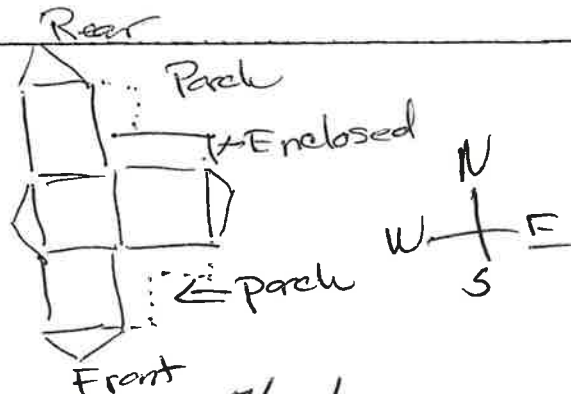
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Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____



Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor

Maury T. Lee

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

10

County

Tacono

Name of structure Old Jim Kimsey House - Denton Real Estate
 Location Hiawasseo - Highway 76 - C. 2 blocks west of courthouse
 Present owner Denton Real Estate & Insurance
 Original owner Jim Kimsey Architect/builder J. Bush Gibson, carpenter

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain w/ gentle gingerbread c. 1902

Facade Material

yellow weather board

Outbuildings

Plan



Alterations

Recently remodelled for office bldg

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes: Very nice restoration and new use as offices, interior changed to meet new needs - owner has c. 1910 picture of old house with family standing in yard - tiny decoration on bargeboards - arched windows on entrance doors -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 11

County Town

Name of structure Service Station

Location Hickassee - c. 1 block west of square on highway

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Art deco influence on top

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Date 7/20/77

Surveyor Mary F. Gibson

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 12

County Town

Name of structure Law Office with New Gingerbread

Location Hiawasse - West Side of Square

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____

Date _____

Facade Material Brick

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Not-very-old small brick law office on square is being given a 'new old-fashioned look' with shingled roof canopy, turned posts and gingerbread - part of the fix-up movement in Hiawasse - a.k. Helen. Next project: gingerbread entrance and canopy for used-car lot next door.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77

Surveyor Margaret L. Gorman

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Old Hiawasseo Academy Girls DormitoryLocation Hiawasseo, on hill beside old high school

Present owner _____

Original owner Hiawasseo Academy Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date c. 1900Facade Material BrickOutbuildings None

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes: Built as girls dormitory for boarding students at Hiawasseo Academy - now used as band house for H.S. Future unknown. Should be preserved.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Only building remaining from Hiawasseo Academy - which served an important educational & cultural force in Towns County for many years - c. 1888 - c. 1935

Recommendations:

Possible NR.

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 6/28/77Surveyor Mary F. Gerkin

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 14 County Town

Name of structure "Old" Towns County High School

Location Hicawessee - on hill opposite Caerthage

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain with Art Deco influence Date c. 1937

Facade Material White Painted brick

Outbuildings _____

Plan E11

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Built in late thirties as WPA project - rounded front entrance and especially side entrance show art deco influence. New high school has been built - future of this building unknown - several plans at present.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Thirties influence

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 6/28/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Mary F. Gerkin

Name of structure

Brown - Woods Home

Location

Hiawassa - on hill c. 1/2 mile n. of square - at

Present owner

Woods Trailer Park
Mrs. Cordie Lewis

Original owner

Brown

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1910

Facade Material

New aluminum siding - white

Outbuildings

Plan

4 over 4 with side ^{front} hall and stair

Alterations

New porch - originally had small balcony at upper right

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Eastlake style front door - Interior doors six horizontal panels. Very complicated roofline.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/26/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Friendship Baptist Church

Location

Highway 76, C. 2 miles west of Hiawasee

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Facade Material

Rock

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Cement block additions at rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Church founded c. 1875-80 - was log church, then weatherboarded over. Rocked over in 1932 with rock from Hiawasee River - log building still inside rocks. (Information from J. Y. Denton in house in front of church)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Leckman

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Kimsey-Denton Home
Location Highway 76 - E. 2 miles west of Hiawassee in front of
Present owner J. Y. Denton Friendship Baptist Church
Original owner Rev. R. A. Kimsey Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1875-80

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

Original: 2 over 2 w/ center hall & stair, stack chimney

Alterations

New additions at front & rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes:

Lightening rods on roof

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margot Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Union Hill Methodist ChurchLocation Sunnyside Rd (#288) c. 1 mile from western end
at Hay Creek Road

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

1879

Facade Material

White weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan

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Alterations

Recent addition across rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes:

Probably oldest original church building in county -
date is on front billboard - Cemetery across road ~ 1/4 mile
South in good condition - has some early graves

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Margaret L. Seckman

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Tom Barrett Old Home

Location

End of Hog Creek Road off Sunnyside Road (288) at

Present owner

western end - turn at Methodist Church
Harold Nielsen since wife

Original owner

Tom Barrett

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1900

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Originally 2 rooms with rock & mud end chimney -
2 rooms added across front, 2 added across rear, porches
recently removed - nice old rock chimney - used now as
summer retreat - Some interior planks taken from old

SIGNIFICANCE

School in Hiawasee

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Margaret Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 20County TownName of structure Ablep Discaent ClothingLocation Highway 76 - C. 3 miles west of Hiawasee on RightPresent owner Richard Lynch

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date c. 1940Facade Material Stone-effect cement block - yellow-green

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: One of the first resort buildings when Lake Chatuge was built c 1940. Beer in the basement, a restaurant on 1st floor, six sleeping rooms w/private baths on Second floor. Double porch across east side. Now used as store with apartment above.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77
Surveyor Marep. Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Woods Grove Baptist ChurchLocation Highway 17, 6.1 mile north of # 76, on right

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date Early 1900sFacade Material White weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations Recast Sunday School rooms across rear end at right rear side

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____ 2 miles

Notes: Church founded & built in early 1900s, moved to present site c. 1940 when Lake Chatuge was built. Tin roof - decorative metal roofing on top of belfrey. Interior walls & ceiling completely panelled with short, random lengths of tongue & groove.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: groove oak flooring bought as scrap from Morse Bros. in Helen in 1920s - several houses in vicinity said to be also finished in this t.g. oak flooring - very nice. Pleasant site by lake.

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/15/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Margt. Gehman

Name of structure Mrs. Ella Parker HouseLocation Crooked Creek Road c. 1/2 mile west of Highway 17Present owner Mrs. Ella Parker since 1934Original owner Tom Emerson Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date _____Facade Material Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan 2 over 2 w/ center hall & stairAlterations Rear ell removed

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: No windows across rear. Huge end chimneys are
rotted at bottom, old brick at top - porch across front -
interior plank walls very dark and mellow -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Marg. F. Gerkin

Name of structure

Alexander - Campbell Mill

Location

Highway 66 at Crooked Creek Road

Present owner

P. R. Campbell

Original owner

Will Alexander

Architect/builder

Ernest Norton - Ernest Wright

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

C. 1900

Facade Material

Corrugated metal over diagonal plank

Outbuildings

Country store at left - garages at right - newer

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes:

Was gristmill, flourmill, hammer mill - had turbine wheel - dam washed away & not used for 25 or 30 years - large bldg. C 35 x 60 feet - upstairs ^{formerly} used for curing tobacco

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margaret E. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Brasstown Baptist Church & Cemetery

Location

Highway 66, c. 1/2 mile south of N. Carolina line

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Date

Facade Material

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Church founded in mid-1800s but present building is new. Cemetery with graves of early settlers in county, earliest burial found - 1856

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Rachel Crawford 1803-1856 & James Crawford 1809-1896

Martha M Brown 1836-1872

David McClure 1807-1880 & Vianne McClure 1820-1909

Elizabeth Townsley 1808-1872

Margaret K Brown 1854-1862

A B Brown

1830-1906

Nancy A Brown

1837-1902

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date 7/20/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Mary T. Glick

Name of structure Hunt - Barnard HomeLocation Gumlog Road - Co. 1 1/2 miles west of Highway 66Present owner J. E. Barnard, Jr.Original owner Bill Hunt Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Before 1900

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Bath - wash house, privy - log barn, crib

Plan

2 over 2 w/ center hall & stair, 2 room ell

Alterations

part of ell porch enclosed

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

✓
✓
✓✓
✓
✓✓
✓
✓✓
✓
✓

Notes:

Very nice house - transom & side lights at front door -
 had chimney at rear ell for cooking - rock end chimneys
 stuffed over - turned spindles on stair - nice maple mantels
 6 over 6 windows with wavy glass - interior panel doors have
 corner pegs, china door knobs. Barnards moved here
 in 1914. lightning rods

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

Vacant, but family members live nearby.

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Mary T. Gierke

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Many Forks Baptist Church

Location

Gumby Road c. 1 mile n. of Union County line

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Facade Material

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Church founded 1873, but building is recent
Small well-kept cemetery - many plain stones - earliest
burial found: Alfred Shatt 1818-1876

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margt. Gordon

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Nichols Home
Location Highway 66, C 1 1/2 miles n. of Young Harris, on right
Present owner Gwinten D. Nichols
Original owner Dave Nichols Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

C. 1910

Facade Material

Green weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan

2 story, 2 over a w/ 1 room rear ell kitchen

Alterations

Part of rear ell porch enclosed for bath -

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes: Center stack chimney, no interior stairs - stair goes up from front porch, double porch across front.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll # _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margaret L. Larkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
HISTORIC STRUCTURES FIELD SURVEY
CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

Number 33-A

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For information on this property see:

NATIONAL REGISTER:

Young Harris College Historic
District Aug 22, 1983

HABS:

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NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK:

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

WORKING FILE:

TAX CERTIFICATION:

GRANT PROJECT:

S.C.C.N.

OTHER:

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

County

Name of structure Mrs. Birdie (Bertie?) Miller HouseLocation Yang Harris - Highway 76

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____

Date C. 1930Facade Material Rock

Outbuildings _____

Plan - 2 storyAlterations Addition at rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure ✓Grounds ✓

Neighborhood _____

Notes:

Impressive 2 story rock house said to have been built by Mrs. Miller herself as home for herself and children after early death of her husband, who was then dean of Yang Harris College - Mother of Zell Miller

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary Y. Herkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

29

Towns

Name of structure Henry Stephens Braen HouseLocation Young Harris - Highway 76Present owner Mr. E. L. BraenOriginal owner Henry Stephens Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

C. 1900

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan

2 storey - 2 over 2 w/ rear ell

Alterations

Recent renovation - new stairs on porch

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes:

Recent renovation of old Henry Stephens house, formerly considered community eyesore. Interior rock chimneys removed; space used for bathrooms - center hall with dogleg staircase. Front doors have 2 arched glass panels - 4 over 4 windows. Henry Stephens said to have been son of Dr. J. C. Stephens, well-regarded early physician in community. Dr. Adams knows all community history.

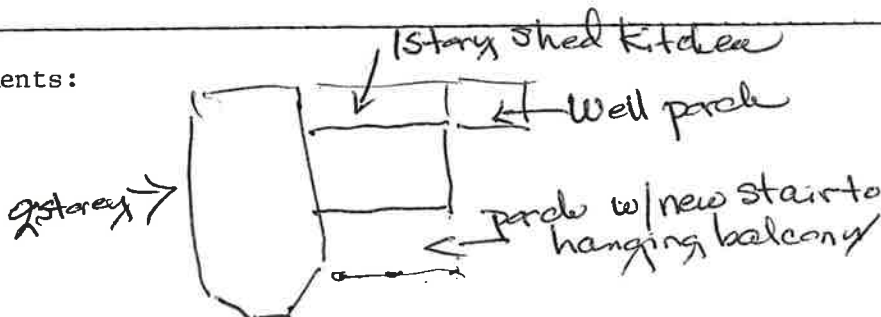
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Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:



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Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Dr. Coleman HaeseLocation Yang Harris

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Unknown

Facade Material

Green weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations

Addition at right rear - interior renovation

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Dr. Coleman was Yang Harris town's campus physician
Haese vacant - for sale. 2 over 2 with center hall, straight
stair - 1 story rear ell - double porch across front.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Dr. Adams House

Location

Young Harris - at entrance to Campus

Present owner

Dr. E.L. Adams

Original owner

Dr. J.E. Stephens

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Facade Material

Weatherboard -

Outbuildings

before 1900
Old granary made into house - large barn @ 1960

Plan

2 over 2 w/ center hall - 2 story rear ell

Alterations

Many

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

✓

Notes:

Dr. Adams is 98 and a walking historic district himself. His stories are long & rambling but he knows much local history. Dr. Stephens was a well regarded early physician in area who died early, after accident with horse. Widow Nancy Stephens (Sanderson, Robertson)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Should be part of Young Harris Historic District -

Additional Comments:

said to have given land for Young Harris College.
Dr. Stephens house on this site by 1852 - cedars planted by Jane Daly Setzer, 1852, house maid for Stephens family.
Original 2 room house of Dr. Stephens gone, was rear ell until late forties, when new ell built. Front porch - over.

Photos: Roll#

Negative #

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margaret L. Gehring

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

32

County

Tarrant

Name of structure

Susan B. Harris Memorial Chapel

Location

Yang Harris Campus

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Date

1892 - on front of tower

Facade Material

Brick

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Recent renovation preserved original exterior

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Brick said to have been made on site by town people
Oldest building on Yang Harris campus - Brick worn at
entrance by generations of students

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Should be NR or part of Yang Harris Historic District

Additional Comments:

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Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Margt. Lakin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Sharp Hall

Location

Young Harris Campus

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Date early 1920s or before

Facade Material

Brick

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes:

Said to be 2nd oldest building on Young Harris campus -
Original wooden staircase jettied out from 2nd floor front -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

(Methodist)

Young Harris College has
been an important educational & cultural force in this
area & has produced many leaders in Georgia

Recommendations:

Part of Young Harris Historic District

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Margaret L. Herkin

Name of structure

Old Well

Location

Yang Harris Campus

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Date

19203

Facade Material

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Rock corner posts, hip roof, iron pump inside.
Said to be first dug well on campus, although campus
previously had gravity water system.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Marcy T. Gehring

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Old Union Baptist Church & Cemetery
 Location Highway 76, 1/2 mile west of Young Harris
 Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Church founded 1844, but new church built 1964 - old bldg. moved to Union County to be summer home. Cemetery contains graves of many of earliest settlers in the county - large cemetery mixture of plain rocks, hand-carved, & commercial

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

John Bryson (1800-1874) & Jane Ann Bryson (1802-1884)
 Rev. Bailey Kirby (1799-1876) & Elizabeth Sherril Kirby (1799-1876)
 Rev. Alfred Carn (1817-1905) said to have been missionary to Cherokees
 Cornelius Welch (1795-1865) and Sarah Welch (1805-1876)
 also grave of Byron Herbert Reese, Georgia poet (1917-1958)

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77
 Surveyor Margt. Larkin

Name of structure Old Evans Greene HouseLocation Young Harris - 2nd house down Platt-tun road inPresent owner Jacksonville Community - Mrs. Mrs. Howard Brown, Byron, Ga.Original owner Dr. Wm. Haynes Architect/builder Evans Green

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate Began late 1870s

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

Three over three, double gallery, porch stair

Alterations

Several more recent additions at rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes: Begun late 1870s as two rooms by Dr. Wm. Haynes - then third room added at left by Evans Green in 1880s - then three rooms above original three, with 3 front doors to upstairs porch - never any connecting doorways between 3 upstairs rooms, but connecting doorways downstairs -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations:

Additional Comments: Always out door stairway on porch - 3 front doors to downstairs porch - good exterior rock end chimneys - Information from Mrs. Vile Greene Byrd - bright & lively at age 92 - Now used by Browns as vacation home

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Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary Y. Gekker

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Stephens - Townsend - Seabolt HomeLocation Townsend Mill Road - 1st left off # 76 after bridge atPresent owner Union County Line - across from Old Townsend MillOriginal owner John Stephens Architect/builder _____DESCRIPTION W.A. "Gus" TownsendStyle Plain Date CentraenFacade Material Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations Appears to have had several renovations

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: 2nd story overhang front porch, stair up from porch, but said to have interior stair also - Three front doors - spots across porch front - very old cedars, boxwoods! Walnut trees on property

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations:

Needs more research i: dating

Additional Comments: John Stephens operated grist mill here by 1886 - then was Townsend mill for many years -

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Date 7/15/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Mary T. Lakin

Name of structure

Townsend Mill

Location

1/2 mile down Townsend Mill Road - 1st Left off Highway

Present owner

Scholt

76 after bridge at Union County line - turn at McClures Mowers Sign

Original owner

John Stephens

Architect/builder

W. A. "Gus" Townsend

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

by 1886

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

2 story

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Said begun by John Stephens in 19th century - John Stephens
 Flair's Grist mill in Campagne Community (now Young Harris) listed in
 1886 Sholes Georgia Gazetteer. Operated as flour, grist mill &
 sawmill & planing mill by W. A. "Gus" Townsend for many years
 Flood said to have washed away dam c. 15 years ago.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Should be researched & preserved if possible

Additional Comments:

Now in very poor condition - area too overgrown
 and snaky for good photo - many huge walnut trees in
 vicinity - area was picnic & trysting spot for early
 Young Harris Students

Photos: Roll #

Negative #

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary J. Herkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Old Frank Lloyd HouseLocation Highway 76 - east of Hiawassees - inside of city limits

Present owner _____

Original owner Frank Lloyd Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

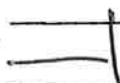
E. 1900

Facade Material

Weather board

Outbuildings _____

Plan



Alterations

Rear ell porches enclosed - room at right rear for pump

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

✓

✓

Notes:

Now used as flea market - very similar to restored Kimsey-Denton Real Estate House in Hiawassees (in reverse)
Bay window effed on right front - chimneys are rock at base - brick at top - simple mantels -

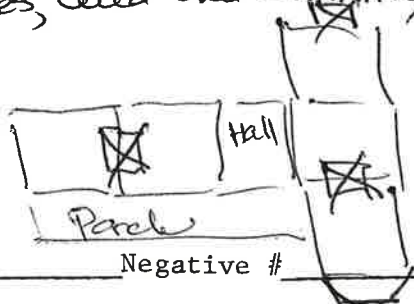
SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: Two interior stack chimneys with double fireplaces, and end chimney at rear ell
Have locust sills



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Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary T. Gehring

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Country Music Building

Location

Highway 76, east of Hiawasse, across from new
School Complex

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Facade Material

Log and board & batten

Outbuildings

Plan

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Log front portion of this building was originally log
home of Ray Eller on Titus Road in which he raised his
family - moved to this site c. 1950-1955. Nice flat heavy
logs about 12" wide

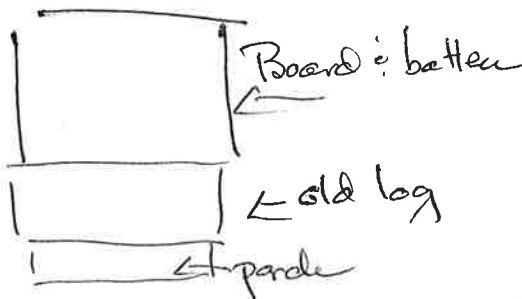
SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:



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Date

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Surveyor

Margaret Larkin

Name of structure Harvey Braen HouseLocation 0.1 mile down Fodders Creek Road off Sunnyside Rd (#288)
at eastern endPresent owner Harvey Braen

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

1920's

Facade Material

Weather board

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Typical of many houses built in twenties with high
pointy hip roof, then called "bungalow roof" - square
plan with 2 rooms in front, three across rear, with
porches at front and sides

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Mary T. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure George Elisha Brown House
 Location 1 mile down Fadders Creek Road off Sunnyside Road
at eastern end
 Present owner Harvey Brown
 Original owner G. E. "Lish" Brown Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date c. 1914

Facade Material Weather board

Outbuildings Log barn, log crib, ruins of original log house
behind main house

Plan Two Story ell

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: 2 over 2 with center hall & stairs - 3 storey rear ell -
Brick chimney at right end and rear of ell - Vacant.
Log structures on property owned by Hiawassea Lions Club

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll # _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77
 Surveyor Mary G. Gerken

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

43
Number

Town
County

Name of structure Enotah Baptist Church & Cemetery
 Location c 2 miles down Fadders Creek Road, off east end of #288
 Present owner Cemetery is behind brick posts & gate on right,
 Original owner c 1/2 mile before church Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Church founded in 1899, but building appears recent.
 Burials in cemetery begin in 1890s - many births in 1830s & 1840s

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/15/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Margy T. Gish

Name of structure Berry Woodring Home PlaceLocation Bald Mountain Park, end of Fodders Creek Rd, turnoff #288
a 1/2 mile from eastern endPresent owner Mr. & Mrs. Hugh OliverOriginal owner Berry Woodring (1856-1938) Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1872

Facade Material

Weather board over log

Outbuildings

Plan

3 room ell - shed porch

Alterations

Rear ell added c. 1915

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes: Said to have been inn on Fodders Creek - Owl Creek route from Hiawasse to Helen. Olivers have original deeds to building - are very interested in preservation

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: Area may have been oldIndian village - many Indian artifacts have been found

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

See Bob Harrell's story in Appendix

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor

Mary T. Linder

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

45
Number

Town
County

Name of structure Mt. Zion Baptist Church & Cemetery
Location Highway 75, c. 3 miles north of Union Gap-
Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes: Church is recent - cemetery has some very old graves - this community was maintain scene - oldest grave found - ' Sacred to the memory of James Wyly. who departed this life the 15th day of Jan, 1847, aged 33 years - and long illegible epitaph -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

Also many graves of members of Braen family of Wyly - Braen house next door

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Date 7/1/77

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Surveyor Mary F. Gerkin

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

County

Name of structure

Mrs. W. S. Brown House

Location

Highway 75 c. 3 miles n of Union Gap - across from

Present owner

Mrs. W. S. Brown
Mr. Zion Baptist Church -

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

C. 1890

Facade Material

Green weather board

Outbuildings

Plan

2 rooms w/ 2 room ell

Alterations

Recently remodelled - front porch guest room added
Rear ell porch screened in

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes:

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Margt. F. Hecken

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Wyly - Brown Home
 Location Highway 75, C. 3 miles n. of Unicoi Gap, next to Mt. Zion Church
 Present owner Norwood Brown Estate - James N. Brown in residence
 Original owner Oliver Wyly Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate C. 1830's

Facade Material

Hand-made Brick

Outbuildings

Assorted sheds - barn & gristmill burned in arson fire c. 10 years ago

Plan

"T" - 2 1/2 w center hall - 2 room rear T

Alterations

Interior Partitions - original cookhouse shed behind main house

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

_____ ☒

_____ ☒

Notes: Oldest house in Towns County - said to have been built soon after area opened for settlement and a way station on the Unicoi Turnpike - Said to have been built by slaves, brick made in field across the road - Wyly said to have had

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Oliver Wyly said to have been Mexican War General
Way station on old Unicoi Turnpike

Recommendations:

A must for the National Register if family will permit

Additional Comments:

many slaves - Brown family acquired it after Civil War, perhaps at tax sale - Ezekiel Brown first of Browns also William C Brown & Scott Brown from Waynesville, NC, C. 1875. Was also site of Maentain Send postoffice c. 1900 - and Braen gristmill for many years. Cannot be seen from highway - north side can be seen from Mt. Zion Baptist Church parking area,

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/15/77

Name of structure

Log House Restoration

Location

End of gravel road off Highway 75 - 1st road to left
north of Soapstone Creek Road (Highway 66)

Present owner

Jack Simpson Estate - For Sale - New owner by me

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Facade Material

Log

Outbuildings

Plan

1 large room w/ loft, shed porch across front

Alterations

New log shed room across rear for kitchen & bath

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Very old log house moved from Bald Creek area of Union
County about 5 years ago - new log portion across rear
Old logs are 18" wide - 6" to 8" thick - very fine corner joints -

Nice restoration except for small rocks set in new cement

SIGNIFICANCE

Chinking

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Marey L. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Nicholson HomeLocation Stratford Road, c 1 mile East of Noble's station # 75Present owner Nicholson

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date c. 1900-1910Facade Material Grey shingle over plankOutbuildings Smokehouse, can house - barns - shedsPlan Ell - 2 rooms in front, 2 in rear ell

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Porch across front, center stack chimney in front part,
cook-stove flue in rear ell -

Rock can house in rear very old - plank smokehouse

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll # _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77Surveyor Mary T. Gish

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 50County TownName of structure Old Kelly HomeLocation Streathed Road by Iron Bridge - Kelly Road - 1st roadPresent owner Frank Kelly to west of Morelands
store on Hwy 76

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date _____Facade Material Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan E11

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Front part said to be log

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Mary T. Larkin

Name of structure Woods - Coleman HomeLocation Bearmeat Road - c. 1 mile north of Highway 76Present owner J. C. ColemanOriginal owner T. H. Woods Architect/builder Sanders, ~~Sampson~~, Carpenter

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate c. 1880s

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

1 1/2 story, 2 over 2 w/ shed kitchen across rear

Alterations

New side room on north for bath

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓_______________

Grounds

✓_______________

Neighborhood

Notes: One of two identical houses built along Bearmeat Road by a Carpenter named Sanders in 1880s. This one has been much remodelled, but has beautifully crafted rock chimney on right, built by Mr. Coleman in 1931.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Mary T. Beech

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Arendale - McKinney HomeLocation Bearmeat Road - c. 1 1/2 miles n. of Highway 76Present owner Clyde McKinneyOriginal owner R.F. Arendale Architect/builder Sanders, carpenter

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate 1880's

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

1 1/2 story, 2 over 2 w shed kitchen across rear

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes: One of two identical houses built on Bearmeat Road in 1880's by Carpenter named Sanders. He on log sills - North end chimney rock, topped with brick, chinked with mud - Two front doors.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: Ownership according to Mr. Coleman in similar house: (1) R.F. Arendale, (2) Jim Rogers, (3) Andy Moore, (4) Otis Martin, (5) Clyde McKinney

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77Surveyor Margaret L. Gordon

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Lower Hightower Baptist Church & Cemetery
 Location Highway 76, c. 3 miles east of # 75, on right, at
Swallow Creek Road
 Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Church appears recent, but burials in cemetery begin in 1880s or earlier - many hand carved Soapstone markers - Church said to be original church recently bricked over -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

2 slides - One ep. taph: "gone to be an angel"

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 6/28/77
 Surveyor Margaret Larkin

Name of structure Old John Lyon PlaceLocation Swallow Creek Road, c. 1/2 mile S. of Highway 76Present owner Larry ColemanOriginal owner John H. Lyon Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date 1880'sFacade Material Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan 1 1/2 story ell - 2 over 2 w center hall & stairAlterations New room at right rear, in former ell porch

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Very nice recent restoration. Original rock & brick chimney has "J.E. Deaver, 1889" inscription - Chimney builder. Transom and side lights at front door - wooden transom panels with diamond decoration above exterior windows and interior doors. Mellow dark brown plank walls.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations:

Additional Comments: Pegged interior panel doors, some early hand made hinges & other hardware. Rooms c. 16 ft square. Stair & center hall & tiny, crooked stair from rear ell room to room above. Tin roof - lightning rods.

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/20/77

Surveyor

Margaret L. Larkin

Name of structure Henson - Walls HouseLocation Swallow Creek Road - c. 1 1/2 miles S. of highway 76Present owner Fred WallsOriginal owner W. H. Henson Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date Before 1900Facade Material Weatherboard -Outbuildings Barn, cribPlan 2 room w/center hall - 1 room rear ell -Alterations Side rear room added

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: House now vacant & used for storage - Mr. Walls lives in new house nearby - rock end chimney - Walls family moved here in 1909

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/20/77
Surveyor Margaret A. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Frank Shook HomeLocation End of 1st road on left up Seaway Road - turn by churchPresent owner Frank ShookOriginal owner Frank Shook Architect/builder Frank Shook

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date c. 1950Facade Material Weatherboard & asphalt roll sidingOutbuildings Log barn, log smokehouse, privy

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Typical of many small homesteads in Towns County - hand made by owner of logs, boards & whatever is at hand - from 20 to 50 years old. Log barn was originally log house, house is partly of log, part plank.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

Note two wooden sleds under shelter of barn - to be dragged across ground by horse. Mr. Shook is old, and sells firewood when he is able.

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 6/28/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Margy F. Herkin

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

57

County

Trents

Name of structure

Old Pine Grove School

Location

On hill above Pine Grove Church - e. 1 mile up Scataway Road

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Early twenties

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

None

Plan

1 Room

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes:

Built in early twenties to replace old log
schoolhouse built before 1900. Not used for 25 years or more.
Rusty tin roof

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Margaret. Herkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Burrell-Kimsey HomeLocation Highway 76, c. 4 miles east of intersection with 75 -
just beyond Scataway RoadPresent owner Mr & Mrs Raymond KimseyOriginal owner Walter Burrell Architect/builder Verge Stonedaphan & Virgil Barry, carpenters

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate 1915

Facade Material

Weather board

Outbuildings

Many: Dairy house, main barn, granary with shed
side for machinery, double cribs, garage, wash shed, wash
house, log smokehouse, etc.

Plan

Alterations

Part of rear ell porch enclosed for bathroom -

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

_____✓_______________✓______________________________Notes: 1 1/2 stories, 2 over 2 w/ center hall, 2 room rear ell,
stack chimney w/ double fire place to front room in ell,
right end chimney removed, shed porch across front,
rear ell porch -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

Log for this house hauled by mule over the mountains
to the "new" lumber mill at Helen to be sawed & planed, 1915.

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Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Perkins

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure John Corn House
 Location N side of Highway 76, ca. 3 miles west of Rabun County line
 Present owner John Bowen of North Carolina
 Original owner John Corn Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

PlainDate c 1852

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Barn, stone can or meat house

Plan

2 story ell

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

~~Poor~~ Ruins

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Once very fine house and sharp place of family well regarded in Town's County - has been used as barn recently -
 2 story 2 1/2 with center hall - 2 story 2 1/2 rear ell -
 double gallery across front - rear ell porch -
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SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: One of earliest houses in County

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: See A. J. Ritchie "Sketches of Rabun County History"

Sarah Dillard Corn was midwife in Oisage Community

Recommendations:

Additional Comments: Sidelights at front doors up & down - stairway up from ell porch, brick end chimneys at front gone - huge brick chimney between rear ell rooms collapsing - surely handmade brick - most of roof still there
Family Cemetery on hill to east

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Mary T. Gerkin

Name of structure Corn Family Cemetery
 Location On hill east of Corn House - Highway 76 C 3 miles west
of Rabun County line
 Present owner _____
 Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Several graves surrounded by low rock & cement wall - hillside covered with vinea minor - "graveyard grass"
 Headstones for: Mary W. Corn Rev. Jno Corn
 Sept 20, 1810 Oct 18, 1813
 Jan 14, 1879 Jan 2, 1875

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: Corn family mentioned in A. J.

Ritchie's "Sketches of Rabun County" - Sarah Dillard Corn was of
Dillard family, early settlers in Rabun County - Addie Corn (daughter)
was wife of A. J. Ritchie

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

and
John Heatherly Corn
Sept 2, 1843 - July 4, 1927

His wife
Sarah Elizabeth Dillard
Feb 19, 1851 - Nov 16, 1937

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Date 1/1/77Surveyor Margaret Gerhart

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

61

County

Towns

Name of structure

Upper Hightower Baptist Church

Location

Highway 76 - C. 2 miles from Rabun County Line

Present owner

Original owner

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

Facade Material

White Asbestos shingle

Outbuildings

Plan

T plan

Alterations

Sunday School Rooms added at Rear

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

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Grounds

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Neighborhood

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Notes: Church founded in 1852 - maybe early building -
 School was held at this church before 1900 -
 Very visible location

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# Negative #

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Old Milton Maney Home Place
 Location End of 1st gravel road on left off Titus Road
 Present owner Maney Heirs
 Original owner Milton M. Maney Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1910

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

E11

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Original log home built 1870s - this house c. 1910 -
 Milton Maney raised 16 children - was murdered in 1947
 at age 76 - two local boys executed. Milton Maney was a
 leading layman in Boyd Chapel Methodist Church - descendants
 are leaders in Towns County today. House deteriorating -
 has not been occupied since his death.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Mary G. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Boyd Chapel Methodist Church
 Location 2nd gravel road to left off Titus Road - on hill
 Present owner behind trailer - Park and walk
Ice Eiler

Original owner _____ Architect/builder Paul Anderson of Shooking Creek
Lucius Owenby - Carpenter

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date C. 1885

Facade Material Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan 1 room

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Grounds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Built C. 1885 - not used as church for 25 years or so -

Building C. 30' x 40' - steps in entrance on north - had
belfry on south, now mostly gone - hand hewn locust sills
& floor joists - transom window over entrance door.
Double entrance doors -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: Old handmade pews are still inside - pews
recently stolen - building occasionally vandalized, but largely
watched over by Ray Eiler nearby. Bell from church now
used at Mt. Pleasant Church of God. Thomas Potter was
leading layman who founded church.
3 slides: front side, belfry side

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Mary F. Larkin

Name of structure Boyd Chapel - Unity Cemetery
 Location E. 1/2 mile on right, 2nd gravel road to left off Titus Road -
turn at trailer.

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____ Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Cemetery used by both Methodists & Baptists in Titus Community, hence "Unity" Cemetery - burials begin about 1885 and continue to present. Great variety of commercial markers, and some handcarved soapstone markers

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

Slide B. grave of Jonathan Nicholson (1826-1903) grand father of Ray Eller on Titus Rd
 John H. Nicholson (1863-1890)
 Hand-carved -

Photos: Roll # _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Marek F. Gishin

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number

County

Name of structure Old Titus Store and Post OfficeLocation c. 2 miles up Titus Road - Turn off #76 at Upper Hightower ChurchPresent owner John BerrangOriginal owner Bert Smith

Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

1900-1920

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes: Built c. 1900-1920 - Unused since c. 1950Store & PO operated many years by W.H. Berrang
Homer Berrang c. 1916 Homer

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

2 slides

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure

Tate City Log House

Location

Tate City - 6 miles up ^{narrow} gravel road off Blacktop rd
at Perimmon Community in Raben County -

Present owner

Jim Hopkins

Original owner

Jim & Mary Nichols

Architect/builder

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

1900 or before

Facade Material

Log

Outbuildings

Log smokehouse - sheds - nice log barn on road before house

Plan

3 room ell

Alterations

Side room added on left

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes: Nichols raised family in this house - George & Bertha Littrell, tenants, now raising family at 9 children in it - Rock and mud right end chimney & rear ell chimney - shed porch across front

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss:

One of early log houses

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss:

Logging railroad built from Helen to Tate City by Morse Bros. Lumber Co - c. 1927-30 - railroad closed & removed when timber in vicinity all cut

Recommendations:

Additional Comments:

Tate City, known for its isolated charm, has had electricity in last 4 years - several old buildings, including charming Church in John Tolbert's "These Gentle Hills" - have recently burned. Church has been replaced by "rustic" building. Several elegant new vacation homes in area. May be reached by jeep only over Charlie's Creek road from Titus Community in Towns County

Photos: Roll #

Negative #

Date

7/15/77

Surveyor

Mary G. Gerkin

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Number 66

County Town

Name of structure Homer Berrong House

Location On hill across from Old Times Store & Post Office - c. 2 miles

Present owner John Berrong

Original owner Homer Berrong Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date c. 1916 - 1920

Facade Material White weatherboard

Outbuildings Log barn w 'board' roof on north side

Plan High pointy hip roof w/ dormers on front & side

Alterations later side room

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Hip roof porch across side and rear - lightning rods

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

3 slides: House & 2 of barn

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77

Surveyor Mary G. Gerkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Mrs. Grady Eller HouseLocation 3 miles up Titus Road on Right - turn off # 76 at Upper Hightower ChurchPresent owner Mrs. Grady EllerOriginal owner Dave Nichols Architect/builder _____DESCRIPTION Pink BerrangStyle Plain Date thought to be 1872Facade Material Dark gray asphalt with red trimOutbuildings _____Plan _____Alterations Remodelled sometime - original roof line came out over porch and had upstairs

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: There was a post office here before old Titus post office down the road - P.O. C. 1900

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____Recommendations: _____Additional Comments: _____Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____Date 6/28/77

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Surveyor Mary J. Larkin

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Towns

Name of structure Old Berrang Grist MillLocation Highway 76 0.2 miles west of Rabun County line,
down hill behind Mountain View Grocery

Present owner _____

Original owner _____ Architect/builder _____

DESCRIPTION

Style _____

Date _____

Facade Material _____

Outbuildings _____

Plan _____

Alterations _____

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

✓

✓

Notes:

Plank gristmill replaced old log structure
 sometime in thirties - may have been begun by
 TM wood - John Barnett ran mill - equipment still inside
 Deteriorating log supports for frame - Neighbors say this
 could easily be made an operating gristmill again -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

3 slides

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

7/1/77

Surveyor

Margaret Gerber

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Burrell-Black HomeLocation Highway 76 - 1st mailbox west of "House of Seven Gables"Present owner Mr & Mrs. A.C. BlackOriginal owner Center Burrell Architect/builder _____DESCRIPTION Elisha Eller

Style

PlainDate Originally before 1875

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Log barn built in 1940s

Plan

Alterations

Remodelled in 1941 - recently restored

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

✓✓✓✓

Notes: Original 2 room log house thought to be before 1875 -
Remodelled & changed 1941 and 1976-77. One wall of old logs
shows in interior - logs 18" wide.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Margaret Herkin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure "House of Seven Gables"

Location Highway 76: Barefoot Road - c 1 1/2 miles W. of Rabyrd
(Appalachian Trail)

Present owner Mrs. Dee Berrong (age 79)

Original owner Marian Stoneypher Architect/builder Virgil Berrong did fancy
Asbury Elder work

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain with gingerbread

Date

House before 1900

Gingerbread c. 1900 - 1910

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Plan

Ell - 3 rooms

Alterations

Gingerbread added c 1900-1910

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Endangered

Structure

✓

Grounds

✓

Neighborhood

Notes: Four gingerbreaded gables across roof front - uneven sizes -
 three along ell side of roof - all this fancy work over
 a three-room ell house - electricity but no plumbing -
 wash-up bench on porch - Also had fancy bannisters on porch
 when fancy roof was built

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments:

Very visible location

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Mary F. Gierke

Name of structure Old Uncle John Barnett HouseLocation 1/8 mile up Barefoot Road from #76 - 1 1/2 miles W. of CandylinePresent owner Mrs. Janie Hicks (Hix?) By road - behind pink houseOriginal owner David ShadArchitect/builder Unknown

DESCRIPTION

Style

Plain

Date

c. 1915

Facade Material

Weatherboard

Outbuildings

Privy

Plan

3 room ell - front & side porch - rear ell porch

Alterations

Condition

Good

Fair

Poor

Very

Endangered

Structure

Grounds

Neighborhood

Notes:

Charming tiny house - very fine roof chimney
Very poor condition - has had chickens living in it -

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll # _____ Negative # _____

Date

6/28/77

Surveyor

Margaret Leakin

ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS AS NECESSARY

Name of structure Jack Eller HomeLocation 1/4 mile up Barefoot Road, on rightPresent owner Mrs. Jack EllerOriginal owner Jack Eller Architect/builder Jack Eller; Lee Ledford

DESCRIPTION

Style Plain Date 1915Facade Material White weatherboardOutbuildings 2 log barns, shedsPlan 1 1/2 story ell - 2 rooms in front, 1 in rear ellAlterations 3 rooms added at side

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Grounds	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Neighborhood	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes: Mrs. Eller now 89, in nursing home in Clayton.
 All boards hand dressed & grooved of yellow poplar

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll # _____ Negative # _____

Date 6/28/77
 Surveyor Mary F. Glickin

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Name of structure Maintain HomeLocation Highway 76, 1 mile west of Rabun County line -Present owner R. H. TolbertOriginal owner Billy Eller, Joe Wood Architect/builderDESCRIPTION
Style Lancelot Shook (1932)
Wayne Berrang
Plain X (Rustic) Date UnknownFacade Material Board & batten, some brick pattern asphaltOutbuildings log barn down by highway, other barn & old housePlan 3 room ellAlterations Bathroom added -

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor	Endangered
Structure	___	✓	___	___
Grounds	___	✓	___	___
Neighborhood	___	___	___	___

Notes: Heavy log gills & floor joists - Rock Stack chimney between 2 front rooms, rock stove flue in kitchen - front and side porches, posts & porch rafters are saplings - Some shakes on porch roof - porch partially enclosed as "meat room"

SIGNIFICANCE Recently "restored" with plywood by Wayne Berrang

Architectural (Local, State, National) Discuss: Original bldg said to be log
Similar to many maintain homes built with whatever was
at hand & lived in for many years - this one said to be
quite old.

Historical (Local, State, National) Discuss: _____

Recommendations: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Photos: Roll# _____ Negative # _____

Date 7/1/77
Surveyor Marcel G. Gierke

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***OVERALL SURVEY ASSESSMENT:** The surveyor attempted to document those buildings within Towns County which were over fifty years old and representative of the county's architectural and historical development.

COMPONENT ASSESSMENT:

SURVEY COVERAGE: The survey covers the main roads of the county including the towns of Hiawassee and Young Harris. All time periods, styles and types of buildings which are representative of the county are included in the survey. There are no districts within the county; all properties are individually surveyed.

DESCRIPTIONS: Slides are generally good although some are not as clearly focused as they should be. Descriptions are adequate although not precise or detailed. Plans, alterations and facade materials are mentioned at times.

STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE: There are a few statements of significance, selectively attributed to a small number of the county's properties.

MAPS: The Towns County map is in good condition, clearly marked and easily cross-referenced to the survey forms. There are sketched locality maps of Young Harris and Hiawassee.

SUMMARY OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT: The county summary covers the historical and architectural development of the county. A bibliography is included.

SURVEYOR'S QUALIFICATIONS: Mary Gerkin's interest in North Georgia and the Foxfire project prompted her participation in the effort to survey the counties of the Georgia Mountains APDC. Her work in the field counted as an internship for which she was given academic credit. Mrs. Gerkin has taken some architecture courses at Emory University.

DATE OF SURVEY: July 1977

OTHER:

***USE OF THIS SURVEY SHOULD BE CONDITIONED BY THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The information found in this survey is superficial. In depth research and descriptions are given on very few properties. (See Statements of Significance and Descriptions.)

VIEWER: Patricia D. Wilson **DATE OF REVIEW:** February 26, 1980

NOTE: A MORE DETAILED REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THIS SURVEY IS ON FILE AT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

TOWNS COUNTY

Information for Georgia Historical Commission:

Indian Grave Gap on Tray Mountain

Appalachian Trail, Highway U.S. 283

Spaniard Mountain (Across from Brown House) Brown is owner

Unicoi Trail came through Hiwassee from Tennessee (Marker should be on Main Street in Hiwassee, which was the trail).

Brass Town Bald

Town Co.

IGHC Marker 139-4 also known as Mt ~~Eula~~ Eutaw,
4748' ELEVATION. Indian Name Otseyi means "a place
of fresh green."

Vaughn ^{called} Harris was first called McTier, for Methodist bishop
then called Mt Eula
Vaughn L E Harris started in mid-eighties
from Athens

BALD MOUNTAIN

There already is a state marker on the Blairsville Road.

Bill Dean Homeplace, Young Harris

Towns

Began as two rooms. Demolished - huge rock chimney still standing.
(End of street above rock house)

L. County Files: Towns County Herald, Sept. 14, 1973

When & How was it used?

TOWNS COUNTY

Cherokees had camp on side of Young Harris, Georgia, south of the college.

Across the street from Blue Ridge Electric Association, who piles telephone poles on site.

This camp site is about 500 feet from Young Harris College.

This site could possibly yield important information on the pre-history or the Colonial history of the Cherokee Indian in Georgia.

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TOWNS COUNTY

HIWASSEE RIVER

One of the few rivers in the United States that runs north. It is spelled with fewer letters than the town.

Spanish grave near Spaniard Mountain.

↳ Was this part of the path of De Soto?
Chicks on this

MARKER

TOWNS COUNTY

Indian War Trail

068-2 location corner E 76-2 and south 17 & 5

U.S. 76 B-2

Montgomery corner

TOWNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Is this Court House
 Gothic or what?
 - Demolished c1962

✓ # 139-2 Created by act of March 6, 1856 from Rabun & Union Counties

Named for George Washington Towns, Governor of Georgia from 1847 to 1851.

139-4 BRASSTOWN BALD

or Mt. Enotah, 4748' elevation. Indian name Otseyi means

"a place of fresh green".

QUANASSEE

One of the important Cherokee towns. South of Hiawassee and left of the river was the residence of Cornelius Saugherty. He came to Hiawassee about 1690 and could have been the first English speaking white man in the state.

This site could yield much
important information on
the early history of the
Cherokee Nation in Georgia.

VILLAGE OF CHIEF FADDER-- Where Fadders Creek gets its name.

Check on this Indian Village to
find out where it is, when it was
occupied, who Chief Fadder was
Is this Fadders Creek the
same as Fadder Creek that
south west from Lake Chatuge?
Is the village on or near the (river)
How important is the village?

This site could yield much
important information on
the Cherokee Indians in
North Georgia mountains.

Many Indian artifacts found on site of present Bald
Mountain Park at end of Fadders Creek road.

LEGEND OF HIAWASSEE

In White's Statistics of Georgia, page 485.

○ Indian War Trail

TOWNS Co.

1 GAC Marker 068-2 Corner of E 76-2 and South 17+5.

HIWASSEE PATH

The first vehicular way of this part of the country, (Georgia). The path intersected the Unicoi Trail at Macedonia Bridge and the united trails ran past the present town of Hiwassee.

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John H. Corn Home, 1852

located on Hightower (formerly Visage) Road.

Hull still standing.

Very bad condition

2. County File: North Ga. News-Blairsville, Sept. 6, 1973
Towns County Herald-Hiwassee, Sept. 6, 1973

BYRON REECE (1917-1958)

Author who attended Young Harris College.

Buried in Old Union Baptist Church cemetery
just west of Young Harris

Only Rail Road---Tate City - Logging railroad built by Morse Bros.
Lumber Co c. 1927-1930- from Helew to Tate City.
Route followed much of what is now highway 197 on
west side of Lake Burton. When timber was cut in
Tate City vicinity, railroad was closed and tracks
removed. Railroad said to have been built at the
rate of a mile a month.

Old Hooper Hotel, Hiawassee

Towns Co.

Destroyed Victorian hotel

North Georgia News - Blairsville, April 12, 1973

Hiawassee had three hotels at one time - mostly used by boarding students at Hiawassee Academy.

Towns County Court House

Towns Co.

L.G.H.C. Marker 139-2 - Created by act March 6, 1856 from Rabun & Union Counties named for George Washington Towns, ~~Governor~~ Governor of Georgia from 1847 to 1851.

Is this Court house Greek, Gothic, or Plain Style? Check on this.

Demolished c. 1962.

Historic Site

pk Dr. Judson Burney Stephens
 Dr. J. G. Stephens House in Young Harris, Georgia.

Trees in front yard, planted before the Civil War. Planted by Mrs. Setzer,
 2 cedars, spruce & pine.

Home was built before Civil War. It is in good repair.

Dr Stevens came from South Carolina.

*Jane Daly Setzer was
 housemaid for Stephens family
 before Civil War - one tree
 still living.*

*Check on this house - What does it look
 like? Who was Dr. Stevens?*

*Dr. Adams house by entrance to College
 (Judge)
 Dr. Stephens was physician and well regarded.
 Died young, following accident with horse on his way to
 deliver a baby. Dr. Stephens' original two rooms now demolished
 were moved to become ell on Dr. Adams present home, later
 replaced Adams house good condition. He has lived in it
 since 1904.*

TOWNS COUNTY

The First Classes

Of

Young Harris

College

were held on
 this site
 in
 1886

Site is across street from E. L. Adams Home (He is 90+ years in age)
 92 next March, '72

Robertson

Site is next door to ~~Robinson~~, who gave 1st 10 acres to Young Harris College.

Mr. Adams came to Young Harris in 1898, served in Georgia Legislature:
 1922-1923-1924 --- 1931-1932 ---- 1943-1949.

*Dr. Adams can show depression in soil where original
 building stood. Is now 97 - tales of early years are
 long and rambling - dates should be verified.*

PUBLIC HEARING

THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS HOLDING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENTAL HIGHWAY IN NORTH GEORGIA.

JULY 26 - ELLIJAY
Ellijay Elementary School
8:00 P.M.

JULY 27 - BLAIRSVILLE
Harrison Civic Center
8:00 P.M.

(Programs will be identical)

Project APD-056-1(31) is proposed to be the extension of S.R. 400 from S.R. 306 in Forsyth County to the North Carolina State Line located on S.R. 17 in Towns County (see location map on the back of this sheet). Total length of the facility will be approximately 100 miles. The project is proposed to be four lanes throughout. The purpose of the project is to stimulate the economy of the North Georgia region and create new job opportunities through increased development.

Only the general location of the proposed highway will be discussed. The design plans have not been completed. All interested persons are urged to attend and listen to the Department's brief presentation and enter their comments into the public record during the open session following.

First Settlers in Brasstown Valley, now Towns County, was then Union County, established homes for themselves. Their names: Johnny Bryson, Rev. Alfred A. Corn and George Plott.

Johnny Bryson's home was the home of the first white man in Brasstown Valley at Blue Ridge Electric Corp. Between office building and American Flag. (Excellent location for a marker).

Rev. Alfred Corn's father is buried in lower Bell Creek Cemetery. He was Rev. Adam Corn. (One of first Settlers).

According to Mrs. V. W. Green Byrd, age 92:
 Bailey Kirby - 1st Settler - owned around Crab Gap
 Johnny Bryson ^{born 1800} was great grandfather - owned all around
 Owenby 2nd early settler ^{Young Harris}
 George Plott - born 1799 - early settler
 S. of Young Harris

Calvin Green - was in Civil War for South -
 brother fought for North
 was father of Evans Green

Job Thomas owned 25 slaves at Crab Gap.
 now called Thomas town.